



HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY

Preserving Our Heritage

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ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2025



President's letter

The 2025 season began with a local wedding and closed with Harrington School's holiday concerts. The months inbetween featured music, a photography show, dulcimer classes, a movie, open house, tours, alumni gathering, quilt show, rummage fundraisers, Halloween visitors, Community Thanksgiving service, Santa, Mrs. Clause and a sprinkling of elves. Two new performing groups graced the stage and several returning performers delighted the audience. The year sure flew by.

For all of the performances, admission is by donation. Couples and families with children are just one donation. Our biggest joy is to see a full house. Use social media, the Lincoln Advertiser, our website, posters and the Chamber newsletter to view our upcoming schedule. Come one come all, we love to see you here! Bring your friends and family too.

Our mission statement reads:

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.

Your financial support keeps this mission afloat. Members, supporters, friends, and attendees provide funding for cleaning, repairs, water bills, performances, contractors, classes, advertisement, the big and little expenses to care for the venue. As you drive through town, take a moment to view the majestic Bank Block Building. If you're walking, reach out and touch history. In this crazy world and times, it is a comfort to invest in our little community.

With a collective grateful heart, we thank you and look forward to seeing you this year.

Sincerely,
Carol



JayDean Ludiker and "Group Therapy"

BUILDING UPDATES

BANK BLOCK BUILDING

- Water damage to the walls and ceiling from the 2024 roof leaks was repaired by D.R Integrity. They also replaced a section of the art room ceiling that had been removed by Talisman during the south wall re-stabilization.
- The rummage room rehabilitation is still underway.
- The elevator had an issue with the doors not closing smoothly. Several visits by Mobility Concepts along with the replacements of the light curtain and door control circuit board fixed the problem. The elevator also provided a bit of excitement. One afternoon, the call 911 button in the cab was pushed. We know not by whom. Perhaps the Phantom? Since no one was in the cab to talk to the 911 call operator the automatic default generated a full alarm for a sheriff, fire and medical response. And respond they did! What a joy to know we live in such a safe community.

PMGLLC ANNEX

- Roof repairs were completed by D.R. Integrity.
- The apartment located at 211 Willis has been remodeled and is ready to rent.
- Remodeling continues in #16 & #18. An interior ramp was built to connect the two rooms. Volunteers emptied the buildings of items left behind by previous owners.

FACILITY RENTAL

- Our Grand Piano is available for music recitals
- The auditorium venue is available for private events.

Harrington Opera House Society Events



Quilt Show



100 Days of School Visit



The Rusty Vikings

The first event in 2025 for the Harrington Opera House was in January in the auditorium for the beautiful wedding uniting Jordan Larmer and Austin Jones.

On March 30, the Opera House Society hosted a showing of the movie "The Way" starring Martin Sheen. This movie tells the story of the Camino de Santiago (or the way of St. James), the famous pilgrimage route in Spain that leads to the tomb of St. James the Apostle in Santiago de Compostela. Local resident, Ellen Evans, who has walked the road gave further insight and answered questions for the appreciative audience.

Dr. Kevin Hekmatpanah, cello, and Yoon-Wha Roh, piano, returned to the Harrington Opera House stage on Sunday, April 6, 2025. They played an exquisite selection of classical pieces by Luigi Boccherini, Franz Peter Schubert, Frederic Chopin, and Sergei Rachmaninoff.

The month of May included two concerts by Preschool – 12 grade students from the Harrington School District. Students, parents, grandparents and friends filled the auditorium. And in conjunction with the annual Studebaker Car Show, a quilt show was held displaying the beauty and talent of quilters from throughout the area.

During Harrington's Vintage Country Fair on June 21, the Opera House celebrated with an open house featuring tours, memorabilia and light refreshments.

The Rusty Vikings played 50's and 60's rock and roll on July 19 with lots of great music and a chance to get up and dance!

Music by the Blue Ribbon Tea Company and photography by Bill and Kathy Kostelec was presented on September 6.

On Sunday, September 14, JayDean Ludiker and her Fiddle Orchestra, "Group Therapy" provided an afternoon of foot stomping hoedowns, beautiful waltzes and tunes to a packed house. "Group Therapy" included guitars, mandolins, harmonica, string basses, and vocalists in addition to the 20+ fiddles!

