



# HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY

*Preserving Our Heritage*

PO Box 618, Harrington, WA 99134    [www.harringtonoperahouse.org](http://www.harringtonoperahouse.org)

## Annual Newsletter – March 2021

### President's Letter

The year 2020 will never be forgotten and I'm sure we are all very thankful that it is over. But I am reminded that this is not the first pandemic weathered by our 1904 Opera House and I can't help but wonder about the Spanish Flu of 1918. Though Harrington was hit hard by the influenza, events were held as usual that year. There was a dance, an orchestra performance and a masquerade ball, among others. I would like to see a masquerade ball again, wouldn't you?

Our recent pandemic year was less eventful. We did not hold any performances, but the rummage room came through! It seems that many people were thankful to get out of the house to spend time among the rummage; helping, shopping and mingling with friends. We have an unprecedented amount of new inventory, so watch for our next event!

It has been a surprisingly good year for grants and donations in addition to the rummage donations. We have continued to make both big and small improvements to our historic building with your donations. Currently we are doing major reconstruction in the rummage room.

We want to thank everyone who donated time or money to the Harrington Opera House Society this year. We are so looking forward to holding events again in 2021. We've missed you!

*Ellen Evans,*  
2021 President  
Harrington Opera House Society



*We continue to maintain this beautiful space!  
Looking forward to seeing you here  
when we once again present awesome entertainment!  
Watch our website & Facebook page for updates.*



*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

Three rummages were held this year; Leap day, Fun in the Sun and Treats no Tricks. Even as crazy as 2020 was, the quantity of items arriving continued to astound us. Vintage treasures were mixed in with the ordinary and not so ordinary stuff of life; some old; some even really old; some gently used, at times even new. The odd, the unusual, even one of a kind. Then came the shoppers, as they found treasures and needful things to take home, their generosity reflected that of the donors of those items.

The monies raised this year and last are being used in part to construct a new stairway to the basement in the west end of the building. Also electricity and lights are planned for the rummage room. And part goes to general operating expenses. Tentative plans are for three rummages this year in May, June and July. Watch for ads in the Lincoln Advertiser. Also, some items will be featured on-line, so follow us there.

The ongoing overflow of support of the Historic Harrington Opera House speaks volumes. It is a true blessing to be part of a caring community. Our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one; you make a difference! Come & rummage - we might have just the thing(s) you are looking for!

Carol, HOHS Rummage Chair



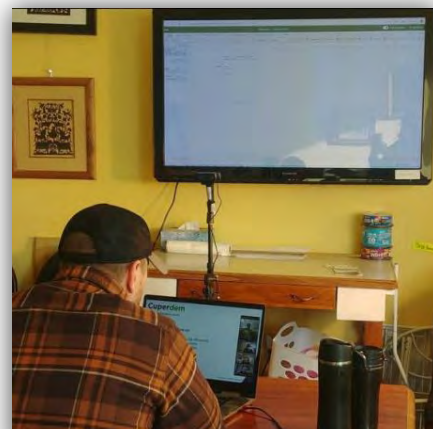
**While the HOHS has not been able to present performances or presentations for the public, the Society continues with building upkeep, fundraising efforts, and supporting the Harrington community.**



Harrington Community Halloween Activities



New handrail installed!  
Thank you Lorraine Gilliland



Zoom Room in The Art Room! Hi speed internet & equipment available for business, organization or family use.

## A few images from over the years



First event in the Opera House - 1904



Pre-1907 Postcard





**LEFT**

The HOH Auditorium in 1992 when the Harrington Opera House Society was formed. The last prior event was a Valentines Dance in the 1950s.

**RIGHT**

A view from the stage in 2008 when we cut a hole in the floor to add a new staircase.



**LEFT**

2008 Bronn & Katherine Journey Concert

**RIGHT**

Bank Block in 1994

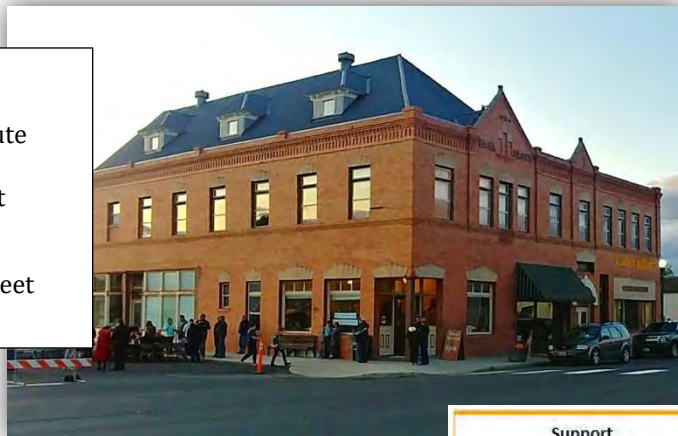


**LEFT**

2019 Concert Alicia Mielke flute with piano accompaniment

**RIGHT**

Fall Festival Street Dance - 2019



Historical photo albums are available to view in the lobby of the Harrington Opera House.

