



HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY

Preserving Our Heritage

PO Box 618, Harrington, WA 99134 www.harringtonoperahouse.org

Annual Newsletter

2023 Accomplishments and 2024 Plans

President's Letter

This past year, 2023, was a busy, busy, busy, productive and exciting year! In addition to events, fundraisers, and building rehabilitation projects, the Harrington Opera House Society (HOHS) purchased the PMGLLC building across the street from the Opera House. We are grateful for your support and our grant funders to make these projects possible.



D.R. Integrity completed several projects including repairing and painting the Willis St. exterior woodwork and new picture molding and stage front

and stair repairs in the auditorium.

Talisman Construction Services completed Stage 1 of the south wall stabilization by anchoring the brick wall to the floor joists of the auditorium. This project is funded by Innovia Foundation's Community grant and an Arts Fund's Community Accelerator Grant. Stage 2, the outside repair, will take place early in the spring of 2024.

Kysar Plumbing repaired the AC heat pump unit just in time to cool the auditorium for the June quilt show.

A new lobby bank vault door was purchased and delivered. We are looking for a mason to prepare the opening of the vault and re-plaster the brick wall.

Events:

Two performers began our event season in March. Cellist, **Dr. Kevin Hekmatpanah**, returned along with pianist, **Yoon-Wha Ro**, performing classical music. The program in the natural acoustics of the auditorium provided an afternoon of refined music enjoyment.



A full house welcomed the return of **JayDean Ludiker** and her fiddle orchestra, **Group Therapy**. Over 20 fiddlers and several other instrumentalists created toe-tapping music reminiscent of the old-time square dances held long ago in the historic Opera House auditorium.

New to our Opera House stage, classical guitarist, **Dr. Paul Grove**, presented an amazing program exploring music from many different cultural traditions from around the world. His incredible ability to create the sound of so many different types of instruments using only his guitar was transforming. He also featured his transcription of "Green Fields and Meadows" by the Harrington born composer, George Frederick McKay (1899-1970.) Quoted in part from a review by Jeri Kanally: "When Dr. Grove was all finished playing, he stood smiling and thanked us. But then, in an almost sad and serious tone, he said, 'The world needs more music.' He paused, glanced down and then looked around at his audience and said: 'Especially now.' We all understood. Thank you for uniting our world with your amazing performance!'"

Also new to our stage, singer-song writer, **Mel Dalton**, was a huge hit with an enthusiastic audience. Quoted in part from another excellent review by Jeri Kanally:

"The Harrington Opera House audience was caught up and whisked away by Mel Dalton's 'Adventurous Americana' story time! What a fantastic trip it was! Mel is a very talented singer-songwriter from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Her guitar and singing performance touched all of our senses. She sang stories that had very vivid, picturesque themes. The rich tones and textures of Mel's voice and her emotionally interpretive singing style carried us along as we traveled with her."



We were so pleased at the return of the Harrington school's music class in June for a concert. Young folks will continue the legacy of the HOHS. We invite families and teachers to bring youth to performances. You bring us hope for the future.

Two quilt shows presented visitors with breathtaking scenes awash with colors, mesmerizing designs and awe inspiring handcrafting. A very special treat this year was an exhibit during Harrington's Car Show in May of Lonnie LaRae Zundel's collection of exquisite quilts, wall hangings and other handwork creations. Her use of the old time quilting stab stitch method invited close up inspection of her incredible perfection. A second dazzling show during the Vintage Country Fair in June featured quilts by local quilters. We extend an invitation to area quilters to consider taking part in our 2024 Quilt Shows.

The Chamber of Commerce Halloween event brought a large assortment of goblins, princesses, cosplay characters, and many other interesting visitors. Photos with Santa in the beautifully decorated lobby during Harrington's Home Town Christmas completed our events season.

Our Marketing & Advertising Committee featured HOHS events on our website, social media, and a variety of online & print calendars including The Inlander, radio & TV Stations. Promotions were also provided to the Lincoln Advertiser, Harrington Chamber's Newsletter, Lincoln County Record Times and elsewhere. Posters, fliers, event programs, & the Annual Newsletter are also skillfully created in house.

