

Backstage

at the 7th Street...

...where stars light the sky and the stage

Hey! Look down, it's probably new!

By Mickey Thurman

Carpet: No more duct tape, no more tripping, and the carpets match! Oh, and the new carpet is so cushy, you want to walk on it barefoot! The last remnants of the old carpet were removed by Ken Schoenfeld Furniture in April of this year. As many of you will remember, there were at least five different carpets, and lots of duct tape holding it together. Thanks to complete funding by the Jeanne Hannaford Memorial Fund of the Grays Harbor Community Foundation, the lobby and auditorium have been completely recarpeted. The original carpet pad was actually still in the theatre! It was made out of cattle hair. If you haven't stopped by and seen the new carpet, we hope you do — you will be amazed at the difference.

Stage Floor: The stage floor project, which was originally scheduled to occur in April during the carpet installation, had to be postponed due to a scheduling conflict. It was completed in September by Christopherson Wood Floors. The center main stage — the area used by performers — was badly damaged. The original fir floor had numerous gouges and chips. The front third of the floor was maple, and it still remains, but was refinished. The fir floor was removed by theatre board members and volunteers in mid-September and was replaced with maple tongue & groove flooring to match the front portion. Maple is a hardwood and will hold up much better.

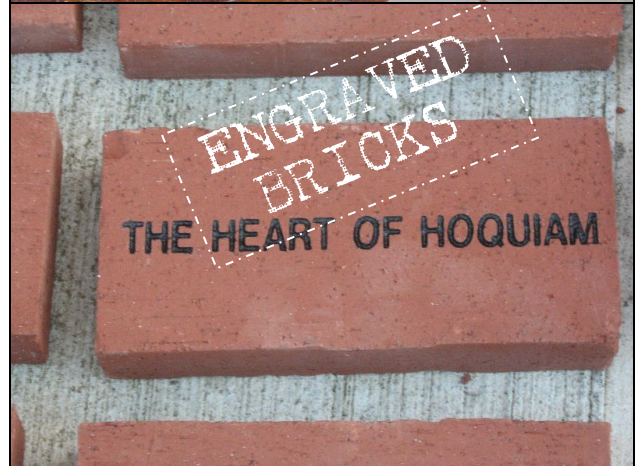
Engraved Bricks: When the downtown sidewalks were re-done, we were able to hold off on having the bricks permanently installed in front of the theatre in order to run a fundraising campaign for engraved bricks. The bricks went on sale this spring, and the deadline for ordering was August 15th. Nearly 300 bricks were sold, and the weather was nice enough for us to have them installed in early October. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward the purchase of a new lighted candlestick sign which will be mounted on the north-west corner of the theatre, in the same location as the original. We don't know what happened to the original sign. If anyone has information about it, we would love to hear from you. The candlestick sign is our logo and can be seen above, near the title of this newsletter. ❖



CARPET



STAGE FLOOR



ENGRAVED BRICKS
THE HEART OF HOQUIAM

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Look down, from page 1



Our board treasurer, Sandie, whose dreams were fulfilled by the installation of the new carpet



New stage floor—the original maple slightly darker, is on the left.



A section of the engraved bricks in front of the theatre

7th Street Theatre receives commendations and awards in 2010



Jim Daly, Exec. Director of the GH Community Foundation, Hoquiam City Planner Alissa Thurman, board members Lane Youmans and Mickey Thurman, and Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer, at the State Capitol receiving the SHPO award.



Board members Lane Youmans, Mickey Thurman and Ray Kahler with Susan Kempf from the Washington Main Street Program at the awards ceremony in Ford Worden, receiving the Outstanding Design Project from the Dept. of Commerce

By Ray Kahler

The 7th Street Theatre Association received several commendations and awards in 2010 for excellence in historic preservation and for being an effective nonprofit organization.

In January 2010, at the Theatre's grand re-opening event to celebrate the completion of the auditorium and ceiling restoration projects, Michael Houser of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) presented a commendation from DAHP for "Long-term Commitment to Excellence in Preserving the 7th Street Theatre."

