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Dear PMA Members:

If you missed our members-only preview of the new exhibits on September 29, you missed a really nice time. The exhibits turned out great, and our visitors are giving them raves.

The opening ceremony on October 17 was a lovely affair. The sun was bright, the food was great, the crowd was lively and the speeches were short.

The Mount Holly Ghost Project was also a success. Unfortunately, we ended up competing with several other events which were held on the same evening, including a number of homecoming dances and the Medford parade. Nevertheless, we managed to take in a little over \$2,600, and netted enough to cover our insurance and a little more.

Attached is a list of those who participated in the Ghost Project. The Parks Department did a great job in helping to set up, including the changing of all the

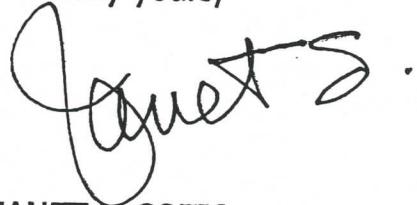
light bulbs in the jail, which in itself is a huge job. Parks also took care of all the advertising and did so many other things. Many thanks go to the VanHoutte-Rizzo, Rothmel and Barto families, all of whom are loyal PMA members. I also want to thank the 17 of my relatives, friends and colleagues who braved the cold and screaming children for the cause. Kudos again this year to David Cranmer, who thought up the whole thing and roped 14 of his friends into working at the event.

I also want to extend special thanks and admiration to the actors. They were simply marvelous. Many of the actors were teenagers, for example, the spider boys (can spiders really do that?!), the ghostly sisters (she's DEAD!!!!), the psychotic Siamese twins (they were "dying" to go their separate ways!), the cannibals (FRESH MEAT!!), the amputee (whose hand is that on the floor?) and the warden (I'll let you out **this** time...). Actually, one of the ghostly sisters, Delsea Sozio, is only 8 years old! All these young people were just amazing. All they were given were their characters; they were left to think up their own script. And did they ever! A young imagination really is something to behold.

The Jail will continue to be open throughout the year on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from noon until 4 p.m. The exhibits make self-guided tours possible for the first time, but docents are still needed to monitor and to answer questions. If you know of anyone who would be willing to volunteer even a few hours per month, have him or her contact the Parks Department at 265-5858.

We are still waiting to get our office back. When we do, we will need volunteers to set it up again and go through our old records. Look for more on this in the spring. In the meantime, have a happy and safe holiday season.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet S." followed by a larger, more fluid signature of "Janet L. SOZIO".

JANET L. SOZIO

MOUNT HOLLY GHOST PROJECT 2001

THANK YOU!

SET UP

John Brew
Steve Kluck

SOUND

Vic Rosetti

TICKET TAKERS

Dianne Main
Warren Jones

REFRESHMENTS

Jeanette Sozio
Edith Freeman
Vicky Raymond

GREETING NURSES

Tami Bozarth
Joyce Goldsmith

CRANKY

CLEANING LADIES

Susan Dargay
Elizabeth Van Houtte

FEMME FATALE

ON STEPS

Randy Rothmel

ROVER/WATER MAN

Buddy Raymond

SPIDER BOYS

Dan Barto, Jr.
Michael Rizzo
Neil Kelly

HOSTLY SISTERS

Julianne Barto
Delsea Sozio

GOHLS IN GRAVEYARD

Kris & Trish

MOVING MANNEQUIN

Will Summerall

PSYCHOTIC SIAMESE TWINS

Temima Rothmel
Amanda McIntosh

CANNIBALS

Drew Sozio
Josh Lavenia
Luke Atzert

FRANKENSTEIN

Ray Holshue

AMPUTATING DOCTOR

Dan Rosetti

AMPUTEE

Peter

NURSE

Incognito

RAT MAN

Howard Halcolmb

EYE LADY

Terry

CLOWN

Kevin McCleary

BLOODY DANCING BRIDE

Martha Dillon

WARDEN

Incognito

GUARDS

Michael Reilly
David Kimball
Dennis Rizzo

GUIDES

Ghouls:

David Cranmer
Dean Sozio
Janet Sozio
Pete Cawthon
Don Sozio

Hairy Ghoul:

Dan Barto

Witch:

Donna Barto

Devil:

Rhondi Schwartz

Ghosts:

Natalie Freeman
Marybeth Baron

Pirate:

Gary Woodend

Wizard:

Michael Rothmel