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**Bonnie's column: Senior Theatre featured in
Howlround.com series**

Last month we were honored to be included in the Howlround.com series on Senior Theatre. The group of articles and interviews featured several who are on the "Who's Who in Senior Theatre" list. Take a look and see:

- The article by [Monciella Elder of Past Prime Players](#),
- The interview with [Arthur Keyser](#), author of the new book, *Short Plays by the Dozen* and,
- [My interview about Senior Theatre](#).

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An Interview with Bonnie Vorenberg, Founder of the Senior Theatre Resource Center and President of ArtAge Publications

How do we define it? How do we see it today? This question is essential to the growth of senior theatre, politically, socially, and artistically. The growing need of Senior Theatre is not just service through the media's eyes, we'll explore the many facets of the study and growing field. This will highlight the numerous, diverse careers of the field advocates of our community and share how much they have to offer to the world through their art. Bonnie Vorenberg is considered one of the defining voices. Since she began her career in 1968, she has worn many hats, including teacher, playwright, advocate, trainer, and publisher. —Lynn Mullin

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Lynn Mullin

Bonnie Vorenberg

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Bonnie's interview

We're so grateful that Lynn Mullin, a student at Emerson College, created such a special series. Take a moment to read the pieces, they're an excellent snapshot of the field.

Yours in theatre,

Bonnie Vorenberg, ArtAge President

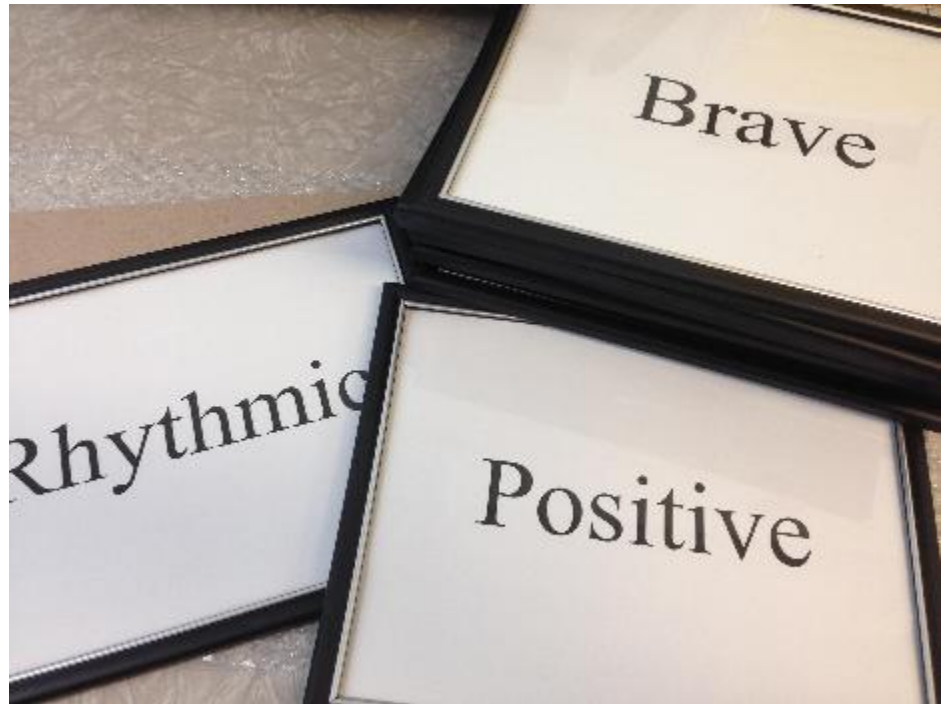
[Click here to read more about *Short Plays by the Dozen*](#)

New Idea: Easy, meaningful cast gifts

Finding just the right gift for your cast can be a problem. So try this one.

We created a personalized framed image for each person that featured an element of their personality. We selected one word that typified their character.

Several of the words we used are in the photo,



Cast gifts--meaningful and easy

others were "giving," "kind," and other positive words.

We bought photo frames made for awards so they'd fit a 8 1/2 X 11 piece of paper. They are available for low cost at many discount stores. Then, using a Word text box we wrote the one word in very large print, 60 to 80 point Times New Roman font in black text. The word was printed horizontally on regular white paper. The paper was put into the frames and, in no time at all, they were ready to go!

The gifts were designed to be hung on the wall or displayed on a shelf as a reminder of a positive inner quality. I loved doing them and the performers loved them also!

