

De's Dazzles – Surprises: Gratitude, Generosity, Gifts

SURPRISE - I was taken by surprise when looking out the kitchen window and saw a Cooper's Hawk near our birdfeeder. The weird part was our Siamese cat was sitting on the porch meowing to get in the house. The hawk was aware of the cat, but not disturbed by the situation! So as 2021 comes to an end, our Board of Directors are aware of the cancelled rentals and concerts, but not letting the situation distract us from our mission. Which is providing a multi-purpose historical facility to honor our heritage and enhance experiences through diverse entertainment and education!



GRATITUDE – Jazz is made up of unique rhythms, harmonies, and improvs. Through this unpredictability, the jazz music is exciting and filled with surprises! The opera house has recently received an Iowa Tourism Travel Grant to create video ads to be used at area movie theaters, social media campaigns and mobile marketing! This new venture is presenting us with many new advertising opportunities in 2022 to reach more people!

GENEROSITY – The joy in our lives is determined by how we react, and our reactions can make the difference between living joyfully or fearfully. Joy starts with faith, waking up to the surprises and delighting in the good stuff! The SW Valley FFA members were kind and generous with their time as they helped prepare our Christmas trees! Carol Smart &

Jill Shuler decorated the three turret trees and put the finishing festive touches throughout the building. In total, 30 volunteers donated over 100 hours of their time for the Festival of Trees! As we plan for our future the big-heartedness of our 2022 Patrons of the Arts and sponsors financial contributions have been very rewarding also!

GIFTS – A lot of awe and wonder in life comes from surprises! Holiday gift were purchased at the recent vendor fairs. Plus the Christmas party rentals are in full swing, with gifts for birthdays, employees and friends abounding! Thank you for donating dollars, renting space, giving time, and sharing your family and friends with us! Pay Attention! See all the Good Stuff Coming! Merry Christmas!

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