

EVENTS AT THE HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE 2015

During 2015 the Harrington Opera House held and the Society sponsored numerous events that supported the arts and provided a venue for a variety of community activities.

The Horse Crazy Cowgirl Band with pianist Dave McClure had a return engagement on Saturday, March 20. There was a good crowd who enjoyed their beautiful music. **Community organizations** met in the Art Room on April 9 to discuss opportunities to work together for the betterment of Harrington. **A benefit concert for the piano fund** was held at the Steinway Gallery on Saturday, April 18. Beautiful spring weather welcomed in the annual community Spring Fest on Saturday, May 16. Originally scheduled in the Opera House auditorium were a concert by **Riley and Friends**, a jazz group, as well as a **quilt show**. Due to construction in the auditorium these events were moved to the Community Church. The yearly **piano recital** on May 30, which was also held at the Nazarene Church, wrapped up spring events.

On August 29 the **annual Dog Wash** was once again a success and despite a horrible dust storm, **talented blue grass group, Nu-Blu from North Carolina**, finally made it to the Opera House for a wonderful evening of music and entertainment. This concert was made possible due to collaboration with The Dahmen Barn. We hope to continue to work with them.

September was a busy time as **The Needhams** returned for a performance of their inspirational gospel music on September 22; **The Spokane Magic Club** entertained us with a benefit performance of magic and illusions on Friday, September 25 during Fall Festival Weekend; and the **Opera House was open for tours for friends and alumni** on Saturday, September 26.

The wedding of **Andrew Bennett and Jaymie Wilcox** was held in the auditorium on Saturday, October 24. **Director of the National UFO Reporting Center, Peter Davenport**, spoke to a full house on Friday, October 30. The Opera House Society sponsored this event as a benefit for the local PDA.

Davenport Theatrical will perform a reading of the play, Our Town, Saturday, November 21 and **Santa** will visit on Saturday, December 5. Karen Robertson will lend her expertise as photographer to record the special moments.

Snacks were served at many of these events. We are looking forward to another successful year of events and entertainment in the Opera House for 2016.

Respectfully Submitted
Linda Wagner
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