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November 12, 2001

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

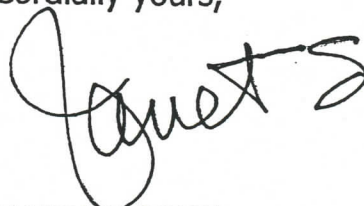
light bulbs in the jail, which in itself is a huge job. Parks also took care of all the advertising and did so many other things. Many thanks go to the VanHoutte-Rizzo, Rothmel and Barto families, all of whom are loyal PMA members. I also want to thank the 17 of my relatives, friends and colleagues who 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 L. Sozio". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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*

**GHOSTLY SISTERS**

*Julianne Barto  
Delsea Sozio*

**GHOULS 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*

**AMPUTEES**

*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*