

PAC NEWS

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We were recently reminded in the media of former President George H.W. Bush's "thousand points of light" term used to acknowledge the many volunteers who "spread like stars" throughout the country.

Pondera Arts Council (PAC) would not be what it is today nor could it have accomplished what it has without the many "shining stars" who have put in thousands of volunteer hours. The Orpheum Theatre is celebrating its centennial this year all because of the vision and dedication of people like Harold Olson, Helen Elliott and Jan Carter who have helped behind the scenes for so many years to renovate the Theatre building and promote the mission of PAC to bring cultural programs and quality live entertainment as well as decent movies to rural Montana.

Our recent "stars" are George and Cheryl Tornnga who served as docents for the Orpheum Open House on Whoop-up Saturday. They were joined by Martha Orcutt, our gracious hostess for the event. Two weeks ago, Gerald Miller came to the rescue at the last minute when we needed a back-up generator for the Shakespeare in the Park production. Many of the programs and projects have been funded through grants made possible by the umpteen hours Phyllis Philipps has put in on research and writing proposals. Construction is currently underway on the addition to the Orpheum which was made possible by many volunteer hours promoting the Trip of the Month raffle, as well as all who purchased tickets.

Pondera Arts Council is publishing a commemorative book, due out this fall, showcasing the history of the Orpheum and all the volunteers who have worked so hard to preserve this historic gem. The keepsake, limited edition book will be available during the Centennial celebration the first weekend in October. Watch for ways YOU can be involved in the next 100 years of making memories.

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