



# COLUMBIA RIVER CLARION

Columbia River Theatre Organ Society

## Annual Summer Picnic

August 20th, 1-4 pm

Allen and Nancy Plunkett are once again hosting the annual summer picnic at their home in Sherwood on Saturday August 20th from 1 pm - 4 pm. For those of you who have not visited the Plunkett's home before, animals play a big part in their lives—numerous award-winning horses, friendly dogs and cats—and even an occasional honey bee! And of course, a stunning Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ too! Bring your music; You won't want to miss playing this gem!

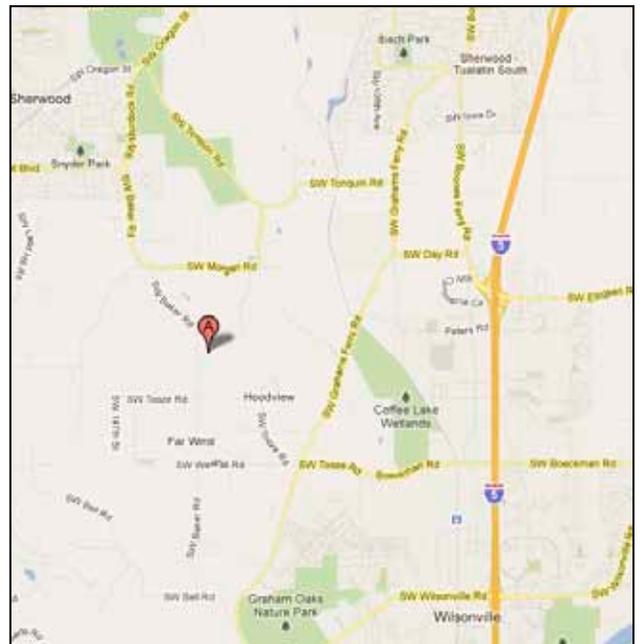
The Plunkett's are providing the main course this year. Please bring additional side dishes or deserts to share!



Their residence is located at; Blue Moon Walking Horses, 26280 SW Baker Rd., Sherwood, OR 97140. (503)819-5079

### Directions:

1. Take exit 286 West toward Stafford/N Wilsonville
2. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Boones Ferry Road
3. Turn right onto SW Boones Ferry Rd.
4. Turn left onto SW Day Rd (0.6 mi)
5. Turn left onto SW Grahams Ferry Rd (1.5 mi)
6. Turn right onto SW Malloy Way (0.4 mi)
7. Turn right onto SW Tooze Rd (0.3 mi)
8. Turn left to stay on SW Tooze Rd 0.5 mi
9. Take the first right onto SW Baker Rd.



Destination will be on the right. There is a sign facing the road "Blue Moon Walking Horses", but it is easy to miss it when approaching from this direction due to trees... you can also look for the street number, 26280.



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# CRTOS July Board Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2011

Chairman Jack Powers called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Board members present: Jack Powers, Paul Tichy, Max Brown, Rob Kingdom, Richard Lawson, Gary Nelson, Mike Bryant. Board members absent: Ron Deamer, Rick Parks. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the June board meeting were approved as published in the Clarion.

In the absence of the treasurer, no treasurer's report was presented.

## OLD BUSINESS

A mailbox has been obtained; the new mailing address for CRTOS is 3439 NE Sandy Blvd., # 259, Portland, OR 97232. The insurance policy is due for renewal and will be voted on by e-mail when the invoice is received.

August 20 has been set for the CRTOS summer picnic, at the Plunkett's home in Sherwood.

The organ at the Hollywood doesn't yet sound as good as it can or should. Rob Kingdom reported that we will try porting one pair of speakers as a test to see if that corrects the lack of lower-midrange response. We also need to clean up the cabling between the speakers and the amp rack. The crew repairing the floor built a tray for the cables to run through. Rob, Mike Bryant, and Jack Powers will have a work party within the next week to address the cabling.

Mike Bryant reported that we need to get work parties going again for

the Hollywood pipes; the diaphone resonators need to be completed and work begun on the six-rank manual chest. Bob MacNeur has requested that we begin moving completed components from his studio to the Hollywood.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mike Bryant reported he is preparing a proposal for the Hollywood on a silent film series. He will present the detailed plan to the board via e-mail prior to the next meeting.

Rob Kingdom announced Bob MacNeur had requested a work party at the warehouse on Saturday, July 30 at 10:00am. MOVED (Kingdom) that CRTOS will provide lunch and refreshments for the work party, not to exceed \$100.00. (Motion CARRIED).

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mike reported the Hollywood hosted a tour of "Senior Strollers" the same day as our open console. Between 40 and 50 attended, and we provided a demonstration of the organ and a Q&A session. There seemed to be strong interest in silent films. We had copies of the last four issues of THEATRE ORGAN available, along with CRTOS brochures.

Mike also reported that the ATOS grant application for \$2,703.00 for supplies to rebuild the six-rank manual chest was approved for funding in full.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

*Mike Bryant*  
Secretary

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Being an ATOS chapter is certainly a source for additional revenue. The latest issue of the newsletter reported that national ATOS granted us \$2703, which (rounded up) is .04% of what has been estimated that we need to complete the Hollywood organ project. If I recall correctly, Bob MacNeur and Mike Bryant, just a few years ago, estimated that an additional \$70,000, would be required to finish the project the right way. National ATOS just gave us less than 1/2 of one percent of what we need. We clearly can rely on national for a very small portion of our financial needs for that, or any, project.