Fall Festival is always a special time in Harrington. The Opera House Society and the Harrington Alumni Association once again collaborated to bring a special event, "Mingle, Music, and Memories". Friends and alumni had a chance to mingle and visit with each other, listen to music provided by local country rock artist, Jesse Quandt, and take a look at school and community memorabilia. A variety of wines and appetizers were served.

Saturday, October 25 found a fun 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!

Karen Robertson facilitated and taught several dulcimer events during 2025. Five sessions with 9 beginning level players were held on Wednesdays from March 5 through April 9. In May a small group met in the auditorium to review dulcimer skills and play together. Background music was provided by a small group of dulcimer players during the Vintage Country Fair quilt show.

Sunday, July 20, there was a dulcimer practice review followed by a short jam session.

A 2nd Five session series of Group Beginning Dul-



Jesse Quandt



Halloween at HOHS

Dr. Kevin Hekmatpanah
and Yoon-Wha Roh

Blue Ribbon Tea Company



Karen Robertson and her dulcimer class

Events continued

cimer lessons was held in the Fall - Oct. October 27th; concluding on November 24th.

A dulcimer players circle was held on Friday, December 12 for local folks and one visitor from Nevada!

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Church Service on November 24 was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Santa made his annual visit to the Opera House on December 6. 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.



Two Christmas concerts were held in December featuring Harrington School District music students from grades Pre-school -12th grade under the direction of music teacher, Victoria Dreher.

Throughout the year, several very successful Rummage Fundraisers were held which were patronized by appreciative folks!

A big thank you is extended to all those who have attended and financially supported our events!

We look forward to 2026 and bringing new and old friends into the historic Harrington Opera House.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

We have need of handypersons, cleaners, stage light and sound helpers (in house training provided). Website developer, tour guides, help in rummage, greeters, and someone to shovel snow. We offer community service hours for students. If you would like to help out, give us a call, we can find a niche for you!

AUDITORIUM UPGRADE

A group of folks interested in this project gathered for an introduction class of the current Audio and Light systems now in use.

If you would like to donate to this ongoing project, indicated that on the included insert form.



NOVICE LEVEL MOUNTAIN DULCIMER LESSONS

Five weekly group sessions for novice level (just beyond beginner), taught by Karen Robertson, are scheduled for early spring for 3 to 8 students. Lessons will begin Monday, March 16, 2026 from 3:30 to 5:00 See contact info below to indicate interest.

BEGINNER LEVEL MOUNTAIN DULCIMER LESSONS

Another Beginner series will be held next fall or early winter if there's enough interest.

"DULCIMER CIRCLE" SESSIONS

Depending on interest and schedules, dulcimer-centric gatherings to learn & play/jam together will be coordinated. See contact info below for more information.



INLAND NW HARRINGTON DULCIMER DAY

April 25, 2026 - All Day!

Guest Instructors: Heidi Muller & Bob Webb

Heidi Muller is the organizer of Dulcimer Week in the Wallawas. She has played dulcimer for over 30 years and taught at dozens of dulcimer festivals across the country, including QuaranTune, North Georgia Foothills Virtual Fall Festival, Kentucky Music Week, Berkeley Dulcimer Gathering, Dulcimer Chautauqua on the Wabash, Augusta Spring Dulcimer Week, and Northeast Dulcimer Symposium. An award-winning songwriter and guitarist, she performs both solo and in a duo with Bob Webb.

Bob Webb, from Joseph, OR, has played guitar and cello since childhood, and mandolin and mountain dulcimer for over 35 years. He has co-hosted Dulcimer Week in the Wallawas and taught its beginner class to rave reviews since 2011. He has published instruction and tune books for dulcimer, mandolin and fingerpicked guitar. He performs with Heidi Muller in a duo and they have recorded four CDs together.

The Day will include 3 workshop sessions (Choose from 6 - for novice to experienced players), jam and concert.

Meals will be on your own (menus will be provided & several businesses with food offerings are in walking distance.)

Concert: 6:30 - 7:30

Included for Dulcimer Day Attendees

Open to public by donation

Watch for details or see contact info below to be included on a mailing list. To request information on dulcimer instruction series, Circles, & the Dulcimer Day contact:

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Panels from the Original Stage-Drop

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