



Canton Church Restoration, Inc.

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CANTON CHURCH NEWSLETTER – FALL 2016

We have several new Board members and want to welcome Kay Beggins, Keith and Carol Obert, Chris Wright, and George and Brigid Jenkins. New members of the Board bringing fresh ideas for the Canton Church!

We had six events at St. Joseph Catholic Mission Church this summer. Two of the events featured performers/historians--Neal Lewing and Ellen Baumler. Neal Lewing, with The Port Polson Players and Mission Valley Friends of the Arts, presented “Singing the Westward Legacy”. Neal was co-sponsored to appear at the Canton Church by Crimson Bluffs Chapter LCTHF and Humanities Montana. Ellen Baumler, the Interpretive Historian at the Montana Historical Society, presented “Episodes and Escapades in Historic Broadwater County”.

Charla Bauman, a fifth generation Montanan, from the Bitterroots, brought acoustical originals and popular hits from several decades. Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire from the Alder area, and our local group musicians and singers--Helena Handbasket, Robin and Mickie Williams with the Eliels filled the Church with Americana, bluegrass, gospel, country, folk, and traditional music. There was dancing in the aisles, and even standing room only at one of the events.

Please check out videos of the performances on our website at www.Canton-Church.org. Thank you, as always, to Jeff Ross for hosting our website. Additionally, this year we have added photographs of the original priests’ vestments.

We had a great month – we received a grant from the Silicon Valley Foundation for \$5,000.00! We also received a notice that we will be getting another \$1,500.00 from the Broadwater Community Foundation for painting the interior of the church. In fact, at all our events this summer, we want to thank everyone for their generous donations.



We hope you can attend the Annual Board Meeting of the Canton Church Restoration, Inc. Sunday October 23, 2016 at the Betsy in Townsend. The dinner will feature Neal Lewing and his new show, “*Meagher of the Sword*”. His performance is possible due to a grant from Humanities Montana. Happy hour is at 4:00 p.m. and dinner 5:00 p.m. The meals will cost \$30.00 for prime rib or \$20.00 for chicken parmesan (which includes the tip). Please RSVP to Pam Sample at 406-422-7028 on or before Tuesday, October 12, 2016 to reserve your seat.