



HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY

Preserving Our Heritage

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Annual Newsletter – February 2020

President's Letter

2019 was another productive year for the Harrington Opera House Society. Some of our biggest accomplishments this year were not as obvious to the public as pianos or elevators, but we did purchase and install two new gas furnaces. One was for the rummage room and one replaced an old electric furnace in the lobby. These were completely paid for by your generous donations.

We have continued to provide regular events throughout the year and we are seeing more and more performers contact us, having heard of the Opera House through word-of-mouth as well as returning performers. We were also involved in community wide events and in fundraisers for the school. Several performers played to a packed house and the school events always do!

We have great plans for 2020 as we continue to make improvements to the auditorium and begin some serious renovation on the rummage room. We are actively seeking new members and volunteers to be a part of this.

I want to thank everyone who has ever donated their time or money to the Opera House. Every donation, no matter how small, has made it what it is today. You should feel an overwhelming sense of pride in what you have accomplished.

Ellen Evans, President
Harrington Opera House Society

Additional Annual Reports posted to the HOHS Website

You're invited to

An Open House Celebration

In honor of

HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY

Accomplishments AND Friendships!

Monday, March 2, 2020

6 pm – 7 pm Social Hour

in The Art Room & Lobby

Informal visiting, refreshments & tours available

ALL WELCOME!

Followed by

7 pm Monthly Business Meeting

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

YOU

Can

- Provide event suggestions and/or
- Offer your volunteer time/skills and/or
- Join the HOHS as a member and/or
- Donate to HOHS or memorialize someone to benefit the HOHS.

Just return the enclosed HOHS Support Form!

Thank You!

HOHS MISSION STATEMENT

The Harrington Opera House Society is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the rehabilitation and preservation of the Harrington Opera House for the purpose of providing and promoting cultural opportunities which will enhance community and economic development and which will also promote the cultural heritage of Harrington and the surrounding areas.

Rummage Fundraising

2019 was a good year for this source of funds. The public continues to be generously supportive. Four events were held, along with several community days and local folks assisting in these events have become active members of the Society. Contents of ten houses / estates were among the items donated this year, along with a steady stream of items from individuals. Monies raised helped pay for two new gas furnaces and assisted with meeting monthly expenses.

Plans to empty the “rummage room” at the end of the year to allow a local carpenter to begin refurbishing the space were put on temporary hold when the HOHS received generous donations of contents from a couple of estate/house clean-out projects.

The A+Bit=More program started this year with efforts to be better stewards of the left-over items. This took the forms of in-kind donations to the school, area churches, library, museum, and families in need.

Respectfully submitted by Carol
Complete report available on
www.harringtonoperahouse.org/About-Us.htm

2019 HOHS Events

2019 was another busy year for Harrington Opera House Society! Numerous community and HOHS sponsored events were held that supported the arts and provided a venue for a variety of activities. The elevator continues to make a tremendous difference for those who find stairs difficult making it possible for many more people to attend. Visit the “About Us” page on the HOHS website for complete report.



Carolyn Cruso, singer/songwriter, hammered dulcimer player and multi-instrumentalist performed on April 27, 2019. Prior to the concert a small but appreciative group gathered for a mountain dulcimer information/jam session.

May 18, 2019 – Quilt Show during Cruzin’

Harrington Day - The HOH Auditorium was festooned with over 60 quilts with other handiwork also being shown. Quilts were furnished by Paula Harrington, Emily Dafler, Beth Oestreich, Linda Mielke, Nancy Egnew, Stacy Hurst, Bonnie Rae, Jean Axelson, Mary Overmyer, Emily Miller, Bunny Haugan, Cindy Lee, Lonnie Zundel, Marisela Espenosa, Jo Gooley, and Bessie Robertson. During most of the day, piano music was played by local talent



“Dylan Meets Patsy” – A Tribute to Patsy Cline and Bob Dylan featuring Paul “Buck” and Elizabeth Stierle on June 1, 2019.



Dr. Kevin Hekmatpanah returned for the third time to the Harrington Opera House, this time accompanied by renowned pianist, Archie Chen. The program included works by Beethoven, Schumann, Prokofiev and others. June 22, 2019.

2019 HOHS Events Continued

August 17, 2019 – Robert Vierschilling and Friends: An Evening of Classical Guitar

A wonderful evening of classical guitar ensembles and solos, the event was also a fundraiser for the benefit of the Harrington School Music program. In addition to generous donations to attend, several instruments were also brought to the event for donation to the Harrington School Music Program.

September 14, 2019 – The Willows – A Tribute to Peter, Paul & Mary

The Willows featured 20 songs of Peter, Paul and Mary along with a PowerPoint presentation and narration, giving a historical and musical look at the 1960's through the lens of the famous trio. Song histories, mini-biographies, and social commentary were interspersed with the musical numbers, culminating in a few audience sing-a-longs.

October 5, 2019 – National Adult Fiddle Champion, Jay Dean Ludiker & "Group Therapy"

JayDean Ludiker, a 3rd generation fiddle player, and her fiddle orchestra provided an evening of hoedowns, beautiful waltzes and tunes for a full house. Besides at least 25 fiddles, the band included guitars, mandolins, bass, vocals and harmonica!

November 3, 2019 – Patrick Treadway - "Memories with Mark Twain"

Spokane actor, Patrick Treadway, presented a humorous one-man show crafted from Mr. Twain's speeches, and essays which Patrick edited together with the "memory" theme in mind.

November 17, 2019 – Flute and Piano Concert- Alicia Mielke and Kevin Garnica

The Harrington Opera House Society was pleased to present an additional performance of classical music from Alicia Mielke's Barn Concert Series.

December 7, 2019 – Annual Santa Visit with Photos & Holiday Rummage Fundraiser

The 10th annual visit from Santa and Holiday Rummage fundraiser ran very smoothly with almost twice the number of "Santa Sitzings" as our previous record. Mrs. Claus handed out goodie bags donated by the Harrington Chamber of Commerce.



Patrick Treadway presenting "Memories with Mark Twain." November 3, 2019.

2020 HOHS Events

The HOHS Events Committee is working on confirming several events to be held in the HOH for the upcoming season. Confirmed so far:

- March 2** 6 pm Open House followed by Mtg.
- March 20** 7 pm – Bridges Home – Americana
- April 2** 6 pm – Harrington Elementary & H.S. Guitar Class Spring Concert
- May 15** 10 am – 2 pm – HOHS Rummage Fundraiser
- May 16** 9 am – 3 pm – HOHS Rummage Fundraiser
- May 16** 9 am – 3 pm – Cruizin' Harrington Quilt Show
- Aug.** Day/time t.b.d **Guitar Quartet** – & Harrington School Music Program Fundraiser
- Sept. 17** **The Needhams** – Christian Country
- Sept. 25-26** **Fall Festival Rummage & Tours**
- Nov. 7** Time t.b.d. **Panhandle Polecats**

(Admission by donation for performances/presentations)

Visit our website or Facebook page for event updates!



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