The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association Newsletter
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What's Been Happening?



ETPA President Greg Rueger

We CAN Do It! We sure can. May was a stellar month for securing the funding we need to re-open the Egyptian Theatre. And now July has turned out to be just as significant – the City has completed the construction bid process and will soon award a contract to perform the structural modifications needed to re-open the Egyptian. We anticipate that construction will begin in the next couple of months!

Progress on the Fundraising Front

At the end of May we received the exciting news that both the Ford Family Foundation and the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust had each awarded us $150,000 towards the $750,000 we had been seeking to fund the construction work needed to re-open our theatre (phase 1 of our restoration effort). Add this $300,000 to the $90,000 we had already been awarded from other foundations (the Autzen Foundation, the Collins Foundation, the Coquille Tribal Community Fund, the Oregon Community Foundation and the Pacific Power Foundation) and the approximately $210,000 we had collected locally, and at the end of June we reached the $600,000 mark. July is turning out to be stellar as well. In the first week, Dennis and Janet Beetham, in the name of the Beetham Family, provided us with $50,000! With this most generous gift, we are now 87% of the way towards our "phase 1" fundraising goal.

Though we have made tremendous progress and it is now crystal clear that "We CAN Do It!," we have more fundraising work before us. Not only do we have $100,000 still to raise, but raising that $100,000 is crucial to locking in $350,000 of the grants already awarded to us. Our 3 largest grant awards are what are called "top off" grants. The funds are committed to our project, but to receive them we first have to secure the rest of the funds we require to complete our phase 1 effort. In other words, $350,000 of the amount we have raised to-date is dependent upon our raising the remaining $100,000. And one of the "top off" grants requires us to complete construction before the end of May next year. You better believe we are going to be redoubling our efforts to raise that last $100,000 – and to do it expeditiously!



Locally, we have two programs underway to help us "go over the top." The first, our theatre seat dedication/naming program, has proven popular, so we have just opened up some side aisle seating to respond to the demand. Seats at each price level ($100 to $1,000) are now available again. Your donations to dedicate a seat in our theatre help us close our remaining funding gap. If you haven't taken advantage of this program yet, please do so soon. The second program will be held July 31st and August 1st with lots of fanfare. Together with our Chamber of Commerce and the Coos Bay Downtown Association, we will be hitting the streets to visit local businesses and ask them to contribute to our cause and, through it, the revitalization of our downtown area. Several companies have

already signed up to be lead donors and will be helping us encourage their neighbors to support us as well. This event should be fun AND productive! Local civic-minded organizations are also jumping on board to help us. The Coos Bay Lion's Club just donated $1,000 toward restoring the Egyptian. Thank you Lions!

Construction will soon be underway!

To catch the good weather construction period and ensure that we meet the time constraints imposed by several of our larger grant awards, the City of Coos Bay (owner of the theatre through our Urban Renewal Agency) issued Requests for Quotations to potential construction contractors on June 24th. Bidding was closed on July 15th and a construction contractor will soon be selected by the Urban Renewal Agency. Construction mobilization should be underway shortly. Should all go as expected (including our remaining fundraising), we will have a re-occupancy permit by the start of 2014 and a grand re-opening of the Egyptian sometime in the 2nd quarter of next year! We CAN Do It!

Bill Richardson joins the ETPA's board

In June our board elected Bill Richardson as a director of the ETPA. Bill is a life-long resident of North Bend, has served on the North Bend City Council since 2004, and works as the general manager of Waste Connections' operations in Coos Bay (Les' Sanitary Service) and North Bend (North Bend Sanitation). From our last newsletter you will recall that Bill's company, Waste Connections, sponsors the annual Coos Bay/North Bend Clean-Up Day. It was Bill's idea to make the Egyptian Theatre capital campaign the beneficiary of donations received during this year's Clean-Up Day. Bill has a long history of community service, not only on the North Bend City Council, but also applying his talents to the North Bend School Board and the South Coast Development Council (a private, non-profit organization designed to help create living-wage jobs for Coos and Western Douglas Counties). Welcome to the Egyptian Theatre team Bill!

Meet Your Board Members - Paul Quarino, Director



There was a time in Paul Quarino's association with the Egyptian Theatre that his co-workers at Hillsboro's Rodgers Instruments thought there must be something or someone pretty special in the Coos Bay Area, given his frequent week-end trips to the South Coast. Little did they realize the reason that drew him then, and has continued to draw him for some 33 years now, is his special relationship with the Egyptian's Mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ.

