



# Spotlight

discover what all the applause is about . . .

February 2019

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- February Board Meeting – Date & Place TBD (contact any board member for info)
- February 14th – *VALENTINE'S DAY!* Don't forget your sweetie!
- March 10th, 12th and 17th - Auditions for *James and the Giant Peach*. See Page 3 for more details!!



## Awards Party Recap & Results

Under the fabulously creative eye of Member at Large Alicia Barber, the Volcano Armory Hall was festooned with what seemed to be unlimited amounts of swag, balloons and flag garland as well as colorful Big Top circus animal table decorations, glitter, peanuts! Many party-goers took full advantage of the fun theme by arriving in outrageous costumes. There were lion tamers, a lion, palm readers, a few Ringmasters and even a bearded lady or two and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. (See photos on page 4!)

After the potluck dinner, VTC President Kathleen Harmon and VP Marty Brifman took the stage for the presentations which began with 2019 Board of Director and VTC Judge introductions and brief comments by those Directors who have plays on this year's schedule. Last September's SARTA winners, nominees and certificate recipients were then formally acknowledged with the presentation of their awards. As reported last year, VTC broke a personal

best record for the number of nods from the Sacramento Area Regional Theatre Alliance with *The Sunshine Boys* winning the penultimate prize of Best Production-Comedy!



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## VTC Awarded

### BEST OF THE MOTHERLODE

We are honored to have been voted

### BEST LIVE THEATRE

by the readers of the

### Sierra Lodestar

David Christen of the Calaveras Enterprise/  
Sierra Lodestar presents the BEST LIVE  
THEATRE 2019 Award to VTC President  
Kathleen Harmon.

**THANK YOU, Sierra Lodestar!!**



## Awards Party Recap & Results, continued . . .

The time then came to announce VTC's own BEST of the 2018 season and the winners are . . .

Adult Male Lead Actor	: Chris Witt, <i>The Sunshine Boys</i>
Adult Female Lead Actor	: Alana Hein, <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>
Adult Male Supporting Actor	: Marty Brifman, <i>The Sunshine Boys</i>
Adult Female Supporting Actor	: Kathleen Harmon, <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>
Youth Male Actor	: Noah Bunting, <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>
Youth Female Actor	: Maeve Clinton, <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>
Set Design	: Judy & Gerry Elliott, <i>The Sunshine Boys</i>
Set Decoration	: Paula & David Bibby and Judy & Gerry Elliott, <i>The Sunshine Boys</i>
Costumes	: Gina Casaleggio, Perley Tyson, Kathleen Rich & Robin Rehart, <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>
Special Effects/Make Up	: Kalena Donohoe & Brittanie Wilson, <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>
Lighting Design	: Bob Duzdevich, <i>A Tuna Christmas</i>
Sound Design	: Bob Duzdevich, <i>A Tuna Christmas</i>

And the Best Overall Production . . . drum roll, please . . . was a TIE!! SARTA favorite *The Sunshine Boys* shared the final spotlight with the crazy duo from *A Tuna Christmas*! A hearty congratulations to the casts and crews of both outstanding productions!



Chris Thebaut gave a heartfelt trek down memory lane in speaking of his mother Muriel who played such an important part in the creation and development of the VTC over the years and reminded us all why, each year, a special award is given to acknowledge and celebrate a member who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of the theatre. This year's recipient was all-around great guy, Alex Sharp. Over the years, Alex has volunteered in almost every capacity asked of him, including, but not limited to acting, house managing, designing and running tech, and being practically on call day or night in the event of an emergency! Thank you, Alex! An award well deserved!

The evening ended with a successful fundraising raffle made possible by the generosity of local businesses, including ACES Waste Management, The Highway House, Sterling Auto, Safeway, Cost Less Foods, Jeff Holman Auto, Strings, Serendipity Salon, Roaring Camp, Gerry Elliott Construction, The Volcano Country Store, Ridge Road Garden Center and many local artists.



## VOLCANO THEATRE COMPANY

is holding open auditions for

### *JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH*

By Roald Dahl, Adapted by David Wood

Directed by Marty Brifman, Sponsored by the St. George Hotel

**NEEDED: 10 actors**

Male & Female, Ages 20-60 and Youth, Ages 9-20

**March 10th and 17th, 2 p.m.**

**and March 12th, 6 p.m.**

**Cobblestone Theatre, Volcano**

\*PRODUCTION DATES: June 28th–August 3rd

Scripts available at the Amador Community Foundation Office,  
571 S. Highway 49, Jackson. For additional information,  
contact Marty at [brifman@volcano.net](mailto:brifman@volcano.net)

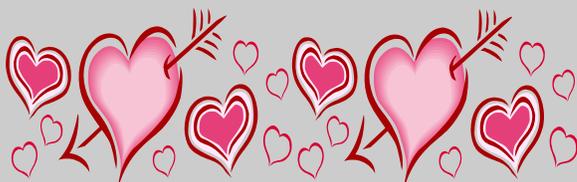
## Mea Culpa From Your Board of Directors

Immediately following the Awards Party, we received comments as to our unintentional mis-steps and how we might improve upon this event.

We want you to know that we appreciate your input and suggestions and agree that there are some changes to be made in the future.

Our goal is to ensure Awards Night is a positive celebration that acknowledges all our productions and volunteers. We love and appreciate you and promise to do better next year.

Thank you.



## Many Thanks

Many, many thanks to Member at Large Alicia Barber for ALL her time and talents in putting on our Awards Party. Also, many heartfelt thanks to ALL the volunteers who helped set up, clean up and work the raffle.



**VOLCANO THEATRE COMPANY**

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Spring Cobblestone: April 12–May 18

### *STEEL MAGNOLIAS*

By Robert Harling - Directed by Amber Adams

Sponsored by ACE Hardware of Jackson & Plymouth

Dramedy about the bond among a group of Southern women in Louisiana. Julia Roberts starred in the 1989 film version.

Summer Amphitheatre: June 28–August 3

### *James and the Giant Peach*

By Roald Dahl, Adapted by David Wood

Directed by Marty Brifman

Sponsored by the St. George Hotel

Come help James and his insect friends in a magical audience participation extravaganza for the young & young at heart!

Fall Cobblestone: September 13–October 13

### *Life and Beth*

By Alan Ayckbourn - Directed by Jim Estes

Sponsored by Pioneer Inn & Suites

Comedy about a recently bereaved widow, Beth, troubled by her family's misguided support and a late husband who won't leave!

Holiday Cobblestone: November 15–December 15

### *The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge*

By Mark Brown - Directed by Judy Elliott

Sponsored by Jackson Rancheria Casino & Resort

Scrooge is back to his Scrooge-like ways and is suing Marley and the 3 Ghosts for kidnapping, slander, emotional distress, attempted murder and an assortment of other crimes! One by one, all your favorite Christmas Carol characters take the stand to testify to hilarious effect!

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