DEAN’S MESSAGE:

The sanctuary of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church was filled to overflowing last week as friends and family of Judy Peterson gathered to celebrate her life and to bid her a fond and loving farewell. In spite of the suffering she endured in her last years, she lived her life with grace, without complaint, never seeking sympathy, and always thinking of the well being of others. She was a dear friend. We shall miss her greatly.

On April 18th and 19th, Craig Phillips gave a workshop and performed a recital here in Binghamton, sponsored by the BU Music Department and our Chapter. Craig is one of the most prominent composers of organ, choral and instrumental music of our time. At the workshop, which was retrospective of his compositions, he provided a handout giving an extensive list of all the publications up until 2012, and another 3 page list of works completed since then, awaiting publication. Not only is he prolific, but also his music is of the highest quality and imagination. The recital was mostly comprised of his compositions, the highlight of which was Scenes from a Gallery, performed beautifully by Phillips (organ), Georgetta Maiolo (flute), and Uli Speth (violin). In addition to his considerable talents and accomplishments, he is a very amiable and unassuming gentleman. We were happy to be a part of his visit to Binghamton.

June 7th looms! Why is that important? It is our members’ recital to be held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Owego. It is time for you to sign up with coordinators Jean Radice and Patti O’Connell and arrange for practice time at the church. Our
members’ recitals have always been fun and easygoing, and a unique chance to showcase the collective talent of our members. So don’t be bashful. Sign up with Jean and Patti right away. Also, the end-of-the-year dinner after the recital is always memorable, so for those of you who will not be performing, I encourage you to come to the recital and dinner, as it is our last chapter event before the summer break. Bring a friend or two if you like.

Congratulations to Carolyn Blake who was the subject of an informative and well-deserved article in the Press/Sun Bulletin last week, which highlighted all the extensive volunteer work that she does for our community. It is gratifying to see that one of our own, who faithfully and willingly performs otherwise thankless jobs, actually get thanked.

John

**REMEMBERING JUDY PETERSON...**

“Judy was a sweet friend to me and she will be surely missed. It was sad...she wanted to learn to play the piano but it was next to impossible - as you know, learning an instrument takes work. Without fingers, without comfortable sitting positions, she was just unable to pursue this dream. But she was a lady of wonderful talent. The talent for making friendship an important part of her life, the talent for lovely needlework, the talent of designing beautiful gifts and cards, and I could go on.

She loved her garden, the new additions to her home which made life easier for her, and she was a gracious hostess, even when she didn't feel like it, I'm sure.”

Roberta R.R.
PHOTO GALLERY...

Phillips Attendees

“B”List Dinner Party after Craig Phillips’ Recital
FROM THE REGISTRAR...

As of 4/27/15, six members of our chapter have renewed their membership via ONCARD. If you want to use a credit card, then ONCARD is for you. Dual members should renew via ONCARD.

The traditional renewal form for this chapter will be mailed to membership via United States Mail. Expect it after you receive May MIXTURES. The deadline for returning it remains June 30, 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Choral Evensong

On Saturday, May 16th at 4:00pm there will be a service of sung Evening Prayer, more commonly known as Choral Evensong, to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. There will be a wine & cheese reception following the service in the cloister.

St. Paul's Adult Choir will sing the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Charles Wood and an Ascension anthem by Herbert Sumson. Parish Organist and Choir Director, Jean Radice, will provide organ music by Joseph Jongen and T. Tertius Noble.


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May 16, 7:30pm at the Forum BTOS Concert with a Dixieland theme. "SWINGIN’ IN SPRING” AUSSIE STYLE
With Melbourne’s SCOTT HARRISON and a Dixieland band of local musicians.

May 17, 3:00pm Madrigal Singers Concert with Jean Henssler, Organist
Trinity Memorial Church, Binghamton

May 30, 8:00pm Downtown Singers presents Requiem, by Antonin Dvorak, with full orchestra at Sara Jane Johnson Church in Johnson City.
FROM OUR NEIGHBORS...

Mother’s Day Eve Concert by the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes May 9, 2015 @ 7:30 PM @ The Clemens Center 207 Clemens Center Parkway Elmira, NY.

The Mother's Day Eve Concert on May 9, 2015 will feature a contemporary work by Drew Hemenger - The Alchemist's Ball. Guest Artist, Clare Elena Semes will perform Brahms Violin Concerto and David Peckham will Perform Saint-Saëns (Organ Symphony) Symphony No. 3.

ORGANIST POSITIONS:

Job postings are deleted in the online edition of Mixtures
BINGHAMTON AGO EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2014-15

May 17: 3:00pm  Madrigal Choir Concert, Jean Henssler, Organist
*June 7: 4:00pm  Members’ Recital St. Paul’s Owego. Dinner at Parkview Hotel
*Chapter sponsored and co-sponsored events and recitals by Binghamton AGO Members
Pencil Drawing by Dan Sniezek: Craig Phillips in Concert, April 18, 2015