

# COME HOME TO LAURA INGALLS ON YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK

"COME HOME TO LAURA INGALLS" ...still alive this summer on Facebook and Youtube! The Wilder Pageant is hosting a free Laura event online in lieu of our live summer production "Fragments of Dream". To satisfy both audience and devout theater folk, we are creating "Laura's Prairie Summer", a series of six Facebook Live programs with a mix of live and recorded scenes, contests, pioneer crafts and interviews with some of the most respected authorities on the life and writings of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Find us live on Youtube or Facebook from our homepage links at <https://walnutgrove.org/pageant.html>

## LAURA'S PRAIRIE SUMMER MINISERIES

**FRIDAY, JULY 10TH AT 7:00 P.M.**  
Laura's Prairie Summer: Episode ONE: A New Home & Dancing in the Blizzard

**SATURDAY, JULY 18TH AT 7:00 P.M.**  
Laura's Prairie Summer: Episode FOUR: Brotherly Love, Missed Opportunity & Town Council

**SATURDAY, JULY 11TH AT 7:00 P.M.**  
Laura's Prairie Summer: Episode TWO: Playing Games & Grasshoppers

**FRIDAY, JULY 24TH AT 7:00 P.M.**  
Laura's Prairie Summer: Episode FIVE: Justice with No Peace & Under the Stars

**FRIDAY, JULY 17TH AT 7:00 P.M.**  
Laura's Prairie Summer: Episode THREE: Welcome Home, The Central Truth & Lemon Pie

**SATURDAY, JULY 25TH AT 7:00 P.M.**  
Laura's Prairie Summer: Episode SIX: Vanity Takes the Cake & Making Laura's Dream

These celebrations of theater and Laura Ingalls will start at 7:00 p.m. CST and be live starting Friday, July 10th. There is no charge to watch but donations to help keep the Walnut Grove production alive or to contribute to school scholarships for our young actors and actresses is encouraged if you are able. Because we have this unforeseen and unique opportunity, these programs will try new scenes and ask you for feedback as we look to develop a refreshed show for the future.



## LAURA EXPERTS YOU CAN HEAR LIVE:

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WELCOME, HELP  
US CONTINUE  
*See website*

Here are a few of the interviews lined up so far. We will be visiting with them live via Zoom. We encourage audience questions via our email at [LaurasPrairieChallenge@gmail.com](mailto:LaurasPrairieChallenge@gmail.com). Check the Wilder Pageant web and Facebook pages for frequent updates. (Even the digital covered wagon takes some time to get from coast to coast!)

**JULY 10 - Dean Butler is a producer and actor** best known to audiences for his portrayal of Almanzo Wilder from 1979 to 1983 on the iconic pioneer drama, *Little House on the Prairie*. He is the senior producer of the Emmy nominated *Feherty* series on the Golf Channel. Dean has visited Walnut Grove many times and always has a wealth of information to share.



**JULY 10 - Dale Cockrell is a specialist in American popular music.** He is the founder of "The Pa's Fiddle Project", an educational program dedicated to recording music of the "Little House" books and reconnecting the nation's children with the rich music legacies embedded in them. Dale is Professor Emeritus of Musicology at Vanderbilt.



**JULY 11 - Sarah Uthoff is a respected authority on Laura Ingalls Wilder,** one-room schools, historic foodways, and living history. She is a dominant online presence in the Laura Ingalls Wilder World with her *Trundlebed Tales* site and its many related connections. Uthoff is an active Wilder researcher, a well-known Wilder authority and sought after speaker. Currently she is a reference librarian at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa



**JULY 17 - William Anderson is the author of the 2016 book "The Selected Letters of Laura Ingalls Wilder".** He has written extensively about Laura Ingalls Wilder and has authored or edited around 25 books and more than a hundred articles. He states that he is a lucky person to have had two jobs that he has enjoyed very much. He taught history, literature and writing and as an author, most of his works seem to fall into those categories as well.

**JULY 18 - Melanie Stringer is a public historian,** Meet Laura Ingalls Wilder presenter and LIWLRA (Laura Ingalls Wilder Legacy and Research Association) Conference Co-Chair.

**JULY 18 - Wendy McClure is an author, columnist and children's book editor.** She wrote "*The Wilder Life: My Adventures in the Lost World of Little House on the Prairie*" which won the Midwest Booksellers Choice award for nonfiction in 2011. She also has an online presence with *Candyboots*. Check it out, weight watchers!



**JULY 24 - Stan Gordon along with his wife Hazelle is the owner and caretaker of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Dugout Site in Walnut Grove.**

**JULY 25 - Pamela Smith Hill is the author of Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography,** an award winning Laura Ingalls Wilder biography. She is an American Authoress with many young adult fiction works to her credit as well as "*Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Writer's Life*". Pamela Smith Hill is a widely respected speaker on historical fiction, fantasy, creative writing and her numerous publications.



## CONTESTS: LAURA'S PRAIRIE CHALLENGE!

So you are more than a coach potato and want to get in the stream with us! To request information and apply to enter email us at [LaurasPrairieChallenge@gmail.com](mailto:LaurasPrairieChallenge@gmail.com). This is about fun and recognition. There are no great prizes or free trips back in time but at least you'll have the opportunity to imagine part of history with us in our two challenges!

**MORE THAN LAURA-NELLIE CONTEST** – A. Questions about Laura Ingalls Wilder B. Costume C. Bake Vanity Cakes under adult supervision or D. Make a doll or E. Demonstrate dancing a Virginia Reel with a parent! F. Sing Ol' Dan Tucker G. Tell us what would Laura or Nellie say if...  
*We will do an initial round via Zoom and choose 3 to 5 contestants per night for a live contest on our Youtube and Facebook Channels.*

**PA INGALLS LOOK - A LIKE CONTEST** – Email pictures! Must be suitable for children. We will do a live interview with the winner.

Deadline for emails to [LaurasPrairieChallenge@gmail.com](mailto:LaurasPrairieChallenge@gmail.com) is July 9th or later if you only have a covered wagon.

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Thank you, Amy Foster, Director



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