

HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT

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This past year has been a very busy time for the Harrington Opera House Society.

We started 2008 with an ambitious plan for a major remodel of the Bank of Harrington corner of the Opera House building. Our plan was to make this area into the new entrance and lobby for the opera house. We were very fortunate early on to obtain the professional services of Mertz Wuts, an architect with ALSC Architects of Spokane. He developed an architectural plan for making a completely new entrance to the auditorium on the second floor. This enables us to utilize the existing staircase as a secondary access/egress thereby fulfilling the requirement for a fire escape. The design drawings included details for a beautiful three-level staircase and complete restroom facilities off the lobby that will meet all code requirements.

In January we received a \$12,150 grant from the Lincoln County Economic Development grant.

The project got underway immediately with members and other volunteers doing demolition of the old bathhouse and wall of the handball court/dance studio. We engaged a contractor to build the staircase to the auditorium and volunteers constructed the restroom facilities. Our members were able to do all the plumbing and setting fixtures to complete the functional restroom facility.

Gropp Electric of Spokane installed power and wiring to the lobby, restrooms and auditorium stage. We were very fortunate in that they donated the labor for the project, allowing us to stretch our funds.

We installed a new electric forced air heating and air conditioning system for the lobby and restrooms. This enabled us to now utilize the lobby for meetings. Two new gas heating systems were installed in the auditorium. This has allowed us to schedule limited performances for the opera house almost any time of the year.

The result of the hard work of the society members and volunteers provided us the opportunity to hold our first performance in 10 years in the building. Bronn and Kathryn Journey gave an outstanding harp and vocal performance to a full house December 6th. The 260 plus in attendance had only good comments after the concert and expressed their positive feeling about seeing the building once again, lighted and filled with people.

The concert was a fitting climax to a very busy and rewarding year for the Harrington Opera House Society.

2008 INCOME

GRANTS	\$12,150.00
FUNDRAISING	7,233.58
DONATIONS	1,738.32
MEMBERSHIP DUES	305.00
LOAN	11,500.00
MISC	<u>713.43</u>
	<u>\$33,640.33</u>

HOURS DONATED

GENERAL UNSKILLED	661
PROFESSIONAL LABOR	<u>597</u>
	<u>1,258</u>

Gordon Herron

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