



The Bellows

*The Newsletter of the Greater Lansing Chapter
American Guild of Organists*



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OPENING EVENT 2006-2007 Season

Potluck – Installation of Officers & Anthem Reading

St. Gerard's Church, Willow Dr., Lansing
Tuesday, September 26, 2006

*Reservations are required for this event, please RSVP to Cecelia
Costigan, ceccostigan@comcast.net*

Organists, why not invite your choir director?

Schedule for the Evening:

5:45p Gathering Time

6:00p Tour of the new facilities at St. Gerard

6:30p **Potluck**

Lansing AGO will furnish 2 hot entrée choices; members are invited to bring the following, A-He salad, Hi-M dessert, N-Z hot vegetable or starch

7:30p **Installation of Officers**

8:00p **Anthem Reading**

feel free to bring 20 copies of 2-3 general anthems
all voicings welcome — unison, 2-part, 3-part, SATB
(please e-mail Steve Lange, srlangeknu@aol.com, your choices)

Dean's Message...

As the summer ends, I wish you all a marvelous fall. You have another week to finish planning your choir year and musical events and challenges. Please include attendance at and participation in the events for the Guild that you will find listed in separate articles.

Your board met in extended sessions in June and in August and I think you will be excited to see the results. You should have received your slate of officers for the year. The Nominating Committee has proposed a new Dean (Michael Crouch) and a new Sub-Dean - Program Chair (Michael Dulac). Steve Lange and I are glad to have served you and particularly glad to see others with new ideas take our places. Remember to return the ballots by September 15. You may also return them by e-mail to diek@cablespeed.com

By the time this letter comes to you, we should have the details of the programs for the year completed and you will be able to put them on your calendar. We are also organized enough to try to include many of you in the presentations. Please share your skills and experience with the rest of us and help

YOUR EVENT IN PRINT

If you have an event you would like listed in The Bellows, please send the date, time, and a brief description to:
mike@mdulac-music.com
Info may also be sent to Michael Dulac, 4865 Ohchi Court, Holt, MI 48842-1595, but e-mail is preferred.

keep the energy level of our tremendous organization high.

Have you ever tried to put into words why you are part of the Guild? That was one of the things the board members did during their first workshop. Another question is, "What can the Guild do for you?" followed closely by, "What can you do for the Guild?" If you would like to try and answer those questions in writing, I would love to see what you have to say.

Please plan to attend our first meeting of the year, a potluck, installation of officers and board members, a read-through of about 20 general anthems, and a tour of the new facilities at St. Gerard's where we will be gathering. This is your chance to re-connect (or connect for the first time) with your colleagues. I look forward to seeing you there and hearing you all say how glad you are to see me "retire."

Darlene Greenman-Ross

Entertainment, Enlightenment, Evangelism— *All for the price of your membership in the Greater Lansing Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.*

Wayne Leupold is coming to Lansing on October 20. We will gather at Plymouth Congregational Church that evening (a Friday) to entertain the public and ourselves with three organ demonstrators. One will take us, along with all the children in the audience and Old MacDonald, to school. Another will visit the plagues of Exodus. The last takes us to "The Organist's Audition." All will include narration and entertainment for all ages. This will also be a chance for you to see what you can do to entertain your congregation while teaching them something about the organ. Other organ demonstrators will be available for browsing.

On Saturday morning we will gather at 9 at Plymouth for juice and pastries. The morning will be then broken into two sessions covering teaching materials that are published by Wayne Leupold Editions, Inc. These materials work very well with beginning students – remember that the best way to learn something is to teach it to someone else. Whether you plan to teach or not, come and see what materials are available. You might find them useful for yourself. I hope that you have read about these resources in your TAO. If not, we have copies of the article for you.

Now comes the evangelism – if the art of organ playing is to continue, we must pass it on. On Sunday afternoon at Plymouth from 3 – 5, the chapter is presenting a program on "The Organ's Four Families of Sound" to the community at large. You probably already have the bright pink poster. The mailing was sent to 9 counties – a list of about 1200. We can expect 50 or 60 people to come – besides Guild members. For anyone interested, who is a beginner on organ, we want to offer 3 free lessons.

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Mark your calendar for these upcoming Chapter Events

OCTOBER 20-22

Teaching Materials for All Ages with Wayne Leupold

(please see Entertainment, Enlightenment, Evangelism on previous page)

Plymouth Congregational Church

Friday, October 20

7:00p-8:30p Recital featuring chapter members

Saturday, October 21

9:00a-12 noon Morning workshop with Wayne Leupold

Sunday, October 22

3:00p-5:00p Recital and opportunity for audience members to try a demo lesson

NOVEMBER 19, 3:00P

Afternoon at the Proms — An Autumn Pops Program

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

Organ Music and Other Entertainments featuring local musicians; benefit for the Food Bank and AGO Scholarship Fund

DECEMBER 29, 7:00P

Lansing AGO Christmas Party

at the home of Ben Baldus; piano, organ, harpsichord, and of course, plenty of singing!

JANUARY 22, 2007, 7:30P

New (to you) Organ Music

Eastminster Presbyterian Church

FEBRUARY 20 (TUESDAY), 6:30P

Workshop on Performance Practice with Steven Egler

First United Methodist Church

Soup, salad, sandwiches, dessert;

prepared pieces and tryouts of various historical approaches.

MARCH 25, 4:00P

Stations of the Cross by Marcel Dupré

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

with poetry and slides; Steve Lange, organist

APRIL 23, 3:00P

The English Hymnal — A Hundred Years On

Grace Lutheran Church

Ben Baldus and Mano Hardies

MAY 21 (MONDAY)

Annual Meeting & Banquet

location TBA – annual meeting, banquet, and installation of officers

This page may be clipped or copied from the newsletter and attached to your refrigerator or other central communications center in your home. While you're at it, why not make one for the choir room as well!

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Are you willing to help start 2 or 3 people on their way? Please contact Darlene Ross (517-974-3057 or diek@cablespeed.com).

Those of you willing to teach a few lessons should plan to be present on Saturday morning, stay for box lunches, followed by a brief (about 45 minutes) session on what to do in the free lessons. You also should plan to be present on Sunday afternoon. Lessons should be arranged to take place in the 3 weeks following Sunday's event.

It would be thrilling if this were an event in which the whole Guild membership participated.



SEPTEMBER CHECKLIST...

- _____ Renew (*if you haven't already done so!*) your membership in the Greater Lansing Chapter, American Guild of Organists.
- _____ Vote for your new chapter officers and board members.
- _____ Make your reservations **NOW** to attend the opening potluck, installation of officers, and anthem reading.
- _____ Start rounding up choir members, students, and interested congregation members to attend the October event with Wayne Leupold.

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