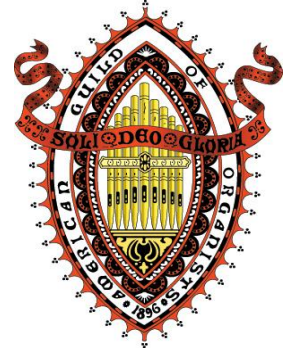


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The Organ of the Binghamton Chapter, AGO



MAY 2012

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Everyone knows that the Gregorian calendar year begins in January and ends in December. And that the church liturgical year begins a month earlier with the season of Advent. And we are apt to think that the AGO year begins in September with the annual Kickoff and distribution of a new yearbook, complete with a list of programs for the coming year.

Actually our AGO year begins in the spring. At the same time the farmer is sowing seed for the next harvest, the Board is preparing another crop of cultural, social, and educational activities for the continued growth of its members. Soon the registrar will be sending out membership renewal forms, which by fall will blossom into another 50-plus enrollment.

Please share with the Board any ideas you may have for programs. Please renew your membership promptly. And please continue the support you have shown in the past. Just as earth, sunshine and water are necessary for the seed to grow, your interest and enthusiasm breathe life into the chapter.

I hope to see many of you on May 5 at Richard Van Auken's hymn playing workshop and at the Rising Stars Concert and Annual Meeting on June 10. Ellie Rugg is planning another Summer Fun Day on July 14. Information for all three of these events is included in this newsletter, so keep reading!

Polly

Please help to promote our **Rising Stars** concert on June 10 by printing out the flyer (p 7) and posting it where others will see it. Thank you.

A Big Thanks to **Ellie Rugg**, who helped me with the reception following Carla Edwards concert on April 15 and to everyone who brought goodies for the refreshment table.

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REVITALIZE YOUR HYMN PLAYING

Saturday, MAY 5, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Main Street Baptist Church
117 Main Street, Binghamton

9:30 am – Gathering -- coffee & donuts
10 am -12:30 pm Hymn Playing Presentation
12:30–2:30 pm Lunch, social time, and discussion of topic
(Bring your own sandwich; chips, brownies,
and beverage will be provided by the chapter)



Registration deadline May 1 – [bwending*at*stny*dot*rr*dot*com](mailto:bwendingl*at*stny*dot*rr*dot*com)
or 607-754-0378



RISING STARS CONCERT Sunday, JUNE 10, 4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
29 Grant Avenue, Endicott, NY



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SKANEATELAS, BOOK II

JULY 14th. Saturday 2012

Please save the above date for a return to Skaneateles for a fun day* trip.

Plans are in the works for visiting a church or two on the way in Cortland, NY. First Presbyterian has signed on.

Then on to lunch at The Restaurant at Elderberry Pond in Skaneateles at 12:30, followed by a boat ride from 3:00 to 4:00 for those who wish. A visit to the Lockwood Lavendar Farm which is having a Craft Fair until 5:00 at its' location on West Lake Road and a stop at Anyelas Winery which will be open for tasting until 7:00. (on the same road)

Please let Ellie Rugg know by **May 9th**. if you will be available on that day so arrangements may be finalized.

Ellie needs to know: if you want to go on the boat ride and if you wish to "taste" at the Winery

By phone: 607-692-3204 or e-mail:
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Hoping many will be able to make it!
Your amateur tour guide--Ellie



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Saturday, **May 5 - 10 am – 2 pm** Richard Van Auken presents *Revitalizing Your Hymn Playing* at Main Street Baptist Church, 117 Main St., Binghamton; each organist attending the workshop will receive a complimentary copy of Van Auken's HYMN INTRODUCTIONS & VERSES to 18 well-known hymn tunes. The session will cover topics such as appropriate registrations, tempo considerations, and the use of modulation to build excitement. Participants are asked to bring a sandwich for lunch; beverage, chips, and brownies will be provided by the chapter.

Saturday, **May 12 – 4 pm** Mark Rossnagel Senior Recital at United Presbyterian Church, Binghamton

Sunday, **May 20 – 3 pm** Dr. Leon Couch at Christ Episcopal Church, Corning (39 E. First St.) Contact Barbara Garges (607-377-5363) for reservations at Sorge's Restaurant following the concert.

