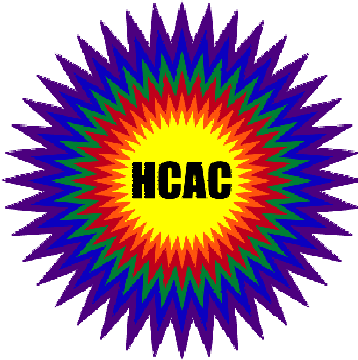


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Hardeman County Arts Council Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bob Williamson

The mission statement of the Hardeman County Arts Council is "Bringing the Best of the Arts to You". Art is a demonstration of talent. Art is our organization's mission – our mission is accomplished through talent. Our most recent demonstration of art was the stage performance of "It's A Wonderful Life" which gives a message of how an individual's talent touches and influences the life of others. How the giving and sharing of one's talent builds community.

At birth each one of us is awarded a unique set of talents. Talents that provide us livelihood and see us through life. Talent abundant beyond our individual needs. An abundance that allows, actually merits, that our talent be given to and shared with others.

One of the many wonders of talent is that it can be given and shared – without being diminished. In fact, when given and shared – it is multiplied and amplified. It replicates itself in others and triggers awareness and discovery of talent in themselves. Giving and sharing also amplifies talent in the giver – building in ability and insight.

Another wonder of talent is the cumulative effect when individual talents come together in a common purpose. The results are far greater than the sum of the parts – because each individual brings their unique strengths to the effort. The Hardeman County Arts Council is an example of what can be accomplished by the coming together of talent strengths. Our performances are all examples of the cumulative effect of talent strengths coming together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinner Theater: February 19, 20

"A Grievous Loss in Lip Smack"

Hee Haw: March 22–27

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The Hardeman County Arts Council is all about talent, giving, sharing, and community. Our talent goes beyond the fine arts, musical, performing and other arts performed and displayed through our arts council . Talent dreamed the dream of our community arts council. Talent nurtured that idea to fruition. Talent designed, planned, and built the HCAC facility. Talent administrators, manages, builds sets, directs performances, handles lighting and sound, serves as set crews, cleans, maintains – and on and on. Community is the source of our talent – and it is shared and given talent. Those that perform on our stage, that provide sets – lighting – sound, that serve as set crew, that serve in administration, and that maintain our physical assets and our existence - are all volunteers. We are a not for profit organization.

If you are reading this newsletter and are not a member of the Hardeman County Arts Council – I encourage you to join. Our membership fees are minimal and all money goes toward paying for and maintaining the HCAC facility – and in up front funding of each performance. I also encourage you to volunteer yourself and your talent to and through the Hardeman County Arts Council – whether it be as artist, administrator, manager, technician, or craftsman. The greater wealth of this council are its many volunteer contributors. Your contribution will help continue this community's ability to display, demonstrate, discover, and nurture its talent. I promise great fellowship, lifelong memories, and a personal sense of reward. Membership forms can be picked up at our box office in the lobby or printed from our website at <http://hcac-tn.org/> .

Those of you who are members – thank you for your support and encouragement. If you are an active member - volunteering and contributing your talents to and through the Hardeman County Arts Council – thank you beyond that which words can express. To all – thank God for your talent and thank you for how your talent touches and influences the lives of others – and helps build our community.

Bob Williamson – President, Hardeman County Arts Council

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

EVENTS DIRECTOR

Did you see our production “I’m Gonna Live Till I Die”? If not you missed a great show! Jeff Shackelford and his cast and crew did a good job of bringing us something different. For the ones of us that have never been to Las Vegas, the cast carried us there for a visit and it was an enjoyable trip. Bravo, Jeff!!

Can you believe the holidays have come and gone? Chris Wall directed our Christmas show again this year and certainly lived up to our expectations. A play based on a favorite movie for all ages, “It’s A Wonderful Life”, brought to our stage in Hardeman County. There was no doubt that our cast would bring it alive in the HCAC tradition that we have come to expect. As in most of our productions, you saw some new faces. We are always excited about our new “family” members. Your support is much appreciated, and was the best Christmas present you could give to HCAC.

We are looking forward to our events for 2010. First on our list will be our dinner theatre in February. The format will be somewhat different from our past dinner theatres. We will be presenting a staged performance written by our very own Hardeman County resident, Monita Carlin. Watch for further details as our plans unfold.

We look forward to seeing you at our shows. We hope you get the “bug” and decide you want to work with us on our productions. The task list for every show (on stage and behind the scenes) is astounding and you might be just who we are looking for to fill in some of those places. Come join us for a very rewarding experience!!!!

We hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas, and hope that 2010 will bring you many blessings!

