

STAGE WHISPERS

A newsletter for members and friends of Brunswick ACT

ACT presents a murder mystery dinner theatre event!

Death in Them Thar Hills will be ACT's second murder mystery dinner theatre production, our first being *The Auction* in 2003. A cast of volunteer local "actors" and guests will provide both mystery and laughter on Saturday, May 7, at Mapleside's Apple Bin Restaurant. The fun starts at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow. Please note that this is a change in date from our original April date.

Death in Them Thar Hills puts guests in Cactus Gulch, a gold mine town near the Grand Canyon. "Dusty" Jones is being honored by the local residents for his spectacular rise from flat broke wanderer to sole owner of the local mine (in just five short years!) The party includes key community leaders, the saloon owner, the Marshal, Nate Dillman, Chief "Hawk-Who-Watches,"

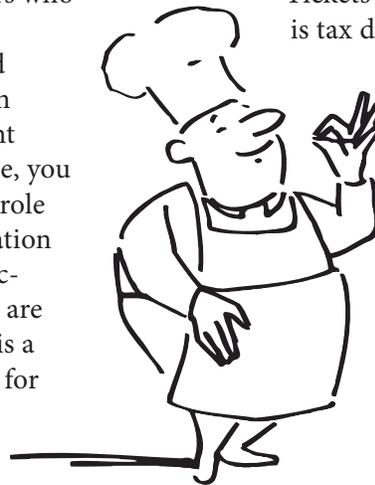
sharp shooter Annie Elmley, the owner of the local bank, and a host of other colorful characters.

Audience members who would like to participate are invited to play roles. Upon arrival on the night of the performance, you will be assigned a role and given information about your "character." No rehearsals are necessary, so this is a wonderful chance for all of you busy people to "get into the act."

Just call ACT at 330-558-0376 and leave your name and phone number. ACT will contact you with more information.

It is not necessary to take a role to attend. You may just come and enjoy the food and the fun.

Tickets are \$40, a portion of which is tax deductible. This is ACT's only fund-raiser of the year, so the event committee asks you to please be generous in your ticket purchases. Bring adult members of your family, neighbors, your co-workers, and your employer. We appreciate your support of the theatre arts in Brunswick!



For reservations, call 330-558-0376. Mapleside's Apple Bin Restaurant, well-known for its delicious specialties, is located at 294 Pearl Road in Brunswick.

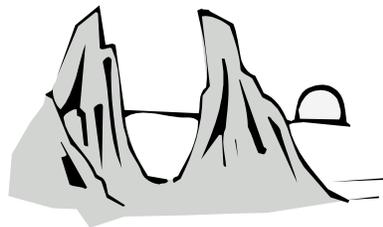
Death in Them Thar Hills

A hilarious murder mystery dinner theatre event

Mapleside's Apple Bin Restaurant

Saturday, May 7, 6 p.m.

Call 330-558-0376 to reserve your tickets today!



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Auditions for:

Oliver!

ACT will hold auditions for its summer production of the enormously popular musical, *Oliver!* on Monday, April 11 and Tuesday, April 12 from 7-9 p.m. at the Brunswick Recreation Center.

Performers of all ages are needed for this very large cast. Many boys and girls of different ages are needed for two children's choruses. Adults and teenaged performers are needed for many singing roles. A couple of non-singing roles are also available.

All auditions will be by appointment only. Children will audition on Monday, April 11 and adults will audition on Tuesday, April 12.

Performers should bring music for their singing audition. An accompanist will be provided. There will also be cold readings from the script. Additional auditions and callbacks will be held the following week as necessary.

Rehearsals will start in May, and the performance dates are Fridays and Saturdays, July 22-23 and July 29-30. The play will be presented on the

Brunswick Performing Arts Center stage.

Nancy Sprowls will direct the show, and Shawn Skeabeck will assist as Technical Director and Producer. Paula Donoian will be Vocal Director, and Ali Gangi Malone will be Choreographer.