Sunday, **June 3 – 4 pm** Madrigal Choir concert, *Crossroads*, at Tabernacle Methodist

Sunday, **June 10 – 4 pm** Chapter-sponsored "Rising Stars" concert at First Presbyterian, Endicott; Reception to follow. **6:30 pm** Annual dinner/meeting

Sunday, **June 17** (rescheduled from June 3) - **4 pm** John Weaver organ recital at the Old Palatine Church, located on Route 5 between Nelliston and St. Johnsville, NY

July 1-6 – AGO National Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

July 14 – Summer Fun Day to Cortland and Skaneateles. See details on p 3 and sign up by May 9.



Message from the Registrar

Renewal time for AGO Membership for 2012-2013 is now open. This year you will notice that the renewal forms have been pre-filled with your yearbook information from last year. Would you please check those entries and update where needed? The updated material will then be used for the 2012-2013 Yearbook.

For members receiving Mixtures via US Mail: your renewal form is included with this issue!

For members receiving Mixtures via email: your renewal form will be mailed to you!

Thank you. Richard



Electronic Mailing of Mixtures

If you have an email address, you will receive Mixtures electronically beginning in September unless you notify us that you wish to receive a hard copy in the mail. Richard Sheasley (607-724-6062) or Polly Wendling (607-754-0378)

APRIL A BUSY MONTH FOR BINGHAMTON AGO

Dr. Carla Edwards of DePauw University and Dr. Jonathan Biggers, who met years ago as undergraduate music majors at the University of Alabama, were reunited in a combination master class/recital presented by Dr. Edwards at Binghamton University and at United Presbyterian Church. The two events on April 14-15 were co-sponsored by BU and the Binghamton AGO chapter.

In the master class three students of Dr. Biggers played for Dr. Edwards on the two-manual Wolff organ in the BU Fine Arts Building. Organ major Mark Rossnagel played two Bach chorale preludes from his upcoming senior recital program, and organ students, Denise Aquino and Priscilla Kung played hymns. Afterwards the students, along with those attending the event, commended Dr. Edwards for her helpful instruction and insights.

The next afternoon Dr. Edwards performed a magnificent recital on the 1996 three-manual Guilbault-Therian organ at United Presbyterian Church in Binghamton. Her program began with the rousing *Festive Proclamation* of Samuel Adler and ended with Durufle's *Prelude and Fugue on the Name of Alain*. Music of Bach, Distler, Sokola, near, and Reger filled out the program.

On April 23 several members of the Binghamton Chapter traveled to Cortland, NY and joined about 200 others to hear a delightful 4-hand, 4-feet recital of duo organists, Diane Ames and Paulette Fry at United Presbyterian Church of Cortland. The program included arrangements of Wagner's *Ride of the Valkyries*, Rossini's *Barber of Seville Overture*, and Paulette Fry's own arrangement of *When the Saints Go Marching In*. The 1970 3-manual Wicks Organ in the rear balcony was projected on a screen at the front of the sanctuary. It added to the audience's enjoyment to be able to observe the hands and feet doing their thing. Crossing over or under the hands of the other player is tricky enough. Doing it with the feet is an even greater challenge.

Submitted by John Holt

SARAH UPDATE

Hi Mrs. Wendling,

I just returned on Monday night from a six-day tour to Los Angeles with some of the Interlochen organ majors. We played a recital at First Congregational Church in LA on the world's largest church organ. While we were there, we also played on the organs of Walt Disney Concert Hall, Our Lady of the Angels, and Immanuel Presbyterian. In late March, I participated in a six-city orchestra/band/choir tour over my spring break. While performing in New York City, I was able to play on the organ at St. Thomas. My college auditions were met with success, and I have chosen to attend Rice University in Houston, Texas, where I will be studying with Professor Ken Cowan. I will be playing my senior recital in two weeks and will graduate on May 27th. Thank you and the Binghamton AGO for all your support.

Sarah Sabol
4/25/12

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS for 2012-13

Dean: Polly Wendling
Sub-dean: John Holt
Secretary: Ruth Schian
Treasurer: Robert Peterson
Members-at-large: (2-year term)
Peggy Sniezek
Laura Kennedy

Lee Roseboom is retiring from the Executive Committee after serving as co-dean for 2 years and as secretary for the past year. He will be replaced as secretary by Ruth Schian. Peggy Sniezek and Laura Kennedy replace Ellie Rugg and John Holt as members-at-large. Janet Hammond, Joe Kotylo, and Judy Peterson continue to serve as members-at-large. John Holt will serve on the Executive Committee in the position of sub-dean, and Ellie Rugg will continue on the Board as Hospitality Chair. The proposed slate will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on June 10.



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