***Tours are available by request.***

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on Facebook [www.facebook.com/HarringtonOperaHouse](https://www.facebook.com/HarringtonOperaHouse) Instagram [www.instagram.com/harringtonohsociety](https://www.instagram.com/harringtonohsociety)

Email [info@harringtonoperahouse.org](mailto:info@harringtonoperahouse.org) or call Linda Wagner, HOHS Events/Membership Chair, at 509-253-4719

**Harrington Opera House Society  
2021 Key Contacts**

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Secretary	Bunny Haugan	
Event Chair	Linda Wagner	509-253-4719
Historian	Edwin Haugan	
Rummage Chair	Carol	509-253-4748
Webmaster, Marketing	Karen Robertson	509-253-4683

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Harrington Opera  
House Society.

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2020

### IN MEMORY OF:

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Myrna Bischoff

#### **CAROL BUDDRIUS**

Myrna Bischoff  
Highline Grain Growers, Inc.

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Gordon and Billie Herron

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Mary Ann Tripp

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Mike and Tracy Rush

### IN HONOR OF:

#### **ED AND BUNNY HAUGAN**

Dan Hino

### MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS:

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### DONATIONS AND

### MEMBERSHIPS CONTINUED:

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Sue Shear  
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Warren Swenson  
Scott's Tire Service/Scott Hutsell  
Katherine Teel  
Steven and Roberta Telecky  
Mary Ann Tripp  
John and Linda Wagner  
Chuck and Kathy (Thiemens) Walker  
Senator Judy Warnick  
Leffel, Otis & Warwick  
Rusty and Susie Warwick  
Steve Whiteside  
Marjorie Womach



*Gifts of \$100 can be recognized with a plaque in our lobby.  
See enclosed support form.*

*Thank You!*

The Harrington Opera House Society is a 501(C)(3) organization. Your contributions may be tax deductible.



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The Harrington Opera House Society (HOHS) is grateful for ALL support of the rehabilitation of the historic Harrington Opera House as a venue to provide events and activities for our community. April through October is usually our busiest time for performance events and HOHS Rummage Fundraisers. Due to the Covid-19 virus, for the safety of our volunteers and attendees, our 2021 schedule will depend on public gathering health recommendations.

Our **"Rummage Room"** is one of our main fundraisers and provides an opportunity for folks to pick up a variety of items in return for donations in any amount, large or small! Please contact Carol at 509-253-4748 for an appointment to "shop"!! We will hold rummage events soon! Check out local advertising, our website or Facebook page for specific dates and times.

In the meantime, ***our basic overhead costs for utilities, insurance, etc. continue whether or not we are able to present public programs or limited attendance engagements.***

If you would like to renew, become a member or make a donation of support, please return this Support Form to: Harrington Opera House Society, PO Box 618, Harrington, WA 99134 or call Linda at 509-253-4719 for information.

***Thank You!***

## HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY MEETINGS

**ALL WELCOME!!**

**Business meetings are usually held on the first Monday of each month  
At 7 pm in The Art Room (Willis St. entrance)**

**Check our website or Facebook page to confirm  
or call Linda Wagner at 509-253-4719**

**Social distancing and health protocols are followed as necessary.**



## HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY SUPPORT FORM

**Please Complete FRONT & BACK of this form!**

Memberships & donations help with providing entertaining, educational & fundraising events; and operating expenses for the Opera House.  
Membership year is January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Please Print:**

YOUR Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip

Email

**OPTIONAL - Please send acknowledgement for Memorials/Honorariums to:**

Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip

***The HOHS will send an appropriate notification of your contribution. The amount will not be disclosed. Thank you for your generosity!***

**Events or activities I would like to see at the HOH for myself, my community, or the region:**

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*The Harrington Opera House Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible.*



The Historic  
**HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE**  
 Built in 1904 and on the National Historic Register  
**Venue & Events**

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Also Available for  
**PRIVATE EVENTS!**

(That can follow WA State Health & Federal CDC Guidelines)

See "Facilities Use Agreements"  
 near top of page after Brochure/ Map on:

[www.harringtonoperahouse.org/About-Us.htm](http://www.harringtonoperahouse.org/About-Us.htm)

*New members and volunteers always welcome!*

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509-253-4719 (Linda, HOHS Events & Membership Chair)

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**HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY SUPPORT FORM**

**Please Complete BOTH sides!**

Checks should be made payable to: **Harrington Opera House Society. Send to HOHS, PO Box 618, Harrington, WA 99134.**

**Add me to the HOHS Mailing List**

☐ Snail Mail

☐ Email:

**Membership:**

☐ \$25 Individual

☐ \$35 Family

☐ \$35 Business

Total this section: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Memberships accepted at any time, but must be received by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year for voting privileges.

**Donation: Check this box ☐ if you do NOT want your donation acknowledged in general public media.**

☐ Arts/music education \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Building rehabilitation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Use as needed, determined by HOHS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Support event expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total this section: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In Memory of - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In Honor of - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total this section: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Purchase a plaque for \$100**

☐ In Memory of - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Donated by Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In Honor of - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Donated by Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Donated by Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total this section: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Other Support** An HOHS Representative will contact you about checked options.

☐ **Endowment Fund** - Gifts may include cash, securities, life insurance, bequests, or other assets.

☐ **Event Sponsorship/Underwriting**

☐ **I would be willing to volunteer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Examples: event hosting, event planning/recruiting, sound and/or lighting technology, marketing/promotion, building upkeep, building maintenance, building project construction, etc.