

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

**Mary
Jo
Dollar**

Community theatre is an integral part of a culturally diverse community....mary jo dollar...actor, costumer, board member

Butterfield: How did you get started with Butterfield?

Mary Jo: I first became involved as a board member. My father had just passed away and a friend said, 'You need something to do!' I have only a very small amount of experience as a performer but a lifetime of theater-going.

Butterfield: That's really interesting....by now, you've done *sooo* much: actress, stage manager, costumer ...what's been your favorite job?

Mary Jo: I really enjoy being stage manager. It's very exciting during performances, when I get to problem-solve with only seconds to spare! And no line learning!

Butterfield: What do you like about volunteering at Butterfield?

Mary Jo: I've made so many interesting friends! And I love the chance to put something awesome together from beginning to end. I also get to work with our Youth theater and it has grown tremendously over the past few years.

Butterfield: In your lifetime of theater-going, do you have a favorite show that you've seen?

Mary Jo: *Wicked* in New York on Broadway!

Butterfield: It's been a very different year for everyone in 2020. Have you learned anything about yourself during the pandemic?

Mary Jo: I've learned that I really like being at home and working on long-neglected home projects. But I do miss drinks or dinner with friends!



As Bessie in *Marvin's Room*



As Gretchen in *The Creature Creeps*

Butterfield: You're involved with a new venture at BSP. Tell us what it's about.

Mary Jo: We sort of hit a brick wall without being able to put on shows at the theater. Then some creative minds at Butterfield figured out a way to write, produce and film a remote play, called *Staying In*. I am thrilled to be a part of our first zoom production! And for the first time, family who live far away will get to see it!

Butterfield: I hear you're quite hilarious as the fictional president of the Margarine Valley Players Community Theater board. How has the rehearsal process been?



As Cassandra in *Staying In*
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Mary Jo: We've all had so much fun at rehearsals! It's great to see old friends and meet new ones. Everyone has been excited for something new to perform, in a new way.

Butterfield: Now, for a very serious question...Who would win a showdown between Storm and Wonder Woman?

Mary Jo: Storm would win, but she would look all flustered and disheveled. Wonder Woman would not have one hair out of place!

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This is the second installment of Butterfield Stage Players' ***SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS***.

Note: Mary Jo has been married to her husband, Billy Ray, for 39 years. She has two adult children and two adorable grandsons! Mary Jo works at their family owned business, Texoma Web Offsite Printing. She has been a representative on the City Council of Gainesville for 7 years. Recent shows featuring Mary Jo include the lead role in *Marvin's Room*, and the hilarious Gretchen in *The Creature Creeps*! You can catch her latest performance in *Staying In* by visiting butterfieldstage.org to order tickets.