



Summer QUARTERLY 2007



STONE ARCH PLAYERS ANNOUNCE NEW SEASON

Premier Director Thiry Olbrich

The Stone Arch Players are pleased to announce their upcoming season of theatrical offerings. President Thiry Olbrich will direct our fall show *SABRINA FAIR*, by Samuel Taylor. She will hold auditions on Monday and Tuesday, July 30 and 31 at the Theatre In The Park with roles for seven men and seven women. Anyone with questions or wishing to schedule a different audition time, may call Olbrich at 248-0582. The show will run November 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18.

Our winter show will be *MOVE OVER MRS. MARKHAM* by Ray Cooney directed by Phyllis Johnson. Show dates are February 29, March 1, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16. Auditions will be announced later in the season.

Our final show of the year will be directed by Colette Hartzler. *GOD'S FAVORITE* by Neil Simon will run May 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25 at the theater.

One dramedy followed by two comedies make for a hilarious upcoming season, sure to tickle your funny bone. Mark your calendars now!



THE GOLDEN GOOSE

◀ Director Mike Knarr

The Stone Arch Players will present a children's play this summer, *THE GOLDEN GOOSE*. This "fractured fairy tale" version of the classic story is the story of the Golden Goose and its magical coins, with guest appearances by Hansel and Gretel and Little Red Riding Hood. Directed by recently returned SAP founder Mike Knarr, the show will star regulars Colette Hartzler, Eric Mowery, new member Keisha Baum, and Knarr himself, in a myriad of fantastic roles. Ryne Knarr is the stage manager.

Best news is that admission is FREE to the four performances, which will be held on August 18th and 19th at one p.m. and three p.m. *THE GOLDEN GOOSE* will be staged in the band shell across from the Theatre In The Park in Derry Township Community Park. In case of inclement weather, the venue will be moved to inside the theater. Although aimed at children, the play features enough jokes for elders to keep any adults-in-tow equally entertained.

Please join us for a delightful children's show!



NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During our gala fortieth anniversary celebration at Black's Mansion on June 23, our annual meeting and election of officers was held. Officers were re-elected across the board: Thiry Olbrich as president, Phyllis Johnson as vice president, Anita Rishel as secretary, and Linda Knepp as treasurer. Serving as members at large will be Ron Patterson, Colette Hartzler, Bradley A. Williams, Alan Peoples, and newly elected Mike Knarr.

Congratulations to all!



Vice President Johnson and Secretary Rishel Re-Elected

OUR Fortieth Anniversary Season! 1967-2007

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All Friday & Saturday performances at 8:00 p.m.

All Sunday performances at 2:00 p.m.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC AND 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!



Left to right: Ann McNabb, Sandy Baker, Mike Knarr, Jane Smith, Judy Snook, Judy Stroup, Thiry Olbrich, and Paul Olbrich.



On June 23, 2007, Black's Mansion in Lewistown was the setting for the Stone Arch Players' annual membership picnic and 40th anniversary celebration. More than 60 members attended the party, which was highlighted by a delicious meal catered by the Waterfront Tavern. A great time was had by all. Kudos to Alan Peoples and everyone else who helped plan the event. Attending the event were several cast and crew members from SAP's very first show, *THE MOUSE THAT ROARED*, in June, 1967.

HARBST RE-ENLISTS



◀ Jill Harbst, right, pictured with pal Abby Hunley.

Jill Harbst, who just completed her first year of working on a cruise ship out of Hawaii, has re-enlisted for another hitch. She will be leaving Lewistown on July 22 and has been assigned to work on the ship "The Pride of Aloha." Her new contract is for six months, but Harbst says she may stay a few months longer to escape Pennsylvania's winter weather. *Best of luck, Jilly!*

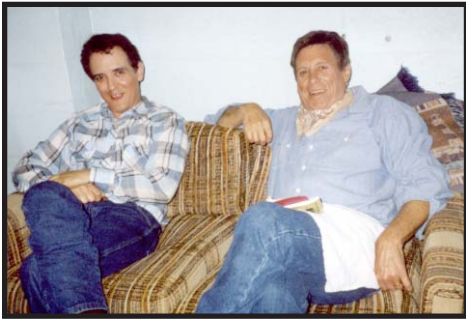


Jim Shannon as drawn by Eric Mowery

We treasure our treasurer, Linda Knepp, whether she's handling our money, or appearing as a grumpy cab driver in *IT'S ONLY A PLAY*.



SUMMER AT THE BOAL BARN



◀ Mark Casamento with Joe Krabill in last season's *THE RAINMAKER*.