Respectfully,  
Bob Shafter

*Dear Mr. Shafter,*

*While I agree this amount is a very small fraction of the total cost to finish the installation, I would point out that the amount awarded us was exactly the amount we asked for. As is typical with most grants, they are awarded based on specific needs for specific items or costs. I am certain that we will once again ask National ATOS for money for additional steps in the installation and expect we have a good chance of being awarded some or all of those additional requests.*

*On the other hand, we DO need to continue to pursue additional sources for grants as this is an expensive project. It would be a disservice to all to rely solely on one source for financing.*

*-Editor*

# Wind Supply

From Your President

## *First Open Console in July*

Mike Bryant conducted our first Open Console at the Hollywood Theatre on Wednesday, July 20. Also, we were asked to provide a short “Show And Tell” session on that morning for a group of touring senior citizens, and Mike gave them a quick introduction to the Beverly Ruth Nelson Memorial Organ before the Open Console started. He said that the presentation was well received and quite a few of the visitors picked up back issues of the Theatre Organ Journal. I hope some of them decide to join! Members can play the instrument on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (10:15 - noon), and it is OK to bring a guest (maybe they will want to join after hearing it).

## *Summer Party August 20*

Don't miss our summer party at the Plunkett home, where there is a 6-rank Style “D” Wurlitzer to hear and play. The organ is described in a web page at <http://tinyurl.com/3pchdtz> - it is in excellent condition in a great setting. Party details are elsewhere in this issue of the Clarion. Special thanks go to the Plunketts for hosting this event again this year.

Speaking of parties, Bob MacNeur has offered his studio for our Winter Party - details in a future issue of the Clarion.

## *Work Parties*

Two parties of a different kind occurred recently. About a half-dozen members and friends converged July 23 at Bob MacNeur's warehouse near Wilsonville to help him organize the contents, part of which are CRTOS property. Bob has generously stored our organ parts for quite a while, and we are very grateful for that. Some of the things he moved there from his studio will make more room for our Holiday Party. And Mike Bryant and Rob Kingdom reorganized a pile of speaker cables at the Hollywood on August 2, taking advantage of a tray that the Hollywood provided. It's good that we are a part of the continuing “tidy up” effort there.

## *Membership*

Another one of our members has joined the national ATOS organization, which is good news. And I would like to welcome two new CRTOS members, Motoko Henry and Peter Vennewitz. I hope we can get acquainted with them at the Summer Party.

*Jack Powers*

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## **Editor's Notes**

You may be reading this on your computer before the printed version has arrived in your mailbox. I wanted to begin offering both electronic and printed versions to the membership this month. Some members have expressed a desire to receive a digital version only. This is the first step in offering you that choice.

Over the next couple of months, I will be experimenting with electronic distribution of The Clarion. If you do NOT want to receive future issues this way, please send me an email at [newsletter@crtos.org](mailto:newsletter@crtos.org) and request no more issues by email. You will continue to receive a printed newsletter. For those that prefer electronic only, also email me and request electronic only. The default, at least for now, will be to send out both. So if you like receiving it in both formats, do nothing.

I also wanted to take a moment to thank those that have sent me encouraging emails since I took over newsletter position. Your thanks are appreciated and let me know our membership is spending time with the newsletter each month.

I want to apologize for not including another segment of ‘Looking Back’ in this issue. This Summer turned into a very busy one for me and I simply ran out of time for scanning and touching up the photos to include this month. I expect to be settled into the Fall routine over the next couple of months. You can look forward the return of ‘Looking Back’ and a follow up to Vince Kurpan's Virtual Rodgers conversion project article from March's Clarion.

*Steve Jarvis*



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## Upcoming CRTOS Events and Other Area Organ Activities

### CRTOS Calendar of Events

- **Open Console**  
8/17/2011 10:15 am - noon  
The Historic Hollywood Theatre  
4122 NE Sandy Blvd.  
Portland, OR 97212
  - **Annual CRTOS Summer Picnic**  
8/20/2011 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Blue Moon Walking Horses  
26280 SW Baker Rd.  
Sherwood, OR 97140  
(see page 1 for directions)
  - **CRTOS Board Meeting**  
8/23/2011 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
(no-host dinner at 6:30)  
Izzy's Restaurant at Gateway  
1307 NE 102nd Ave.  
Portland, OR 97220
- All members are encouraged to attend

### Other Local Chapters and Organizations

**Hollywood Theatre**  
[www.hollywoodtheatre.org](http://www.hollywoodtheatre.org)

**Open Console**  
Wednesday August 17th  
10:15 am - Noon

**Elsinore Theatre**  
[www.elsinoretheatre.com](http://www.elsinoretheatre.com)

**Oaks Park**  
[www.oakspark.com](http://www.oakspark.com)  
Wurlitzer is used on Thursday  
evenings and Sundays all day

**OCATOS**  
[www.ocatos.org](http://www.ocatos.org)

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[www.pstos.org](http://www.pstos.org)

**MBTOS**  
[www.mountbakertoshome.org](http://www.mountbakertoshome.org)

### Newsletter Articles

Submit your stories, reviews  
and photos for print!

*The Clarion always welcomes your stories and story ideas for its pages. We need photos of events both past and present to help illustrate our articles and reviews. If your photos are digital, you can email them directly to [newsletter@crtos.org](mailto:newsletter@crtos.org). Article submission deadline is the 5th of each month.*

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