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## Anne of Green Gables

A comedy by Alice Chadwicke,  
adapted from L.M. Montgomery's novel

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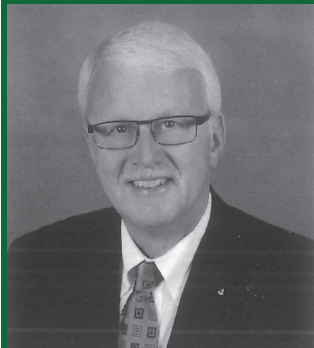
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# Anne of Green Gables

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## A PLAY IN THREE ACTS

### TIME

1908-1910

#### Act I

**Scene 1:** The reception room of the Hopeton Orphan Asylum.  
Noon of a day in early summer

**Scene 2:** The sitting room of the Cuthbert's home at Green  
Gables, Avonlea. Late afternoon of the following day.

#### Act II

The sitting room of the Cuthbert's home at Green Gables.  
The following September; afternoon.

#### Act III

**Scene 1:** The sitting room of the Cuthbert's home.  
Two years later; an afternoon in April.

**Scene 2:** The sitting room of the Cuthbert's home.  
Two months later; an evening in June

There will be a 10 minute intermission between each act.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

“It’s delightful when your imaginations come true, isn’t it?”

— **L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables***

Imagination in the Merriam-Webster dictionary is defined as

**1** : the act or power of forming a mental image of something not present to the senses or never before wholly perceived in reality

**2a** : creative ability **b** : ability to confront and deal with a problem : RESOURCEFULNESS use your *imagination* and get us out of here **c** : the thinking or active mind : INTEREST stories that fired the *imagination*

**3a** : a creation of the mind; *especially* : an idealized or poetic creation

To me the Kathryn Randolph Theater has always been a place where imagined moments come true, and The Red Mask Players are the ones to bring their resources to make that happen. It starts with a show, then a director who has pictured the show in their mind, and imagined how it could be to its fullest capacity. Then a team of actors and stage crew to bring that imagined thought to life for the captivated audience members.

The story of *Anne of Green Gables* is one of a girl who imagines so many things in life when she had nothing. Although she may run into hard times, and disappointments, she still has her imagination to carry her on, and what an imagination it is. That is what we strive for here at Red Mask, to imagine all the wonderful things that we can create and make come true for our patrons. Won’t you join us in making those come true?

Please sit back and enjoy an evening of imagined works that we are presenting to you on our stage, and help us in imagining what wonderful and great things our theater can continue to do for you, and our community.

*Amanda Coutant,  
President*



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

*Anne of Green Gables.* A beloved classic? Heartwarming? Funny? All are true. Our talented cast will bring you a story that will tug at your heart strings and leave you feeling happy. Anne Shirley struggles to be accepted and loved by an older brother and sister who really wanted to adopt a boy to help with the farm. Anne's imagination gets her into trouble throughout the show, but also helps to win the hearts of everyone that comes to know her. I truly hope you enjoy our journey with Anne as she goes from being an orphan to Anne of Green Gables.

*Debbie Prentice*

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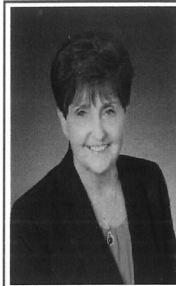
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**Linda Bolton (Producer)** Linda has always enjoyed being in and around the theater. She met her husband, Wilbur, at Red Mask and took classes at Krannert Center when she attended the University of Illinois. Returning to Danville in 1980, Wilbur renewed his love of acting in many productions, while Linda got involved in backstage work, though she did appear in the Beef House Dinner Theater production of *Steel Magnolias*, followed by a return to the Red Mask stage with her husband in *Dad's Christmas Miracle*. Linda hosts Newsmakers 1490 WDAN three days a week.