Several of our members were cast in productions at the Boal Barn this summer. Ladies' favorite Mark Casamento, who debuted in theater last fall with our production of *THE RAINMAKER* as younger brother Jimmy, appeared in the Barn's first production of the summer, *PLAZA SUITE*.

Starring in the rousing musical classic *DAMN YANKEES* was Bill Daup as Coach Benny Van Buren along with Charlie Wilson as the baseball commissioner. A special night occurred during the run of the show when members of the Fort Granville Grange attended the final Tuesday of the production, and visited with the cast during intermission.

In July, Rhiannon McClintock, our reigning ingenue and now the toast of five theaters, starred in *RAMSHACKLE INN* along with perennial priest George Baumer. George did not play a member of the clergy in this particular production, but did give a highly energetic performance. Rhiannon transformed herself into Rita Hayworth in order to play her second villainous role.

The Barn's final musical of the season *SHE LOVES ME* will run August first through the eighteenth and will star Charlie Wilson in his first major singing role as Mr. Maraczek. Charlie has been practicing his numbers all summer, and trained with Richard Biever's "Singing On Stage" Studio for two years, in preparation. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at 814-234-7228 and further information is available at the State College Community Theater's website: www.scctonline.org.



On Tuesday, June 26, members of the Fort Granville Grange attended the performance of *DAMN YANKEES* at the Boal Barn and visited with the actors during intermission. Lewistown resident Ben Matthews appeared in the cast along with SAP's Charlie Wilson and Bill Daup.



Backstage Helpers

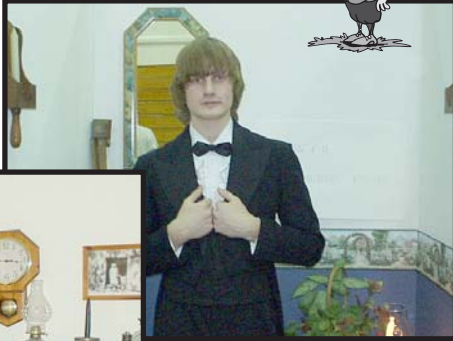


Work Party Fun

THE LIVING MUSEUM



Kyle Yoder portrays Samuel F.B. Morse. ▶



Kyle Yoder, a rising junior at Indian Valley High School, participated in his school's LIVING MUSEUM this year, portraying painter and inventor of the telegraph, Samuel F.B. Morse. The event is a large part of the students' final grade in Mrs. Luv's English class, and work begins months in advance. The students exhaustively study everything that is known about their individual, give several reports on the person, and compile a 200 notecard reference library of facts they then study and memorize. During the event, students must be prepared to answer any and all questions about their subject, whom they portray in a setting of their own device.

Earlier in the year, Kyle also participated in an event called COFFEE HOUSE for his English class, during which students dressed as hippies and recited poetry.

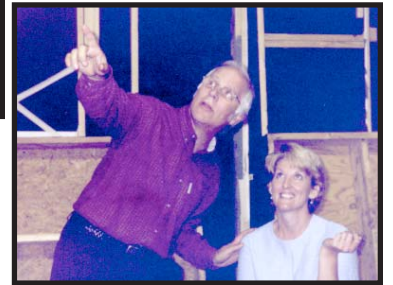
He was last seen on the Stone Arch stage in March as Gus P. Head in *IT'S ONLY A PLAY*.

Rhiannon McClintock appeared with the Tyrone Community Players in *CRIMES OF THE HEART* March 16 and 17. She played middle sister, Meg.



A Handsome Pair: Board Member Brad Williams and Veep Phyllis Johnson.

Ian Blake appeared in Austin earlier this year in a production of *BIG RIVER*. He is pictured with Broadway star Lawrence Hamilton, who played "Jim."



Third Director of new season, Colette Hartzler, is pictured rehearsing last year's *RAINMAKER* with George Baumer.



◀ Jill Harbst was feted by the cast of *KILLJOY* this spring at J.P. Edward's restaurant upon her return from her hitch in Hawaii. Pictured left to right are Mike Crone, Alan Peoples, Phyllis Johnson, Lindsey Gearhart, Eric Mowery and friend Trish, Nate Smith, Bill Daup, Abby Hunley, Jill Harbst, and Rhiannon McClintock.



STONES FROM THE PAST

A Fortieth Anniversary Classic Photo

... presents Ron Patterson directing Thiry Olbrich and Linda Kauffman in 1986's *ABSENCE OF A CELLO*. *CELLO*'s cast also featured Bob Robinson, Joan Knepp, Laura Mulrenan, Kevin Moist, and Bill Daup.

