



BACKSTAGE



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Tomato Ticket Contest!



Were you the winner?
 How many tickets did you sell for the show?
 Please contact me if you feel you sold the most!
 Martine
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"A Bad Year For Tomatoes" NOT!

Ridgedale Roses to the cast and crew of Tomatoes!!!



From start to finish this was a great show! The set was beautiful and the cast superior!! "I would like to thank the cast and crew for making my directorial debut a success! I am so spoiled I will expect each show I direct to be just like this experience. I appreciate all the hard work from everyone" ~Pamela Shaw Heath, Director

More Roses to out-going President **Greg Bowman** and last years **Board Members** for a terrific year! See page 2 to get acquainted with this years Board!

Ridgedale Roses for **Linda Struble** who was in the right place at the right time. Linda got a donation from **Fancy Colors** of over 100 gallons of paint for the theater! **Jim West** and his suburban came to the rescue and not only picked up the paint, but cleaned out the storage room to make room for the paint!

Jim Steele was working on lights during Tomatoes and had a shocking experience! **Tracy Altman** spent many many hours tracking down the problem and fixed it! Thanks Guys! **Roses to Rick and Bonnie Haines, Kathleen Downing and Julie Scott** for spending time cleaning the paint room! **Roses to the cast and crew of Charlottes Web.** The set was incredible! **Roses to Jim Rink** for the professional Season Ticket Flyer! **Jim** makes us look good.

Meet the Board!



Board Meetings
1st Tuesday
of the month
7:30 pm
Ridgedale

President, Martine Boni Martine has been a member for 30 years and has appeared in many Ridgedale shows as well as a JAR director. Most recently *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Radio Show*. Martine is the current Editor of BACKSTAGE. This is her 2nd term on the Board.

Vice President, Julie Fuller Julie made her stage debut as an Owl for Jar's *Winnie the Pooh* and hasn't stopped since. Most recently as Myra in *A Bad Year for Tomatoes!* This is Julie's 3rd term. Julie also serves as Chairperson for PR&C. Contact her with future play/musical suggestions!

Treasurer, Linda Martini Linda (aka Hussy) has been a member for 29 years. Linda often does costumes when she is not balancing the books! Linda is passionate about saving money for our theater! She wants to see Ridgedale continue strong for years and years to come.

Secretary, Michele Colosi Over the years, Michele has made many contributions to Ridgedale. She was on stage last year in *Two by Two*. Michele has directed TAR, and Asst. Directed. She's crazy about our upcoming musical *Crazy For You* which she will direct! Michele is often seen singing around town performing her own songs!

Member, Suzanne Barcewicz An active member since 1993 this is Suzanne's 2nd year as a board member. Suzanne has appeared in many roles at Ridgedale over the years. Most recently as Reba in *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*. Suzanne is also the Director of Youth Ministry at Our Lady of Refuge church.

Member, Jim West Jim is not new to being a board member. He has served this role before during his many years at Ridgedale. Jim is known for his directing, acting, his set building and most importantly a visionary for our theater. Jim is also part of the "Dream Team" and ready for suggestions on how we can make money to fulfill our dream!

Member Rick Haines Although Rick has been a member since 1994, you rarely see him on the stage. He enjoys the technical aspect of theater and we are lucky to have him. Rick also proof-reads and puts our newsletter in a format that is user friendly. This is Rick's 2nd year as a board member.

Member Sandy Webster Sandy was our secretary last year on the board. In her years at Ridgedale, you have seen Sandy working on and off stage. Most recently in *Move Over Mrs. Markham*. Sandy can be seen on other local stages as well.

Member Julie Scott Since joining Ridgedale for her children, Julie is everywhere but on stage! She is serving her second consecutive term on the board. Julie is very involved with JAR/TAR. We have her to thank for the organization of the costume room! She is a "props" master!

Welcome New Board!



Ridgedaler's Appearing Elsewhere

OOOP's Productions is producing *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* July 17, 18, 19. Jerome Pokorney, Jamie Glenn, and Carl Vanidcour will be featured! For Ticket info 586.758.0789. Sandy Webster and Brian McCown are in *Waiting on Sean Flynn* June 27,28. for more info: [www. neanderthaulactingco.com](http://www.neanderthaulactingco.com)



On the mend.....
Marilyn Smale had surgery in April. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope all is well!

DID YOU KNOW???????????That Ridgedale recently helped Berkley H.S. with their production of "Once Upon A Mattress? We received a Thank You for the loan of props and costumes!!!



CLEAN-UP DAYS ARE HERE! Ridgedale Inc. Board will be hosting its' ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAYS on July 19th and August 9th. This is a great day to share some fun while getting our theater in tip-top shape! If you can manage an hour or two it will be greatly appreciated. Stick around for lunch! Bring shovels, rakes and work gloves. Bring a friend! We will be working inside and out! Every little bit helps so please mark you calendars now!

Season Tickets Now on Sale

Our season ticket package is spectacular this year! For the low low price of \$64.00 you get tickets for all five shows! Season Tickets make great gifts for everyone. Start your Christmas shopping early and give the gift that keeps on giving! If every member of Ridgedale sold one Season Ticket each we would have sell-out performances every time!

