



**COTTRILL'S**  
OPERA HOUSE

Cottrill's Opera House

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**Newsletter**



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## Our Mission

**Our mission is to restore Cottrill's Opera House to its historic role: a performing arts venue, a community center and cultural hub — driving sustainable economic development for Tucker County and the entire Potomac Highlands region.**

This newsletter will share critical information and updates on our efforts. To find out more, visit [cottrillsoperahouse.org](http://cottrillsoperahouse.org); you can also email your questions,

comments, and ideas to [info@cottrillsoperahouse.org](mailto:info@cottrillsoperahouse.org).

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## A note from the president of the Opera House board

Friends of Cottrill's Opera House,

When you view our annual report below, you'll notice that it is an accounting for both fiscal years 2021 and 2022. We were slowed down so much by Covid that it made sense to combine these two years, and thank goodness we are largely past all of that!

What a pleasure it was to bring *Shakespeare* to ArtSpring this year! Our board is eager to bring performances to our highlands community, and this WV-based troupe was a great opportunity. The Rustic Mechanicals gave us two great shows and we'll be having them back in the future. We're also working with Friends of Blackwater (and others) in producing several history programs about [Ab Crossland](#), a story with elemental lessons that still resonates today.

At the same time we remain focused on our core mission: **Opening the doors of Cottrill's Opera House**. The accounting depicted in the 2021/22 annual report has been recently surpassed by major events:

- We have initiated a Capital Campaign.
- We have finalized the contract for a \$500K Federal Grant.
- We are starting to receive donations including important challenge opportunities.

My most important two messages as I write this are:

1. **We are currently able to offer a 3:1 match against most donations we receive.** *This means a \$100 donation can give us up to \$400 to spend to renovate the Opera House.*
2. **This match opportunity is time-constrained.** *We must raise funds THIS YEAR to qualify for a portion of that match. If you are reading this, **please consider making a donation soon**. With the matches we now offer, it is one of the most effective charitable donations you will ever make!*



*The Opera House during brick restoration in 2021.*

Now to the brick and mortar of it all: We are currently assembling a few bid packages for a variety of incremental projects. We are building those packages with a goal to do as much work as possible with local contractors. Barring unforeseen complications, you should be seeing restoration work going on at the Opera House this year.

Thank you for your support, and again *please consider making a donation.* [Visit our website for ways to contribute.](#) ■

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## ***Shakespeareaoke***

### **The Rustic Mechanicals**

As part of ArtSpring weekend, we hosted an interactive musical celebration, featuring [The Rustic Mechanicals](#) for two performances of *Shakespeareaoke*. They were fantastic and we can't wait to have them back! ■



*Thanks again to our guests, [@rusticmechanicals](#), for leading two sessions of “Shakespeareaoke” this afternoon! Live music, acting, and dance — with the audience!*

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## **Annual Report**

### **Our 2021-22 Financial Statement**

Alpine Heritage Preservation, the nonprofit organization that owns Cottrill's Opera House, seeks to be transparent about its stewardship of this critical



community resource. We were delayed in releasing 2021's report and have bundled it with the report for 2022. Thanks for being patient with us!

[VIEW THE REPORT](#)



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### **Financial Statement**

The primary goal of the report is to provide an overview of our 2021-22 financial position. Our assets, including the assessed value of the building, and our liabilities are included. We've also provided a breakdown of our expenses and revenue.

## Donors

Our donors have helped propel us to new stages of our restoration. We're grateful for and encouraged by their support. **Thank you!** ■

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## Happening at the Opera House

2021 Brick Repair and Repointing -- and more work to come!



*Samples to match the original mortar from 1902.*

Our front façade got a much-needed facelift back in the summer/fall of 2021. The brickwork repair and repointing was completed within a few weeks by the skilled team at [Buckeye Construction & Restoration](#). A building this old



requires a careful touch and a keen eye towards detail. Board president Dave Esch volunteered to coordinate the brick restoration project and is a licensed professional architect with over forty years of experience

Additional funding received will allow us to continue work on the exterior of the building. We expect to begin work on our many windows and landscaping/drainage at the rear of the building in the upcoming months.

Many thanks to the WV State Historic Preservation Office, whose grant helped to make this happen. ■

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## Follow us online!



Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) to see rare historic photos of the Opera House, progress updates, and a wide variety of other interesting stuff.

**Click the icons below to check us out**—and to help us grow our online community! ■



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## Support the restoration of Cottrill's Opera House

Your generous support keeps us on a path toward the full restoration of Cottrill's Opera House. Your contribution is fully tax-deductible and will be used solely for funding the maintenance and redevelopment of Cottrill's Opera House; our organization is run entirely by volunteers.

[Donate](#)

Alpine Heritage Preservation, Inc. is the sole owner of Cottrill's Opera House and is a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity. Contributions are tax-deductible under IRS code section 170; our tax ID number is 55-0596730.

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Alpine Heritage Preservation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, which meets once each month. Board members serve on committees dedicated to specific area of work: communications, development, facilities, and planning.

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