



## *De's Dazzles – Advice from an Apple*

As I was making applesauce this year with my father I was once again reminded of the lessons I've learned from apples! An apple grows at the end of the limb and hangs on by a stem. As the Corning Opera House hangs on we are going out on a limb by expanding our educational opportunities. Area Home School Students are being offered weekly music classes. Area students can participate in workshops on teacher in-service days to grow self-confidence, improve listening skills, and open the young minds to what's possible.

The skin of an apple protects the tasty inside. Lighthouse Glass repaired and painted the wood on the opera house exterior so we can offer our multi-purpose facility for our community. As with all the variety of apples from delicious, gala, granny smith, fuji, pink lady and others the fleshy inside is savory! Won't you take a bite out of life and become a well-rounded community member by taking part in some cultural and art events. The coming months have many possibilities to join the excitement in the Holiday Boutique, attend live entertainment, learn origami paper folding, volunteer with the Christmas activities, or try out for the play.

It amazes me how a ripe apple knows when to let go. We made the decision to let go of Merri's Monday Meals due to lack of interest. Just because this didn't work, doesn't mean we give up on the whole apple tree! Some apples may have a worm hidden deep inside, it just makes you appreciate the perfect apple! There are plenty more apples to pick!

The Corning Opera House continues to honor our community's heritage and enhance cultural experiences in a family friendly venue. Down to our core, we offer integrity and smiles! So even though tomorrow the world could go to pieces, we are still going to plant seeds today!

Sincerely,

De Heaton, Executive Director