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BLACK SWAMP PLAYERS, INC.

April 2015

From the President

Hello BSP Members,

Happy Spring!! Spring means the hope of flowers and green grass...green grass is what we see on golf greens...which leads me to an invitation to come see "Death by Golf" our April play. This is a quick paced comedy—mayhem in the home of a golf fanatic—it will be a lot of fun! In addition to the pleasure of the show, each ticket holder gets to put his or her name into a drawing to win a round of golf with a cart at one of two country clubs in Bowling Green! Bowling Green Country Club and Stone Ridge Country Club have generously donated golf rounds to BSP for some lucky winners!! We look forward to seeing you at one of our 6 performances—April 17,18,19 or 24,25,26 at the First United Methodist Church.

BSP is also rolling out a new website—it is still in the works, but we are looking forward to being even more accessible to the public. Thanks to Guy Zimmerman for a making that possible.

Finally—my favorite topic- YOU and BSP !! I think there might be some of you reading this newsletter who has thought to themselves, " It would be fun to be involved with a play somehow..." and you are correct!! For a play to happen, we need creative people to make the artwork and to promote it; talented folks to build the set and paint it; more energetic people to find all the props necessary for the show; a stage manager and crew to make sure those props are in the right place at the right time; actors; directors; tech persons to help with lighting and sound; ushers and then when it 's all over—the set has to be dismantled and everything put back!

If any of those various tasks sound interesting to you—please email me at president@blackswampplayers.org and I will put your name on a list for future productions.

Thank you and have a lovely spring!
Deb Shaffer
BSP Prez



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Up Next!



April 17, 18 24 & 25 at 8:00 p.m.

April 24 & 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Death by Golf by Gregg Kreutz

It is a warm, sunny day in Florida when an escaped convict (Tony Rydell), an anxious bride (Emily Remaklus), a scheming new husband (Bradley King), and a suspicious attorney (Deb Shaffer) all convene at Grandpa's (Guy Zimmerman) house. It doesn't take long for Grandpa to realize he needs to reschedule his golf game. This lively combination of uproarious comedy and terrifying murder mystery revolves around the uncanny resemblance between the escaped convict Tony and the recent bridegroom Prescott. Grandpa's grand-daughter Ashley, the newlywed, is desperately attempting to figure out who the real murderer is sometimes helped and sometimes hindered by her golf-fanatic grandfather and a mysterious visiting attorney named Muriel. As the suspense mounts and the violence intensifies, Ashley slips into increasing hysteria, Muriel discovers the murderer's evil agenda, and Grandpa, drawing upon an unsuspected hidden reserve of inner strength, fine-tunes his stroke.

Come and join us at Grandpa's house on April 17, 18, 24, 25 at 8 pm and April 24 and 26 at 2 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 1506 E. Wooster, Bowling Green. You could win a round of golf with a cart generously donated by two of our local country clubs—Bowling Green Country Club and Stone Ridge Country Club. Drawings will be held on both Sunday performances. You do not need to be present to win. This show is directed by Inge Klopping and presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., New York, NY 1007. Tickets are available at Grounds for Thought--\$12 Adult and \$10 Senior/Student.

Save the Date!

Save the Date for the Swampy Banquet!

Save the date Monday, May 18, for the annual Swampy Banquet and Membership Meeting. The event will be at the Bowling Green Country Club, with a buffet dinner at 6:30 at a cost of \$20 per person. The awards program and meeting will follow at 7:30. You can attend the program even if you cannot attend the dinner. The annual meeting of the organization will include the election of officers and board members for the following year. All members of Black Swamp Players have a vote.



2015 -2016 Season of the Black Swamp Players

Join us for a diverse, fun-filled season!

September 18-20, October 2-4, 2015

"The Black Bonspiel of Wullie MacCrimmon" directed by Dennis East.

Join for a rousing and different opener. From the fertile mind of one of Canada's best playwrights, W. O. Mitchell presents this Faustian tale set in the fictional town of Wild Rose about curling, the devil, a crusader against Sunday curling and unusual members of Wullie's and the devil's curling teams. Will Wullie sell his soul to win the national curling championship of Canada? Will curling take place on stage? Come see - join the fun.

November 2015

BSP moves out in December to two/three different BG venues to present a bill of **One Acts** -- "Check, Please," directed by Lane Hakel, "Sure Thing," directed by Guy Zimmerman," and "I'm Herbert" (from "You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running") director TBA. These nights of delightful one acts will support BSP and upcoming projects with desserts and liquid libations! Watch for additional information at www.blackswampplayers.org and publicity as November draws near.

February 19-21 and 22-24, 2016

"Seussical The Musical" directed by Keith Guion with musical director, Josh Wang.

Jumpin Jahoshaphat! Holy Moly Guacamole!! -- "Seussical The Musical" is coming to the BSP stage. The Cat in the Hat serves as host and MC -- and occasional participant -- to the effort of Horton The Elephant to protect the people of Who-Ville. The Butter Side Uppers/Downers, Gertrude McFuzz, and other familiar characters from Dr. Seuss' books join the fun. You can too!!

April 15-16, 22-24, 2016

"Getting Sara Married" directed by Willard Misfeldt.

Join us for fun and light hearted entertainment! Sara Hastings, an unmarried lawyer, is just too busy to get involved romantically. But her Aunt Martha has other ideas and sets out to find Sara a husband. Ole Aunt Martha picks her financial assistant Brandon Cates, who is already engaged to marry another, for Sara and employs an unconventional method to seal the deal. Will Sara relent and marry? What will Brandon decide to do -- once he regains consciousness? Will Aunt Martha be pleased?

"A bright and breezy evening of delightful theatre... It is fun and a great change of pace from the daily news and the rest of the world. Don't miss it!" *Jacksonville Review*

Horizon Youth Theatre of the BSP has the following activities available for youth of Northwest, OH:

- Drama Club is the second Thursday of each month at the Woodland Mall from 4:30-6:00 p.m. for kids ages 6-18 for \$5. The meeting space is to the right when entering the mall near the cinema. On April 9th the topic will be "Preparing for Auditions".
- Auditions for the musical "Once Upon a Mattress" will take place at the Woodland Mall from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17th and 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19th. Please see our website or Facebook page for more details
- Come see the musical "Once Upon a Mattress" June 11th, 12th and 13th in the Donnell Theatre of the Wolfe Center on the campus of BGSU - tickets will be available at Grounds For Thought or at the door.

Visit www.horizonyouththeatre.org or visit us on Facebook to learn more about these and upcoming opportunities!



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FOR 2014-2015 SEASON**

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Check us out on the web and on Facebook!

TICKET INFORMATION

Plays - \$12 adult, \$10 for Students and Seniors
The Musical - \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Students and Seniors

GREAT GROUP DEALS FOR BSP PRODUCTIONS!

- A) Discount ticket prices for 10 or more attending all together
 - B) Buy the House!!! BSP will Sell the House for an extra show for your group (excepting the musical)
- *Email BSP or contact Deb to take advantage of the deals*



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