

HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY

Preserving Our Heritage

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Annual Newsletter

2017 President's Letter

The year 2017, our 25th year anniversary, will be known as the year we caught our breath. After the strenuous and busy months of installing the elevator, raising funds for our piano and all the events that went with that, we took a step back in 2017 and renewed our energy to step forward in 2018.

We did, however, continue with our programs in the art room and the rummage sales and both were successful. Our biggest event of the year was the celebration of 25 years of the Harrington Opera House. We celebrated in October with Dr. Jody Graves from Eastern Washington University presenting a piano performance and video program. It was a wonderful evening, and we sat back and enjoyed the fruits of our labor. We presented or were the venue for a variety of other events, pictured later in this newsletter.

The end of the 2017 year brings a long list of things to do for 2018, but we have caught our breath and are looking forward to digging in again.

I look back 25 years and am amazed at what we have done. I step down again as an officer of the Society knowing everything is in good hands, and I feel blessed to have been a part of it all these past years.

Billie Herron 2017 President

New members and volunteers are needed to share in the future accomplishments of the HOHS.









Pictorial 2017 Year in Review







Heather Safe, Instructor





Kevin Hekmatpanah, Cello, & Darin Manica, Piano



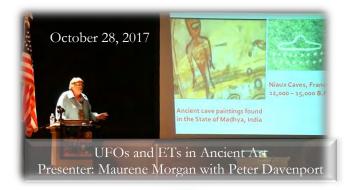


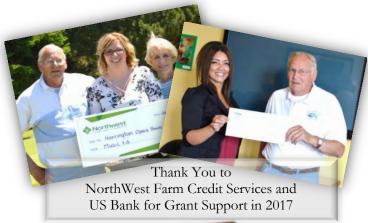
Connie King led art activities in The Art Room through the end of the 2017 school year. Art activities continued this school year with HOHS volunteer, Carol G.



Bridges Home returned to the HOH in August, 2017

Dr. Jody Graves presentation of "Celebrate the Piano" -at the HOHS 25th Anniversary Celebration







2018 President's Letter

Best wishes from the Harrington Opera House Society. The financial and volunteer support we received through 2017 was very much appreciated, without which, we would not have achieved our many building rehabilitation goals or been able to bring the variety of events to our historic venue for area audiences to enjoy.

As we embark upon 2018, we realize there is still much work to be done. While we have accomplished many of our large major goals over the past 25 years, the plans for the beautiful and historic Opera House are still many! We have turned a shell of an historic 1904 building into a beautiful venue with nice amenities such as our Boston Grand Piano by Steinway, an ADA elevator for easy access to the auditorium, and high-speed Wi-Fi.

Yet, some spaces on the ground floor still lack even basic lighting, insulation and heat which could improve building safety and income generating possibilities. Finishing touches are needed throughout the building, not only for aesthetics but to improve heating and cooling efficiency. The auditorium and stage need additional equipment and furnishings to better accommodate, present and expand the possibilities for a variety of events. And while our "to-do" list is long, first we must pay our average \$900 per month overhead costs.

We are excited about our possibilities! Our event schedule so far this year ranges from classical to country. With your ideas and support this will expand! The HOHS continues to seek a variety of sources of income to help with our maintenance, continued building rehabilitation, and underwriting the cost of events.

Throughout the last 25 years, grants have been integral to our funding base. As in all sectors, they are now becoming more and more difficult to come by and so we are hoping that YOU will continue or begin to help us. Let us know what events or activities you would like to see or do or what you think would attract people to come to the Harrington Opera House. To help us continue to fulfill our mission to rehabilitate the historic Harrington Opera House and in order to promote cultural opportunities for Harrington and the surrounding area, please consider a membership, a donation, or perhaps a memorial gift or endowment in honor of a friend or loved one. A pledge card and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience.

Thank you! Please go to our website and or visit us on Facebook for more information about upcoming events! We hope to hear from you soon, see you at one or our events, or that you will just stop in for a visit!

Linda Wagner 2018 President

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