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LETTER FROM YOUR DEAN

Dear Eugene AGO Members,

Welcome summer! This is traditionally a time of rest and relaxation. Yet for a working organist, Sunday still comes every week.

Many of you are already busy preparing music for Advent and Christmas. As your AGO Chapter Dean, my summer project is creating an email list of area music teachers. We are always looking for ways to attract children to our events, especially *PipeScreams* and *King of Instruments*.

Speaking of *PipeScreams*, **now** is the time to dust off that wacky or spine-chilling organ piece – that is, assuming you are going to be a participant. October is just a few months away! *PipeScreams* is the AGO's major fundraiser, it is always a lot of fun, and people in the community really look forward to this annual event. Come join in... just let me know what you have in mind, and we'll go from there!

We have a "new" list of officers in our Eugene Chapter – they are the same as last year! I'll continue as Dean for another year, and Barbara Baird as sub-Dean; Stephanie Wiley and Gail Goshert stay on as Secretary and Treasurer. Thanks to each of them for persisting in the mission of the Guild. It never hurts to reflect on what our mission statement is. Here it is: "The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ." And the vision of the American Guild of Organists is to engage, support, and uplift every organist.

I spend a lot of time thinking about the mission and vision of AGO. At our last Chapter meeting, we discussed ways to encourage more member participation at Eugene AGO sponsored events. It was decided to send out a questionnaire – aka Survey Monkey – to our members. When you receive it in your email, please thoughtfully consider your responses to help us plan for the future of this Chapter. It will only take a few minutes of your time.

Have a wonderful, relaxing summer!

Karen Williamson, Dean



ORGAN MUSIC AT OBF

The Oregon Bach Festival continues its focus on the organ music of Johann Sebastian Bach with renewed interest. This year, one of the earliest concerts was an all-Bach organ recital by Paul Jacobs, the Grammy-winning head of the organ department at Julliard School of music.

His program, performed on the Brombaugh organ at Central Lutheran Church, included the famous Toccata and Fugue in D minor. His rendition of this classic was fresh and very captivating. His program included two Trio Sonatas, as well as the Prelude and Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552, famous for its triple fugue. He performed for a sold out audience.

Julia Brown, representing our local Eugene organists, performed in the noontime concert series on the Hochhalter organ at First United Methodist Church. Her program was the first Organ Symphony of Louis Vierne. The organ was well suited for this music, and especially of note was the new Vox Humana stop which was recently added.

The OBF Organ Institute had a record number of participants this year: 8 students and 12 auditors from all of the country, and as from as far away as Australia. It was especially exciting to hear these young organists perform works by Bach, Widor, Vierne, and Dupre. The youngest organist performing was Eddie Zheng, age 16, a native of New York City. Zachary Duell, a organ music major at Willamette University was also one of the performers. Zach hails from Salem Oregon.

It's very exciting to hear these accomplished young organists joining the ranks of organ performers.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month the Member Spotlight is on Linda Gurney, longtime member of our local chapter.

Q: What led you to becoming an organist?

My parents both enjoyed music, but did not have the opportunity to take lessons, so they made sure that my four siblings and I had lessons and music opportunities. We all had private lessons and participated in music groups at our church and school. I took piano lessons and especially enjoyed playing duets with my younger sister. At the University of Nebraska, I major in piano and organ, and afterwards taught music in public schools in Michigan and here in Oregon.



At Grace Lutheran Church, I play the organ and direct the handbell choir. This past March, Bach's birthday month, we celebrated Bach's contribution to church music. Our church musicians played all Bach music at the Sunday worship services and biographical information was printed in the Sunday notes, "Soli Deo Gloria."

One of my greatest joys is spending time with my four grandchildren: I love singing, playing games, and doing crafts with them. I also enjoy the creative process of scrapbooking family photos, and enjoy losing myself in a good book.

I especially thank our local AGO Chapter for planning educational experiences for us and give it a big shout-out for the recent handbell workshop.

— Nancy Dunn

PREVIEWS OF COMING EVENTS

Chapter officers have had the first of several meetings working on planning events for our next years program. The Survey Monkey, mentioned in the Dean's Letter, is an important way for you to add your two-cents worth to this planning. Please fill it out and return it, along with your comments and suggestions so we can make this next year's program more valuable to you.

Regular events like PipeScreams and King of Instruments are being planned, as well as the Lenten Organ Series. And, of course, we'll start the year with a potluck. Other events being discussed are co-sponsoring a number of concerts at Beall Hall and FUMC, as well as possible workshops or master-classes in conjunction with the concerts.

Your input as to what would be helpful, useful and valuable to you is important. We've tried to make the process as easy as possible with the Survey Monkey. Please help us help you by telling us how we can make AGO more important in your life and career.

ONCARD MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal reminders have been e-mailed from our national office in New York. Check your e-mail for the letter in case you missed it. The procedure for payment is clearly explained in the e-mail. Payment can be made by credit or debit card online. If you have questions, or need assistance, you can call (212) 870 - 2310 and they will help you with the process.

If you are more comfortable sending a check, it can be sent by mail to:
American Guild of Organists
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1260
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Please note that the check should be made out to the American Guild of Organists, NOT the Eugene Chapter.

Current member categories are: Regular Member (\$105), Young Organists (\$50), Special, 65 and older (\$80). Chapter Friends are \$39. All members receive The American Organist magazine by default. If you wish to opt out of receiving the paper copy by mail, you can do so by indicating ... and save \$8. The magazine can be read on-line at: <https://www.agohq.org/current-issue/>

PIPE DREAMS ON KWAX-FM

Michael Barone, host of Pipe Dreams is heard on KWAX-FM on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and at 8 pm. This program's presentation on KWAX-FM is underwritten by the Eugene Chapter of the AGO. The program can also be heard anytime streaming on the world-wide web. More details at: www.pipedreams.publicradio.org.

WITH HEART AND VOICE

With Heart and Voice is a radio program that spans the full range of Western classical music from the Gothic period through the 21st Century. There are occasional surprises from the non-western tradition. The program is hosted by Peter DuBois, an active organist who teaches at the Eastman School of Music. This program originates from Rochester, New York, and is broadcast Sundays, 11 am and 7 pm on KWAX-FM.



The Organ Loft is a radio program about choral and organ music, particularly music of the Pacific Northwest. The program is hosted by Roger

Sherman, the Associate Organist of St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. The Organ Loft features music of Pacific Northwest choirs, organs, composers and organ builders. The programming is half organ, and half choral music.

This program is underwritten and sponsored by your Eugene AGO Chapter on KWAX-FM and the University of Oregon radio network (webcast: KWAX-FM Homepage) on Sundays at 6 PM.

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