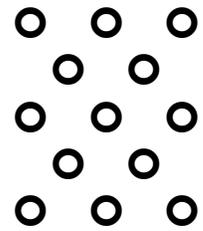


THE DRAWKNOB

Newsletter of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Guild of Organists

September 2020



Fall Get Together and Music Swap

Saturday, September 19, 11-2

Where: Linda & Ed Mack's yard,
8421 E. Oregon Place, Denver 80231

Come join your friends and colleagues in a socially distanced, outdoor event for conversation and a chance to find some "new" music and books. You may also bring items to contribute. In the spirit of keeping gatherings small, we ask that you use the link for Sign-up Genius to choose an approximate time of arrival. Please plan to wear a face covering and we'll have hand sanitizer available. If you have questions or trouble signing up, please call Linda Mack 269-313-7593 or e-mail lindajoymack@hotmail.com

Please use this link to register:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA4AA2CA7FAC70-fall>



WELCOME

to the 2020-2021 season of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Let me introduce myself. I am **Billie Busby Smith**, the new Dean of the chapter. A year ago, we were fresh off the really remarkable experience of planning and hosting the Southwest

Regional Convention. A great season of chapter programming was in place and THEN there was COVID-19. This year's Board will be dealing with issues and regularly using terminology that was not in many of our vocabularies a year ago, and *yet we move forward*.

THE BOARD – Participating on the Board this year are Ricki L. Vorrath-Moyer, Sub-Dean, Denise Moore, Secretary, Cathy Bruno, Treasurer, Diane Gallagher, Registrar, with Members-at-Large: Phil Bordeleau, Jill Dodds, Lara Jean O'Connor, Steve Lockwood, Dan Dufford, Carole Hedrick, Ben Ehrlich, Michael Zehnder, Charles Nolen, Dan Romero, Tom Strickland, David Vogels, past-Dean, and Linda Mack, past-Sub-Dean.

PROGRAMMING FOR THE YEAR – A lot of the planned programs have been replaced with programs which work well with COVID restrictions. We are working to identify resources both locally and nationally which you can easily access and use.

COMMUNICATION – An important part of this is to ensure that available communication vehicles are well-coordinated and again, easy for you to access.

Local Website – agodrmc.org – Our webmaster is past-dean, David Vogels

Local FACEBOOK page – *Denver Rocky Mountain AGO* – Ben Ehrlich, coordinator

The Drawknob – Tom Strickland is the editor. Our newsletter arrives by email each month.

National Website – agohq.org

Our registrar, Diane Gallagher and Drawknob Editor, Tom Strickland will make available a contact list for all DRMC members. There is a wealth of knowledge and experience on that list.

Chances are many of your questions and concerns can be answered by colleagues dealing with similar problems

Our goal is for AGO members to have an entire menu of sources/assistance during the time that we are making music and worship so differently

Always, there is good news.

1. Local member Daniel Romero, who many of us have known since he was a student, completed his Masters in organ at University of Denver. His major professor was Dr. Joe Galema, another of our members. Congratulations to both of you! Dan was recently appointed to the position of Director of Music at Augustana Lutheran Church.
2. The National AGO Headquarters staff has and continues to build strong programming to help organists and church musicians deal with the “here and now” of the pandemic. There are regularly scheduled webinars, a very active YouTube channel, and many other resources outlined on the AGO website. CHECK IT OUT!

Stay tuned as your chapter Board plans and provides programming that will be both skills-building and inspiring. Our first chapter event will be held on September 19. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for the details.

“See” you next month,
Billie Busby Smith, Dean

Registrar Remarks and Reminders!

Your AGO membership is extremely important to the organization and to YOU! The National organization is providing helpful ongoing presentations. This month an African American Organ Music discussion is presented on September 8th and September 23rd will feature a webinar on Live Streaming Music Legally in Churches and Recitals.

Since our membership renewals are not all due at the same time, our chapter’s roster fluctuates a bit. Therefore, to aid in our chapter members having an accurate roster with contact information, a new list will be included with *The Drawknob* quarterly.

Not sure if you have paid dues recently? The national AGO website will tell you the expiration date and allow you to quickly get up to date—agohq.org. Renew your membership in a timely way!

Regards,
Diane Gallagher, Registrar

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Professional Certification

Autumn is just around the corner, school classes have started in many different formats, our church program years are beginning in a manner we have never experienced before, and Guild events are happening—in a creative way. If you are not already in the process of working toward one of the AGO certification levels, now is the time to seriously consider a plan of preparation—for this year or the next.

Would you like to transpose hymns with ease? Are you baffled when faced with adapting an anthem to the organ? Have you ever wanted to be more skilled at sight reading, harmonization or improvisation? Do you want to take your playing up to the next level? What new pieces do you want to learn this year?

