



## FALL QUARTERLY 2011



### FALL SHOW AT SAP WILL BE MURDER!

MURDER ON ARRIVAL, a classic 60's mystery will be the first offering of the Stone Arch Players this season. Written by George Batson, the show will be directed by Thiry Olbrich and stage managed by Colette Hartzler. Olbrich, our premier director, founding member, and president of our group is known for her excellent adaptations of murder mysteries, including last season's DIAL M FOR MURDER, LAURA, and THE UNEXPECTED GUEST.

A bevy of SAP favorites grace the cast, including Tony Poorman, returning after a long hiatus from our group, Cara Harmon, Rob Burns, Melissa Brannen, Bill Daup, and Chris Brannen. Newcomer Rachel Jones will be introduced in the role of "Marlene."

The story concerns Jane Palmer (Brannen), widowed young artist, who gets involved in sinister happenings when she rents charming but lonely Brook Hollow. The cottage was the scene of a brutal murder years before, and Jane finds a new mystery when a corpse is discovered practically upon her arrival. Surrounded by uneasy neighbors including Kitty and Peter Collier (Harmon and Burns), and Fred (Poorman), a former suitor, Jane soon finds reasons to suspect all of them. Events become more puzzling when Steve Taylor (Brannen), handsome and just out of the army, arrives and declares he has been invited to come live at Brook Hollow by the mysterious slain man. Jane, too, is considered a suspect and is swiftly plunged into unexpected thrills, comedy and romance. The play ends in a terrifying climax in which Jane . . . but that would be telling!

MURDER ON ARRIVAL will run November 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th, and 20th. The 13th and 20th will be the Sunday matinee performances at 2:00 p.m. with all other performances at 8:00 p.m.

MURDER ON ARRIVAL! Don't miss it!

### SEASON SLATED

The Stone Arch Players have chosen their 2011-2012 season and a terrific line up it is! Starting off in November, MURDER ON ARRIVAL directed by Madam Prez Thiry Olbrich will thrill the audiences and offers an all star cast in a classic who-done-it.

In February and March of 2012 Veep Phyllis Johnson directs a zany comedy, DROP DEAD. What happens when a bunch of goofy actors performing a murder mystery start getting murdered for real? Drop in on DROP DEAD and find out!

Alan Peoples is director of May's show, THE PSYCHIC. When a down-on-his-luck writer pretends to be a psychic to make the rent, the characters he draws in lead him to a tangled murder mystery/comedy of sorts. Murder. Murder. Murder. It would appear to be the year of the murder for the Stone Arch Players.

With this murder mystery, farce, and comedy mystery in the line-up, another great year at The Theatre In The Park seems assured!

### A NIGHT OF LAUGHS

The Stone Arch Players hosted their second annual night of stand-up comedians this summer on June 4th at the Theatre In The Park. Again, four comedians--Perry Rohrer, Jared Horning, Jasiel Ayala, and Ryan Colwell--made the journey from Harrisburg and entertained the audience with their slick humor. Although a tense moment occurred when one of them "dropped the F bomb," it passed quickly, and Veep Phyllis Johnson assures audiences that this will never happen again on our stage.

Here's to next year's night of stand up comedy at the Stone Arch Players!

## Our Forty-Fourth Anniversary Season! 1967-2011 at the Theatre In The Park

### "MURDER ON ARRIVAL"

By George Baston

Murder Mystery, Directed by Thiry Olbrich

Performances: 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays

November 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19

2:00 p.m. Sundays, November 13 and 20

### "DROP DEAD"

By Billy Van Zandt & Jane Milmore

Farce, Directed by Phyllis Johnson

Performances: 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays

February 24, 25, March 2, 3, 9, and 11

2:00 p.m. Sundays, March 4 and 11

### "THE PSYCHIC"

By Sam Bobrick

Comedy-Mystery, Directed by Alan Peoples

Performances: 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays

May 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19

2:00 p.m. Sundays, May 13 and 20

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### ANNUAL PICNIC, ELECTION AND CONFAB HELD

The Stone Arch Players held their annual picnic on June 23rd in Derry Township Park outside The Theatre In The Park. Fun and franks were enjoyed by all, and the election went smoothly with no major challengers to any office. Thiry Olbrich, Phyllis Johnson, Alan Peoples and Linda Knepp once again make up the officers. Elected to new two year terms are Mike Cramer, Susan Turns, and Colette Hartzler.



