

An open invitation from The Autumn Players (continued)

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The Autumn Players, mostly retired folks with a love of theatre, include those with substantial theatrical experience and those who simply want to explore the theatre scene. We welcome new members. Don't worry: plays are performed in readers theatre format, so you'll have no lines to learn. If you're interested, please see information at the end of this piece.

TAP produces five plays annually under the Readers Theatre Showcase banner. Comedies, classic dramas and mysteries – we cover the gamut. Each play is performed three times – once at OLLI on a designated Sunday, twice downtown at 35below behind the Asheville Community Theatre the preceding Friday and Saturday.

Many TAP members are also active at OLLI. Jim Reid, a recent TAP Chair, regularly teaches classes on acting in Shakespeare's plays. This winter he will teach a course in interpretations of Shakespeare's *Richard III*. Kermit Brown, formerly a professional actor, has also taught many OLLI acting classes. As for myself, I have been taking and teaching classes for 12 years. The class most directly related to my theatre activities was *The World and Wit of Dorothy Parker*. After doing much research on Parker for my performance as Dorothy herself, I was excited and ready to share my knowledge at OLLI.

Want to learn more about TAP? Please attend our next meeting on December 2 with a holiday theme, good things to eat, and lots of entertainment. The meeting, at 35below, 35 E. Walnut St., begins at 10 a.m. and lasts not later than noon. For more information or to learn how you may become involved, contact me at rosecarol@charter.net or our Chair, Marianne Lyon, at mlyoncats@aol.com.

Pack of Lies tickets are \$7, and available online (<https://ashevilletheatre.org>) or at the door. Performances October 27 and 28 are at 35below; October 29 at the Manheimer Room, Reuter Center.