2008—2009 SEASON
THE ODD COUPLE SEPTEMBER 12-28
DRACULA, THE MUSICAL NOVEMBER 7-23
PROOF JANUARY 9-25
CRAZY FOR YOU MARCH 13– 29
NOISES OFF MAY 8 –24



Calling All Members

Are you interested in how lights are run? Curious about what it takes to be a prop person? Want to lurk around backstage during a show? Some of the best moments at Ridgedale take place behind the scenes. Try something new this year! Contact a committee chairperson listed below and volunteer to work on a show.

You won't be sorry.

Advertising	Rick Haines/Greg Bowman
Audition Notices	Julie Fuller
Backstage	Martine Boni
Benefits	Suzanne Barcewicz
Billboard	Jeff Jones
Costumes	Julie Scott
CTAM	Linda Martini
Fundraising	Jim West/ Peggy Miller Zelinko
Historian	Tom Arwady
Hospitality	Board Members
House	Diane Dillard
JAR	Julie Scott/Peggy Miller Zelinko
Lights	Rick Haines
Mailings	Linda Martini
Make-up	Julie Fuller
Membership	Dave Scott
One Acts	Greg Bowman / Tom Arwady
Open House	Dave and Julie Scott
Parties	Linda Jones
Play Reading and Casting	Julie Fuller
Photography	Lori Altman
Programs	Michele Colosi
Props	Suzanne Barcewicz
Roster	Dave Scott
Season Tickets	Board Members
Set Construction	Jim West
Set Decoration	Suzanne Barcewicz
Show Flyers	Julie Fuller
Sound	Rick Haines
Tickets	Viki Higle / Martine Boni
Training	Viki Higle/ Kent Martini
Troy Daze	Julie Scott/ Rick Haines
Webmaster	Jim Rink

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR



"The Odd Couple"



by Neil Simon

Director: Mike Niemiec A.D.: Ben Feliciano Producer: Viki Higle

Audition Date: Monday, July 14, 2008 7:00 PM

PERFORMANCES: September 12-28, 2008: Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 PM; Sundays, 2:00 PM

The Odd Couple, with its unforgettable pair of mismatched roommates, made author Neil Simon a cultural phenomenon. After its long run on Broadway, *The Odd Couple* was turned into a successful film in 1968 and then became a popular television series in the 1970's.

CAST OF CHARACTERS: (All characters' ages mid 30's to late 40's)

Oscar Madison: the "messy" half of this famous "odd couple." Oscar takes pity on his best friend, and invites Felix to live with him in his New York City apartment. Within two weeks, however, Oscar regrets the invitation. Oscar's experience with Felix has provoked a change in his personality by the end of the play.

Felix Ungar: the "neat" member of the odd couple. He is obsessive, compulsively tidy, newly separated and nearly suicidal.

Murray: one of the poker players, he's a policeman and a methodical thinker. He is also very gentle and caring, and demonstrates the most concern for Felix. Murray is fairly unflappable, but he is also a bit simple and naive.

Roy: Oscar's accountant and a man with an acute sense of smell. He is the poker player who complains most about air quality and bad odors in Oscar's apartment.

Speed: always in a hurry. He is the impatient poker player: sarcastic, complaining, and even a little mean.

Vinnie: the last of the poker players, is nervous and eccentric. He wants to leave early because he's leaving for a vacation in Florida (in July) the next morning.

Cecily Pigeon: one of the British sisters that live in Oscar's apartment building. She is a little more uninhibited than her sister, Gwendolyn. The sisters will be Oscar and Felix's dinner dates. (Must audition with British accent)

Gwendolyn Pigeon: the "mother hen" of the two sisters. She is British, attractive and has trouble remembering Felix's name. (Must audition with British accent)

Auditions will be held at the **Ridgedale Playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Rd., Troy, MI 48098**
Theater Phone #: 248/689-6241

For more information, contact Director Mike Niemiec: 248/816-3223 or MNiemiec@ameritech.net

or visit our website: www.ridgedaleplayers.com

For ticket information, call 248-988-7049
Tickets: \$14

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Sell a Season
Ticket to someone you
love!

Do you know of a
business that could
benefit from an add in
our program? Contact
the Board!

Mark Your Calendars!

TAR SHOW	June 27, 28 7:30, 29th 2pm
Board Meeting	July 1st, 7:30
Auditions "Odd Couple"	July 14th 7:00pm
Clean-up Days	July 19th, Aug 9th
Board Meeting	August 5th 7:30 pm
Auditions "Dracula the Musical"	August 25th 7:00pm
Dress Rehearsal "Odd Couple"	September 7th 2pm
Troy Daze	September 11-14
Open House	September 20th 1-3pm

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR! I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer.



There are a few great opportunities in the next coming weeks for you to be part of Ridgedale. The TAR show, clean-up days, and auditions for "The Odd Couple".

Know someone who's interested in theater? Bring them to our open house.

This season's slate has something for everyone! Stage Fright? There is always something to do behind the scenes!!!! Make it a point to get active this season!

Have a safe and fun summer. See you at Ridgedale!.