If your answers to these questions are yes, then you are an excellent candidate for the AGO certification program. The certification program is the Guild's **gift** to you. All of us have areas in which we need more expertise. The certification program teaches to those areas that may have been missed in school, or that perhaps you may not have grasped the first (or second) time around.

Pull out the July 2020 issue of *The American Organist* magazine and read pages 59–62. Read the testimonials on page 63, including one from our own Dr. Joyce Shupe Kull, FAGO, ChM. Give the requirements for each of the certification levels a close look. Don't let the tiny print deter you. Imagine yourself initiating a program of study which leads to attaining one of these certificates. Also check the AGO website, www.agohq.org, and issues of TAO magazine throughout the year for updates.

The Service Playing Certification Test may be taken any time between October 1 and March 31, 2020. The Colleague Examination may be taken in November or May, and the Choir Master, Associate, and Fellowship Examinations are scheduled for the first week of June. Check the deadlines for application submissions carefully.

Again, now is the time for preparation. Speak to any of our Denver Chapter members who hold certificates, and they will be more than happy to give you advice and encouragement. I am certain that most would say that once the habit of study is established, it doesn't end when the certificate is earned.

Important: Covid 19 safety requirements will be in place for the administration of all certification levels.

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Chapter Calendar

September Fall Get-together and Music Swap, Saturday, September 19, see page 1.

October Workshop with David Cherwien rescheduled to November 12–13, 2021.

November is being considered for a rescheduled program from last March, "Music, Readings, and Poetry of the Contemplative Season."

Saturday, December 5, 9:30 am-12:30 pm
9th Annual Historic Denver Pipe Organ Tour of Three Downtown area churches

Invite your friends to join the Denver AGO and Historic Denver on a walking tour of three historic downtown Denver churches (location details coming soon). Enjoy beautiful architecture and organ music. In order to maintain social distancing guidelines at each of the facilities, this walking tour will be limited to **50 participants**. Tickets must be purchased in advance on the Historic Denver website at <https://historicdenver.org/tours-events/walking-tours/>. Tickets go on sale September 15, 2020. Ticket prices:

Sept. 15–Oct. 31: \$20 for AGO and Historic Denver members (with Promo code **AGOMEMBER2020**) \$25 for non-members

Nov. 1–Dec. 5: \$25 for AGO and Historic Denver members (with Promo code **AGOMEMBER2020**) \$30 for non-members

Buy your tickets early and save!

More events in preparation.

R.I.P Kathryn Bowers

We have learned of the recent death of new chapter member Kathryn S. Bowers, D.M.A., SPC. More information will be communicated when it is known.

*May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*



Free Working Pipe Organ

A 2-manual, 3-rank, 21-stop 1931 Reuter unit organ (prep. for 4). Well-maintained by Rick Morel (303-355-3852). 6'x15' chest. For specs, pics, all inquiries, email doroelder@comcast.net. Beat the wrecking ball to Allnut Funeral Home in Greeley. Rescuer to dismantle and move ASAP. Perfect for home, chapel, or studio. The building has been sold and is scheduled for demolition, so time is of the essence.



Concerts at the Cathedral Basilica

SEASON SIX

In these times of pandemic responsibility, we have moved our Concerts at the Cathedral Basilica online. We hope all of our parishioners, friends and visitors are able to enjoy the selections from these talented musicians. The links can also be accessed at www.denvercathedral.org then clicking on Events and then Concerts.

June 14: Ken Mervine, Concert Organist, “**Organ with a French Accent**” [CLICK HERE](#)

July 4: Phil Bordeleau and Patrick Knaubert, “**Of God and Country**” Patriotic Music [CLICK HERE](#)

August 16: Linda Mack, Organist, “**Prayers to Mary and Devotions to the Father.**” Organ

works by Schlick, Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, Dupré, Couperin, Reger, and Mendelssohn. [CLICK HERE](#)

September 13: *Byrd on a Wire*; Renaissance Ensemble featuring Jennifer Carpenter, recorder and Sarah Biber, cellist/gambist.

Gena Bedrosian in Avon

September 3 and 10, 6–8 pm, **Dr. Gena Bedrosian** presents “Classical Piano around the World,” a free outdoor concert at 5491 Wildridge Rd. E., Avon CO. A variety of well-loved classical music will be heard. facebook.com/concertsunderthestars. Contact ehbedrosian@gmail.com, 518-441-8873.

Employment Opportunities

Listings should be sent to Benjamin Ehrlich, contact information on page 2.

There are no employment opportunities known at press time. If you hear of something, please submit to Ben Ehrlich.

