

De's Dazzles – Interlocking, Unique, Missing Puzzle Pieces

Growing up, I remember my grandmother hunched over the card table, spending hours piecing together the odd cut shapes into scenic pictures of America. Each piece added another slice of satisfaction, and each piece was vital to the whole picture. At the time, I thought we were putting puzzles together, but looking back, there was a whole lot more happening as we shared stories, struggles, triumphs and developed a strong bond.

Piecing the Puzzle Together, happens one story at a time. One such story is from the 1927 senior class play. As Irma B. told the story, the footlights were pretend candles. The last scene of the play, all the young men were to kneel down next to the footlights and “blow” out the candles. Another classmate was in the rear of the room and was to hit the light switch turning off the lights. When those on stage “blew” out the candles, the room would go dark and the play ends. But on the night of the performance, the lights remained on. So the actors, blow a second and a third time. Nothing happens. One of the stage actors leaves the stage, runs to the back of the room, only to discover, that person had stepped outside for a “smoke” and was just entering the building. So they tried a fourth time and all went as planned.

Tammi K says - We are so happy to be in the audience to enjoy seeing the ventriloquist show (June 2021). He is a engaging person who includes audience members in the act. We also had the pleasure of touring and learning about the Corning Opera House. The kind volunteers provided such a wide variety of hors d'oeuvres and punches it was fit for a king. I wish many more people would have attended if not to support the Opera House, but to take this free will donation opportunity to introduce the family to entertainment that is not in video games killing people. Good wholesome fun. Thanks for letting us visit Corning and the Opera House.

Jerald C. Comment - Although we're from the St. Louis area, my wife and I happened to be in the SW Iowa area last weekend and were able to take in the Linda Ronstadt Experience show (9/26/21) at the Opera House. We thoroughly enjoyed it and found the Opera House itself very impressive as well. Just wanted to extend a "well done" to everyone there for bringing a wonderful show to your town. Also, the staff and the volunteers there were very helpful and friendly. It was our first time there and were favorable impressed.

Interlocking Puzzle Pieces Fit Together creating a beautiful image. When you empty the contents of the puzzle box, chaos reigns. Some people sort the border pieces, others arrange by color and so forth. As one piece builds upon another, it paves the way for more pieces to be added. Eventually the picture is fully revealed in its glory. The Corning Opera House has distinct puzzle pieces in the form of live entertainment, tours, venue rentals, volunteers, donors and more. I am reminded a single leaf working alone, provides no shade. Just like rentals wouldn't be enough.

Unique Puzzle Pieces with obvious differences, can have whimsical, unique, irregular and offbeat shapes. These odd shapes usually make it easier to fit into the puzzle. So our differences are our strengths! Our 1902 historic auditorium, with the original horseshoe balcony, raked stage, proscenium arch brings others to us! Being different helps others fit in!

Maddening Missing Puzzle Piece. There is nothing more frustrating than completing a puzzle, only to discover one piece is missing! Usually, it is hidden underneath a cushion, fallen on the floor or been chewed by the dog. Ok, it is not a huge life or death tragedy, just annoying, disturbing, infuriating, and challenging. The thing is you must take time to look for it! The Corning Opera House has a few missing pieces, such as YOUR neighbor, co-worker, grandchild, or friend could be invited to our next concert! Your business could host their Christmas party in the building. These missing puzzle pieces are an opportunity for you to encourage others to come and a chance for our puzzle to be completed! Thank you!

