

# ON CUE

The Dallas Theater Center Guild has launched another big season of exciting events. Some are listed below. Be there!



Guild year 2015 - 2016

## Upcoming Events

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| November 22 | Tech Dinner: A Christmas Carol (Wyly)                                      |
| November 29 | Tech Dinner: Clarkston (Wyly)  |
| December 10 | <b>Holiday Party! Goodies and good cheer!! (At home of Suzanne Caruso)</b> |
| December 29 | Meet & Greet: Romeo & Juliet (Bryant Hall at Kalita campus)                |

Watch your email for invitations and announcements with details.

## What's Inside

This first Guild Newsletter of our new fiscal year will inform and entertain you with these items:

- General Meeting – September 22
- Halloween Party
- Meet our Leaders – Ginger Snider
- *On Cue* interviews Lance Hancock
- New Members
- Co-Presidents' Message

Read on and enjoy!

(The photo above is the Wyly, lit up for the Aurora event throughout the Arts District.)

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Get involved! Please check out the Guild website or Yearbook for opportunities to support the DTC and the Guild!

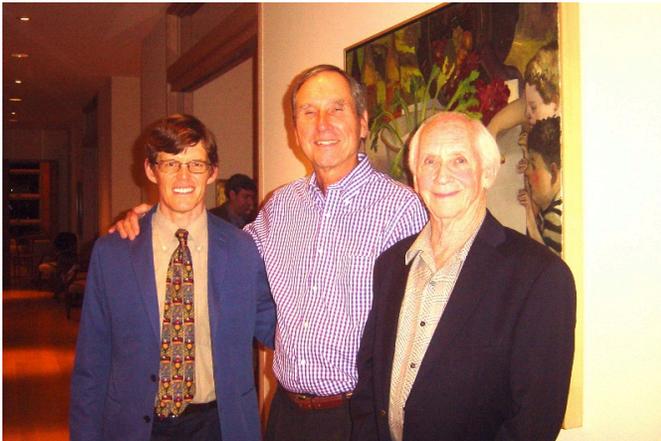
## General Meeting – September 22

What a wonderful way to start the Guild's year! Most gracious host Barbara Bradfield offered her stunning home for the Guild's first General Meeting, held on September 22. Her Frank Welch-designed home features a secluded setting with a lake view, a floor plan that is perfect for entertaining, beautiful materials, clever décor, and a pipe organ!

Eighty-five members and guests enjoyed the evening, which was planned by **Joan Flatt** and her team of: VP – General Meetings **Kathleen Lohr**, **Karol Omlor**, **Rocky Ford**, **Brenda Truitt** and **Dorothy Davis**. We all were well fed, and bartenders (pictured below) assured that we were well “watered”.



Barbara Bradfield, John Howell, Joan Flatt, Kathleen Lohr, Brenda Truitt



Trey Birkhead, Jerry Zvonecek, Steve Davis

DTC Managing Director and Guild Board member **Jeff Woodward** summarized his extensive career in theater, shared with wife Lori Ott and their two sons. He has decades of experience as managing director of two other theaters, where he accomplished a great deal in building donor base, financial strength, facilities, and connections to other theaters, even internationally. Jeff sees the Wyly as a unique, world-class theater, and is excited about the season ahead. He also talked about his Texas roots, and being uprooted for a family move to Colorado. Many a Dallasite understands the Colorado gambit!



Co-presidents **John Howell** and **Nan-Elizabeth Byorum** commented on the year ahead, and VP – Theater Services **Ginger Snider** recommitted the Guild to strong support for the DTC staff and performers. DTC Patron Services manager **DR Hanson** joined in to emphasize the value that DTC personnel receive from the Guild's programs. **Kathleen Lohr** and Vice-Presidents **Suzanne Caruso** and **Eleanor Casey** gave an overview of the exciting and varied member events planned. This will be a really good year!

## Halloween Party!

It was October 30, and witches everywhere were stirring bats and spiders into their cauldrons; fog enshrouded North Dallas. Dozens of Guild members defied this doom by celebrating amidst creative and extensive décor at the home of **April Bosworth** with Guild Vice-Presidents and party planners extraordinaire **Suzanne Caruso** and **Eleanor Casey**. It was an Addams Family event! (Thanks to David Hamlin, Director of Productions at Dallas Summer Musicals, who provided some pieces from the original Broadway set.) **Andrea Redmon** and **April** prepared a wonderful array of food and specialty drinks (all thankfully devoid of snake tails and lizard eyeballs). A very talented face painter “upgraded” everyone’s appearance, and a fortune-teller offered good news to all.



