

# ETC NEWS

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Summer 2010

**Rutabaga Play**  
**The Man with the Pointed Toes**  
**Wed–Sat, August 25–28**

Our Rutabaga comedy this summer is “The Man with the Pointed Toes” a show first presented on Masterpiece Theater in 1958. The title character played by Josh Thornwall is an accidental oil millionaire. He is visited by an oil executive (Quin Buechner) and is smitten by the exec’s daughter, played by Megan Harding. He declares “I gotta get some culcher and I gotta get it quick” so his foreman (Ray Wiik) advertises for a “tooter in culture and manners”, and Miss Florence played by Lauren Dehline answers the ad. Also struggling through the ensuing summer of culture are the cowhands and cook played by Wesley Wagner, Conor Erb and Abe Ortiz. Dave Evenson and Catherine Tuminaro are directing this play.

Showtime is 7 PM, Rutabaga Wednesday through Saturday. There will not be a Sunday show. Tickets are \$8.00 and available at Peter and Annie’s or at the door. Take a break from the midway and enjoy an air-conditioned few hours of laughs with us.

**Being Friends with the Friends of the Library**

As one might expect in a small town, ETC finds that we share many members and missions with The Friends of the Library. This summer has been especially full of crossovers, starting with The Friends of the Library conducting the popular book sale at The Celebration of the Arts. (Of course it helped that Adriann Odil and Doris Ryberg who have been ETC Visual Arts stalwarts for years also are members of Friends of the Library, and were willing to lead it, for this year). Throughout the summer as the Friends of the Library sponsored their Sundaes at the Library, a parade of ETC Music group members provided the musical entertainment. And most recently ETC Visual Arts members and Friends of the Library sponsored the “Art Between the Books” art exhibit during the first half of August. With our wonderful new Thomas St. Angelo Library up and running we may expect to see other similar cooperations in the future. Stop in at the library to check it out, and ask about joining Friends of the Library.

## **President’s Column**

At our Annual meeting in July, the slate of board directors elected include Roger Thorp, Dorene Weltzin, Mike Clay, Dave Evenson, Jim Kerr, Dan Hoffman, Catherine Tuminaro, Diane Thorp, Marty Voshell, Mary Amundson. These are the people that make E.T.C.'s organizational decisions. We need to thank them for their time and talents. We give a special thanks to Pam Baker who has been the Visual Arts representative the last few years. She has decided to step down and Mary Amundson will replace her.

Have a good Rutabaga Festival,

Tom Toftness, President

**Escanaba in Da Moonlight  
Back by Popular Demand**

It's deer season again so here comes that Soady Gang! On October 21-23 and October 28-30 ETC presents "**Escanaba in Da Moonlight**". Yooper comic Jeff Daniels wrote this show. It is set in a U.P. deer shack on the eve of Opening Day, where many strange and hilarious events transpire. (Wisconsin hunters and their spouses will be able to relate). When the Soady clan reunites for the opening day of deer season at the family's Upper Peninsula camp, thirty-five-year-old Rueben Soady brings with him the infamous reputation of being the oldest Soady in the history of the Soadys never to bag a buck.

Actors Tom Toftness, Mike Clay, Chris Landstrom, Steve Wickre and Randy Matthys are beginning rehearsals soon. Eva Srubar will direct Escanaba in Da Moonlight.



A scene from the 2007 presentation of Escanaba in Da Moonlight

## **Auditions for Christmas Play FrUiTCaKeS**

Our Christmas play will be FrUiTCaKeS with Diane Thorp and Dorene Weltzin directing. Watch the Cumberland Advocate for Audition announcement. The play calls for 11 male and 10 female roles, both children and adults. Mix together a batch of fruitcakes, three dozen Christmas trees, 10,000 outdoor Christmas lights, a chicken pox

epidemic, two southern spinsters, an estranged old man, a lost cat named Tutti Frutti and a Christmas hog named Buster and you've got the recipe for a fun filled and touching evening filled with holiday cheer. Into this world comes Jamie, a kid who has run away from home and come as far as his money will take him. At first he thinks this town's inhabitants are "nuttier than fruitcakes," but soon he comes to admire, appreciate and adore this nutty little town.

## **Christmas Concert Rehearsals**

Rehearsals for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cumberland Christmas concert begin on Monday **October 4th at 7 PM** at First Lutheran Church. We welcome all singers, whether or not you have been part of this group before. The concerts will be on Sunday December 12 at 2 PM and 4 PM.

## **2010 ETC Calendar**

<b>The Man with the Pointed Toes</b>	<b>August 25–28</b>
<b>Escanaba in Da Moonlight</b>	<b>Oct 21–23, 28–30</b>
<b>FrUiTCaKeS</b>	<b>Dec 2–5, 9–11</b>
<b>Christmas Concert</b>	<b>Dec 12, 2 and 4 PM</b>

## **Buy a Chair Update**

We have had excellent response to the Buy a Chair campaign with many donations, but still need some more to fill the house with new quality seating. Here's your chance to make a donation to ETC and improve your theater- going comfort at the same time. We will be purchasing deep-backed, color matched upholstered chairs with armrests this summer, and we need your help to make it happen.

For a tax-deductible donation of \$100 or more, you can “buy” a chair. In recognition of your generosity we will place a small plaque with your name engraved onto the back of the chair. Buy two- another one for your favorite theater-goer! Please send your donations to ETC, PO Box 191, Cumberland, WI 54829. Please be sure to specify the exact name as you would like to see it on the plaque. Thank you, and enjoy your new chair. We will run a Thank You list of donors in the winter newsletter. Thank you to all who have donated thus far.

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Surprise! Pamela visits the ranch in *The Man with The Pointed Toes*

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