In May, the 7th Street received two more awards for the restoration work that has been accomplished. The Theatre Association received the State Historic Preservation Officer's 2010 Annual Valerie Sivinski Award for Historic Rehabilitation from the Department of Archaeology and Historic

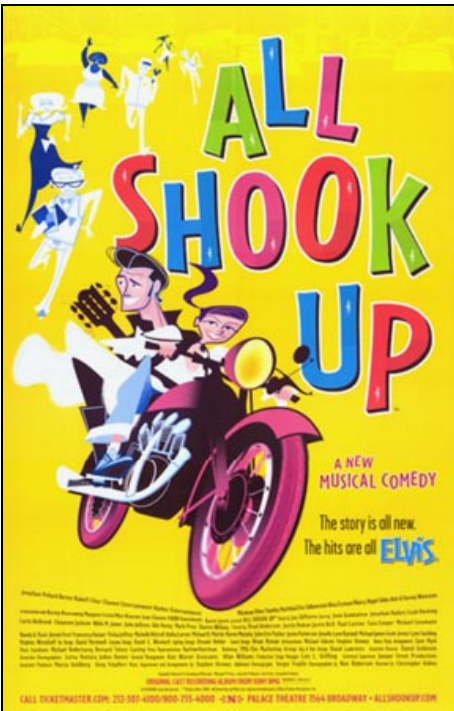
Preservation, which was presented in Olympia. Board members Mickey Thurman and Lane Youmans were present to receive the award, along with Hoquiam City Planner Alissa Thurman and Grays Harbor Community Foundation Executive Director Jim Daly.

Also in May, the 7th Street received the Department of Commerce's 2009 Downtown Revitalization award for Outstanding Design Project, which was presented at a dinner meeting that was part of the 24th Annual Downtown Revitalization Institute. The conference was held in Port Townsend and featured a number of speakers and tours related to downtown revitalization and historic preservation issues over the course of three days. Board members Lane Youmans, Mickey Thurman, and Ray Kahler attended the conference and accepted the award on behalf of the

Theatre Association.

Finally, in October the 7th Street was recognized as Nonprofit Organization of the year at the Grays Harbor Chamber of Commerce's annual Leaders Banquet. The 7th Street Theatre Association was selected for the award for their restoration work at the Theatre. The Chamber noted that "the rehabilitation of the theater is widely credited with spurring development in downtown Hoquiam as well as polishing a true historic gem."

Board members and volunteers for the 7th Street have been working for over 20 years to see the Theatre restored. It is gratifying to see our commitment to historic preservation and the results of our hard work recognized at both the local and state levels.



Hoquiam High School Drama Department presents All Shook Up February 4-6

Ready for a little rock'n roll, Elvis-style?

The Hoquiam High School Drama Department has a stellar reputation for musical productions. Their next production is no exception. Every year brings a new and exciting musical production to the 7th Street. Patty Sundstrom and Jill Smith team up with band director Roger White, presenting *All Shook Up*, a musical which premiered on Broadway in 2005. It has been performed nationwide at regional theaters, colleges, and high schools.

We're not really sure how many years Hoquiam High School has performed at the 7th Street, but we know it goes back for at least 40 years. A few years ago we were honored with a visit from the HHS Class of 1969 for their reunion, and they reminisced about performing *Oklahoma* and *Carousel* at the 7th Street. It's part of the rich history of



By Mickey Thurman Meet the Wizard twice in 2011

This doesn't happen very often, but there are two opportunities to see the all-time favorite classic *The Wizard of Oz* next year.

The 1938 movie — On March 5 & 6 the Silver Screen Classic Series kicks off with the 1938 classic film starring Judy Garland. We've presented this film twice in the past seven years. It was shown in June 2003 when I was asked to pick a film to start our series. I consulted Kevin Hong, who was a photographer for *The Daily World* at that time. He suggested *The Wizard of Oz*. We had one

showing and over 600 people showed up for it! I don't think we have ever had one showing get this many people since that awesome night. We had it again in 2006 with about half of that attendance. We are looking forward to showing it again next year and hope you bring your whole family to see it on the big screen.

The musical production — In July the 7th Street Kids will be celebrating their 20th anniversary and will present the musical production of *The Wizard of Oz* — the musical they started with in their very first production in 1992!