Plans for 2024

The Historic Bank Block Building is 120 years old this year! The building was completed in December 1904. Keep a lookout for celebration plans later this year.



We are planning for more performers, presenters and events. Do you have a favorite you would like to come to HOH? Visit the website to find our Event Suggestion Form.

As a non-profit organization, we rely on the support of our members, volunteers, donors, and friends to be a viable community entity. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your 32 years of support.

We invite you to come along for another year filled with excitement and growing momentum. Events, projects, fundraisers, auditorium upgrade project, and the rehabilitation of the PMGLLC building, all await your involvement.

Come - help grow HOHS as we continue helping our community to grow. Share our history and be part of our future. Our doors and hearts are open. We welcome you to be a part of it all.

Carol Giles, HOHS President



Many HOHS Rummage Fundraisers were held in 2023 offering a variety of household items and collectibles for peoples' choice of donation. Several rummage fundraisers are planned for 2024. We continue to seek donations of your items ... call Carol (509-253-4748) or drop off at the door.

Auditorium Upgrade

A project to consider possible options to upgrade the auditorium's existing stage lights, sound system, and curtains began this year.



Consultants were engaged to appraise the current systems and offer suggestions and cost estimates for new items, installations and training where needed.

The purpose of this project is to explore improvements that might give a better experience for performers and the audience. Audiences and performers in 2024 will be polled to give their input as to their experiences and suggested changes to help HOHS focus on the priorities.

Enhancing the natural acoustics and maintaining the historic aesthetics of the auditorium will be paramount in considering all suggested changes or additions.

The time frame for this project is expected to be a 3-5 year span, depending on needs and funding.

Committee members:

Co-chairs: Nancy Holmberg & Carol Giles
Bunny and Ed Haugan
Billie & Gordon Herron
Karen Robertson

Contact us at info@harringtonoperahouse.org or 509-253-4748 if you are interested in helping with this project or any other HOHS activity.

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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.

Harrington Museum & Cultural Arts Building Vision

Harrington's 1904 Opera House has been recently blessed with a dream come true and a spectacular new vision!

The Grand Old Lady of Opera has extended her graceful hand across the street to her old friends. She's uplifted and inspired her slumbering neighbors with plans for a spectacular revival! Her invitation is for the adjoining 1902 and 1906 buildings, located at 16 and 18, S 3rd St, on the NE corner of W Willis and S 3rd.



The devoted and visionary members of the Harrington Opera House Society have done a wonderful job of resurrecting and maintaining the Opera House as a valuable and inviting destination. Their revival of the neighboring buildings will be a fantastic addition to Harrington's downtown, a very special place for locals and out of towners to experience the beauty and history of Harrington, as well as creative arts and cultural activities.

The adjoining buildings will be carefully remodeled to include a well-appointed, dynamic, museum space where we can discover and admire Harrington's very rich and impressive history. There are also very exciting plans for learning areas within the buildings. A wide variety of skilled artisans and talented craftsmen will demonstrate and teach their skills to us. These artistic opportunities will extend to the arts communities throughout our region, drawing in more visitors while enriching our residents with more cultural arts learning opportunities. How exciting!

Learning about our pioneer's grit, determination, creativity and ingenuity will be a natural bridge between our past and learning about today's many arts, handcrafting, building, farming, gardening and homemaking skills. Old school vibes with a fresh new twist!

When I toured the run-down buildings I could envision their potential. A grand entrance, restored arched windows, original wood floors...leading to the well designed and beautifully dressed museum area. I imagined all the sights and sounds of a warm and inviting building, people popping in and out, friendly hellos, handshakes and hugs...long conversations. A young couple perusing the museum with their children, showing them the history of their great grandparents, a glint in their eyes and gratitude in their hearts. Learning areas buzzing with activities. Children beaming with pride in their artistic creations. Women gathered around a big quilting table, chattering happily, sewing machine's buzzing. A potter with clay in hand at his spinning potter's wheel, students in awe of how he makes it look so easy. I can hear an elderly local man sharing his family's history as folks gather around him, eagerly listening to his tall tales, funny stories and times of hardships and happiness. Such lovely possibilities!

