

## Iron Mountain Stage Company, Inc.

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IRON MOUNTAIN STAGE COMPANY was founded in April 1993. We are an award winning, non-profit performing arts company located in the beautiful mountain setting of Ringwood, New Jersey. Our goal is to continue to be an integral part of our unique community, and a significant cultural and educational resource to the surrounding areas. We will present theatrical productions of classic and contemporary plays, and live performances in a variety of styles, constantly striving for the highest artistic standards.



## IRON MOUNTAIN STAGE COMPANY PRESENTS



by

Jesse Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten

Directed by  
Jill McDonald

This play is produced by special arrangement with  
Dramatist's Play Service

## Director's Letter

Welcome friends and lovers of community theatre to this, the third full production at our new home at The New Weis Center for Education, Arts & Recreation! This is the second play Iron Mountain has produced by this trio of playwrights, the first being *The Hallelujah Girls* back in 2015. The well-written and very believable characters in *The Dixie Swim Club* have been brought to life by a talented and experienced cast, who have added more depth to those characters with every rehearsal. I am sure that you will enjoy laughing, and maybe shedding a tear or two, with Sheree, Vernadette, Dinah, Lexie and JeriNeal and I am equally sure that you will probably find some of your very old friends in them too! My profound gratitude to this cast who have made directing this play such a joy and to Lorraine for coming on board and adding Stage Manager to her resume while doing a great job. My thanks, too, to Anne and all at Weis for always being ready to help us in any way they can, and to Linda and the Board of Iron Mountain for...everything.

Enjoy .... and if you do, please tell all your friends to come and see *The Dixie Swim Club* too!!

Jill McDonald

**If you have enjoyed this production, don't miss  
Iron Mountain Stage Company's Fall Show**

**October 19, 20, 21, 26,27,28**

**At The New Weis Center For  
Education, Arts & Recreation**

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**for details about the Fall show, auditions etc.**

## **The Dixie Swim Club**

### **Characters (in order of appearance)**

Sheree Hollinger.....*Ro McKiernan*  
Lexie Richards.....*Donna Avery*  
Dinah Grayson.....*Kristie McClain*  
Vernadette Simms.....*Corinne DiGiacinto*  
JeriNeal McFeely.....*Sue Klein*

The characters in this play will be portrayed at ages forty-four, forty-nine, fifty-four and seventy-seven

The action takes place in the living room of a beach cottage on the Outer Banks, of North Carolina

### **Act I**

Scene One: Twenty two years after their college graduation

Scene Two: Five years later

### **Intermission**

### **Act II**

Scene One: Five years later

Scene Two: Twenty-three years later

## Donna Avery (Lexie)

Donna's first production with Iron Mountain was in 1998, playing the role of Charlotte, the crazy psychiatrist, in *Beyond Therapy*. She is happy to return and thanks Jill, our director, for the opportunity to play Lexi. Some NY credits and favorite roles include Kate, (*Other People's Money*), Eve (*The Vagina Monologues*), Ishmael Reed's (*The Final Version*), and Karen (*California Suite*) She completed a four year apprenticeship at Am.Stage Co., studying with Paul Sorvino. Donna extends thanks to family and friends for their support.

## Corinne DiGiacinto (Vernadette)

Corinne has had the pleasure of working on several Iron Mountain productions; two of her favorites being *Blithe Spirit* (Elvira) and *Barefoot in the Park* (Ethel), both of which earned her a Perry Award nomination. She most recently enjoyed being directed by Jill as Sylvie in *The Witch in 204*. Her favorite characters have included Truvy in *Steel Magnolias*, Edna in *Prisoner of Second Avenue*, and Karen in *The Children's Hour*. Her musical portrayals have included Sister Sarah in *Guys and Dolls*, Mrs. Anna in *The King and I*, Lili in *Carnival*, Julie in *Carousel*, Lady Larkin in *Once Upon a Mattress*, Clementina in *The Desert Song*, and Grace Farrell in *Annie*. She has also performed at The Barn as Annette in *God of Carnage* and Beatrice in *A View From the Bridge*. Jill, playing Vern has been a hoot! Thanks y'all!

## Sue Klein (JeriNeal)

It is so much fun to be at the New Weis Center again with Iron Mountain. Sue first performed here in *The Witch in 204*, followed by *Men are Dogs* and *A Holiday Mix*. Other recent performances include *The Three Musketeers* with the West Milford Players and *The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge* with Iron Mountain. Additional memorable shows: *The Hallelujah Girls*, *Inherit the Wind*, *Hot'L Baltimore*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, *Walk with a Stranger* at the Manhattan Repertory Theatre, and *Espresso Diaries* at The

## Upcoming Events

### The New Weis Center For Education, Arts & Recreation

- **Apr 28:** Boy Scout [Merit Badge](#): "Emergency Preparedness"
- **Apr 29:** "[Creating a BCAS Certified Backyard Habitat](#)"
- **May 6:** [Geology walk & talk](#)
- **May 9:** Goat Yoga! [Register](#)
- **May 12:** [Scout Appreciation Day!](#) All scouts welcome
- **May 19:** "[Poetry Walk in Nature](#)"
- **May 27:** Primitive Skills class "Coal burning" [Register](#)
- **May 27:** "[Music at Midvale](#)": Acoustic Open Mic; door signup
- **June 2:** National Trails Day Celebration!
- **Jun 16:** Introduction to [Geocaching](#)
- **Jul 10-Aug 2:** [Weis Environmental Pathfinder](#) program [Register](#)
- **Jul 17-Aug 31:** Summer Nature Camp, [Register](#)

The New Weis Center For Education, Arts & Recreation

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*The Highlands Nature Friends, Inc.* is a non-profit organization made up of families and individuals. We are the proud owners of The New Weis Center for Education, Arts & Recreation. Our mission is to bring environmental education, outdoor recreation, and cultural events to Ringwood and the surrounding areas. We are a volunteer-based, grassroots group and we welcome your membership, involvement and support as we continue to restore our buildings and grounds. Our goal is to continue to provide a variety of activities that serve the local community.

