

# **ART** **Ageless Repertory Theatre**



## **ON GOLDEN POND**

**Written by Ernest Thompson**

**Directed by Ron Smith      Jo Anne Conley, Artistic Director**

The Ageless Repertory Theatre, Reno's premier readers' theater troupe, performs full length plays all year long on the main stage at Reno Little Theater. For Artown 2024, the group enthusiastically presents, "On Golden Pond," written by Ernest Thompson, a love story of Ethel and Norman Thayer who return to their summer home on Golden Pond for the forty-eighth year. Norman is a retired professor, nearing eighty with heart palpitations and a failing memory, but remains tart-tongued, observant and eager for life. Ethel, ten years younger and the perfect foil for Norman, delights in all the small things. Their divorced, middle-aged daughter and fiancé visit then go off to Europe, leaving his teenage son behind for the summer. The boy quickly becomes what the elderly couple have longed for - their "grandchild" - as Norman revels in taking his ward fishing, thrusting good books at the boy while learning some lessons about modern teenage awareness - and slang - in return. As the summer wanes, so does their brief idyll. In the final, deeply moving moments of the play, Norman and Ethel are brought even closer together by the incidence of a mild heart attack. Time, they know, is now against them, but the years have been good. Perhaps another summer at Golden Pond still awaits. Enjoy this touching performance, directed as a staged readers' theater production. Food and beverages are available for sale in the lobby concession stand. Donations are gratefully accepted.

**Tuesday, July 02, 2023 - 1:00 pm**  
**Wednesday, July 03, 2023 - 7:00 pm**  
**Friday, July 05, 2023 - 1:00 pm**

**Admission is FREE!**  
**Donations Gratefully Accepted**

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