



De's Dazzles – Digging for Gold

During the California gold rush of 1849, people were hoping to strike it rich! They went into the mountains, started digging, hoping to find gold in 'dem hills! Those without maps, studied the land and followed rivers, hoping. But if you had a plan, a process, a map, some ingenuity, discipline, and commitment you could reap the benefits of your labors!

At our annual board meeting, the board members revisited where we've been, what are we doing and where are we going? Running a performing arts venue takes a lot of digging and sifting to get the gold out these hills (concerts and rentals)! The rules keep changing and the decisions are complex and take much consideration. Those old prospectors worked for months and years before they hit that vein with the mother lode. There were days, I'm sure they lost heart. That's where the vision and mission hold us together! I'm sure many a man packed up and went back east, but our board is firmly grounded, we came here to find gold and enhance our communities' cultural experiences! So we fight to maintain our commitment. That's why we rent our facility and have fantastic programs lined up (Fun Pianos 1/7, Hornucopia 2/5, Jason Walsmith 3/4 and Sail On 4/2), plus we will be bringing some old favorites back and starting some new programs/classes! Stay on the look out for those gold nuggets!



We are sifting through our idea box, examining what worked well or didn't so we can move onto the mother lode. May you climb the mountain with us, examine the river for nuggets and discover our gold, whether it be a new friendship, experience, or appreciation. We are committed to providing a multi-purpose historical facility to honor the community's heritage and to enhance the cultural experiences. Grab your shovel (or ticket) and let's dig up some gold!

De Heaton, Corning Opera House, Corning, Iowa, 1/6/22