Wanda Young
Events Director

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal Reminder

by Bob Parker

To those of you have renewed your HCAC membership for the year 2009-2010 we extend a heartfelt THANKS for supporting the ongoing arts programs which entertain so many in our County. But this is being written to those of you who, for whatever reason, have not yet renewed your membership. Your membership renewal is urgently needed to assure the ongoing operations of the Arts Center. We understand that we must earn that support by providing a service in which you find personal value. We hope that the friendly facts below will encourage you to send in your membership renewal.

- The HCAC is a totally volunteer organization with zero personnel expense. All of the entertainers, lighting & sound technicians, set builders, ticket sellers, maintenance personnel, members of the Board-of-Directors, Committee Chairmen, etc. spend countless hours without compensation to provide a year-round arts program.
- There remains a substantial loan balance to the USDA for the original construction of the Arts Center.
- As an illustration of ongoing overhead expenses for the Arts Center, the yearly utility bill exceeds \$6000 and insurance amounts to over \$4000/year. Of course, there are numerous other operational expenses especially to support the plays, musicals, workshops, and art exhibits.
- Income from ticket sales to all of the programs for the year does not cover the yearly expenses of the HCAC
- The deficit in income from arts programs and yearly expenses has historically been overcome with Patron donations and membership income, with minor amounts of income from honorariums, snack sales, and fashion wear sales.

The Arts Center was built and is operated on the premise that the facility provides an opportunity for the citizens of Hardeman County to experience affordable live entertainment performed by the many talented people of the County. In so doing, it is our belief that the HCAC provides substantial value to the entertainers and the entertained. We hope you, who have not yet renewed your membership, will agree that the HCAC does provide sufficient value for you to renew your membership—TODAY.



“It’s A Wonderful Life” was a sell-out for both performances on December 4th and 5th. If you attended, you know it was a great performance. If you had other commitments or just waited around about getting tickets, you missed a great show.

Although Christmas shopping is done, why not consider giving a Hardeman County Arts Council membership as a gift or maybe a gift certificate that can be used for future performances? Membership forms can be downloaded from www.hcac-tn.gov.

One of the benefits of being an Arts Council member is the opportunity to purchase tickets a week before the general public can. If you are a current member, we appreciate your continued support. If you’re not a member, **please consider joining us!** Let’s support our local arts council! These people, both on-stage and behind-the-scenes, work hard for weeks on end without compensation. They do this just because they LOVE it!

I hope you and yours had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

by Cindy Jacobs Plunk

Membership Information

Annual Membership:

Family \$30.00

Individual \$25.00

Business \$60.00

Corporate \$125.00

Patron Membership:

Bronze \$100 - \$249

Silver \$250 - \$449

Gold \$500 - \$999

Platinum \$1000 +

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PLEASE JOIN NOW!!!!!!



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Dear Friends,

Mayor Harold Crumb of Lip Smack, TN ask that I write this letter to inform you of the grievous loss that happened down in his God fearing little town. In case you haven't heard, the courthouse was blown sky high last 4th of July. There has been much speculation as to the cause of this explosion which scattered pieces and parts over 3 acres. Lot of folks thought that some of those parts looked a lot like they came from a still. Mayor Crumb is denying having anything to do with a whiskey being made in the courthouse basement. Due to this grievous loss Judge Bubba Rankness is having to hold court in his barber shop, and they are having to take the prisoners over to Jakes service station and keep them down in what we call the oil well.

Whether there was or was not a still in the basement of the courthouse, well the mayor is very tight lipped about that. And the rumors about using the town as a speed trap to raise money for a new courthouse...well, I can't get a thing out of him. I did try to ask him about Harley David who they say was the whiskey runner. The mayor just ain't talking about nothing but I did hear around town that Harley talks to haints and wears garlic around his neck. He also has a psychic cat, named Hairball who also see haints and wears garlic. Very strange man, but not much stranger than Felix who is the maintenance man at the courthouse. In fact Lip Smack has quite a few unusual characters

Mayor Crumb would like to invite all of you down to Lip Smack on Feb 19 and 20. To sit a spell and learn what really happened down at the courthouse that fourth of July. Miss Earlene and Mary Beth Thomas will be there, hopefully. Pearl the mayors wife won't come around trying to stir up trouble with Mary Beth. Last time Pearl pulled a hand full of hair out of Mary Beth's head. I just heard that dinner is going to be served. You best hope it don't come from Oslo's diner, but should be a nice spread anyway.

Best get your tickets as soon as possible because there is the possibility that the alcohol, tobacco and firearms boys might close the town down any day now.

Lots of your friends and neighbors will be in Lip Smack, so come on down and join the fun cause you can never tell what might happen in Lip Smack.

Sincerely Yours,

Monita Carlin For Mayor Harold Crumb

P.S. Tickets on on sale come February. Better get them tickets early cause I done seen the ATF boys over at the barber shop.