

PONDERA ARTS COUNCIL

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Our Mission: To bring quality live entertainment, cultural events and movies to the Conrad area.



Local Variety Talent Show



Montana Children's Theatre "The Secret Garden"



PAC Facebook Page

Pondera Arts Council has had a very successful first six months of 2019. We have sponsored multiple events, awarded another scholarship, enhanced our social media presence, and completed a rewarding fundraising campaign.

Concerts / Theatre Events

So far this year PAC has sponsored three concert events for the community. We held a Local Variety Talent Show in February that was very well attended and featured local artists as well as Antonio Jarvey, a Great Falls High School senior with extraordinary talent on the saxophone. In April we were fortunate to have the "O Sole Trio" from New York perform selections from Broadway. It was very well received by the community. The third concert was the PAC sponsored Whoop Up Concert, Boone Country Band on June 8. We also welcomed the Montana Children's Theatre to Conrad in February. Nearly 100 local children participated in the production of "The Secret Garden."

Trip of the Month Raffle

We are half way through the year and have drawn monthly winners for a trip and a \$200 cash prize at each board meeting. A full list of trips and winners is available on our website under the heading "Promotions".

Summer Fundraising Efforts

Each year PAC sends fundraising letters to businesses and individuals throughout the area to raise money for our summer events. This year we received over \$4000 through donations from local businesses and generous community members: 15 donated to the Shakespeare in the Parks event, and 26 donated to the Children's Summer Matinee Series. A complete list is found on our website under "Sponsors". Please thank them for their patronage when you next see these individuals around town or visit their businesses!

PAC Facebook Page

We are working to build up our social media presence in the Conrad area. Please "like" our page and share our posts when possible. This makes sure that our posts regarding upcoming events reach a wider audience. This type of social media exposure is free advertising so let's take advantage of it!

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This year PAC awarded its annual arts scholarship to Conrad High School senior Alex Huffman. He was active in the Conrad High School Band and will continue to pursue the arts in college. He will receive his \$500 award before his sophomore year in college. The scholarship requires students to have participated in the arts during their 4 years of high school as well as commit to continuing participation during their freshman year in college. PAC Board Member Helen Elliott awarded the scholarship at the CHS Awards Assembly on May 22, 2019.

Whoop Up Days 2019



PAC's Rhubarb Festival 2019 – another success!

This year we held our Rhubarb Festival during Whoop Up Days on June 8, 2019. During this year's Rhubarb Festival, we sold about 85 homemade pies, which provides the funding for our high school scholarship. Thank you for your support through both making the pies and purchasing them! We ran out of pies a little after noon so we plan to make more next year. Making pies is an easy way for our membership to participate in PAC so plan to join us next June as we make pies together!

We also provided tables and chairs for those wanting a break on Saturday during Whoop Up. This year we again provided free tours of the Orpheum Theatre and the new Addition. Our Whoop Up Concert this year was the Boone Country Classic and Modern Music Band from Belt.

Theatre / Addition Rentals

Did you know you can rent the theater / addition for private functions? Consider a movie for your next birthday or anniversary. Get married or renew your vows at the Orpheum. Host a business meeting in the Addition. Possibilities are endless! PAC members get a 10% discount as well. See the website for details!



Mary celebrating her birthday at the Orpheum / Addition.

How You Can Help / Contact Us:

If you're not actively involved with PAC activities and would like to be, please send us an email or chat with a board member. We'd love to have your help and there are ALWAYS many areas to serve.

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