

De's Dazzles

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Where does the summer go?

Mine has been filled with travel adventures! From July 14 – 17 I attended the League of Historic American Theater National Conference in Philadelphia. Three of my highlights. First, We toured 10 historic performing arts venues, from ones that made the opera house look like a palace to very glitzy upscale venues. My big take-away was no matter your size, you still have struggles and successes. With any old building we go from restoring to preserving to inspiring! Second, meeting people from all across the United States and Canada was inspiring! I was encouraged to be around so many like-minded people who promote and love the arts and I'm ready to hit the road running. Third, my mind is over-flowing with so many ideas that we could do! More on that in the coming months!

During the slow weeks, with no shows or rentals, it's the perfect time to get some extra cleaning done. So all the carpets have been shampooed and chairs with stains have a new outlook on life! The Brooks Methodist Church donated some dishes and kitchen utensils (so now we have all matching ones!) and they are put away.

Chad Elliott has written and illustrated a book of poetry. Then he created eight 3' x 4' paintings from the book that are on display throughout the building until September 30. The whimsical designs are similar to Shel Silverstein but with color added. Drop in and look at these cute and funny paintings in the afternoons.

This is also the time of year, that planning for the next year is in full gear! A couple contracts are signed and I can't wait to tell you about the great entertainment coming this way! The talks are ongoing with several agents and details are being worked out. Plus we have added a couple shows this fall. Mark your calendars for November 10, Iowa National Guard Synergy Woodwind Quintet and December 7 Joseph Hall's Rock 'n Remember Elvis Christmas Show. Plus a big concert announcement coming on August 20 on Facebook.

Lately, the building has been used for a business training, family reunion, birthday party, and historical tours – what are you going to do in the Corning Opera House?

Ta Ta for now,

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