Suzanne Caruso, April Bosworth, Eleanor Casey



Eleanor and Suzanne with costume prize-winners Lance Hancock and Jenny Jackson-Paton

All of the guests and hosts were creatively attired – so creative that they rivaled Madame Tussaud’s finest – or maybe it was Weirld Harold’s House of Horrors! Emerging from fierce competition in the Best Costume contest were (pictured at left) **Lance Hancock** (Elvis himself never looked that good, or moved that well) and **Jenny Jackson-Paton**, attired in a Raggedy Ann costume that she had made for her daughter many years ago.

Family heirlooms and sewing skills were also on display by DTC Board Chair **Julie Hersh**, wearing her mother’s elegant dress, and **Marilyn Halla’s** fairy grandmother gown, which she made many years ago (both on next page). Given the costume creativity of the event, the story is better told in pictures than words, so please visit the Guild website ([dtcguild.org](http://dtcguild.org)) for many entertaining photos by **Karol Omlor** and **Vicki Newsom** in the Photo Albums section.



Our leaders are dressed for another day in the office!

Guild co-presidents John Howell (aka Spidy) and Nan-Elizabeth Byorem; DTC Board Chair Julie Hersh

OK, *On Cue* gave you this small sample of Halloween Party photos. *On Cue* wishes it could include many more, but there's a technical limit to the size of an emailed document, and photos take a lot of megabytes. So get yourself onto the Guild website ([dtcguild.org](http://dtcguild.org)) to see many others! They are fit for publication in National Geographic (or maybe Mad magazine)!



Marilyn Halla, Eleanor, Georganna Anderson, John, Suzanne offer a magical, multicultural, even intergalactic welcome to the assemblage of creatures who gave Halloween a spooky but sophisticated look.

## Meet Our Leaders – Ginger Snider

Ginger is excited to be serving as Vice President – Theater Services this year. Theater Services includes Meet-and-Greet, Tech Dinners, the Staff Appreciation Lunch, Adopt-an-Artist, and Lobby Greeters – that’s a big and important responsibility!

In her eight years with the Guild she has led both Theater Services and Member Benefit activities. One of her early activities was running the silent auction at a “Dickens of a Christmas” event, which is something that many of us remember so fondly. Ginger was particularly fond of the warm, cheery atmosphere generated by the evening’s activities, décor, dining, the carolers, and even Mr. Scrooge!

Along the way she organized and hosted a luncheon at the Adolphus, where Sam Childers spoke about historic hotels in Dallas. Another of her events featured Dallas Black Dance at the Aldridge House, and still another was at the Valley House Gallery and Sculpture Garden. Great venues!

Ginger is pleased with the opportunity to learn about the arts through Guild activities, and with the manner in which Guild members support one another, both in Guild activities and personally.

When at the theater, Ginger prefers comedies, particularly those with a surprising twist. Her favorites have included Moonshine and Arsenic & Old Lace. Cabaret was also very memorable for her (as it was for a large number of people). In October, Ginger was blown away by Aurora, our spectacular Arts District sound and light show which featured the Wyly in technicolor (shown on the first page). She and husband Doug enjoy country & western music, especially Bob Wills and Vince Gill.

Ginger retired from 25 years in commercial and residential decorating. At one point she had responsibility for setting up as many as 53 showrooms at the Apparel Mart, in preparation for market days; that translates to many all-nighters!



As it is for many of us, “retirement” means volunteering for multiple organizations. In addition to the Guild, Ginger’s “clients” have included Big Brothers & Big Sisters, where she served on the Board for seven years.

Ginger and Doug value time with family (three children, three grandchildren), and enjoy major odysseys in their 45 foot motor home, accompanied by their beloved border collies. A recent trip of 10,000 miles took them along most the West Coast, where they visited many a winery to sample reds (cabernets and pinot noir). That trip included several weeks in Las Vegas! (“What happens in Vegas, ...”) They are indeed wine connoisseurs, and will be pleased to advise you on your next pairings.

Ginger’s motto and life principle is “be the kind of woman that when your feet hit the floor each morning the devil says ‘Oh crap, she’s up!’”

Note: “Meet Our Leaders” will be a regular feature in future Newsletters.