The 7th Street Kids program started in 1992 by Micki Colwell, who wanted to give kids the opportunity to perform live on stage. The program is for kids age 7 through 16. The Kids move into the 7th Street in mid June and practice for six weeks until their performance at the end of July.

The 7th Street Kids is a 501(c)3 non profit organization.



Books on 7th opened October 1

Books on 7th celebrated its grand opening the first weekend in October. Tammy Lenz-Domike and her husband Dan previously operated Jackson Street Books in Seattle.

The store is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 to 6. We are excited to house the Harbor's new bookstore! Be sure to stop in and say hello to Tammy.

Are you interested in volunteering at the 7th Street?

Would you like to be one of those smiling faces people see when they walk into an event at the 7th Street? Our events have increased in the past year and we could use more volunteers. You could volunteer in the lobby, or maybe you're interested in learning how to run lights or sound? How about a projectionist at our movies? How about distributing posters in Ocean Shores or Westport? You could volunteer as often as you like, there are no rules. You could also get a movie pass or stay and watch an event when you volunteer. Call the theatre at 537-7400 or email us at:

seventhstreettheatre@hotmail.com.

We ♥ our volunteers!

Historic Jones Photo slide show coming up in May

On May 21, 2011 the 7th Street Theatre board is honored to present the first-ever Jones Photo public slide show in a theatre.

Several people are helping with this slide show: theatre board members Lane Youmans and Mickey Thurman; Terri Middleton, whose family owns this historic photo collection; Barb Caskey, whose father Bill Jones recently passed away; local businessman Tom Quigg; Polson Museum director John Larson, Aberdeen Museum director Dann Sears; and Howard Giske, who was instrumental in getting the Jones Photo Historical Collection website up and running.

In the 1880s William L. Jones, an immigrant from Wales, set up business in Silverton, Oregon, and traveled around towns setting up his tent photography studio. In 1913 William and his family moved to Washington. William opened a photography studio in Hoquiam and his son, Bliss, opened a studio in 1914 in Aberdeen. Bliss' son Bill carried on the family tradition into the 21st century. He served in the Navy from 1942 to 1945, got married, moved back to the Harbor and went back to work for his dad. Gregory Jones, fourth generation of the Jones family continued the family business until his sudden death in January 2003. The collection was purchased by Anderson Middleton that year and went online in 2006.

Jones Photo, being one of the only photography studios in town, was where *The Daily World* would turn for many years for contract photography. Many photos show burning buildings, floods, and even board member Mickey Thurman's father, Jim Cowan, removing a swarm of bees from a traffic light in Aberdeen.

There are more than 10,000 pictures on the website, and they each contain original information about the photo including the year and photo number. The photographs are



1958 photo of the Jones Photo Studio 1 Street across from the Becker Building (no longer standing) Photo courtesy Jones Photo Historical Collection.

from the 1880s through 2003. Many of the photos need identification and we plan on showing a few of these to see if anyone in the audience may be able to provide identification. The slide show will consist of 60 to 80 slides and last about two hours. An

eclectic selection of slides from all over Grays Harbor will be presented. We also will have some of the slides alongside a current photograph from the same location.

The event is a fundraiser for a lighted candlestick sign. (see page 7).



Corner of Market and Broadway in Aberdeen in 1953 shows that a "new and modern" Woolworth's is going into the building which now houses Moore's Furniture.

Photo Courtesy Jones Photo Historical Collection

Classic Movie Schedule 2011

Following is our movie schedule for 2011. The movies marked "SSC" are the Silver Screen Classic series and are shown Saturday night at 7:30 with a Sunday matinee at 2:00. *(New matinee time!)*

All other movies are Friday and Saturday at 7:30,
Tickets just \$5/adults, \$3/students & kids
Available at the door one half hour before the movie

Jan 21/22 **Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (1982)**

Feb 11/12 **Romancing the Stone (1984)**

Mar 5/6 **The Wizard of Oz (1938) SSC**

Mar 18/19 **Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001)**

Apr 9/10 **The Searchers (1956) SSC**

Apr 22/23 **FernGully: The Last Rain Forest (1992)**

May 7/8 **The African Queen (1951) SSC**

May 21 **Jones Photo Historical Collection Slide Show (not a movie)**

Jun 10/11 **Planet of the Apes (1968)**

Aug 26/27 **Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior (1981)**

Sep 10/11 **North by Northwest (1959) SSC**

Sep 23/24 **West Side Story (1961)**

Oct 15/16 **King Kong (1933) SSC**

Oct 28/29 **Ghostbusters (1984)**

Nov 12/13 **The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957) SSC**

Nov 25/26 **It's a Wonderful Life (1946)**

New popcorn machine



We have served popcorn for our classic movie series since we started the series in 2004. We've gone from one machine to two machines — one for popping and one for holding the bagged popcorn. Finally, we have a large enough machine to keep up with

our demand and keep the popcorn warm and bagged.

