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Out of Sight...Out of Murder

Out of Sight...Out of Murder” opens on Thursday, Oct.6. Other play dates are Oct. 7, 8, 9 and 13, 14, 15, 16. Evening performances are 7pm Thursday through Saturday and 2pm matinees on Sundays. Tickets: Adult \$10 and kids under 18 \$5. Call 715-526-2525 to reserve tickets for general admission seating. Patrons can now make online reservations at: www.brownpapertickets.com

Author Peter Knight is trying to write a murder mystery in the setting of an old Victorian mansion. An electrical storm occurs (of course!), making the atmosphere...well, electric. A cosmic snafu is caused by this storm, causing his characters to come to life! And what characters they are: a lovely ingénue, a trusty butler, the always pregnant maid, a wily lawyer who is waiting for midnight to read the will, and more. Peter loses control of his characters and there is a murder...the intended victim, Peter! The culprit is among the characters, all who have “worked” for other authors and know a great deal about the subject. Sound intriguing? Good! Come to the Mielke and enjoy “Out of Sight...Out of Murder”, directed by Cheryl Jones Ritter. Amy Steenbock is Assistant Director.

Cast members for this comedy/mystery include Dave Hackbarth, Jenny Lynn Pecore, Libby Reineke, Mary-Beth Kuester, Kris Anderson,

Jodi Angeli, Jerot Ritter, Nathaniel Madsen and Bob Ravenscroft.
See You At The Mielke!

Miles of Art at the Mielke

The Mielke Arts Center will be one of the hosts for the Shawano Country Miles of Art Tour which is planned for October 8 and 9. Because the current play, “Out of Sight...Out of Murder” will be running at the theatre, we will be hosting for one day only, Saturday, October 8 from 10am to 4pm. Cheryl Folkerts and Ann Van Grinsven will be the hosts, along with volunteers Will Church, Libby Reinke, Mary-Beth Kuester, Emil Kriewaldt, Joyous Bowen and others. Judith Bryant, Carole Kurkiewicz, Stephen Wysocki, Soon Stezenski, Gary Gurnee, Wayne Damp and Gayle Smoot will be demonstrating their various artistic techniques under the big tent. Their work will also be for sale. Volunteers will be providing tours of the theatre, showing the set for the current play, and also a peek at the dressing rooms and other areas. It will give an inside look at what is entailed to put on a production. In addition, it will give patrons a first hand look at our need for expansion of the theatre.

This first-time event, spon-

sored by the Shawano Chamber of Commerce, will showcase artists from Shawano county and beyond. Artists featured at various locations represent all aspects of art from painting to pottery. There will be seven host locations: Mielke Arts Center (seven artists), Judy Andrews Pubanz Studio – portrait artist(six guest artists), David Rand Studio-pottery (six guest artists) all in Shawano; David Aschenbrener Studio – cast bronze, Simon Levin Studio – wood fired pottery (six guest artists), Old Feed Mill (six artists) – all in Gresham, WI. Moving west to WOWSpace in Wittenberg, WI., their gallery will feature 23 artists! The artistry includes basketry, textiles, glass jewelry, watercolors, photography and more.

The art studio tours take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, 10am to 4pm. As stated above, the Mielke tour is on Saturday, the 8th, only. Refreshments will be served at all locations, and some will feature musical entertainment as well. For a complete list of artists with photos of their work, go to www.smartwisconsin.com.

Come visit us at the Mielke and take this wonderful Fall tour of creative and visual arts.

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Mielke Christmas Spectacular

Make the Mielke Christmas show a part of your holiday tradition. This year the musical song and dance program has been expanded to four performances, with two 2:00 PM matinees on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4 and two evening shows at 7 PM on December 1 & 2.

Written and directed by Mary-Beth Kuester, the musical and dance revue will feature the Step N Sisters as the famed New York precision dance team, a live nativity and holiday dramatic presentations including The Gift of the Magi and new and old favorite songs of the season. Sandra Wehmeyer is the musical director.

There is no admission charge for this show and reservations are not required. All proceeds from a free will offering will go to the Happily Ever After No Kill Animal Shelter and the Shawano Humane Society.

Shawano Folk Music Festival

The 33rd annual Shawano Folk Music Festival is over. The tents and stages are down, chairs are put away, musicians have gone home, and Mielke Park is once again a quiet haven in Shawano. The Festival is over. And what a weekend it was!

For two and a half days, the sounds of fiddles, guitars, banjos, steel drums, mandolins, laughter and song filled Mielke Park and Mielke Arts Center.