Harrington's Museum and Cultural Arts Center is sure to make its own history with many wonderful opportunities for us to gather, share, learn and grow together. Let's rally around the HOH Society's vision, with enthusiasm, encouragement and our support. You're invited to share your ideas, inspirations and talents as they proceed with this very exciting adventure!

Please go to www.harringtonoperahouse.org for contact information.

Jeri' Kanally



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HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY

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Thank You!

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Thank You!!!

We appreciate YOUR support of the Harrington Opera House Society (HOHS). We welcome your assistance with the ongoing efforts to rehabilitate this historic 1904 building, and provide activities and cultural events for area residents and regional visitors.

“Membership” is only ONE of the ways YOU can support! Financial and material donations are always welcome. And the gift of your time is especially needed & appreciated!

Please complete & return a HOHS Support form today or contact us to let us know how you would like to help!

The HOHS is in the process of determining the use and rehabilitation of the recently acquired PMGLLC building. (Harrington Museum & Cultural Arts Center) Please see the article about the building for more information.



Please complete form below and return to: **Harrington Opera House Society, PO Box 618, Harrington, WA 99134**



**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 1st to December 31st. Memberships accepted at any time but due annually by March 31st for voting privileges.

<p>Please Print:</p> <hr/> <p>YOUR Name</p> <hr/> <p>Mailing Address</p> <hr/> <p>City/State/Zip</p> <hr/> <p>Email</p>	<p>OPTIONAL - Please send acknowledgement for Memorials/Honorariums to:</p> <hr/> <p>Name</p> <hr/> <p>Mailing Address</p> <hr/> <p>City/State/Zip</p> <hr/> <p><i>The HOHS will send an appropriate notification of your contribution. The amount will not be disclosed. Thank you for your generosity!</i></p>
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Events or activities I would like to see at the OH or sponsored by the HOHS for myself, my community, or the region:

2024 UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITES – so far

Follow us on our website and Facebook for updates.

Please return a **“Support Form”** to let us know what you, your family and friends might like to see!



Link to
HOHS
Website

Song-Writers Round Table **May 4** **Time 7:00 pm**
Keeler, Morse, & Webb - Folk, Blues & Swing

Annual Car Show

Quilt Show **May 18** **Time b.d.**
Rummage Fundraiser **May 17-18** **9 am – 3 pm**

Harrington Vintage Country Fair

Quilt Show **June 15** **10 am – 3 pm**
Rummage Fundraiser **June 14-15** **9 am – 3 pm**

Harrington Fall Festival

Rummage Fundraiser **September 27-28** **9 am – 3 pm**

Panhandle Polecats

Bluegrass **November 9** **Time t.b.d.**

Your support (dollars or time) can help bring additional events or activities to the HOH!

List YOUR ideas for events and activities at the HOH on the Support Form and return today!

Events & Activities depend on volunteers!

If you can help in any way, please indicate on the form or attach extra note.

Note: Contact Carol at 509-253-4748 to donate items for HOHS Rummage Fundraisers.

HOHS business meetings are generally held the first Monday each month. ALL are welcome!



Please Complete BOTH sides!

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

HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY SUPPORT FORM

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 31st of the current year for voting privileges.

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

Event expenses \$_____ Opera House Building rehabilitation \$_____ PMGLLC Building rehabilitation \$_____

Use as needed, determined by HOHS \$_____ Support Arts/music education \$_____ **Total this section: \$_____**

In Memory of - Name: _____ \$ _____

In Honor of - Name: _____ \$ _____ **Total this section: \$_____**

Purchase a plaque for \$100

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Donated by Name: _____ **Total this section: \$_____**

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

Endowment Fund - Gifts may include cash, securities, deed of trust, insurance bequest, or other assets.

Event Sponsorship/Underwriting

I am willing to volunteer: _____

Examples: assist with fund raising; event hosting; refreshments; event planning/recruiting; sound and/or lighting technology; marketing/ promotion; building upkeep; building maintenance; building project construction; assist with “work days”; teach, lead or present an activity; etc.