



Shane Bridges, Brian Iles and "Toby" Dick Ellis pictured in front of the Toby Hall of Fame.

New Additions to the Toby Hall of Fame

Two new names were added to the museum's Toby Hall of Fame during the 2015 Conference in April.

Joining a long list of troupers who played Toby over the last 100 years are Brian Iles and Shane Bridges.

Brian Iles, a Mount Pleasant native, toured with Jimmy Davis' Schaffner Players in the 1990s and for the last 15 years has starred in Old Threshers' Summer Theatre's productions of Neil and Caroline Schaffner's plays. For most of those years, he has played Toby and has quite a following. Toby fans have remarked that Brian reminds them of both Jimmy Davis and Neil Schaffner.

Shane Bridges has been a professional actor in the Nashville, Tennessee area and now lives in nearby Parson, Tennessee. He has been closely associated with the Rivertime Players in Parson, both as an actor and playwright. For more information on the Rivertime Players and Shane, check out their great web-site: www.rivertimeplayers.org.

Congratulations to Brian & Shane and welcome!



During the 2015 Conference, President Emeritus, Dr. Michael Kramme was awarded the first *Martha Hayes Award for Volunteerism*. The award was created to honor the memory of Martha Hayes and as Martha was all about volunteering what better way to remember her.

Dr. Kramme needs no introduction to Natural Society members as he served as the Society's president for many years and has been deeply involved with the museum from cataloging the original collection of scripts to designing displays. He has been with and for the museum for over 35 years. Congratulations to Dr. Kramme.

Scenes from the 2015 Conference

