

# Historic Hemet Theatre

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## 100-YEAR CELEBRATION CONTINUES AT HHT

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At the Historic Hemet Theatre, the celebration continues for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the valley's vintage movie house.

On Monday October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Hemet Heritage Foundation co-hosted a birthday party at HHT, complete with cake and champagne punch. Over 100 guests were on hand for the festivities.

CEO Susan Carrier gave a presentation on the history of the theatre built by William Martin in 1921. She also included some history of the film industry with pictures of the vintage equipment that will become part of a museum once the renovation project is complete.



SUSAN CARRIER SHARES 100 YEARS OF HHT HISTORY

Lori VanArsdale and Lynn Peterson were among the guests that took the mic to tell stories of growing up in Hemet. Lori worked for Martin's Hemet Theatre for many years and Lynn spent nearly every Saturday there, spending all of her chore money on admission and snacks.

After the presentation, visitors were allowed to wander into the nonpublic areas of the building, viewing some of the items discussed in Susan's talk.



PROJECTION ROOM AT HHT

Daniel Maggio was on hand to videotape the event as well as some on-camera interviews with those who remember the theatre from their childhood. These clips will become part of a "video scrapbook" for the museum.

Daniel was the Director for the filming of "Remembering When: The Story of Mr. Whittier's Hemet." HHT will screen that film on Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>, along with a guest appearance by Daniel and members of the cast and crew.

The Hemet Heritage Foundation's next meeting will also be held at HHT on Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.. The presenter will be Ken Graff talking about the history of Hemet's airport facility, Ryan Field.

Meanwhile, The 2021 Tribute Mania Concert Series wraps up this month with sold out tributes to The Beatles and Fleetwood Mac. November's Tribute to Queen (Nov 20) has also sold out, but tickets are still available for the Holiday Tribute to Linda Ronstadt (Dec 18).

Information on all theatre events is available at [www.HistoricHemetTheatre.com](http://www.HistoricHemetTheatre.com) or by calling the ticket office, (951) 658-5950. You can subscribe to the HHT email blast by enrolling on the website.



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