

# ACT ★ Preview



ACT/February 2008



## A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED

“Say what?”...you ask.

Archbold Community Theatre has begun rehearsals to bring you another one of Agatha Christie’s most delicious mysteries, *A Murder Is Announced*. Even better, this is a Miss Marple mystery; one of Christie’s most endearing characters of all time.

Miss Marple, played by Fairy Riter, Stryker, was *THE* leading lady sleuth long before anyone ever heard of JB Fletcher and *Murder She Wrote*.

The show starts with an “Announcement” in the local paper stating the time and place of a murder that will occur in Miss Blacklock’s (played by Peggy Wright-Patterson, Archbold) early Victorian home in the rural community of Chipping Cleghorn, England.

Soon, her household as well as many curious neighbors, a very determined inspector, (Troy Christman, Montpelier) and his trusty sergeant (Todd Parnell, Archbold), all descend on her home...before and after the murder.

This is a classic Agatha Christie mystery that will keep you intrigued from beginning to end with humor, mystery, and even a little romance.

The cast is rounded out with Jan Delaney, Teresa Van Sickle, Sara Leininger, and David Stuckey, all from Archbold; Nic Ennen and Faith Miller, Bryan; Candice McMath, Defiance; and Theron Steinke, Montpelier.

The show is directed by Steve Van Sickle, and assisted by Jeff Patterson, both of Archbold.

Match wits with your friends and neighbors as well as Miss Marple, and see if YOU can solve the crime before she does.

Plan on attending at least one of the performances to see if your crime solving talents emerge. Show dates are Feb. 22, 23, 29, March 1 and 2.



## Thanks For The Donations

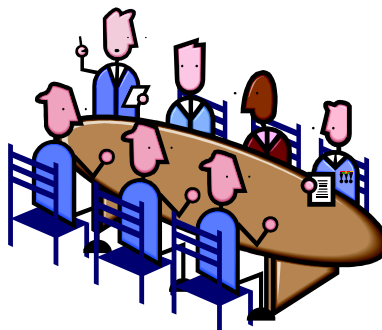
Archbold Community Theatre accepts donations of clothing, furniture, and general household items to use for costumes and sets. If you have items to donate, please contact any Board member.

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## Committee Reports

**Reading:** The reading committee is busy finalizing selections for the 2008/2009 ACT season. Once that is done, the process will begin again for the 2009/2010 season. If there is a play or musical you'd like them to look at, contact Brenda Canada ASAP.



**Facilities:** Ed Mooney and Bill Phelps have been working hard getting Giffey Hall organized.

Ned Gisel headed up a group of volunteers that worked on our heating system. They got a lot done and then we had to call in Kevin's Plumbing and Heating to finish up.

**Production:** The production committee is getting everything ready for our next production, *A Murder is Announced*. As soon as that show is over they will be gearing up for the summer production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Production is responsible for all "behind the scene" aspects of the show such as; ticket sales, publicity, set building and painting, ushers, etc. If you are interested in helping out with any of these projects, contact Ed Mooney or Teresa Van Sickle.

As time allows, organization to our costume storage area is being done. Donna Kinsman organized our kitchen and Herb Miller pulled out the bushes in front of Giffey Hall for landscaping to start in the spring.

There is still plenty to do. So...if you are interested in helping with any projects, let Randy Rohrs or Teresa Van Sickle know.

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## KOHL'S CARES FOR KIDS



Wow! What a great program. ACT was lucky enough to benefit from this outstanding program during 2007. What is this program? The Kohl's program partners with non-profit organizations to benefit kids. All the non-profit group needs to do is contact their local Kohl's store to request assistance for their event, fill out an application to be a partner, and write a letter explaining how the grant will be used to benefit children.

Kohl's requires that at least 5 employees help and have to put in at least 3 hours partnering with the project. They, in turn, pay the organization \$500 for allowing their people to volunteer.

We applied for the Kohl's grant for our children's production of *Tom Sawyer*. Some of their employees were in the cast, some helped on sets and some helped usher. We used the grant money to offset the costs of putting on the production.

We really appreciated Kohl's support. It was a great experience for all involved.