Written by Lionel Bart, *Oliver!* enjoyed a successful run in London for more than three years before opening to tremendous critical acclaim on Broadway in 1963. *Variety* called it "One of the smasheroo hits of recent seasons." Another critic wrote, "...if ever there was a show to please everybody, this is it."

Call

330-725-

6443 to schedule a

time or for more information.

CHILDREN/YOUTH THEATRE ACTIVITIES THIS SPRING

Besides auditioning for a role in this summer's ACT production of *Oliver!* children can also enjoy a series of fun classes and workshops offered by the Brunswick Rec Center and ACT.

Barb McGreer, director of the Cultural and Performing Arts programming at the Rec Center, has announced the following classes and events.

"To Be or Not To Be"

Youth drama class

Ages 11-13

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

April 13-June 1

Instructor Stayce Nabors will teach students basic performance skills, as well as how to create characters and perform in scenes. Students will learn about the use of movement and voice and how to create and act out both well-known and original stories. Theatre games and exercises that encourage confidence and creative dramatic knowledge will be the focus of the class as students learn "To Be" a character in a scene. The cost

of the class is \$44 for members of the Rec Center, \$52 for non-members, and \$56 for non-residents.



Puppet class

Ages 8 to 12

Tuesdays and Thursdays

4:30-6 p.m.

April 12-May 12

Call Barb McGreer at the Rec Center at 330-273-8000 for more information.

Theatre Games Drama Mini-Camp Grades 1 and up June 20-June 24

Participants will perform in a short skit at the Old Fashioned Days event on Saturday, June 25. The cost is \$50 for members, \$60 for residents, and \$65 for non-residents. A "Stay the Day" option for open swimming and gym is \$10 extra for the week. Information and registration forms are available at the Rec Center.

Pinocchio Performance

Sunday, April 10

3 p.m.

Rec Center stage

Presented by The Illusion Factory theatre company of Akron. Pre-sale tickets at the center's lobby desk are \$6.50 for adults and \$5.50 for children/youth 15 and under. Group sales of 10 or more receive \$1 off each ticket.

For more information or to register for any of these activities, please call the Rec Center at 330-273-8000.

Chatterbox

Who's Doing What And Where?



Candace Lipton has just finished up as Stage Manager for Westlake's Clague Theatre production of *Later Life*. As that closes, she will play Rosalind in their April production of *Moon over Buffalo*. You may remember that Candace played the "on stage" role of Stage Manager in our ACT production of that show.

If you haven't been to Applebee's in Brunswick yet, you might want to check out some of the "artifacts" hanging in the restaurant from ACT's earlier years.

Art Fenton appeared in the early March Medina Show Biz production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner*.

Bob Kenderes is presently appearing as Mr. Frank in *The Diary of Anne Frank* in Strongsville.

Lucky **Shawn Skeabeck** and his wife have just returned from a vacation cruise, and **Walter Hay** and his wife have visited Brazil.

Paula Donoian is Vocal Director and **Nancy Sprowls** is Assistant to the Director for the Galaxy Players production of *Red, Hot, and Cole*, which runs April 7-10.

ACT board members **Tom Arnold**, **Julie Zabkar**, **Barb McGreer**, and **Nancy Sprowls** have been attending meetings and working with the new Brunswick organization, "Brunswick Art Works." Elected president of the group is **Rosemary Mihacevich**. **Barb Ortiz** is the vice-president and **Gina Tabasso** is the secretary. The group is working toward incorporation and the initiation of several arts-related projects.

Board member **David Lemoyne** has had several interesting projects going this winter. His performance in Weathervane's production of *A Lesson Before Dying* earned him an Excellence in Acting Award at the state OCTA Festival last fall and a cutting from that show is being performed at a Regional AACT Festival this spring. It was selected as the best entry of Ohio's event and thus earned a trip to the Region. Meanwhile, he played a role in Weathervane's February production of *Angels in America*, and a film in which he played a part was selected for showing in the Cleveland International Film Festival. See what we mean by "several interesting projects"?

