

## **Building Managers Annual Report 2014-15**

Last season we started in on the building by painting it; this year more reno's were completed thanks to donors and the many grants we were able to secure. New stage doors were purchased and installed just before winter and painted this spring when the weather was warmer during our Spring clean-up. They have made access to the stage from the alley so much easier.

Also the long awaited scene shop doors have been replaced and painted. A more secure entry and the installer tried to leave the opening as large as possible for them.

Thanks go to Joyce for securing the grants and also organizing a Spring clean-up of both the theatre and Prop room, also for getting the painting done on the doors.

The stucco that had buckled on the building was also replaced and repaired when the new Stage doors were installed. Our Builder Darrel Rolin and assistant did a fine job of both doors and wall and Gordie Jones did the plaster repair.

We passed our annual fire inspection, sprinkler system check and fire extinguisher/emergency lighting servicing also. There has been mention that we are short a fire extinguisher by the photocopier; we have not required one according to the fire inspector as we have a full set of sprinkler heads in the costume room, unencumbered. I will however checked with the Safety Man about acquiring one for that area. Jake and I met with Insurance Company inspector this past Spring. His recommendation was for more storage, something we truly lack. The electrical room was approved by him also, this time around. He was pleased with everything else except in the loft. That is when he said we need more storage.

The sprinkler system main valve in the basement is going to require an upgrade in the next few years as there are new regulations in place for back flow. This will be a fairly costly up-grade which is required by the city. We have not yet been requested to do so but it is a matter of time.

The issue with low water pressure seems to resolved. We had Canoe Plumbing come and check what was with the reduced volume we were experiencing. Turns out that someone had turned the main water intake to almost off?? He suggested that we also replace the flushing valves in two of our toilets to bring them to the new suggested volumes. He also checked the rest of the system for us. All seem to be working much better during full houses.

I had Pro Air come and check our air conditioning units in late Spring as we were experiencing a problem with it. It turned out that the roof unit's temperature was totally out of whack and how it got that way was anyone's guess. The rest of the Summer remained as cool as required.

The enclosure of the awning has been fantastic, the pigeons have moved on so the sidewalk has remained free of their mess. They still occasionally roost on the marquee which now needs to be cleaned and repainted!! A new larger 3 line marquee would be nice; more grants!

We purchased a new water cooler for the dressing room in time for the Edge Fest, it was hoped that it would reduce the use of water bottles. A big vote of thanks goes to Mike and Christine for the fresh coat of paint in the dressing room. It has been 15 years since Sandra and I painted it mauve. You should have seen it before that paint job and refresher! Last year's bathroom renovation made all the difference also in the dressing room.

The House carpet does require a good cleaning this coming season as it has not been done for a couple of years. It would be nice if we could find funds to replace it. It has been down since the building was done!!

Also on my wish list is to add two more 8ft. blacks and a 12ft. to our collection then we would have a matched set for concerts and to send the best of the old ones down to Vancouver for cleaning and re-fire proofing.

As this is the annual report I again ask folks to please remember to Turn down the Electric heat if you turn it up. I have come in and found the place basking in 20 – 25 degree warmth which does cost us money and to also open the bathroom doors and turn off the lights if not in use!

Submitted by Cilla Budda

## **Rentals Report- Income is Up!!**

This past season has been a very busy one, especially this past June, July and August!! Starting with the Children's theatre production, the Shuswap School of Ballet recital and Improv. Then we had Fred Skeleton's production that was going to Mainstage. Next was Michelle Atkins Art and Drama Classes which went on for most of the summer. *Theatre on the Edge* festival was at the end of July and very successful followed by two musical events *Django* and *Fin de Fiesta*. Both were extremely well attended, especially *Fin de Fiesta* which could probably have sold out two more shows. Both would like to come back again next season and both expressed how welcome and well cared for they were in our building! They both loved the venue.

It is still a juggling act to accommodate all who wish to rent the theatre!! Our play dates and set building needs often clash with those who want to rent; but we do our best to accommodate all.

This season Salmon Arm Actors Studio Youth Drama is on Tuesday afternoons and Thursdays, Shuswap Theatre Seniors' theatre is on Tuesday mornings.

The only unfortunate is that we were unable to accommodate Ballet Kelowna last year and this coming year as our schedules were in conflict. They truly enjoyed performing in the building even with its limitations. The audiences also enjoyed the facility.

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