***Thank you Kohl's for caring about kids!***



## OCTA News

Your delegate, Fairy Riter, attended the November 2007 meeting of OCTA in Genoa, where we were treated to a catered meal from Sheryl Allen.

Pizza soup, sandwiches, salad and Crème Brule were served. The salad and dessert were delicious. Not that the soup and sandwiches weren't, but...ask someone why I don't know if they were.

The Ohio Legislature is working on a proposal, supported by OCTA, to make April Ohio Community Theater Month. A mid-winter institute is set for February 15, 16 and 17 in Marietta, hosted by Mid-Ohio Valley Players.

OCTA Jr. is July 26, at the Columbus Performing Arts Center. It is unfortunate that our children's shows are just after this. It is very difficult to get the original cast together after almost a year off. Performances at regional festivals and the State conference are 45 minutes; 40 minutes set-up/performance, and 5 minute set strike.

The regional festival is in Lima this year on June 13 and 14. My plans have been in place since last year. How about yours?

## T.V. Talk

submitted by Teresa Van Sickle, President

### Happy New Year!

I hope 2008 is off to a great start for all of you. As we start off a new year I thought it would be a great time to thank everyone for all their efforts in 2007.

First of all, thanks to all of our advertisers and members. As a non-profit organization we could not stay in business without your financial support.

Next, thanks to everyone that came to see our shows. Without you there would be no reason to put on a production.

Thanks to everyone that donated costumes, props, building supplies, etc. We are fortunate to have so many resources available to us.

A big **Thanks** to all who purchased Krispy Kreme doughnuts from our board members. The money raised from that fund raiser helped pay our bills over the summer months.

Thanks to all the actors and actresses that have been in ACT productions. Obviously, there wouldn't be a show without you.

Thanks to the directing teams. Without your willingness to lead, the productions couldn't happen. Thanks to all the people that worked behind the scenes for each production. It takes a lot of people to design, build, and paint sets, create programs, sell tickets, do publicity, run lights and sound, usher, etc.

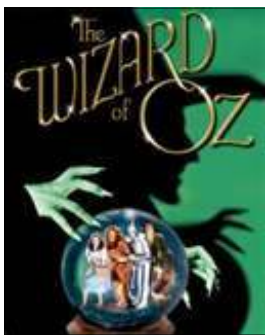
Once again, without all these jobs being taken care of, there would be no show.

Thanks to all the people that gave of their time and talents to get several necessary jobs done. We were able to spruce up our annex building, reroute and fix our heating system, get rid of bushes in front of our building, keep our parking lot and sidewalks cleared, get our light display up and down in Ruhlley Park, get a lot of reorganization done in Giffey Hall and our costume storage area.

Finally, thanks to all the board members and committee members for their hard work. A special thanks to Bill Phelps for his leadership of the board. He kept us on track and made sure that everything got done to ensure a successful season.

As you can see by the number of people I needed to thank (and I am sure I didn't cover everything), Archbold Community Theatre is a joint effort. It takes lots of people to get everything done.

So... in 2008 please consider getting involved. Become a member, be in a show, help behind the scenes, or just come to our productions. Together we can make 2008 an outstanding year!



## Announcing The Wizard of Oz Auditions!!

*The Wizard of Oz* auditions are April 21 & 22, from 6-9 p.m. in Giffey Hall, Ridgeville Corners. This is a family show, which allows you, as a family, to participate. Ages 5 to 100+ are welcome. Come prepared with a one minute song, showcasing your voice. You may audition as a family as long as each individual has a solo. A short choreography session will be given: very simple choreography will be used. The show will be directed by Brenda Canada and assisted by Teresa Van Sickle. This is a great show to enjoy and be involved in as a family. If you have any questions, contact Brenda Canada at [canadafamilyus@yahoo.com](mailto:canadafamilyus@yahoo.com).





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# ACT's 2007/2008 Season

February/March: The who dunnit in Agatha Christie's, *A Murder is Announced* comes to Giffey Hall.

Summer 2008: We're off to see...*The Wizard of Oz*.

September/October: The children's production of *Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen*, is sure to make you laugh.

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