

Shadowland Theatre

JUNE 13 – JULY 6: STEEL MAGNOLIAS

– written by Robert Harling, Comedy/Drama. (Rated PG)
Co-Produced by The Ellenville National Bank
and Fleming Realty

The story: The action is set in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies "who are anybody" come to have their hair done. Helped by her eager new assistant, Annabelle (who is not sure whether or not she is still married), the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town's rich curmudgeon, Ouiser ("I'm not crazy, I've just been in a bad mood for forty years"); an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee, who has a raging sweet tooth; and the local social leader, M'Lynn, whose daughter, Shelby (the prettiest girl in town), is about to marry a "good ole boy." Filled with hilarious repartee and not a few acerbic but humorously revealing verbal collisions, the play moves toward tragedy when Shelby, a diabetic, risks a pregnancy the doctors have warned her against.

A first play which met with immediate critical and popular acceptance in its premier production, it later became a major motion picture with Julia Roberts and Dolly Parton.

"Harling has given his women sharp, funny dialogue... The play builds to a conclusion that is deeply moving." – *NY Daily News*.

"... a skillfully crafted, lovingly evoked picture of eccentricity in the small-town South" – *Drama-Logue*.

"... suffused with humor and tinged with tragedy." – *NY Post*.





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