

# Mixtures

The Organ of the Binghamton Chapter, AGO



JULY/AUGUST 2013

**AUGUST 8** is "Summer Fun Day"



This year we head south for our traditional summer jaunt. Leaving at 7:30 a.m., we will carpool to Wilkes-Barre to meet Mark Laubach and Larry Hoey at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. From there we travel to Scranton to eat lunch and hear 3 more outstanding organs. The complete itinerary, arranged by Larry Hoey and Mark Laubach, can be found on page 5 and directions to venues on page 6.

Please let me know by August 1 if you plan to go and whether you will be willing to drive. We will all share the cost of the gas.

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Remember to bring your shoes and music!



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## ON THE CALENDAR

**June 30-July 3** Regions I and II AGO Convention in Hartford, Conn.

Thursday, **August 8** - 7:30 am Departure for Organ Crawl to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Details on page 5. Contact Polly by Aug. 1 to sign up (754-0378 or [\\*bwending@stny.rr.com\\*](mailto:bwending@stny.rr.com))

Tuesday, **August 13** - 7 pm "Out of the Box" theater organ performance by Nathan Avakian at the Forum, Binghamton. General admission \$15 at door

Friday, **Sept. 20** - 6 pm (**note change in date**) - Kickoff at St. Paul's Episcopal, Owego

Sunday, **Sept. 29** - 4 pm - Organ recital by Robert Parkins at United Presbyterian Church, Binghamton.

Sunday, **Oct. 27** - 3 pm Paulette Fry and Diane Ames, duo organists, at United Presbyterian Church, 25 Church St., Cortland; 4 hands & 4 feet on 5 keyboards; 50-rank Wicks organ; video projection to front of church; Reception to follow. Handicap accessible.

Friday, **Nov. 15** - 7:30 pm Joseph Ripka organ recital at United Presbyterian

Saturday, **Nov. 16** - 10 am Workshop with Joseph Ripka at United Pres. (topic tba)



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### Reminder!

**It's dues time again!**

**Dues are payable by June 30 for the 2013-2014 year.**

**The renewal form can be downloaded in PDF format from the Join Us! page.**

### FROM THE REGISTRAR

Thanks to the 40 members who have already renewed. And we have 3 new members – so far!

Remember, the sooner your renewal is received, the sooner Bob, the treasurer, can complete the "bookkeeping."

Richard

## THANK YOU

- to Jean Henssler for putting together a wonderful Members Recital and to all who performed - Jonathan Biggers, Jean Henssler, Joe Kotylo, Patti O'Connell, Robert Peterson, Lee Roseboom, Richard Sheasley, Evelyn Van Auken, Richard Van Auken, and Esther Wilcox.
- to Larry Hoey and Mark Laubach for the time spent on making arrangements for the August 8 *Summer Fun Day*.
- to our retiring board members, Ruth Schian and Janet Hammond and their replacements, Donna Frye and Lee Roseboom
- to all the board members who continue to serve for their enthusiastic support: John Holt, Richard Hedgebeth, Bob Peterson, Judy Peterson, Laura Kennedy, Joe Kotylo, Peggy Sneizek, Jean Henssler, Richard Sheasley

## JUNE CHAPTER EVENT

The members recital on June 9 was a huge success. Our sincerest thanks to all ten performers; to Jean Henssler, who coordinated the event; and to Grace Lutheran Church, the host church. Twenty-seven members, spouses, and friends gathered at Uno's for the annual dinner and election of officers. John Holt thanked Polly on behalf of the chapter for her 4 years of leadership. In turn Polly thanked the board for their enthusiastic and interested support during her years as dean.



L to R behind console: Bob Peterson, Joe Kotylo, Jonathan Biggers, Richard Van Auken, Lee Roseboom, Richard Sheasley. L to R on the bench: Esther Wilcox, Patti O'Connell, Evelyn Van Auken, Jean Henssler.

