



The Goodspeed Guild has been the volunteer arm of the Goodspeed Musicals for the past 48 years. Since 1975, it has provided services to artists, patrons and staff on a year-round basis, while offering its members the opportunity to become part of the behind-the-scenes activities at Goodspeed.

Our core responsibilities are listed below. Members are encouraged to sign up for committees that interest them and fit into their schedules.

***** Proof of Covid Vaccination/Booster status required to participate in these activities**

COMPANY HOSPITALITY: The Guild provides meals/snacks for the the cast and staff at key points during the season.

***** WELCOME DINNERS ***:** Dinners are usually held on Monday evenings upon arrival of a new cast to East Haddam or Chester. Guild members will be contacted by the chairperson to participate in one or more dinners per season. Members will be asked to prepare a suggested dish, and participate in set up, serving, and clean up at the end of the evening.

CHANGE OVER: Committee members will be asked to prepare baked goods to deliver to the Opera House during the week of change-over between productions.

***** AUDIENCE SERVICES ***:** Guild members support the theater's House Management staff at both The Goodspeed in East Haddam, and The Terris in Chester.
Commitment: DATES TO SUIT YOUR SCHEDULE based on the needs of the production.

(The Goodspeed - East Haddam)

Greeter: Greet and assist patrons at the Opera House front door 1 hour and 15 minutes before each matinee performance throughout the season. Your responsibilities are done at curtain time. **Usher:** Will help stuff programs and seat patrons prior to the performance. An Usher is scheduled for the Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday performances throughout the season. Your responsibilities are done at curtain time.

Please remember to wear your name tag, and dress in a white top and black pants/skirt/trousers so you are easily identified as Goodspeed personnel. The Usher and Greeter can go to the Box Office at the start of the show and request a seat for the performance. Seating is based on availability and is not guaranteed.

(The Terris Theatre - Chester)

Usher: Assist in seating patrons and seeing to their comfort before and during the performance. You will be required to remain throughout the performance, assisting at intermission and the end of the show as needed. Ushers are provided seating during the performance. Ushers are scheduled (in advance) as needed for matinee and evening performances throughout the run of the show.

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*** TOURS ***: Docents are stationed throughout the Opera House for behind-the-scenes tours. Tours are open to the general public on the first Saturday of the every month from 11:00 am -1:00 pm from June through December. Special tours for clubs, organizations and private groups are scheduled according to need. The Guild also supports the Goodspeed education outreach programs by giving week-day tours to middle, high school and college students. This fosters an enrichment in all of these students lives for the performing arts. We look for interns among some of these students as well as building a new audience for Goodspeed.

Commitment: DATES TO SUIT YOUR SCHEDULE.

*** TRANSPORTATION ***: Guild members support the theatre's Company Management department by providing rides for actors and creative staff to and from the Old Saybrook train station and other destinations. Your proximity to East Haddam, Chester or Old Saybrook is an asset. A per trip stipend is offered.

Commitment: as needed based on requests.

FLOWER COMMITTEE: Guild members assist with seasonal gardening and floral projects, including selecting and planting annuals in planters & window boxes, and maintaining them during the season.

LIBRARY: Guild members assist with general library functions including sorting, shelving, retrieving of musical collections under the direction of the librarian.

OFFICE RESCUE: Guild members assist with the preparation of mass mailings to patrons and other projects on an as-needed basis when requested by Goodspeed Musicals.