ELTC continues outdoor events with ‘Tales,’ workshop

CAPE MAY — In spite of not being able to perform as usual, East Lynne Theater Company’s artistic director, Gaylie Shamlall, figured out how two of the programs could “go on” this summer — “The Locals” and its annual Student Theater Workshop. “Tales” aren’t taking place as usual on the porches of B&Bs, and the workshop, usually nine days long, will now be four days outside in July, but still with a performative element. Stahlhuth said she was mulling over canceling the workshop but that parents of performers reached out to her, asking that the workshop continue in some fashion.

With the success of “Tales” being performed in a backyard, she said she decided to locate the workshop in a backyard, too. The Student Summer Workshop is scheduled for 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, July 27, to Wednesday, July 29, with a performance at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 30, as part of the regularly scheduled “Tales of the Victorians.” Cost per student is $25. For information and application, visit eastlynnetheater.org. Meanwhile, the weekly “Tales” will feature Susan Tischler reading selections from “Helpful Hints” at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 2.

In fact, classic American literature is read at 4 p.m. every Thursday, weather permitting, in the backyards of homes in Cape May. The only way to find out the location is to make a reservation or e-mailing eastlynnetheater.org. The cost is a minimum donation of $3, paid with cash at the door. As usual at ELTC, children 12 and younger are admitted free.

Tischler was also a participant in a past Student Workshop Theater. She was then selected to perform “Two of Tisch” at the PEI’s Comedy Showcase in Cape May, in “Calliope Comedy Showcase in Person” and her original works. “Meet the Locals” and “Two of Tisch” are still planned for SPQR Theatre, also in Cape May. From 2017-19, she performed for S4K Theatre, also in Cape May, in “Cellose Roses.” “The Wreck of the Hesperus” is the latest in her own original works, “Meet the Locals” and “Two of Tisch.”

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Meanwhile, the weekly “Tales” are still available. “The People of Cape May v. the Speckled Band” and “The Spanish Armada” and her own original works. “Meet the Locals” and “Two of Tisch.”

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