

THE THORPE NEWS & TIMES

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THE NICHE' MARKET

- Coffee Cups
- Greeting Cards
- Photographs of the area by photographer Rod Supencek
- Dried Floral Arrangements grown and made by Marge Struck
- Book authored by local writer, Jim Reisdorff

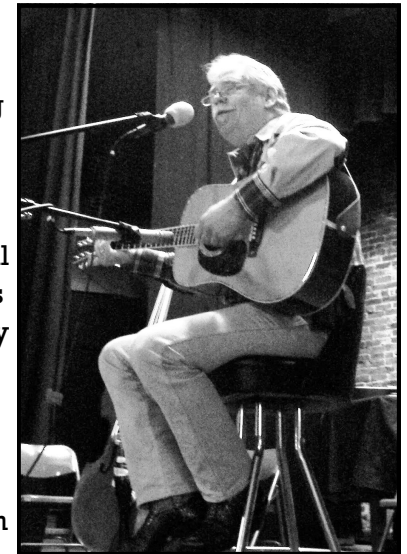
JANUARY 28TH COFFEE HOUSE

Roger Roberts of Weeping Water, Nebraska and Terry Webber of Omaha visited the Thorpe on Saturday January 28th. The two entertained the audience with a great variety of music from 7:30 till 10 pm. Roger dazzled us with awesome guitar mastery and Terry accompanied him on the base. Terry added in sweet harmonies and the two played songs from Crosby Still & Nash, as well as Gospel favorites, Country tunes and a spattering of Blues.

The duo received a standing ovation at the end of their performance and both Roger and Terry are enthusiastic about a return visit!

This was a very pleasant evening of music and the Thorpe will be delighted to have them back again real soon.

Ed and Brenda Siffering helped to serve the beautiful desserts made by Jackie Masek, Gayle Eberly and Beth Kloster-



man. Many guests brought their favorite bottle of wine and others enjoyed the raspberry tea or hazelnut coffee.

Items were displayed from the Niche' Market and several things sold.

Thanks to all who came!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Thorpe tries to put on one event each month, but it also rents space to the Butler County Arts Council for some of their events.

One such event is coming up on February 11th. This

will be a Cabaret Theater performance. For more information, contact Anna Nolan at 367-3709.

Future Thorpe Events are Bluegrass Fire on February 25th at 7:30 pm and then on April 23rd,

the Thorpe will host a luncheon and Vintage Fashion Show by Yesterday's Lady. Tickets will be available for sale in March. We're looking for models for the fashion show, so if you're interested, let Gina know.

BLUEGRASS FIRE TO PLAY ON FEBRUARY 25TH!

If you've had the opportunity to attend a Coffee House at the Thorpe when Bluegrass Fire is in attendance....you know that a good time is assured.

Clark, Zeek, Jerry and Mark do a bang up job keeping everyone's toes tapping! You will be sure to have a smile on your face and be

glad you came!

This will be BGF's 2nd performance at the Thorpe and 3rd performance in this area within the last 2 years. We hope to continue to have them visit as often as they'd like!

Dorothy and Angie Barlean will be selling goodies to eat that night....as always, you

can bring something stronger to drink if you like.

Gift items from the Niche' Market will also be available for sale.



ARCHITECT HIRED—CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN



Kenneth Hahn of KHA Architects will head up the restoration/renovation project

The Vision of a center of arts, culture, heritage and humanities is on the road to becoming a reality.

After a process of interviews, the Board of the Thorpe Opera House Foundation has hired KHA Architects to bring the Thorpe back to it's original glory and up to 21st century standards.

An elevator is a must...but the project also will include proper insulation,

heating and air conditioning of the facility. A friendlier staircase, air-tight windows, updated electrical wiring, increased seating in both the Opera House and in Winfield's, a home for the Boston Studio Project and hopefully, a display area for local historical objects loaned by private individuals and possibly the Butler County Historical Society.

A new office for the

Chamber of Commerce will also be created.

Many other improvement will be made, and when finished, we will have saved this historic building and provided the community with a beautiful place to meet for special times and community events.

This will also be a tourism draw, which could lead to more dollars being spent in our county.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Do you like to surf the net? If you are computer savvy and want to be kept up to date on the happenings of the Thorpe Opera House and all of it's sub-divisions; please visit our new website at www.thedorpe.com.

Local business Sevenoaks Design, run by Cindy Neesen, developed this site for the Thorpe.

The site includes two calendars...one that shows the upcoming shows and events at the Thorpe Opera House, and one that shows the

events scheduled at Winfield's.

Also on this site you can link to the Boston Studio Project, and the Butler County Web Portal. You can find out where to eat when you come to a show, where to stay and what else is happening in the area.

You can read newsletters about the Thorpe and buy things from the Niche' Market.

Please check out our new website today!

New information is added often!