

PIPE NOTES

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JAMES CASSARINO PRESENTS HIS ARTIST-OF-THE-YEAR RECITAL IN RUTLAND ON JUNE 14

The Vermont AGO Chapter's June event will be Artist-of-the-Year James Cassarino's organ recital. He has planned a diversified program with musical friends and colleagues that includes organ works with choir, brass, and woodwinds. The event starts at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Church in Rutland.

The Chapter's Annual Meeting will follow the recital.

There will also be a music and CD exchange, especially for those who were unable to participate in April. Jim said he would add the duplicates from his organ music library.

So, this is a golden opportunity to attend a splendid organ recital, touch base with fellow members and colleagues, and pick up some "new-to-you" music and CDs. Do put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSIVE ORGAN TOUR IN ST. ALBANS ON MAY 17

We very much want to thank Vaughn Watson for the hours of hard work he put into a very nice and well-attended organ tour in St. Albans in May. Four organs within easy walking distance of each other were demonstrated by Chapter members and friends, two or three per organ:

Immaculate Conception R. C. Church

Dr. William Tortolano
Dr. David Neiweem, Chapter Dean

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Donna T. Costes
Marilyn Polson, Chapter Secretary
Dr. Carl Schwartz

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Esther Nui, Registrar and Webmaster
Dr. Susan Summerfield

First Congregational Church

Bridget Chatterley
Vaughn Watson, Chapter Sub-Dean

A lovely reception was hosted by the members of the First Congregational Church at the end of the tour. This was an organ treat thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees. Thank you to all who so ably demonstrated instruments. And thank you so much, Vaughn!

CHAPTER NOTES

It is almost time for membership renewal forms. These will be included in the July newsletter with a September 1 deadline for returning them to Registrar Esther Nui. So, be on the lookout for this and send them in as soon as possible so our autumn mailing list will be current and complete.

A number of organ positions are open but notices have not been sent to our newsletter editor. If you know of some in your area, please send them in. The First Baptist Church position in Burlington is included in this newsletter, but others include the Danville Congregational Church, the Unitarian Church in Montpelier, the Congregational Church in St. Albans. If you know of folks who might be able to fill these, please encourage them. Vermont has a sizable number of beautiful old tracker organs which need people to give them voice. Maybe you know of advanced students or new people who have moved into the area. There are a number of ways that you can help the organ world in Vermont.

If you know of organ events in your area, please send those in along with interesting organ articles, summaries of organ events that you attend, and organ humor that would put a smile on our faces. All are valuable additions to our newsletter.

COMING EVENTS

The Jewish Community Center in Stowe will present a concert of Jewish Cantorial Music and Gregorian Chant at the Stowe Community Church on Tuesday, June 9 at 12:00 noon. The Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola, Dr. William Tortolano, Director, sings "Missa de Angelic" and Jewish liturgical rounds. Rabbi Jan Salzman of Obavi Zedek Synagogue will sing and also encourage the audience to join her in singing some folk music. There will be an optional free will offering.

Artist-of-the-Year Jim Cassarino will present an organ recital on Sunday, June 14 at Trinity Church in Rutland, Vermont at 3:00 p.m. He will direct a program of festive music that will include music for organ, choir, brass, and woodwinds. Assisting artists will include colleagues whom he has collaborated with throughout the years. The Annual Meeting of the Vermont Chapter AGO is to follow at 4:15 p.m.

June 28 - July 1 is our Northeast Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists in New Haven, Connecticut. Register now, online, or call 860-873-9164 for registration forms and information.

The **Essex Community Concert Series** in Essex, New York has finalized its summer 2015 season of evening and Thursday 11:30 a.m. concerts. The complete listing can be found at www.essexcommunityconcerts.org and organ events programmed are:

July 4 (Sat) at 7 p.m. Carol Williams, organist

August 6 (Thurs) at 11:30 a.m. Pam Durant, organist

They are also appreciative of donations to help fund the concert series.

The **Brooklyn Chapter AGO** is hosting a **Pipe Organ Encounter July 26 - 31, 2015**. You can support this event by sending interested students to this wonderful opportunity and by sending donations to help the cause to director Erik Birk, at ebirk88@gmail.com or 212-932-0551.

THE VERMONT CHAPTER MOURNS THE PASSING OF CATHERINE ORR

After a long and painful battle with bladder cancer, Catherine Broucek Orr passed from our midst on Wednesday, May 20. She was a long-time faithful member of our AGO Chapter. A celebration and remembrance of her life was held Sunday, May 24, 2015, at 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Montpelier, 130 Main Street with a reception following. A more complete obituary will be included in the July newsletter.

SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST AVAILABLE

Carl Schwartz will be available to substitute as organist and/or music director this summer and fall with advance notice should you have any need.

You can best reach him by email or phone: rustoncar@aol.com or (301) 221-4815 (cell).

ORGAN POSITION AVAILABLE

The First Baptist Church (ABC-USA) in Burlington, Vt. is seeking a new organist to play the historic tracker (E. & G.G. Hook Op. 364, 1864). The position will be open in July with an anticipated starting date for the new organist in Sept. Salary is negotiable based on experience. The organist plays the Sunday service year round, special services, and accompanies the adult Chancel Choir, T. Dawn Willis director, from Labor Day through mid-June and occasionally other church ensembles as needed. 4 weeks paid vacation are provided. The church enthusiastically supports an active music program encompassing Children's Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, Handbell Ensemble, annual guest organ recital, and hosts outside musical groups. The deadline for applications is June 20, 2015. Resumes and inquiries should go to Bob Cannon, Music Committee Co-Chair at (802) 879-4515 or rycannon@comcast.net.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the July issue of **Pipe Notes** will be June 20. Be thinking of summer events in your area to share with our membership.

A Bit of Humor

Miscellania Organica

Children's answers to church school questions, from a Church of England publication, quoted in "The Epistle", St. Paul's Parish, Seattle, Washington.

*Parrafin is next in order after seraphim.

+Today, wild beasts are confined to the Theological Gardens.

*The patron saint of travellers is St. Francis of the sea sick.

+Iran is the Bible of the Moslems.

*A republican is a sinner mentioned in the Bible.

+Abraham begat Isaac and Isaac begat Jacob and Jacob begat twelve partridges.

*The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so Paul got stoned.

+The First commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

*It is sometimes difficult to hear what is being said in church because the agnostics are so terrible.