**Amanda Brown (Josie Pye)** Amanda is a 7th grader at Bismarck-Henning Junior High School. She has had a lot of fun being in this show and meeting new people. Other productions Amanda has appeared in include: *Miracle on 34th Street*, *The Little Mermaid*, *James & the Giant Peach*, *Xanadu, Jr.*, *Annie, Jr.*, *Comic Book Artist*, *The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring*, *Huck Finn's High-Tailin' Adventures*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Once Upon a Crime*, and *A Christmas Carol*. She has also performed at Arts International in Orlando, FL, has taken 8 years of dance, and enjoys Scholastic Bowl, band, basketball, and volleyball.



**Jamey Coutant (Rachel Lynde)** Jamey is once again thrilled to be back onstage in *Anne of Green Gables* as the busybody neighbor. This has been a favorite book of hers since she was a child. Jamey is no stranger to Red Mask, having performed onstage and directed children's shows many times. Anyone who knows and has worked with her can see the passion she has for children's theater. She is honored to share the stage with many of her actors and actresses from children's shows, as well as her adult cast members! She would like to thank her family for their continued love, support and encouragement.

**Emma Ferren (Anne Shirley)** Emma first stepped onto a theater stage about six years ago. With every play her skills and confidence increased. She is now a freshman in high school and has been in numerous community and school productions. Emma says, "I'm very excited to do *Anne of Green Gables!* This will be my second lead role, and maybe the favorite play that I have done. I love Red Mask and all of my theater family! Enjoy the show!"





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**Barb Garner (Mrs. Mildred Barry)** Barb is a lover of the arts and has enjoyed her Red Mask involvement, which includes set construction, producer, props, sound and lights, and past Red Mask Board secretary, as well as appearing onstage in several productions. She was last seen in the Lincoln Park Players summer production *Till Beth Do Us Part*, as Margo. Barb also enjoys quilting, sewing, reading, and being retired.

**Gail Garner (Stage Manager)** Gail has been active at Red Mask for over 20 years. His first experience was as part of the *Reckless* moving crew. Gail has also worked with Sunshine Productions, DLO, Lincoln Park Players, and the DSO productions of *Man of LaMancha* and *The Sound of Music*. He has appeared onstage but prefers to work behind the scenes. He served on the Red Mask board two terms, designed and built several sets, ran lights and sound, served as producer, director and stage manager. When not at the theater, he enjoys woodworking in his shop and playing golf with good friends Wilbur and Bob.



**Gaye Garner (Mrs. Alexander Spencer)** Gaye, a longtime member of Red Mask, has been a board member, actor, director, stage manager and every sort of crew type. She practiced law for 30 years and now works part-time at the Danville Public Library. She is proud to serve the youngest and oldest patrons they have. She reads to four-year-olds, and delivers books to some over 100 years of age. She thanks the casting committee for letting her come in to play and hopes for some laughs. Thanks much also to Debbie for her trust. *Anne of Green Gables* is a lovely play and she is grateful to be part of it.

**Cassidy Helferich (Diana Barry)** Fourteen-year-old Cassidy has been in eight shows including *Anne of Green Gables* – four plays and four musicals. She last appeared in *Miracle on 34th Street*. Outside of being in plays, Cassidy enjoys reading, drawing, and playing Skyrim. She also plays the viola. Cassidy says, “I have had fun playing the part of Diana Barry and I’m looking forward to future shows”.



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**Kara Howie (Minnie Stearn)** Kara is a seventeen-year-old high school junior from Oakwood. She has been in multiple DLO Musical Theater musicals. Some of her favorites include *Once on this Island* and *Footloose*. She is super excited to be in her first play with Red Mask and for people to see *Anne of Green Gables*. She would like to thank God for giving her the talent and desire to act, and her mom and grandma for supporting her.

**Debbie Prentice (Director)** Debbie has been involved with Red Mask Players for fourteen years. This is the sixth adult production she has directed. She has also directed two children's shows for Red Mask. Debbie would like to thank her husband Rick for supporting her passion for directing and would like to dedicate this production to her late father-in-law, Torch.



