

Santa Clara Players
present

A Bench in the Sun



By Ron Clark

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Cast of Characters

Harold Steven Corelis
Burt William Edwards
Adrienne Patricia Cross
Announcements Carol Hensel

A bench located on the grounds of a residence for retired seniors
The story takes place over a period of approximately ten months.

There will be one fifteen minute intermission after Act I. During the intermission you are invited to the lobby for refreshments as the guest of the Santa Clara Players.

The Cast

Steven Corelis (Harold) - Steve is a Bay Area native, married to a wonderful wife with two daughters and five grandchildren. He has spent his life in education and now works with learning different children and adults on a one-to-one basis... and loves it! He is grateful for the opportunity to do another play with the Santa Clara Players, make new friends and do something besides sit in the La-Z-Boy, cutting out coupons for various ailments from his AARP magazines. He wants to thank Lee and his friends for their support and lack of harassment, and truly hopes you enjoy our play.

William Edwards (Burt) - A lawyer by profession, this Saratoga resident has appeared in numerous Bay Area productions, specializing in odd and sometimes disturbing character roles. This is Mr. Edwards' second appearance for the Santa Clara Players, having just played Barrymore in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. He has done Shakespeare, playing Lavatch the Clown in San Jose City College's *All's Well That Ends Well*, Edward the IV in *Richard III*, and Sebastian in San Jose City Lights' *The Tempest*, played the villainous Tackleton the Toymaker in a San Francisco production of Dickens' classic *Cricket on the Hearth*, played two judges (one in Hillbarn's *Inherit the Wind* and another in Pacifica Spindrift Players' *Hedda Gabler*), was the mad scientist Moebius in *The Physicists* and the Ragpicker in *Madwoman of Chaillot*...both in Mountain View, was Fowler in Palo Alto Players' *Separate Tables*, and played Horace in a Saratoga production of *The Little Foxes*, etc., etc..

Patricia Cross (Adrienne) -This is Patricia's third show at Santa Clara Players. She was last seen at SCP as Sheila in *Tender Lies* and prior to that, Vesta Poteet in *Radio TBS* (and still has her sheep costume to prove it). Other Bay Area shows among her favorites include *Steel Magnolias*, *Love Letters*, *The Mousetrap*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Prisoner of Second Avenue*, *Rebecca*, and *Dr.Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.

She's performed with a number of local theater groups including Broadway West, Northside Theater Company, City Lights, and Quo Vadis Theater Company. In addition to theater, she also has enjoyed acting in several independent and educational films. Special thanks to her husband Chris, for his patience and willingness to forgo all those home-cooked meals during rehearsals, Matt and Ron for their terrific direction, and my two wonderful fellow performers, William and Steve, for making this show such a joy to be in.

About the Players

The *Santa Clara Players* is a non-profit community theater group dedicated to wholesome entertainment. We provide an opportunity for anyone with dramatic or stagecraft aspirations to work with experienced directors and producers. We provide high quality, family theater for the enjoyment of the citizens of Santa Clara and the surrounding areas.

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