This fancy machine even has LED lighting with pricing information. The most important thing, however, is that it produces popcorn about four times faster than our old machine. Our movie patrons have been wonderful, but many times people have had to wait in line to get popcorn after the movie has already started. Not any longer! The new popcorn machine was purchased with money raised from our movies, and we think it is well worth it. We thank all of our movie patrons for their continued support.

Popcorn is, after all, our best seller. Our moviegoers come back time and time again to get this wonderful popcorn, served with real butter and a smile.



Help us light this candle!



Original sign in 1930. Photo courtesy Jones Photo Historical Collection.

A fire alarm system is the next project at the 7th Street. We have funding set aside from a State award in 2009 which will be used for this project. The next project will be a new candlestick sign on the corner of the building.

The photo on the left shows what was actually the second candlestick sign, installed in 1930. The first candlestick sign did not have a reader board. This reader board was lighted replaceable letters. Workers had to climb up a ladder to the sign to change it for each new event. Fortunately for us, today's technology will allow us to install a two-sided LED sign which can be changed via a computer program from inside the building. Depending upon the funds raised, this could be a two-phase project with the candlestick first and the "message center" second.

The total cost of the sign and message center is approximately \$80,000. The engraved brick sales raised \$7,600, which will be applied toward this project.

Where does your donation go?

The 7th Street Theatre Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, and owns and operates the 7th Street Theatre. There are two ways you can help support the theatre.

- **Memberships** Help with the promotion of our events and ongoing expenses involved in operating the theatre. *Lead Actor, Director and Producer level memberships will be acknowledged in our concert and movie programs throughout the next year.*
- **General donations** are set aside into a special fund for restoration and preservation of the theatre building. Unless specified otherwise, general donations at this time will go toward the purchase of a lighted candlestick sign (see above). Funding for restoration work is also provided by grants, applied for by the theatre board.

I'd like to give a year-long membership!

Membership level desired:

Supporting Actor	—	\$25 to \$49	\$ _____
*Lead Actor	—	\$50 to \$199	\$ _____
*Director	—	\$200 to \$499	\$ _____
*Producer	—	\$500 and up	\$ _____

(*These levels will be acknowledged throughout the next year in our movie and concert programs.)

I'd like to make a general donation Amount \$ _____

Total enclosed:

\$

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

The 7th Street Theatre is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation ❖ Thank you for your support!

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COMING EVENTS

**National Lampoon's
Christmas Vacation**
November 26 & 27 @ 7:30 pm

The Nutcracker
Presented by Lighthouse Dance
December 10 @ 7 pm
December 11 @ 1 pm and 7 pm
December 12 @ 2 pm

**Hoquiam Middle & High School
Band & Choir Christmas Concerts**
December 14 & 15 @ 7 pm

Movie: A Christmas Story
Presented by H.B.A
December 18 @ 7:30 pm

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Movie: Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan
January 21 & 22, 2011 @ 7:30 pm

**Hoquiam High School Drama Dept. presents
All Shook Up**
February 4 through 6

Movie: Romancing the Stone
February 11 & 12 @ 7:30

Miss Grays Harbor Outstanding Teen Pageant
February 11

Miss Grays Harbor Scholarship Pageant
February 12

**Hoquiam Middle & High School
Band & Choir Winter Concerts**
March 1 & 2

Movie: The Wizard of Oz
March 5 @ 7:30
March 6 @ 2:00'

**Movie: Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship
Of the Ring**
March 18 & 19 @ 7:30

Current event information can be found on our website: www.7thstreettheatre.com

Movie Admission Price: \$5 adults/\$3 students

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