The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association Newsletter
June - July 2013

Late Breaking GREAT News -- within the last week the Ford Family Foundation and the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust each awarded us $150,000 towards reopening the Egyptian Theatre!! More to follow . . .

What's Been Happening?

Hi! This is Bob More, your Egyptian Theatre Restoration Campaign Coordinator, checking in with you. For this newsletter I am standing in for Greg Rueger, who, with wife Barbara, has been traveling. Welcome back to both of you!







We have been making tremendous progress on our goal of raising $225,000 in cash donations. Over the past few weeks, we have hosted several events that have raised both public awareness of and money for the Egyptian Theatre restoration. In March, we screened an award-winning movie, *Dancing on the Edge*, at the Marshfield Auditorium and followed it with a fund-raising party at Black Market Gourmet. In mid-April, Little Italy in downtown Coos Bay sponsored another of our restaurant evenings where a percentage of the proceeds goes toward the campaign. On April 27th, the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend held their annual City Clean-Up Day with drop-off sites for trash at four different locations. Though there was no charge for dumping up to four cans of garbage, people were encouraged to make donations to the Egyptian Theatre Restoration Campaign. Our volunteers, wearing Egyptian regalia, were at every site to collect the donations. None of these events could have been held without strong volunteer support and the commitment of community organizations and businesses. Here's a heart-felt "Thank You" to all volunteers, Marshfield High School, Black Market Gourmet, Little Italy, and the cities of North Bend and Coos Bay!

The success of these events - as well as other fund-raising activities such as product sales, mailings, and face-to-face soliciting of individuals and businesses - demonstrates how much our community cares about the Egyptian!

We recently began our much-anticipated Egyptian Theatre Seat Dedication Program. Donors can choose a seat in the main section of the auditorium for a range of prices, depending on location. Seats chosen will have plaques installed on the left arm, engraved with the name or names chosen by the donor. Prices are $100, $250, $500 and $1,000. As we begin to run out of seats in the main section, we will add the side sections to the program. Eventually, when its repairs have been completed, balcony seats will also be offered. Purchase of a seat dedication does not confer any ownership of the seat – but for as long as the theatre exists you will know that your support helped make it all possible. Seats are selling fast, so make arrangements to get yours now. (cont. on pg 2)

Now for the exciting news: all of the above activities plus one more special surprise have brought us to the home stretch on our race to victory. We currently have raised over $178,000! In addition, we have received a commitment from a local donor for a $30,000 donation. When it's received our total will be over $208,000. That means we only need another $17,000 to go over the top!

At the same time, we have high hopes that May will bring us success with our grant applications. We have over $500,000 in pending grants. May will definitely be the "turning point," assuming we are successful with the $315,000 in grant applications that will be decided this month.

Thanks for your continued support. We look forward to your joining us in celebrating the re-opening of the Egyptian Theatre!

Upcoming and Ongoing Events

June 20th - Egyptian Night at the Coach House Restaurant - On Thursday, June 20, Jim Lorenz at The Coach House in Eastside will host an **Egyptian Nights** benefit dinner for us. He will feature our etched wine glasses along with his outstanding dinner menu. Remember to call early for reservations -- 541-267-5116.

Wednesday Farmer's Market- It's that time of year again! Come see us at the Egyptian Theatre booth to learn the latest news on our progress toward reopening the theatre. Browse through our unique selection of Egyptian merchandise including t-shirts, hoodies, mugs, wine glasses and limited edition Egyptian Theatre calendars. Become a member today and join Tut's Army. Your support really counts as we work toward our goal: reopening the Egyptian in 2014!

First Friday Downtown Coos Bay Wine Walk – Add Coos Bay's monthly Wine Walk to your list of fun things to do this summer. Visit with friends and business associates as you stroll downtown. Stop by and see us at the ETPA office at 255 N. Broadway in Coos Bay, and enjoy beautiful piano music, theatre pop-corn and other snacks, and lively conversation. Your participation earns us dollars toward our efforts to re-open the Egyptian Theatre. Start at the Coos Bay Visitor Center to purchase your glass ($10.00 donation) and receive a list of participating merchants.

Egyptian Wine Glasses for Sale – Did you know that several local restaurants are helping out the Egyptian Theatre by offering specially engraved Egyptian wine glasses for you to purchase with your meal? The proceeds of these sales all go toward the theatre renovation project. So the next time you dine at Little Italy, Shark Bites Café, or The Coach House, ask them to serve your wine in one of these lovely glasses. They will make a wonderful addition to your glassware collection.

The ETPA wishes you and your family
a fun-filled Independence Day!







Meet Your Board Members



Ed & Christina near the Alpena Lighthouse

* “By the shining Big-Sea-Water …

Rose the firs with cones upon them.”

This issue our spotlight turns on the daughter of another Northland, Christina Geierman, and her West Coast (Coos Bay) raised husband Ed Nichols -- both of whom joined our board in 2012.

Christina was born in Alpena, Michigan--the "sunrise side" of the state on the northern shores of Lake Huron. Although distant, Christina's homeland has much in common with Coos Bay. It is a center of commercial fishing and tourism, and it shares our logging legacy. Despite its small population of about 10,000 people, it is the largest city in its region and has many remarkable features including the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. This is a 448 square mile sanctuary and underwater preserve which protects an estimated 116 historically significant shipwrecks!

The pursuit of a master’s degree at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston brought Christina to Coos Bay. After serving as an instructor at SWOCC, Christina found her true calling as a teacher. She then completed a second master’s degree, a Master in Teaching, and has been working in that capacity at SWOCC and as a substitute teacher in the Coos Bay and North Bend School Districts. In her free time Christina plays the trombone in the Bay Area Community Concert Band.

Meanwhile Ed, one of our local Pirates as a Marshfield graduate, was following his interest in animals by working at the Hanson-Meekins Animal Hospital as a Veterinary Assistant. The pair met when Christina adopted a kitten, and soon the romance blossomed to the point that they were planning a wedding at none other than our Egyptian Theatre! Shortly after the wedding, the pair was approached by members of the ETPA to volunteer in the projection booth, and it just so happens that they showed the last movie before the Egyptian was closed.

Christina and Ed have brought the energy of youth and lots of enthusiasm to our board. They have wholeheartedly supported board projects, with Christina filling a role identified as critical in our marketing study--our Volunteer Coordinator. She is busy organizing and increasing our volunteer forces in, as she coined it, Tut's Army.

When you see Ed and Christina around, ask how you can help as a recruit in Tut's Army.

*Taking liberties with Longfellow's "*Song of Hiawatha*"



Contest Continues: the first 4 people to find this symbol somewhere in the newsletter (other than in this announcement) will win a prize of either an Egyptian mug or etched wine glass. We will award 4 prizes per issue - two to the people who email where the symbol is (page & location on the page) and two to the first people who receive the mailed version of the newsletter and call the office (269-8650) with the information. Leave a message with the date and time you called and a number where we can reach you. Start looking!



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The ETPA Thanks Our Merchants !

Attention 2013 Calendar Owners

There was a mistake on the August page. The days are notated on the calendar incorrectly. You can pick up a corrected page insert for your calendar at the ETPA Office - 255 N Broadway in the Tioga Building.

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