### STONE ARCH PLAYERS AT PUTNAM COUNTY

During Mike Knarr's stellar run in THE 25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE, Stone Archers Brad Williams, Mike Smith, Abby and Rob Burns, and Jessica Smith all turned out to support their hometown boy. A delightful evening was had by all.



**MIKE  
KNARR  
AT THE  
BOAL BARN**

Mike Knarr made his debut with the State College Community Theatre this June and July as the Vice-Principal in THE 25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE, and was hilarious as the out-of-control singing and dancing administrator. He is pictured with Laura Saxe, a professional actress from Chicago who now lives in State College.



Knarr not only appeared with the group this summer, he also directed their final show of the season, Ken Ludwig's LEADING LADIES, which featured SAP regular Eric Kress debuting at the Barn in a pivotal role.

Congratulations to both of these SAP members!

**McCLINTOCK  
MOVES  
TO BIG APPLE**

Rhiannon McClintock, the most popular woman in community theatre, has moved to New York City. The life-long State Collegian thought it was "the right time to shake things up and try something new." She enjoys the fact that she will still be close to home, and also already has friends and family in New York City. Although she is focusing on "jobs that pay the bills first," she is also hoping to find theater opportunities.

McClintock reports that she saw some shows at the NYC

Fringe Festival before they had to cancel things for Hurricane Irene. She "had a volunteer ushering gig with The Brick Theatre in Brooklyn," but that was also canceled for the same reason. She hopes to next get involved as volunteer with some off Broadway theaters.

Since the last edition of this newsletter, McClintock has appeared in her favorite play, NOISES OFF with No Refund Theatre, HAPPY LANDINGS, a staged reading for the Nittany Valley Shakespeare Festival New Play Series, LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS with Love & Light Productions, and A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE at Altoona's Mishler Theater.

The Stone Arch Players, with whom McClintock performed in her first play, wish her the best of luck and can't wait to hear of her further successes!



**KATIE STAHL TO STAR**

Katie Stahl has been cast in CABARET at West Chester University where she is attending college. Congratulations, Katie!

**ENGAGEMENT  
ANNOUNCED**

Long time member of the Stone Arch Players, Ronald Patterson of Lewistown, and Joan Hepner Wilson of Milroy are engaged to be married in the summer of 2012.

He is employed by Merf-WIEZ Radio. She is employed by the Mifflin County School District.



**NO SEX PLEASE, WE'RE BRITISH**

Charlie Wilson and Bill Daup both starred in the spicy comedy NO SEX PLEASE, WE'RE BRITISH this June at the Boal Barn. The farce, which concerns accidental pornographers in Swinging 60s England, featured Wilson as a stuffy bank manager and Daup as an afro-sporting twit.

**RISHEL'S BLACK BELTS**



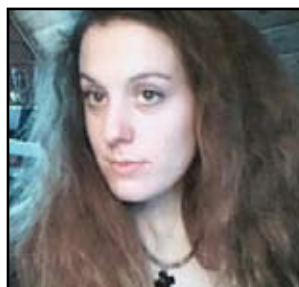
Anita Rishel's grandchildren Reagan and Declan both received their black belts in karate this July. Grammy Anita admits she was "very proud of them . . . even though I had a hard time when they were sparring with their opponents. . . I had to hide my face in my hands more times than I want to admit."

**ZEIDERS HONORED WITH MAGAZINE COVER**

Destiny Zeiders, who has appeared with the Stone Arch Players for many years and was most recently seen in RUMORS, is also an avid horsewoman. She recently received the honor of being chosen to appear on the cover of the monthly Appaloosa Journal. Zeiders did not know of the photo choice prior publication, and told friends she was totally surprised. She added that "It's pretty cool because unlike the Quarter Horse Journal and other breed magazines, you can't buy the cover!"



**ZOMBIES AND DOGS**



Meredith Snook, who has done costuming for several SAP shows including THE AMOROUS AMBASSADOR, and CHARLIE'S AUNT, spent the summer working for the Little Theatre of Mechanicsburg. In July she costumed their production of SYLVIA in which a woman plays a dog and turns a family's life topsy-turvy. More recently she designed the special effects make-up for their ZOMBIE PROM, and oversaw the application of

it each night of the run, with the assistance of friend, Devin Varner.