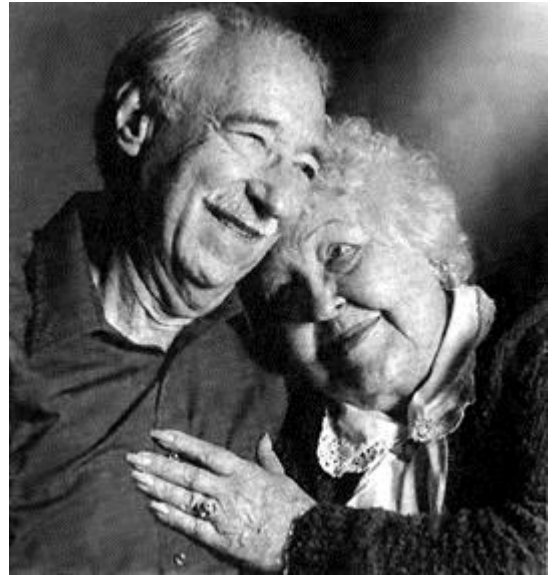
Valentine's Day Sale--\$5 off perusal e-scripts

When you need a show for Valentine's Day, or any time, consider these plays. **Save \$5 on purchase of perusal e-scripts for each of these shows until February 15.**

[Blinking Lights in the Middle of the Night:](#)

Sally and Carl receive a late-night visit from an alien tourist making a pit stop while traveling among the stars. But why is he on Sally and Carl's lawn?

[Blind Date:](#) Jen is meeting her online date in person. He looks like a great match or is he? Surprise ending!



We're never too old for romance!

[Benny & Pearl Loving in a Goldfish Bowl:](#)

A short comedy that asks, "Can two fish bring old childhood friends together?" Well, if the fish can't, Benny's mother sure knows how.

[How to Marry the Rabbi:](#) When the rabbi's wife unexpectedly walks out on him, three women compete to win the rabbi's heart in a funny comedy.

[Jack Benny's Not 39 Any More:](#) A husband's retirement schemes get interrupted when a widow moves in next door. Hilarious!

[Romance Senior Style--The Singles Cruise:](#) Three women meet on deck during a singles cruise. All goes well until an eligible male appears. Add a few martinis into the mix and the ladies wind up in...! See also [Romance Senior Style--Boys will be Boys.](#)

[Maisie and Grover go to the Theatre:](#) Maisie and Grover are at the theatre. She loves the idea; he hates it. Fun, popular comedy often performed in the audience!

Also, two Senior Theatre musts for you:

- [Gin & Tonic:](#) This laugh-out-loud comedy offers a fresh look at the problems of senior dating. Also available in [Spanish](#) and [French](#).
- [Coconut Creme Pie:](#) On his first day delivering pies for his son-in-law's business, everything goes wrong.

[Click here to see more plays about romance](#)

Saluting Carol Burnett

Carol Burnett will receive the Screen Actors Guild's 52nd Life Achievement Award to honor her career and humanitarian accomplishments on January 30, 2016. She now helps younger performers and comedians with scholarships, gives personal advice, and stays involved with the world of show business. Congratulations!



Carol Burnett

Take a look at:

[*The Old Folks Sketches*](#): These are the original sketches from the revered CBS *Carol Burnett Show* compiled into one collection.

[Click here to see the Carol Burnett sketches](#)

Group of the Month: Siskiyou Senior Players as model victims

Perhaps you have heard of actors performing as model patients for medical institutions, but have you ever considered performing as a model victim?

Members of California-based The Siskiyou



The Siskiyou Senior Players in performance

Senior Players were asked to serve as patients or victims in mock settings to train paramedics. Each actor was assigned a medical condition to perform. Then the medics had to diagnose and then determine the best course of action.

The 'victims' simulated everything from injuries to early dementia, Alzheimer's symptoms to heart attack, stroke, elder abuse, and other age related problems. The instructor said, "This was the best day of paramedic class ever. I know there was some acting and some real stuff, like lack of hearing, but it all went incredibly smoothly. Your contribution helped these medics go out into the world and be more successful."

The Senior Theatre company performs plays around the community, but they felt that being model victims was an even better way their talent could be used to help others.

[Click to read more about the Siskiyou Senior Players](#)

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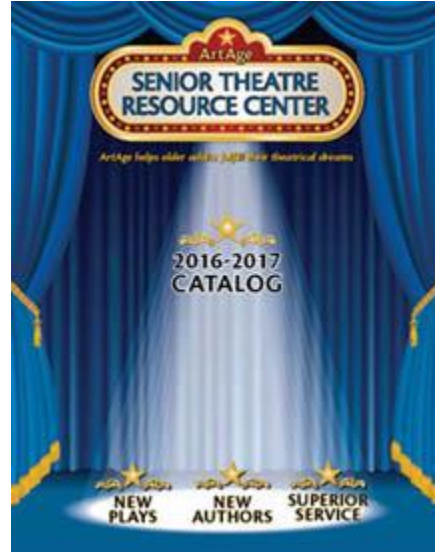


"[Who's Who in Senior Theatre](#)," plus news, trends, and FreeViews of all of the plays. There is something for everyone!

If you need help making selections, don't hesitate to contact us. We're here for your questions and all of your Senior Theatre needs.

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