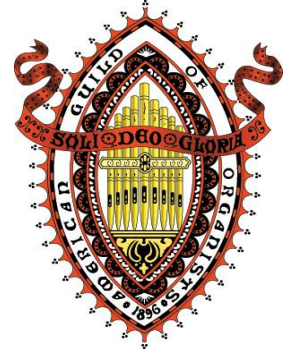


Mixtures

The Organ of the Binghamton Chapter, AGO



SEPTEMBER 2012

DEAN'S MESSAGE

As always the summer slips away and we are prompted to look forward to what's ahead. Already there are three events on the September calendar which will be of particular interest to AGO members. First is Jonathan's Biggers performance of his Atlanta recital for the Binghamton Chapter on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 5 pm, at United Presbyterian Church. The dress code is "casual." Those attending will adjourn to Cortese's after the concert, so please let me know a.s.a.p. if you wish to be included in the dinner count (Polly 754-0378).

Second is an organ crawl to Houghton NY organized by David Lenington of the Chemung Chapter. The complete itinerary and directions are on page 7. Contact me if you are interested in carpooling. (Polly 754-0378)

On Friday, Sept. 21 we will kick off the 2012-13 program year and receive our new membership books. Bob and Judy Peterson will be our hosts at their home in Chenango Bridge. They have both an organ and piano in the same room, so this is our chance to hear and play some piano/organ duets. See page 2 for details and directions to their home.

Actually the AGO calendar year officially began on July 1. On July 14 twenty-one folks enjoyed an organ crawl to Cortland and a boat ride on Lake Skaneateles, organized by our veteran summer-trip planner, Ellie Rugg. On August 22 seven of us returned to Skaneateles to hear a fantastic concert by Chelsea Chen. Read John Holt's write-ups and see photos of these two events elsewhere in *Mixtures*.

The Calendar on page 3 lists some upcoming events. Mark them off on your own calendar so you don't miss them. I hope to see many of you very soon.

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Annual September Potluck to Kick Off a New Year

Date: Friday, Sept. 21

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Bob and Judy Peterson, 8 Poplar Hill Road, Chenango
Bridge

(I88 E to Exit 2; at the top of the ramp, turn left; get into right lane before second light and turn right onto Kattelville Rd. At next light turn right. Drive 9/10 mi to Poplar Hill Rd, #8 is the third house on the right. The first 6 cars to arrive should park in the driveway; the remainder on Keeler Ave (next street to the right)

Bring: A dish to pass (beverage provided)
Table service (napkins & beverage cups provided)
Music and organ shoes
A friend, spouse, prospective member, etc.

Program: Music Making (solos and duets for organ and/or piano)
A pictorial revue of the previous year's activities
Tour of the Peterson's lovely new addition

Reservations to Polly, bwending*at*stny*dot*rr*dot*com or
754-0378



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- Tuesday, **Sept. 11** - 5 pm Jonathan Biggers Atlanta recital at United Presbyterian, 42 Chenango St., Binghamton with dinner following at Cortese Restaurant. Reservations to Polly a.s.a.p. (754-0378).
- Saturday, **Sept. 15** - Chemung Chapter organ crawl to Houghton, NY (itinerary and directions on pp 6 & 7. Call Polly to carpool (754-0378).
- Friday, **Sept. 21** - 6 pm Potluck Kickoff at Bob and Judy Peterson's, 8 Poplar Hill Road, Chenango Bridge. Bring a dish to pass, organ shoes and music.
- Saturday, **October 20** -- 10 am Armchair Organ Tour - a Powerpoint presentation on German organs visited this summer by Dan & Peggy Sniezek. More information in next month's *Mixtures*.
- Wednesday, **Oct. 31** - 8 pm Dennis James, theater organist, will accompany the 1926 silent film, FAUST, at Sage Chapel, Cornell University
- Sunday, **Nov. 11** - Brian Wren Hymn Festival at Christ Church, Cooperstown
- Sunday, **Nov. 11** - 3 pm Verdi *Requiem* by the Binghamton Philharmonic with the University Chorus at the BU Anderson Center
- Friday, **Nov. 16** - 7:30 pm Andy & Andrea Kotylo organ duo at Main Street Baptist Church, Reception to follow by Binghamton AGO Chapter
- Saturday, **Nov. 17** - 10 am Choral music for the small choir presented by Andy & Andrea Kotylo
- Saturday, **Dec. 1** - 4 pm Holiday Organ Concert with Jonathan Biggers at United Presbyterian, Binghamton
- Sunday, **Dec. 9** - 3 pm Singing Boys of Pennsylvania Christmas Concert, United Presbyterian Church, 25 Church Street, Cortland; supper following with the singers (free will offering)
- Dec. 30** - 5 pm Post-holiday party

SUMMER EVENTS . . . by John Holt

On **July 14** twenty-one Binghamton Chapter members participated in a Summer Fun Day organized by Ellie Rugg. We began with an organ crawl in Cortland, NY, proceeded to Skaneateles for lunch and a narrated boat tour of Lake Skaneateles, and ended with camaraderie and wine tasting at the Anyelas Winery. At Grace Episcopal Church in Cortland, organ curator Cullie Mowers gave a retrospective of the 2-manual, 40 rank Gress-Miles organ and provided the group with a handout that gave the long history of the instrument, including its three rebuilds. At United Presbyterian Church, a short block away, host organist Paulette Fry introduced the 1970, 3-manual, 50-stop Wicks Organ and demonstrated its capabilities by playing William Albright's *An Evening Dance* (published in the AGO's 90th Anniversary volume). Several members came prepared with organ shoes and music, and played a variety of pieces, much to the delight of Paulette Fry, who commented that it was a rare joy for her to hear the organ played by other organists.