Thanks to all who contributed to this ACT newsletter:

Nancy Sprowls
Barb McGreer
Julie Zabkar

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BANA CREATIVE SERVICES
330-721-7386



Order Your Tickets Today!

Oliver!

Presented by Brunswick ACT
Friday and Saturday, July 22-23 and 29-30
Curtain time: 8 p.m.
Brunswick High Performing Arts Center Stage

The London & New York Smash Hit Musical!

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Lionel Bart
Directed by Nancy Sprowls

Make your check payable to:
Brunswick Alumni Community Theatre

Mail to:
P.O. Box 600
Brunswick, OH 44212

Call 330-558-0376 for more ticket information.

Please fill out the form below and mail it with your check.

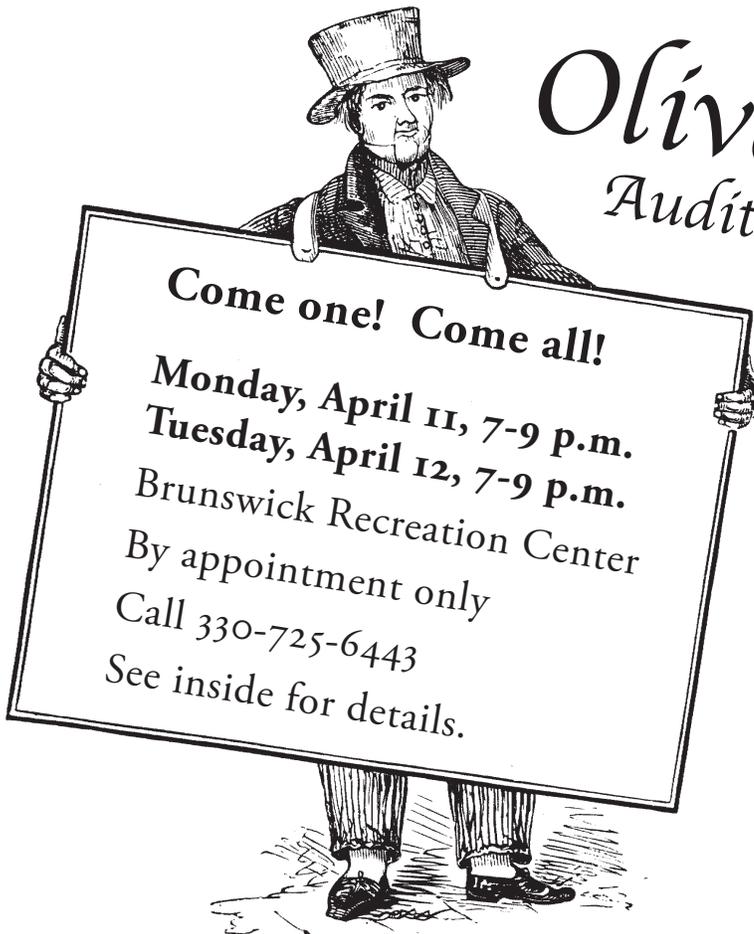
Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone (very important):

Tickets	Price	Qty.	Amount
Adults	\$12		
Children/Seniors	\$10		
Total amount enclosed			

All seats are reserved. Your tickets will be mailed to you. The deadline for mailing ticket requests is July 11.

Oliver!

Auditions



Come one! Come all!

Monday, April 11, 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12, 7-9 p.m.

Brunswick Recreation Center

By appointment only

Call 330-725-6443

See inside for details.

We're Looking for Letters to the Editor

Questions?

Comments?

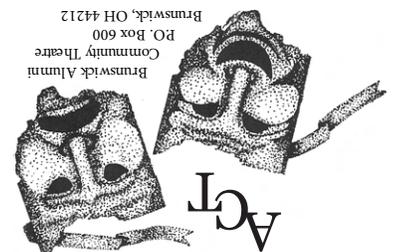
Criticisms?

Put it in writing and send it to ACT. We'd love to hear what you have to say about ACT, this newsletter, or anything else that's on your mind.

We're also looking for info for our **Chatterbox** column. Let us know what shows you have been involved in recently or anything else that might be of interest.

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