

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: January 10, 2014

Written by David on January, 10 2014

Dear Strand Fan,

This week has been busy for the Strand. We are in the full swing of our balcony renovation. So far in a short time we have succeeded in removing all the seat bottoms from the balcony. These parts were all carried downstairs and stacked in our Cabaret Area. We also carried lots of items from our attic. We continue to find treasures. This week we found an envelope addressed to Hoosier Title that had a November 17th postmark. The year? 1916!! The half of the envelope we have was in pristine condition. We also found half a Brenograph slide. Brenographs were projectors from the 1920's that used a glass slide. We are hoping to find the other half!

During the week two Strand volunteers, Marilyn H. and Justine H, performed quite a feat. They cleared the north office, the new Women's restroom and the new Men's restroom. All three of those rooms were piled high with stuff. This is the FIRST time that any of us at the Strand have seen the floor in either of the rooms which will become our restrooms. We discovered an 8" vent duct right in the middle of the room. We assume it is not used, but that sleuthing will happen during our Saturday work session. We checked with Jim Dewitt. His family bought the Strand from Harry Switow in 1973. He never saw that bathroom in use as they were always used for storage. It has been dormant many years.

The lights even work in those rooms. We estimate that this is the first time in 45+ years anyone has been able to walk around in those spaces. Great job Marilyn and Justine. We have no idea how that got that accomplished so quickly!

When we came to work this week somehow our snow was magically gone from in front of the theatre. Thank you to the anonymous snow angel that shoveled our walks. It is this type of thing that makes the Strand such a wonderful place.

Next week we will be starting the renovation of the balcony floor. Our project manager, Jim Marshall, assures us this will be "easy." Jim is very familiar with the Strand, so we can only hope he is correct. The drawings have been prepared by Tony at Space and Sites. Tony has everything measured and says it will be "easy." Let's hope they are both right!

Work continues in our attics. We had a visit from a buyer of old theatre equipment this week. Our friend Ming from Chicago braved the snow to come to the Strand. He has been here many times before and has bought several things. Unfortunately he didn't find anything of interest to him. Hopefully we can find someone who is interested in our old projection equipment, pieces and parts. Joey G. has a similar situation at the Skyline Drive-In. He is going to help us with what he has learned. If you want that oh-so-special decorating piece, we've got what you need!

There is some very sad news to pass along. Lou Martin, one of our Board members and staunch volunteer, passed away this week. Lou was at the Strand for the Donnie Baker show. He was on the north spotlight, his favorite place. He was passionate about the Strand, and the Strand was truly his family. Lou will be missed.

The Strand is a place where all the volunteers and performers become Family. This is something special about the Strand. We know no stranger and welcome everyone as equals. The Strand has flourished because of your support and dedication. If you want to come over and check out the progress, please do. If you would like to help, you can do that too!

As we spend a sad week at the Strand with the loss of our friend Lou, we are inspired by the positive memories and warm feelings the theatre generates for our community. Our generational journey in Shelby County continues.

See you at the Strand!

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