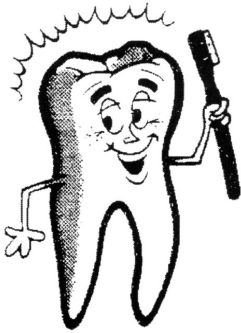
**Jeff Romig (Ira Mills)** Jeff is a Danville resident and is a past performer in a number of Red Mask productions. Over the years, Jeff and his family have been advocates and supporters of the local Arts scene. Jeff has also been involved in theatrical productions with the Lincoln Park Theater Company and DLO Musical Theater. Jeff is honored to be in the very special cast of *Anne of Green Gables*, and hopes the audience will enjoy the show very much.

**Ruey Sandusky (Florence Remsen)** Ruey is making her acting debut at Red Mask. However, she has helped with multiple children's productions that one of her sons has been a part of. She decided to audition for *Anne of Green Gables* because she has loved the books and movies since she was a child. She has one daughter and two sons, and along with her husband, enjoys attending her son's sports activities and theater performances. She was elated to receive a part and hopes she can help do justice to this much-loved story.





**William Sandusky (Gilbert Blythe)** This is William's first adult Red Mask performance. He has been in three Red Mask children's productions: *Huck Finn's Hightailin' Adventures* as Uncle Silas, *The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring* as the Professor, and *Comic Book Artist* as a Comic Artist and the Gold Warehouse manager. William originally agreed to audition for *Huck Finn's Hightailin' Adventures* to get out of playing basketball, but has found he really enjoys acting. At school he studies hard and has been able to maintain high honor roll.



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**Ann Soderstrom (Marilla Cuthbert)** Ann is honored to be performing again on the Red Mask stage and is thrilled to be working with a talented cast and crew with new and old friends! She is a Red Mask Board member and is a Board member and Founder of the Lincoln Park Theater Company. Some of Ann's favorite roles are: Ms. Fancy in *Sly Fox*, Beth in *Till Beth Do Us Part*, and Virginia in *Rainbow Bar & Grill*. When not at the theater, she runs a daycare out of her home. She would like to thank her family and Debbie for all their support!

**Gabe Smith (Moody Spurgeon)** Gabriel is a 16-year-old junior at Bismarck Henning High School. He is very happy to be back performing on the Red Mask stage! He was most recently on the Red Mask stage in *Miracle on 34th Street*. Gabriel has been in several Red Mask productions over the years, but his favorite role to play was Lazenby in *Ordinary People*. He is very thankful to have been given the opportunity to work with this very talented cast and crew. He wants to thank his family for their love and support.



**Dave Techtow (Matthew Cuthbert)** In 2010 something changed Dave's life. He auditioned for *Inherit the Wind* and got the role of Rev. Brown. He had enjoyed the theater forever, but this was his first time onstage. He fell in love with it. Now seven-plus years later he is in his tenth Red Mask production. He would like to thank the director, Debbie Prentice, for that first role as Rev. Brown, for the role of Matthew in this play, and for getting him involved in something which gives him so much pleasure. Dave also would like to thank his wonderful wife, June, "who has helped me very step of the way".

**Maddie Youhas (Mrs. Allen)** Maddie thanks her parents, Alex and Megan Youhas, for supporting her. A recent graduate of Salt Fork High School, she currently attends DACC. Maddie has acted in six school shows, her favorite role was Penny in *You Can't Take it With You*. She has also done two DLO shows; her favorite role was Ethel in *Footloose*. Though she is planning on becoming a history teacher, she also wants to continue her theater career as long as possible. She wants to minor in theater and hopefully direct school shows, like her former teacher, Lauren Hous, to whom she credits her love for theater.





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<b>Producer.....</b>	<b>Linda Bolton</b>
<b>Set Design.....</b>	<b>Gail Garner &amp; Debbie Prentice</b>
<b>Set Construction.....</b>	<b>Gail Garner &amp; Dave Techtow</b>
<b>Lights &amp; Sound .....</b>	<b>June Techtow</b>
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