



HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY

Preserving Our Heritage

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Annual Newsletter 2025

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Simply said, 2024 was an Amazing Year!

Pause for a moment to savor the aroma of new paint comingled with the dust of the original lath & plaster walls.

Take in the sound of musical instruments, saws, nail guns, Thanksgiving hymns, then hear the predictable "WOW" when a new visitor walks up the staircase & sees the auditorium for the first time.

Consider the sight of the grand piano bathed in the warm glow of the stage lights, babies meeting Santa, & the proud smile of a young student standing on the stage for the first time when he spies his grandpa in the audience.

Feel the emotional tug hearing music from the 40s, 50s 60s, seeing decades of classmates gathered, all the while surrounded by 120 years of tangible history.

Grasp the sheer numbers of performers & audiences attending 16 events in one year!

Is it not all truly Amazing?

Having walked inside the building a person is struck by the intrinsic tenacity of the pioneer grit & determination that saw the need of a permanent structure to function as the cornerstone of art & culture in their young fledgling town. As they looked ahead at the future of their vision, did they imagine us looking back at theirs? The outpouring of love, sweat, tears, countless volunteer hours of work & tremendous individual financial support certainly honors that vision.

Without the support from YOU our members, friends, performers & communities it would not be standing. Take pride in your part of this amazing story. You are amazing! Take a bow! Bravo!

Carol Giles, HOHS President



New event- Mingle, Music, and Memories with The Hawk Creek Band



Alumni Memorabilia



Mingle, Music, & Memories

HOH AUDITORIUM UPGRADE PROJECT



The consultant phase was completed in 2024. The reports and conferences from Troy Reit / VIP Northwest Productions, Justin Schmidt, and Bob Webb will be utilized to develop a strategic plan and prioritize auditorium and stage updates in the future. Monies awarded by the 2024 ArtsFund grant

were used to purchase 2 new choral microphones sets, just in time for the school's concerts. With your support, we will continue to enhance the performance space to attract a variety of events for your enjoyment.



1936 Harrington Rhythm Band



HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE AND BANK BLOCK BUILDING

Work on the building continues.

In February, Icon Roofing repaired three roof leaks caused by ice damage over the winter. D.R. Integrity repaired and repainted the interior walls that were damaged by the water. They also closed up and repainted the section of the Art Room ceiling that was removed during phase one of the south wall project.

Talisman Construction Services returned to complete phase two of the south wall stabilization by repositioning and re-pointing the damaged exterior brickwork.

D.R. Integrity started the process of rehabilitating the “rummage room”. We were able to continue using the room for rummages while they took down the sub-ceiling, insulated and sheet rocked the original ceiling, and built new walls to reconfigure the layout of the area. During the year, folks coming to a rummage fundraiser were able to actually see their donations dollars at work. The treasures they found had the added value of some vintage dust!



ATTEND OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Your past support with your donations, memberships and attendance at our events is greatly appreciated. We know everyone's lives are extremely busy, but would you consider actively joining us by volunteering some your time or talents? Our meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. and, although not mandatory, are a great way to connect with friends as we continue our mission to support and promote the arts not only in Harrington but the surrounding area.

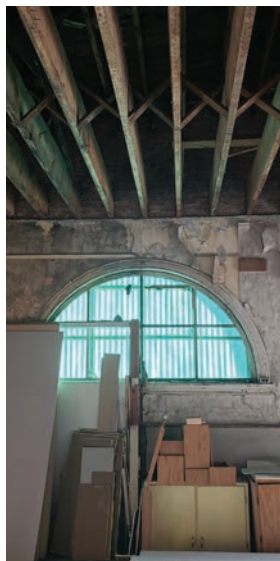
Please go to www.harringtonoperahouse.org or call 509-253-4719 to learn more about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and your chance to be part of something special.

PMGLLC ANNEX

Work began in earnest on the south PMGLLC Annex building that was built in 1902.

The apartment (211 Wills St) and front corner of the south building (18 South 3RD) are the first priority. Most of the needed demolition has been completed. The original arched south window was uncovered by removing a wall that had been built in the 50's. The layout of the apartment has been modified a bit to add closets and a larger utility and bathroom.

We plan to have an open house walk through tour in the spring. It will be exciting to remove the white wood façade that was built to cover the large windows on 3rd street. We are also eager for the community to see the progress and invite their involvement going forward.



RUMMAGE FUNDRAISER

We held 5 events this year. People continue to generously donate various household items. Then people come and generously donate \$\$ to take items home. A simple process that provides both funding support and a source of social delight! Who doesn't like to thrift shop and hang out with friendly folk?

We're already receiving items for our next rummage fundraiser,

May 16TH & 17TH.

Hope to see you there!



