
10 Questions with 10 Board Members



Don Greenwald is a local Businessman/Entrepreneur who grew up in Chappaqua and has resided in Bedford Corners since 1996

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*The Bedford Playhouse (BP): What is your favorite childhood film?*

Don Greenwald (DG): **Definitely *March of the Wooden Soldiers*, Hal Roach, 1934. It's based upon Victor Herbert's 1903 operetta, *Babes in Toyland*, and starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. As a child, this film was traditionally shown on TV on Thanksgiving and I always looked forward to it. It had heroes and villains, it was funny and scary – and the good guys always won! I later found out that the film was released on my birthday, November 30, albeit in a different year.**

*BP: Why did you join the Board of The Bedford Playhouse?*

DG: **I joined the Board of The Bedford Playhouse to help preserve the cultural integrity of Bedford Village and create a forum to provide adults and children alike a venue to experience quality entertainment of all kinds as well as a gathering place for friends and family. I really couldn't bear the thought of the space being turned into retail stores and losing the opportunity to help establish a real hub in town for cultural and social events.**

*BP: What is one aspect/thing the Playhouse will be/mean/bring to our community that you think the community doesn't know/understand/realize yet?*

DG: **I think the fact The Bedford Playhouse will be much more than a movie theatre. Not only will we offer quality first run films, but we will also present special programs of indie films, documentaries, shorts, music, readings, classes, and a host of other events. In addition, the flex space can be used for meetings and parties. And, of course, the Café, where great food and drink will be served to good friends and families and where you can find a spot to relax and read a book with a glass of wine if you wish.**

*BP: Popcorn or candy?*

**DG: Popcorn**

*BP: Biggest Pet Peeve about the project so far?*

**DG: Fundraising; I dislike asking people for money and thus I'm not very good at it. Ironically though, in a way, asking members of the Community to contribute to such a worthy cause is actually doing them a favor. It gives them an opportunity to hear about all of the fabulous benefits that the Playhouse will bring to Bedford and the surrounding area. And by making a contribution, you are genuinely invested in the success of the project and will gain an extra feeling of satisfaction and contentment when you come to the Playhouse and partake in the events and the Café and all that the Playhouse will offer. Nonetheless, I'm grateful that we have such a great Development staff and Committee, and John; who's vision and enthusiasm for the project is the greatest fundraising tool we have.**

*BP: Favorite guilty pleasure comedy film?*

**DG: *Diner*, 1982, Barry Levinson. With an unbelievable cast - starring very young Steve Guttenberg, Daniel Stern, Mickey Rourke, Kevin Bacon, Ellen Barkin, and Paul Reiser.**

*BP: Hitchcock, Tarantino or Spielberg?*

**DG: Spielberg**

*BP: Favorite Documentary?*

**DG: *An Inconvenient Truth*. This 2006 film was one of the single biggest reasons why the issue of climate change was finally brought to the forefront of our national conversation.**

*BP: Most excited about the A) Theaters B) Cafe C) Flex-Use Event Space*

**DG: All of the above! The Theaters, the Café, and the event space are all vital parts of the overall concept which will make The Bedford Playhouse a truly unique experience for the entire community.**

*BP: Film you would like to see the Playhouse launch with on opening day?*

**DG: A festival of feature and short films and documentaries from internationally renowned directors and producers and/or with actors who now reside in the local area. There is a long and impressive list from which to choose.**