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**‘Nutcracker’ was remarkable event**

Thank you, Salisbury Post, for your excellent editorial regarding “The Nutcracker.” The Salisbury Symphony, Piedmont Dance Theatre, and Rowan County Concert Association do indeed all deserve this community’s thanks for staging such a wonderful production last weekend. My entire family –including 6-and 4-year old children-remained captivated throughout the entire performance by the remarkable scenery, costumes, dance, and music.

I have seen many other productions of this wonderful ballet, and this one was on par with any of them. We are truly blessed to have such talented performers and musicians in Rowan County and the nearby region, and equally blessed to have a community that supports these important organizations. I suspect that there were literally thousands of people as touched and inspired by these performances last weekend as was my family, and I hope that this event will become a Rowan County Christmas tradition for years to come.

-Jason Walser

**More kudos**

Kudos to the Salisbury-Rowan Symphony Society and the Rowan County Concert Association for presenting a wonderful “Nutcracker” ballet. The Piedmont Dancers were great, the scenery was lovely and, as always, the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra was wonderful. I was also impressed by how smoothly everything went, considering it was a sold-out house with open seating. Everyone got settled quickly and the show went on in a well organized way.

I know that everyone involved worked hard to make that great event possible for the residents of Rowan County. I commend Caniche, Bill and Nancy Stanback, KKA Architecture and Sun Trust Bank for being sponsors. The Arts Councils very pleased to have been able to contribute grass-roots grant fund as well.

That presentation is exactly the sort of art and cultural activity that drew me to Salisbury.

My husband, grandson and I all thoroughly enjoyed it. I wish we could do it every Christmas.

-Marietta Smith