Paul is a master at keeping the 88-year-old instrument, original in its installation, playing and in working order. For 30 plus years Paul has made the trek to Coos Bay after Thanksgiving and before *The Sounds of Christmas* concerts to ensure that the organ is playable and in tune. He has given generously of his time and expertise as donations for the good. In addition, over the years Paul has presented concerts and silent movie events, playing the film accompaniments on the Wurlitzer.



Paul Quarino at the Mighty Wurlizter

Born in the Midwest, Paul studied music at the MacPhail College of Music in Minneapolis, and he has a degree in music education from the University of Wisconsin. For many years Paul performed as a Wurlitzer Concert Artist and is fondly remembered by many as the musical director and organist of the former Organ Grinder Restaurant in Portland. Most recently, he retired after 16 years as Musical Product Evaluator at the Rodgers Instruments Corporation.

Paul was feted last year by the congregation of the Rivercrest Community Church for 31 years of dedicated service as organist/ choirmaster for the parish.

After so many years of Paul's servicing the Egyptian's Mighty Wurlitzer, there are tales to be told. One sticks out as illustrative of Paul's uncanny ability to dissect the problem and his use of good common sense to remedy the situation. Many years back, the annual Satur-

day Christmas concert followed a week of extremely frigid winter temperatures. The interior temperature of the theatre mirrored the outdoor chill. Beginning the day prior to the concert, the theatre was heated, but the earlier spate of cold temperatures was manifested in the organ with squawks, honks and a multiple of surprise sounds. The concert performers felt sheer panic. What to do? Paul was on his way from Portland with "the fix" …a bucket of steamy hot water for each pipe chamber. The freeze had dried the air – the organ needed to be re-hydrated and moisturized with humidity, an environment more to its liking. The concert came off without a hitch.

The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association continues to rely heavily on Paul's expertise to advise and advocate for the Wurlitzer's upkeep and preservation. As a member of the board of directors, Paul is invaluable as a master craftsman with the tools, parts and knowledge of what makes this one-of-a-kind instrument tick. The maintenance and restoration of the Egyptian's Mighty Wurlitzer organ are in the extremely capable and caring hands of this month's featured board member: Paul Quarino.

Upcoming and Ongoing Events

Wednesday Farmer's Market – Help support our efforts to reopen the Egyptian Theatre by stopping by our booth each Wednesday. You can join Tut's Army by becoming a member of the ETPA, purchasing a set of specially engraved Egyptian Theatre wine glasses, or picking out a coffee mug, t-shirt or hoodie to show your support. Rick and the crew will be happy to fill you in on the latest scoop on our target date for reopening!

Coming Soon – 2014 Egyptian Theatre Calendars! - Our 2014 Egyptian Theatre calendars will soon be available for purchase. Watch for them at our booth at the Farmer's Market or at the ETPA office (255 N. Broadway in Coos Bay) during the First Friday Wine Walk and on Saturdays.

Visit us at the Coos County Fair – The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce has invited us to promote our efforts to reopen the Egyptian Theatre by manning a special tent they set up for local businesses each year. Come see us on Friday, July 26th between 10:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. Look for our volunteers in a tent near the performing stage area.

Coos Bay Wine Walk – Enjoy piano music and yummy snacks as you join us for the next First Friday Wine Walk on August 2nd from 5 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. This is an excellent time to mingle with friends and support the Egyptian Theatre renovation and reopening at the same time. Did you know that a large portion of the proceeds raised from every Wine Walk go straight to the Egyptian Theatre renovation fund? Come out and "Walk like an Egyptian" on August 2nd. Your participation really counts!

Recent Events

Egyptian Night at the Coach House



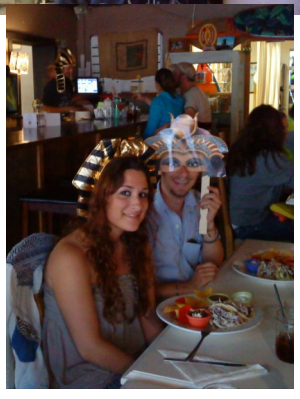




Egyptian Night at Sharkbites Cafe







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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