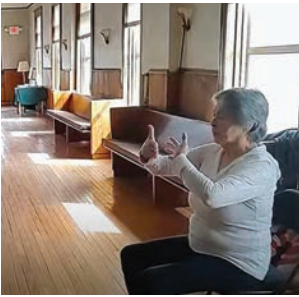
LOOKING FORWARD!

As we look forward to 2025, the Harrington Opera House Society is excited to plan events for the upcoming year.

- Beginning in March, Karen Robertson will be teaching our first ever class on how to play the dulcimer.
- April 6 at 3 pm Cellist, Dr. Kevin Hekmatpanah from Gonzaga University as well as pianist, Yoon-Wha Roo, will be performing for an afternoon of beautiful music. Admission by donation.
- Date TBD One of our local residents is planning a sewing class for all ages. Watch for details!
- Saturday, May 17 Beautiful quilts will be showcased during the annual Studebaker Car Show.
- On June 21 during Harrington's Vintage Country Fair the 1904 Opera House and Bank Block Building will be celebrated as we focus on its grandeur and history.



2024 Events



Yoga Classes with Linda Jahn



Brad Keeler, Lyle Morse & Patrice Webb



Harrington School District Concert

EVENTS - EVENTS - EVENTS!!

As an early start to the 2024 season, the Harrington Opera House was the venue chosen for the March 26TH Lincoln County Cattlemen's Association community forum to discuss a proposed wind turbine development project in Lincoln County.

In April, Linda Jahn held two yoga classes. She gently guided us to shake off winter humdrums, stretch our aching limbs and reach up toward the sunshine. Her visit was a welcomed spring tonic.

New to our stage, singer-songwriters Brad Keeler, Lyle Morse & Patrice Webb collaborated to perform in "Songs in the Round" on May 4TH, bringing their unique and original music to a most appreciative audience.

The month of May also included two concerts presented by Harrington School District students. Students, parents, grandparents and friends overfilled the auditorium.

The Studebaker Car Show in May drew an exceptional number of visitors to HOHS's Annual Quilt show.

The Harrington Chamber of Commerce presented a quilt show during June's Harrington Vintage Fair.

Coming for their first time visit, The Rusty Vikings played 50's and 60's rock and roll on July 13TH. Totally fabulous music, dancing, groupies and the Big Bad Wolf to boot!

On Sunday, September 15TH, JayDean Ludiker and her Fiddle Orchestra, "Group Therapy" returned once again providing an afternoon of foot stomping hoedowns, beautiful waltzes and lilting tunes to a packed house. "Group Therapy" included guitars, mandolins, harmonica, string basses, and vocalists in addition to the 20+ fiddles!



JayDean Ludiker and "Group Therapy"

September's Fall Festival is always a special time in Harrington. This year HOHS and the Harrington Alumni Association collaborated to debut a new event, "Mingle, Music, and Memories". The auditorium was transformed into a coffee house setting where friends and alumni had a chance to mingle and visit with each other, listen to music provided by the Hawk Creek Band (alumnus Dennis Birge on drums!), and view many years of school and community memorabilia. A variety of wines, mocktails, as well as minichacuterie boxes were available for purchase. The soiree

was well received and will possibly become an annual event.

Saturday, October 26TH found a vast assortment of ghosts, goblins and all manner of costumed adults and children stopping by the Opera House for Halloween treat bags, decorations, and books. This is a fun way to welcome young and old to the Opera House!

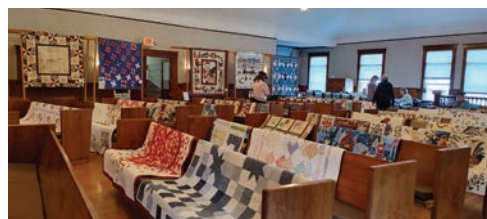
The Panhandle Pole Cats returned Nov. 9TH with new additions to both their families and musical repertoire. Their last HOHS performance was in 2017.

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on November 24TH was well attended.

Santa made his annual visit to the Opera House on December 7TH. Pictures and visits as well as goodie bags donated by the local Chamber of Commerce were enjoyed by many. Karen Robertson once again volunteered her photography talents. The ever-popular rummage room fundraiser was once again a success!

Harrington School District music students returned to the stage to perform their Christmas concerts, under the direction of their music teacher, Victoria Dreher. The Harrington Opera House Society is delighted with the renewed relationship with the school and look forward to many more performances in the coming years.

A big thank you is extended to all those who have attended and financially supported our events! We look forward to 2025 performances and events bringing new and old friends into the historic Harrington Opera House.



Chamber of Commerce quilt show



Santa's Visit



The Studebaker Car Show



Big Bad Wolf



HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY

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