



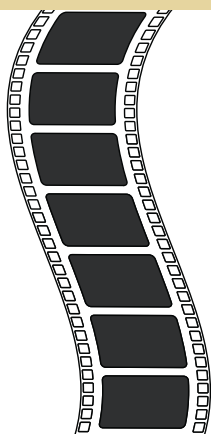
# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

March 2023 Edition



## HISTORY

Centralia's Fox Theatre opened its doors on September 10, 1930. The ornate, 1200 seat art deco member of the Fox West Coast Theatre chain cemented Centralia's significance as the Hub City of Washington State. The Fox was the largest theatre between Portland, OR and Tacoma, WA and put Centralia square on the national map of touring shows and in line for the latest blockbusters from Hollywood.



## OUR MISSION

Historic Fox Theatre Restorations was formed to restore the 1930's Historic Fox Theatre and after restoration, operate as a performing arts center. Some of the plans to update the theater space include extending the lobby, adding restrooms throughout the building, installing an elevator, creating a greenroom and dressing rooms in the basement, a stage extension, theatrical lighting and state-of-the-art sound and film equipment.

Debbie Campbell, Centralia Historic Fox Theatre Board Chair, Chairman  
Dustin Klatush – Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, and State Representative Peter Abbarno



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you, Chairman Dustin Klatush and the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, for your support and generous donation to the Historic Centralia Fox Theatre. The Fox is in the final stages of restoration and needs our communities continued financial support.

When completed the Historic Fox will be a cultural gem and economic centerpiece for Centralia, Lewis County, and SW Washington. The Historic Fox Theatre Board is encouraged by the progress made in the last year. We have brought in a construction manager, received one half million dollars in Covid relief funds from Lewis County, are poised for another nearly half million from the Washington State Historical Society, and are working on Historic Tax Credits that could get the restoration even closer to the finish line.

As we have been for so many years, we are extremely blessed to have the support of many loyal community supporters. Stay tuned for more to come.

Debbie Campbell, Board President

## LOOK FOR CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SOON

Historic Fox Theatre Restorations is working on finalizing an agreement with a general contractor from the local south sound region. This contractor has extensive experience with historical projects. We will be announcing the details of that engagement shortly upon completion of the necessary approval processes.

Soon we will see scaffolding on the side of the building, sidewalks torn up, and other external construction activities! We are excited to share our progress:

- We have secured \$500,000 in ARPA funding from the County and we anticipate another \$482,000 in the governor's budget through the WA State Historical Society that we will be using for primary construction pieces. Those include: weather sealing the building, exterior south wall, egress/ingress points, and some other external construction components.
- In anticipation of the Historical Society Funds we will then move inside to complete life and safety components: fire suppression, electrical, HVAC, and ADA.
- We continue to pursue Historical Tax Credits and are very optimistic that these will come to fruition in third quarter 2023 and will allow us to complete all of the necessary work to obtain a certificate of occupancy from the City of Centralia.
- We will then move to our focused strategy on the remaining funding opportunities for completion of the Fox Theatre in late 2024, early 2025.
- Finally, we will develop ongoing communication strategies through our website, social media, newsletters, and other communication channels to keep our community informed and engaged in the progress of renovating the Fox Theatre.



## FOX IN THE NEWS

Our Board hosted a tour of the theatre in February to share our financial and construction planning progress!

Be sure to check out The Chronicle feature found here:

<https://www.chronline.com/stories/historic-centralia-fox-theatre-on-track-for-possible-end-of-year-opening.313772?>

## WHY I SUPPORT THE FOX

"It is easy for me to tell you why I enthusiastically support the restoration of the historic Fox Theatre. The Fox is a grand old dame who has been an icon for Centralia for decades. Over those years she aged and began to look a bit dated and seedy, but finally enough people began talking about restoring the Fox to her former beauty. That's when that small group of supporters began to grow, and it's still growing today! You bet I support the Fox! I can't wait to see her restored to all her Glory again. To have the Fox Theatre back as her iconic self on her corner will be fabulous! Please add your support and let's start planning her Grand Re-Opening!"

Doris Wood-Brumsickle



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