

Our 2008 Newsletter

Dear Friends:

Warm and cozy year-end greetings to you all!

2008 was a great year for the New Old Time Chautauqua. We're continuing to grow and audiences of all ages laugh, create and enjoy old and new friends at our Vaudeville Shows, Workshops and Parades. We are collaborating with local groups to help build stronger communities.

This summer, the New Old Time Chautauqua took to the sea. *The Aqua Chautauqua Tour* sailed a flotilla of nine boats chock-full of entertainers, educators, boat captains, students, and support staff. Chautauqua partnered with local non-profit organizations, and helped raise \$10,000 for community projects. Aqua Chautauqua focused on youth education, sustainability, and land and ocean stewardship. Our Parades, Workshops and Shows brought together over 5000 people to celebrate Community!

You are an incredibly valuable part of this organization. Your support and donations are what keep us going. We're always looking for the "next cool thing" to do, and our best ideas come from members of our huge family. Please write us and let us know about your ideas, thoughts and comments about how New Old Time Chautauqua projects can help support communit — it's amazing what this large animal can do...

In this time of worry and confusion, we're glad we can offer some mirth, humor and fellowship. Often laughter is a (good and welcome) medicine...



Our Mission

- To build community through laughter, entertainment and education

Our Goals

- To present programs to diverse communities with a focus on underserved areas
- To partner with local groups to organize and present community events
- To promote interaction within communities.

Who's Who

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The Folks who make it happen

Incredible volunteer staff,
performers, workshop leaders
and support people

Photos by Michelle Bates
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Photo by Jennifer Jackson

On the Dorjun, one of the Aqua Chautauqua boats

Past & Present



In 1981, the Flying Karamazov Brothers (Masters of Juggling and Cheap Theatrics) and Family got together with Dr. Patch Adams and the Gesundheit Institute over a lovely, zany dinner in Arlington, Virginia. The ideas morphed into a Traveling Vaudeville Medicine Show and Educational Circus. Our vision was that the entertainment would attract audiences and they'd stick around for educational workshops. We'd make learning fun. We'd bring our workshops and invite the host communities to present theirs, too. We'd share our skills and knowledge with each other.

We have grown and expanded our program over 28 years of touring. We have seen that through live performance and hands-on workshops, we can bring people together to share laughter and creativity.

From the beginning, our focus has been to bring live entertainment to people in rural areas—places that often only get entertainment through recorded or broadcasted media. These places are often financially challenged or struggling. Donations and grants and Chautauqua Benefit Shows (presented in larger cities) enable us to split the income of the Vaudeville Show with local non-profits.

A 2-3 week Chautauqua tour costs between \$15-30,000 (depending on the tour's length and itinerary). The expenses are primarily travel and food. Chautauqua Tours and the Benefit Shows that support them are "labors of love" and our 60+ volunteers are a multigenerational troupe of performers, workshop leaders and support people.

"When I facilitated a New Old Time Chautauqua board planning retreat, I arrived knowing very little about them. After a day and a half, I left with wonder and amazement for all they accomplish. They are fueled by their passion for making this a better world, one laugh at a time. And they are financial geniuses and resource wizards when it comes to stretching a dollar to bring their show to communities. I came as a stranger and left as a friend. You would be wise to support this fabulous nonprofit organization."

Miriam Barnett, Nonprofit Facilitator



Photo by Michelle Bates

The Flying Karamazov Brothers in Port Townsend



Photo by Michelle Bates

Trapeze artists, Duo Madrona in Port Townsend

"This was an amazing experience. We sent a boy to sea and a young man came back. Chautauqua gave him a love of the sea, a strong sense of place and a memory he will carry with him for the rest of his life. I can't imagine a better experience for a young person. Chautauqua is a precious resource in our community!!!"