## ON CUE interviews LANCE HANCOCK

When Lance Hancock joined the Guild last year, he brought a family with interest and talent in the performing arts! Since moving from Lubbock to Dallas as a child, he has acted and sung in musical theater. His sons have performed in DTC's *Les Miserables* and The Dallas Opera's world premiere of *Great Scott!* *On Cue* enjoyed this conversation with Lance.

*On Cue:* What is your job with the Guild?

*Lance:* My job is to team with other Board members in order to enthusiastically promote awareness of the DTC and its offerings. I am also the chairperson for the 2016 Staff Appreciation luncheon

*OC:* What kind of plays do you enjoy most?

*LH:* My favorites are romantic comedies. I especially enjoy beautiful melodies sung by great voices, and hot jazz rhythms with lively dance numbers.

*OC:* What have been your favorites at DTC?

*LH:* My most recent favorite is Moonshine. I saw it by myself, and took friends, clients and my family. In total, I attended five performances, and had a terrific experience at each show! I also really loved *Les Mis* and saw it at least a dozen times.

*OC:* Wow, that is real theater enjoyment! Thank you for being a committed DTC fan! What other art forms do you enjoy?

*LH:* I find live jazz thrilling, especially big bands like Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. I also enjoy ballet and other dance programs like the Bruce Wood Dance project.

*OC:* Tell us about your career.

*LH:* I have been a licensed residential real estate agent since 1990 and have been with Dave Perry-Miller for the last 15 years. I really enjoy my work and all the people I've helped.



*LH:* In the last 10 years, I've been helping various research departments at UTSW with their efforts to recruit and hire medical and scientific faculty. And recently, it has been my good fortune to assist with recruiting and hiring in our Fine Arts community. Namely, I was able to help bring our new Managing Director, Jeff Woodward and his wife Lori Ott, to Dallas. We are so lucky to have found Jeff and Lori.

*OC:* What are your other favorite things to do?

*LH:* I love to be outdoors with my family, hiking, fishing, and doing almost anything physically active out in nature. National parks are always a highlight. I love to travel to great cities like New York and San Francisco. Vancouver is on the target list. I also like to play the piano and I love to read; Nelson DeMille and Wilbur Smith are favorites.

*Editor's Note:* Mark Hancock was a genuine cast member in the The Dallas Opera performance of *Great Scott!*, saying his lines and taking multiple bows with the full cast during thunderous applause!

## Co-Presidents' Message

By John Howell & Nan-Elizabeth Byorem

As Co-Presidents of the Dallas Theater Center Guild, we are thrilled that this fiscal year has started out so well. We have assembled an outstanding Board of Directors consisting of the Officers elected by the members as well as the Committee Chairs and At Large members who have also agreed to serve. The first Board meeting of the year was a productive one. We adopted a budget for the year, and the applicable Officers provided an overview of the many exciting events that have been planned.

We intend to focus on Theater Services this year and, consistent with that objective, we have been in frequent communication with **Jeff Woodward**, the new Managing Director of the Dallas Theater Center. We have started a dialogue with him about how the Guild can better fulfill its mission to support the Theater through education, service, social and other programs. Jeff has reinforced that partnership by, during the relatively brief time he has been in Dallas by speaking to both the Guild Presidents' Council and the first General Meeting of the members. We look forward to continuing to work with Jeff and his staff to maximize the Guild's value to the Theater.

We have already had two delightful events. The first General Meeting, mentioned above, was organized by **Joan Flatt**, **Kathleen Lohr** and their team, and was held at **Barbara Bradfield's** beautiful home overlooking White Rock Lake. Barbara was so generous in allowing us to significantly exceed our anticipated attendance so that even more members could enjoy each other's company and could meet Jeff Woodward. And more recently we had a lively Halloween Party organized by **Suzanne Caruso** and **Eleanor Casey**, which was held at the fabulously decorated home of **April and Michael Bosworth**. We didn't know there were that many *scary* people in the Guild!

We thank you for being members of the Guild and look forward to serving and having fun with you during the remainder of the year.

## New Members!

We're on a roll! The Guild added these members since Sept. 1, 2015.

Welcome to all!

- Barbara Bradfield
- J. B. Edwards \*
- Jeff Goodell \*
- Glen Davison \*
- Jean Walden (Diane Brierley's sister, in Massachusetts)

\* Spouse is already a Guild member