Children made Bubble Wands with Mary Winters and drummed with Michael Hough; David Tamulevich taught budding musicians about the music business; Kay Kuester-Doran taught people how to dance the hula; and Elena Higgins taught traditional Maori dances. Fine crafters showed their wares as Island Magic played steel drums. Leahy's Luck played rousing Irish music and Mark

Dvorak invited people to sing along. Nancy Rafal demonstrated the old art of chair caning as the music of Mustard's Retreat came through the trees.

Families watched fish from area lakes in the Wisconsin DNR's Traveling Aquarium as Vibhas Kendzia played "Music for the Fish" on his flutes. A few lucky people won beautiful handmade quilts, other handmade treasures and CDs. Indigie Femme played music that sprang from Navajo and Maori traditions; Don Morman invited his audience to sing with his family; AJ Srubas and Eddie Biebel had people hopping; Chris Kokesh played songs of life and love; John Doxtator and Cliff Ellertson played our favorite songs; and Macyn Taylor wowed musicians and audience alike with her exuberance and guitar skills. Mustard's Retreat (David Tamulevich and Michael Hough), from Ann Arbor, MI, were selected as the Honorary Co-Directors for the 2012 Shawano Folk Music Festival.

It took the work of many hands to create this family weekend. The Festival planners thank all the volunteers, the advertisers, the sponsors, supporters, partners and donors, and all who attended.

The 2011 Festival is over, but it's time to think about the 2012 Festival. We begin planning and selecting performers now. If you'd like to know more about becoming a Festival volunteer, please contact us at shawanofestival@hotmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

President's Report



I'm sitting here and racking my brain for this article. The Fair is almost over, the weather is cool, (I may have to start the furnace tonight), and I don't know where the summer has gone. I did have a shoulder replacement in July and that is a time driven healing process. I should be in good shape by Christmas.

We had a good year so far with the events held at the Mielke. Father Don's "Characters" started off the season. It was written by him and gave us some insights on people he had met over the years or had envisioned. I saw a lot of parallels in some of the characters. We had a musical group from the Sheboygan area specializing in folk, old time, mountain music and New Orleans type jazz. We hope to have more such groups and variety in the future along with our regular fare. As usual, The Wolf River Homeschoolers put on an excellent show benefiting their program. Our musical this year was the stage adaptation of the opera "AIDA" with music written by Elton John. We had hoped for a larger attendance figure, but those who came were surprised and impressed by the performance and the professionalism demonstrated in the show.

The next one will be a murder mystery, "Out of Sight...Out of Murder", with a touch of comedy. Its showing is October 6-9 and October 13-16, and is being directed by Cheryl Jones-Ritter. Yes, she is the same person who directs the homeschoolers. Loads of patience and knowledge. We will finish the year with our "The Mielke Christmas Spectacular" on December 1, 2, 3, 4.

I had hoped to be able to announce our expansion/remodeling project was underway by now, but we still need some funding. The ba-

sic design, scope and estimates are completed and we are working on the interior décor. We want to make the entrance to the theater appealing to all, supportive of the arts, and functional as a gallery. We will be actively trying to raise the final funding over the winter. Steve Dreher and I are hoping we can get through the winter with our temporary "Blue" roofing. We are still looking for businesses or individuals interested in donating for the naming rights for some of the updated or remodeled places. We have 5 main areas including each of the dressing rooms, the festival music and sales area, the "Green Room", and the lobby/gallery. Each of those would make a showplace for you or your business to express your support for the theater and the arts. Please contact a member of the Board or me if you are interested and we will get back to you.

Tom Suttner
President SCAC

What's Going On At The Mielke...

Ann Van Grinsven

The show season for 2012 was presented for approval to Guild members by Tom Webster, Production Advisory Chair, at our Sept. meeting. The members approved the following: the comedy "Harvey" directed by Mary-Beth Kuester with ass't director Sandra Wehmeyer, Mar. 22-25 & March 29-April 1. The first choice for the summer musical is "Jesus Christ Superstar", providing we can get the rights to perform it. Second choice is the musical "Little Shop of Horrors". Kari Devine will be the musical/drama director. Kari was the musical director for "Aida" this past summer. Show dates will be July 12-15 & 19-22. The fall show will be "On Golden Pond", with co-directors Jodi Angeli & Tom Webster, to be presented Oct. 18-21 & Oct. 25-28. Should be an exciting year!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Out of Sight...Out of Murder
A Mystery Comedy directed by Cheryl Jones-Ritter Oct 6-9, 13-16

Miles of Art at the Mielke
October 8.

Mielke Christmas Spectacular – Music & Dance
Directed by Mary Beth Kuester
December 1, 2, 3, & 4.

Harvey
March 22-25 & 29 - April 1

Summer Musical
July 12-15 & 19-22

Shawano Folk Music Festival
August 10, 11 & 12

On Golden Pond
Oct 18-21 & 25-28

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