Quilters ... a huge success!

What a way to conclude the ’08-’09 season! It was a such a joy to watch Quilters. The story of these seven women's lives was intricately pieced together scene by scene like the blocks of a quilt. It was tremendous.

Congratulations to Celeste Parsons, Lynn Sullivan, Annah Korpi, and all the cast and crew. The acting, direction, choreography, music, sound, lighting, and (humbly) costumes were superb!

There were excellent houses each night of the production, ranging from 95 on Friday to 122 at Sunday’s matinee. A total of 481 seats were occupied for all four performances! All proceeds went to benefit Stuarts Opera House.

The Quilt behind Quilters

For those of you who had the pleasure of seeing Quilters, you’ll remember at the end of the final scene the reveal of the finished quilt. Each of the blocks represented a scene in the play.

The PieceLovers Quilt Guild and friends of the Nelsonville Quilt Shop were kind enough to donate their time and talent in the making of the quilt. There were 17 ladies that worked on the quilt over the course of several months. Cathy Janes designed the finish quilt and how the blocks were pieced together, then Susan Holmes did the quilting on her longarm machine.

Each quilter made one block for the quilt out of colors that were selected by Cathy, then they each had to make an 18” block out of any fabric for each of the scenes in the play. The ladies had some choice in which block they made, according to what type of quilting they liked to do.

The quilt is being raffled off with the winning ticket to be drawn Thursday night, Sept 10th, at the free concert on the square in Nelsonville.

It isn’t too late to purchase raffle tickets—they can be purchased for $1 (or 6/$5) at the quilt shop during business hours or at the free concert Thursday night.

If you have questions you can call Susan or Cathy at 740-753-3343.
Ready, Set, Go! The 2009/2010 season is off and running!

September marks the beginning of many things, a new school year, crisp fall weather, and of course our new season!


♦ **Dec 4-5: A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens, adapted and directed by Julie Stout.

♦ **Mar 4-7: Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott, adapted by Peter Clapham. Directed by Valerie Schrader, with assistance from Linda Watkins.

♦ **May 7-8 & 14-16: Seussical** by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, based on the works of Dr. Seuss. Sylvia Abbott will direct, and Lynn Sullivan will be musical director.

Please keep posted for important dates for each of these exciting productions!

**DUES ARE DUE!**

The beginning of a new season coincides with the due date for membership dues. **Still just $10/year!** Your dues may be paid at the monthly meeting or, if you prefer, send a check to ABC Players, PO Box 283, Athens, Ohio 45701.

The dues become a small but important part of the operating costs that we need to meet each year, so please help support your community theater not only with your time and talent, which are very much appreciated, but with your membership dues as well. The dues are not a subscription to the newsletter, and since dues are not prorated, renewing your membership now buys you the most months of membership for your $10.

**2009/2010 Season First Meeting**

Please plan to attend our next meeting to be held at The Plains Public Library meeting room:

**Wednesday**

**September 16th**

**6:30 PM**

This will be the first meeting with our new slate of officers. You don’t need to be a member to attend. Come and see what we’re all about!

**September Clean-Up Day**

On Saturday, September 19th, at 10 AM, we will be descending on Stuart’s Opera House to clean house! If you are available and love to get dirty, organize, and/or throw stuff away, then please plan to join the fun.

The purpose is to evaluate and clear out the storage area in the basement of the Opera House. It may be necessary to transfer some of the items currently stored in the basement to the storage locker on East State Street, *in which case we will need pick-up trucks.* We will also be culling items from the prop and costume room to sell at the ABC Players “Garage Sale” on September 26th.

If you can volunteer or have any questions, please email Celeste Parsons at: headwinds2@gmail.com.

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*The Minotaur*
Wyrd Sisters Auditions September 12 & 13

Two Dates/Two Locations:
Saturday, Sep 12
  1 PM
  Arts West, Athens
&
Sunday, Sep 13
  1 PM
  Stuarts Opera House, Nelsonville

This is going to be a blast, so don’t miss the auditions! You only need to be present at one of the auditions.

Scripts are on reserve at the public libraries in Athens and Nelsonville. Further information about the auditions is posted on the ABC Players web site www.abcplayers.org or you can contact the director, Dean Barker: deanbarker@verizon.net.

Wyrd Sisters is based on the novel by Terry Pratchett. It is a general satire of Shakespeare and Macbeth in which a coven of witches must find a refuge for the infant son of the murdered king of Lancre. The performances are slated for October 29-November 1, 2009.

Hope to see you there! Bring a friend or two!

This and That

An Elegant Solution
Our very own special talent, Celeste Parsons, has done it again! Her play, An Elegant Solution, has been chosen as the “Appalachian Choice” for this years Humble Play Festival.
The play is about a small-town high-school student who pursues a large-scale ambition of a career in information technology, with the help of her senior project mentor.
Her play will be read on Friday, October 2nd at 7 PM at Arts West.
Congratulations Celeste!

AHS New Drama Club Teacher
Athens High School has a new Drama Club teacher, Ms. Beth Horton. Beth teaches at Alexander High School and lives in The Plains. She jump-started the school year early in August by meeting several times with the 2009/2010 drama club officers, and has everyone looking forward to an exciting year!

APT/BCP Merger Update
Jim Parsons has received the “Letter of Determination” from the IRS (document needed for ABC Players 501(c)(3) tax exempt status). So it’s official, the merger is complete. The final BCP asset (a CD) has been redeemed and transferred into the ABC Players account. Thanks, Jim!

We’re on Facebook
Check out the ABC Players Facebook page and become a friend if you haven’t already. Thanks to Emily Maluski for getting it up and running for us!
Fall/Winter Regional Theater

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Garage Sale

We are holding a Garage Sale at Stuart’s Opera House on Saturday, September 26th. If you can help with this event please contact Celeste at headwinds2@gmail.com.

Set up begins at 9 AM in the Opera House lobby, opening for business by 10 AM. We will begin organizing for this event on September 19th.

Any help organizing or manning tables will be appreciated! If you can’t help, please come to find that elusive treasure!

Thank you to our outgoing 2008/2009 Officers:

Joe Balding ◇ Cecilia Rinaldi ◇ Celeste Parsons ◇ Jim Parsons
You all did a superb job!