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Cutter Newsletter

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Membership Is On Our Minds

We have been trying to encourage folks to “sign up” with the Cutter or renew membership with quite a success! We have over 58 renewals or new memberships for 2025 so far. If you haven’t sent in your Cutter membership, or stopped by the office to sign up, please consider doing so soon! You will get the monthly newsletter and, if you donate \$100 or more, you will receive a punch card for 4 performances (\$80 value) plus a Cutter logo item (worth at least \$15).

We are also encouraging business memberships/sponsorships and sent letters to many companies. If you were not included, you are asked to sign up as a business, which means recognition as such in programs.

A personal membership can be had for as little as \$30 a year or ten hours of your time. There are many ways you can donate time to the Cutter (which is how I “pay” my membership: you can easily do this too!). Stop by the office for suggestions.

Thanks goes to the Board for deciding to actively recruit members and to board members Susie Bisson, Fran Maxwell and Nancy Peterson for manning the membership booth at recent Cutter events.



January Bingo

What would January be without a cozy afternoon of bingo? That’s right: on Sunday, January 12th, we will have bingo in the basement in the Artscape Room at 1:00pm and 3:00 pm with lunch – cards for \$5 and lunch for the same. We have great prizes, we think, and it is such a nice way to spend a winter afternoon.

Annual Photo Contest



January 6th through 22nd we will be accepting your 8 X 10 photos at \$5 per photo, up to 5 entries per person, for our annual contest. The categories are People, Places, Structures, Animals and Pend Oreille County. Enter any or all categories. All ages can enter, we are encouraging youth to enter.

Our Photo Meet and Greet will be held from **3 to 5pm on Friday, January 31st** (Gallery will be open prior to the Missoula performance). There will be first, second and 3rd place winners in each category with a separate section of winners for youth (17 and younger). All photos will be featured in the gallery through February with names of the photographers.

Other upcoming events

The Kings to Perform!



Local musicians Dave, Mari and Dexter will perform for us on our Cutter stage. This is a "first" for us! The performance will take place on **Saturday, January 25th, with dinner at 6:00 pm for \$20 and the show at 7:00 pm for \$20.** Several of us in the area have had the privilege of hearing them play, but most have not. This is a "don't miss it" performance!

The Pied Piper of Hamelin

The following is from a press release:

*What do you do when your town is overrun by ravenous rats? You call the Pied Piper! Take a trip to Hamelin Town with the Missoula Children's Theater and local students as they perform an original musical adaptation of the classic tale, The Pied Piper. An audition will be held at the Cutter right after school (3:45 pm) on **Monday, January 27th**, for students in grades kindergarten - 12th grade; homeschool students always welcome to participate. No advance preparation is necessary. Roles to be cast include the Pied Piper, Sara, the Mayor's Kids, the Mayor's Council, the Hamelin Administrative Team, Barbers, Cooks, Towns kids and the troublesome rats. Assistant Directors will be cast, as well as actors, to help with technical aspects. Cost to each participant to be in the production is \$30. However, **scholarships are available!***

Performances are \$7 and will be held on **Friday, January 21st, at 6:00 pm and Saturday, February 1st, at 2:00 pm.** Reservations strongly encouraged.

Community members are invited to pay for scholarships for Missoula! Contact the office for more information or send checks to the Cutter Theatre, marked as scholarships for MCT.

Tall & Small Ball – Feb 8th.

Jazz on a Winter Night – Feb. 15th with dinner and show.

Piano Heist – February 23rd with a school performance on the 24th.

Final Friday – February 28th.

The Cutter Board

There is a group of individuals who serve on the Cutter board, meeting at least once a month, and performing many tasks, pretty much unnoticed to those outside the daily business, but who enable a seamless Cutter operation in many ways.

The current board members are:

Susie Bisson, Kim DiRenz, Liz Ellsworth, Katie Flanders, Jennifer Hampson, Curt Holmes, Erin Kinney, Nancy Kiss, Kim Legarza, Fran Maxwell, Jon Mathes, Nancy Peterson, and Steve Schlosser. There is also a high school student representative, McKenna Flanders.

The board members receive no special attention, other than having asterisks by their names in programs. Be sure to thank them for their efforts when you see them.

Truly, they make a difference to the smoother running of the Cutter. Stacy characterizes the board as "wonderful!" One example is Erin Kinney's direction of Missoula week, which she has overseen all these years that Missoula has visited the Cutter. Erin and John Kinney also housed the Missoula directors when they (John and Erin) lived in Metaline Falls. Thank you, Erin, for your continuing dedicated service!

Sally