## JOB OPENING

Job postings are deleted in the online version of *Mixtures*

### ORGAN FOR SALE

Conn organ, approximately 30 years old, purchased from Godfrey's Music Store; needs some attention. Half pedal board. Some alternate sound effects. Best offer. Call 607-625-4198 or \*Ljroden\*at\*stny\*dot\*rr\*dot\*com\*



**Know Your Hymns** (published in the *The Lutheran*, May 2013)

**Dentist:** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**Meteorologist:** *There Shall be Showers of Blessings*

**Contractor:** *The Church's One Foundation*

**Tailor:** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Golfer:** *There's a Green Hill Far Away*

**Politician:** *Standing on the Promises*

**Optometrist:** *Open My Eyes that I Might See*

**IRS agent:** *I Surrender All*

**Gossip:** *Pass It On*

**Electrician:** *Send the Light*

**Shopper:** *Sweet By and By*

**Realtor:** *I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop*

**Massage therapist:** *He Touched Me*

**Doctor:** *The Great Physician*

## AGO Organ Crawl Itinerary for Thursday, August 8, 2013

**9:00 to 9:45 a.m.**

**St. Stephen's Pro Episcopal Cathedral – 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA**

The instrument at St. Stephen's encompasses 4 manual – 89 ranks, 5,003 pipes and incorporates the work of Austin (1905), Aeolian-Skinner (1954), and later, Allan Van Zoeren. Berghaus pipe organ builders recently rebuilt the organ. Canon Mark Laubach, Director of Music at St. Stephen's Cathedral will be demonstrating each of the instruments for us. AGO members will have access to the chambers (as much as is practical), and console time to sit down and play. Be sure to bring your music!

**9:45 to 10:30 a.m.** – Travel to Scranton

**10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

**Hickory Street Presbyterian – 435 Hickory Street, Scranton, PA.**

The organ at Hickory Street Presbyterian was designed by Charles Courboin, an important organist in the early 1900's who knew Dupré, Nadia Boulanger, and others. It is a 3-manual, 51 rank Casavant, but built in the Romantic style.

Eugene Hopkins is the Director of Music at Hickory Street Presbyterian and also their longest tenured employee. His work at Hickory Street Presbyterian began in 1967, soon after he graduated from Westminster Choir College.

**11:30 to 1:00 p.m.** Lunch at **La Trattoria Restaurant - 522 Moosic St, Scranton, PA**

**1:15 to 2:00 p.m.**

**St. Peter's Cathedral – 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA.**

The Cathedral Organ was built in 1979 as Opus 3141 by the Canadian firm Casavant Frères under the direction of Gerhard Brunzema. This instrument is a tracker organ comprised of 3 manuals, 37 stops, 52 ranks and 2,588 pipes. The organ is tuned to the well-tempered system known as Werkmeister III and constructed to the tonal and mechanical principles of the great classic organs of Europe. Daniel Marx is the Director of Music, and Jean Shields, the other organist at St. Peter's Cathedral.

**2:15 to 3:00 p.m.**

**Elm Park Church - 712 Linden Street, Scranton, PA.**

Elm Park Church houses a beautiful Reuter organ with 3 manuals and over 50 ranks. The Choir essentially has a "built-in" Solo Division, including stops such as English Horn, Corno di Bassetto, and high-pressure Tuba. The most intriguing feature of this organ is the Pedal 32' Posaune with full-length metal resonators! Harold L. Hoover is the Director of Music at Elm Park Church.

**Traveling directions from Binghamton to St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre.**

Take 81 South to Wilkes-Barre.  
Take Exit 170B to Route 309 also known locally as the Cross Valley Expressway.  
Stay in the right hand lane on 309 and get off at Exit 3 (South River Street).  
Turn left on South River.  
In approximately 1 mile, turn left on West Northampton Street.  
In one block, turn left on South Franklin Street. St. Stephen's will be on your left.  
There is a public parking garage across the street from the church.

**Traveling directions from Elmira to St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre.**

Take 17 East to Exit 60 (Sayre).  
Turn right onto Route 220 South all the way to Route 6 East in Towanda.  
Stay on Route 6 all the way to Tunkhannock.  
Be sure to stay on the "by-pass" route around Tunkhannock!  
At the traffic light in Tunkhannock, turn right onto Route 29.  
Stay on Route 29. In approximately 10 miles, Route 29 splits into 29/309.  
Keep going straight on Route 309! This will take you to Dallas, PA.  
In Dallas, keep in the left hand lane at the traffic light and stay on 309!  
309 is known locally as the Cross Valley Expressway.  
Watch for Exit 3 off 309 - (South River Street).  
Turn right on South River.  
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