Katherine Baril, guardian of youth a
- participant & Director, WSU Jefferson County



Photo by Michelle Bates

Learning to Hula Hoop

Community Quilts

In 1992, Chautauqua began the Community Quilts Project. To date, over 800 quilts have been donated to infants in-need. Baby Quilts are given to infants who are challenged--physically, emotionally, psychologically or financially. The quilts are created in workshops on Tour, and in a year-round community quilting-bee in Port Townsend, WA. This year 200 quilts were given to the Lakota Tribal Centers (North and South Dakotas), Sponsors (Eugene, OR), Celebrate Life (Port Townsend, WA), Jefferson Healthcare Hospital (Port Townsend, WA) and the communities of Waldron Island, Lummi Island and the County of Kitsap (WA).



A quilt recipient

"The town will be celebrating this event for years to come! What a wonderful gift to our community and all of the people you have touched over the years." Clyde Monma, South Whidbey Commons (Langley, WA)

"Aqua Chautauqua lifted us out of the summer doldrums and made everybody feel like kids again!" Audience member

Please consider a contribution to help us further our mission of strengthening communities through laughter, education and creativity. The New Old Time Chautauqua is a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, non-profit organization. Tax ID #91-1478816.

Donations can be made online at www.chautauqua.org or a check may be sent to the address below, and will be acknowledged with a letter for your tax files.

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We're eager to hear your Chautauqua thoughts, ideas and comments.

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We thank you for your support and wish you a happy and peaceful new year.

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New and Old Friends



We continue to learn the value and strength of partnering with like-minded organizations and facilities that share the belief that music, laughter, education and friendship nurtures the spirit and soul.

2008 Partners:

Wooden Boat Foundation in Port Townsend, WA (Youth education) www.nwmaritime.org

Kaleidoscope in Port Townsend, WA (Children's art camp) www.kaleidoscopeyoutharts.org

Kah Tai Care Center in Port Townsend, WA (Nursing home)

Community of Waldron Island (Library, Fire Department, Marine stewardship and education)

Parent-Teacher Organization of Beach School on Lummi Island, WA

Parks and Recreation in Bellingham, WA

Juvenile Detention in Bellingham, WA

South Whidbey Commons in Langley, WA (Youth education) www.southwhidbeycommons.com

South Whidbey Tilth in Langley, WA (Environment) www.southwhidbeytilth.org

Great Peninsula Future Festival in Port Gamble, WA (Sustainability)

www.greatpeninsulafuturefestival.org

Hospitality House in Grass Valley, CA (Homeless shelter) www.hospitalityhouseshelter.org

Moisture Festival in Seattle, WA (Vaudeville shows) www.moisturefestival.com

More information is available on our website www.chautauqua.org

Once again, thank you for your interest and welcome to the family.

Happy Trails,

Joannie Murayama, Vice President, Board of Directors



Photo by Joshua Sage

Aqua Chautauquans and Boats at Waldron Island

Thank You...

Bill Graham Foundation

All the individual donors and audience members

And the wonderful volunteers that keep us "on the road"

Rex Foundation and Oregon Country Fair for continuous inspiration about community, art and service

2008 Performers

Flying Karamazov Brothers * Tom Noddy * Faith Petric * Hacki and Moeppi Ginda * Nanda * Jim Page * Avner the Eccentric * Duo Madrona * Terry Crane * Citizens Band * Christian Swensen * Mud Bay Jugglers * Snowcub * The Bobs * Alfredo Fettuccini * Juggling Jollies * Dusty Roadz and her Handsome Cowboy * Karen Quest * Kazum * Vanessa Vortex * Puget Sound Explorers * Jasper and Sarah * Haute Trash Fashions * Godfrey Daniels * Super Noodlini and Family * Nobody's Fools * Women of the Future * Stephen "Foolio" Bent * Amber Tide * Joey Pipia * Vern and Dream * Kevin Murphy * Fabulous Footlights * Islando and Ukoiya * Tune Stranglers * Mamazon * Jan Damm * Fighting Instruments of Karma Marching Chamber Band/Orchestra