We formed our 501(c)(3) non-profit in 2014, and took ownership of the former Weis Ecology Center property in November 2015. We gave it a new name to fit our new expanded mission. Going into our 3rd year, we have developed a full slate of programs, that offer something for everyone!

We provide environmental and STEM oriented educational field trips throughout the year for school children from kindergarten through high school, as well as custom programs for special needs and homeschool groups. Our nature-oriented day camp has been expanded to 7 weeks this summer. We partner with several local groups to offer weekend programs for all ages, including Goat Yoga, via Totes Goats, LLC, Primitive Skills Classes, offered through Earth Living Skills, and Wilderness First Aid classes, in partnership with NJ Search & Rescue. We just began an acoustic open mic series, "Music at Midvale", which will be held on the last Sunday afternoon of every month. We are please to host many scout activities, including camping at our group campsite. We also offer rentals of our indoor and outdoor facilities for parties, classes, meetings, and corporate retreats.

We want to congratulate Iron Mountain Stage Company, on their 3rd year of delightful and entertaining performances here at the Center! We thank them for becoming our first full-fledged partner, and for making New Weis Center their home base. In addition to their major productions, Iron Mountain has conducted improv classes for our summer campers, and presented a holiday show at The New Weis Center last year.

Enjoy the play, and please come back to take part in our other programs and activities!

Venetian in Garfield. Kisses to sons Jacob and Danny, who appeared with Sue in her first community theater show, *Nifty Fifties*, years ago...And a big group hug to this fabulous cast and expanding theater family.

### **Kristie McClain (Dinah)**

I am very happy to be active in theater again after toiling for years among the ink-stained wretches of the newspaper business, retiring last year after 20 years as a copy editor at The New York Times. In New Jersey, I've appeared in *Man of La Mancha* with the Montclair Operetta Club, *Oliver!* with the Gas Lamp Players in Glen Ridge, and *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* with The Strollers in Maplewood. And I'm having a ball swimming with the Dixie chicks in Ringwood!

### **Ro McKiernan (Sheree)**

Ro is excited to be returning to IMSC for this very well written, funny, and poignant story about friendship that lasts forever. She would like to thank our very talented cast who made it so easy to believe that we really had been friends for over 50 years! Some favorite roles with Iron Mountain include: Beth in *Blithe Spirit*, Olive in *The Odd Couple-female version*, and Mother Superior in *Lilies of the Field*. She was also seen as Abby in *Arsenic and Old Lace* and Domina in *Forum* with West Milford Players. Thanks to Jill and Lorraine for your confidence, direction, and a whole lot of fun!

**Production Crew**

Director.....*Jill McDonald*  
 Stage Manager.....*Lorraine Davidson*  
 Stage Crew.....*Laura Jacobson*  
                                   *Patty Sullivan*  
                                   *Pam McKenna*  
 Lighting and Sound.....*Bill Benzie*  
                                   *Marie Cannici*  
                                   *Caroline von Glahn*  
 Set Construction.....*John Santalla*  
                                   *David Santalla*  
                                   *Linda Gerdes*  
                                   *Caroline von Glahn*  
 Program.....*Jill McDonald*  
 Poster.....*Turner Striffler*  
 Publicity.....*Anne Siebecker*  
                                   *Patty Sullivan*

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**Jill McDonald (Director)** Jill is on the board of Iron Mountain Stage Company in the capacity of Treasurer. She has done many plays over the years with Iron Mountain and West Milford Players as well as a few other local theatre companies. Favorite roles include Polly in *Play On* with Oakland Players, LadyBracknell in *The Importance of Being Earnest* with Iron Mountain and Madame Caron in *Is He Dead?* at The Barn in Montville. This is the seventh show she has directed for Iron Mountain.

**Lorraine Davidson (Stage Manager)**  
 Lorraine Davidson has been making a spectacle of herself for years (on-stage, backstage or off-stage) with gracious permission from Iron Mountain Stage Company, The West Milford Players and St. Catherine's Performing Arts Guild. This show has been a wonderful experience. Break legs, everyone! K&H to Scott andSteven ~ you complete me ... te adoro Mamasita, Paolo y Papa

**IRON MOUNTAIN STAGE COMPANY NEEDS YOU!**

We are so happy that each and every one of you took time out of your lives to participate in this evening or afternoon of theater. All of us here at Iron Mountain firmly believe that although movies and TV can be wonderful, there is nothing as exciting as live theater! Iron Mountain Stage Company produces two productions each year. We are always looking for new faces both on and off the stage.

If you ever thought you might be interested in getting involved, NOW is the time. We need actors, of ALL ages!. We need production crew members. No experience is necessary. Most of us at Iron Mountain had no formal theatrical training either in acting or production. If you are willing, we will train you. In return, we hope that you will experience the joy of being part of a theatrical production.

Please consider joining our mailing list. Just go to our website (ironmtn.org) and click on email notifications on the left hand side. Follow the instructions and you can be notified on upcoming auditions or Iron Mountain news or both! Then make sure that our address is placed in your "trusted" list. While you are at our site, you can also volunteer to become part of future production teams (lighting, directing, stage managing, publicity), just click on the "Volunteer at IMSC" tab or give us a call at 973-962-9007.

Linda Gerdes President  
 Iron Mountain Stage Company

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