Left photo: Ellie Rugg demonstrates Gress-Miles organ at Grace Episcopal Church, Cortland.

Right photo: Barbara Garges turns pages for Paulette Fry at the Wicks organ, United Presbyterian Church, Cortland



On **August 22** the Skaneateles Festival featured an organ recital by Chelsea Chen on the 3-manual Casavant (2003) organ in First Presbyterian Church. Seven members of the Binghamton Chapter attended, and were rewarded with Chen's exciting performance of a well-balanced, interesting program, played entirely from memory. It opened with the spirited *G minor Prelude and Fugue* of Dupre and closed with a stunning performance of the *Toccata* from *Suite, Op. 5* by Durufle. Three standing ovations from the large, appreciative audience persuaded her to play encores, which included John Weaver's *Toccata*. Having heard Christopher Houlihan's Vierne symphony cycle in June, and now Chelsea Chen's memorable recital, it is comforting to know that, in the hands of these and other gifted young performers, the future is bright for the organ and its repertoire.

THANK YOU to Ellie Rugg for organizing another enjoyable summer fun day.

ADVICE SOUGHT - The Ruggs are doing some cleaning out of stuff collected over many years. We have a lot of very good classical vinyl 33 1/3 records and do not know what to do with them! Ellie was able to sell the jazz, pop, rock ones to Music City. Do any of you have advice for us? If so, please send such advice to: jrugg001*at*stny*dot*rr*dot*com.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to the family of Mary Jane Brown, who died June 30, 2012. She played the organ for the Oakwood United Methodist Church in Elmira Heights for over 60 years.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS ARE REQUESTED FOR . . .

- **Janet Hammond**, who is in rehab following a bad fall on July 13. Cards should be send to her home address: 115 Rosedale Drive, Binghamton 13905
- **Toni Bloom**, who is currently recovering from an heart attack and a back problem that has left her paralyzed from the waist down. Toni is now living with her son at 2019 West Creek Rd., Owego NY 13827

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Specification

Great Organ		Swell Organ		Pedal Organ	
Bourdon	16	Stopt Diapason	8	Dbl Diapason	16
Open Diapason	8	Viola	8	Sub Bass	16
Spire Flute	8	Viola Celeste	8	Octave	8
Principal	4	Chimney Flute	4	Choral Bass	4
Fifteenth	2	Fifteenth	2	Mixture	V
Mixture	III	Sesquialtera	II	Trombone	16
Trumpet	8	Cremona	8		
		Tremulant			

The present instrument in Grace Church is an essentially new organ incorporating many recycled parts. Manual windchests, framing, and many key and stop action parts are from an organ built by J.G. Marklove, opus 131, 1883. Most pipework has been retained from the previous Grace Church organ by M.P. Moeller, opus 7697, 1949, with additional pipework by S.S. Hammill, builders of Grace Church's first organ, J.H. & C.S. Odell, and Hook & Hastings, among others. The only new pipework in the organ is that of the Pedal Trombone Stop, constructed in the Stuart shop. The new casework, displaying basses of the Great Bourdon and Open Diapason, utilizes altered panelling, posts and finials from George S. Hutchings organ, opus 338, of the former Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Holyoke, Mass. Recycled parts were relocated through the Organ Clearing House, Harrisville, N.H., Alan M. Laufman, director.

Tonally, the organ is designed as a broad spectrum service playing instrument, supportive of congregational singing and choral accompaniment, and capable of convincing performances of most repertoires in both service voluntary and recital usage. Tonal, visual, and mechanical design are by Richard S. Hedgebeth, head of the Stuart Organ Co., Aldenville, Mass., builders of the organ. Assisting in the project were Kenneth Ahlberg, John Alberti, Thomas Asher, Joseph Beauvais, David Koziol, Christopher Lavoie, Randall Steere and Martin Walsh.



Grace Episcopal Church
Amherst, Massachusetts



AGO BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 4, 2012

Left to right: John Holt, Laura Kennedy, Joe Kotylo, Richard Sheasley, Judy Peterson, Polly Wendling, Bob Peterson, Ruth Schian, Richard Hedgebeth, Jean Henssler

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Emmanuel Sikora, Cortland NY
Substitute organist at Holy Cross RC Church

The Chemung Valley Chapter
of the American Guild of Organists
invites you to an autumn jaunt to

Houghton, Bolivar, and Friendship

Saturday, September 15, 2012

Meet:	Houghton Wesleyan Church 9712 Route 19 Houghton, New York	10:00 a.m.	2008 <i>James Louder</i> 39 ranks
	Wesley Chapel Houghton College 1 Willard Avenue Houghton, New York	11:00 a.m.	1961 <i>Holtkamp</i> 61 ranks
Lunch:	Dining Room Campus Center Houghton College Houghton, New York	12:15 p.m.	
	First United Methodist Church 80 Friendship Street Bolivar, New York	2:15 p.m.	1930* <i>Marr & Colton</i> 13 ranks *circa
	United Church of Friendship 31 East Main Street Friendship, New York	3:15 p.m.	1880 <i>Steere & Turner</i> 12 ranks

Directions to Houghton Wesleyan Church from Horseheads

Take I-86 west until exit 30 S, *Belmont/Wellsville*.

Turn right onto Route 19 north.

Proceed for 11.1 miles. Make slight left to continue on Route 19 north and proceed for another 2.8 miles on Route 19 north.

Houghton Wesleyan Church is on right side across from Houghton College entrance.

Please phone 570-268-5035 for car pooling and gasoline card.