



In August students return to school and on August 3, the First Friday Play Reading examines a return of a very different kind. Commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Room, we will read "The Visit" by Friedrich Durrenmatt. In this script an old lady who has become the wealthiest person in the world returns to the bankrupt, downtrodden village that cast her out as a young woman and offers riches to the citizens of the town for them to exact her revenge on Alfred III, who once disgraced her.

It's an immoral deal: if the town wants her financial support, she wants Alfred's life in return. Therefore she has brought a coffin for the man who did her wrong 45 years ago. A tragicomedy which explores issues of love, money, power, and justice, "The Visit" is brilliant in its depiction of the subtle progression of the peoples' attitudes – from shock to acceptance and, finally, collusion. It is a powerful statement of how immoral behavior can become normalized.

Please join us on Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Room to read if you wish or participate as "audience"; scripts are provided. **Sharon McKenzie** and **Nanalee Raphael** are the facilitators, both long-time theatre aficionados. This script is suitable for folks of all ages.

There is no admission charge, however a donation of canned food such as hearty soup, ravioli, chili or tuna for the Joseph's Food Pantry at Grace St. Paul's would be greatly appreciated.