

PIPE NOTES

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ARTIST-OF-THE-YEAR RECITAL AND VERMONT AGO ANNUAL MEETING

A dozen Vermont AGO members and a sizable number of church and community folks gathered at Our Lady of Seven Dolors in Fair Haven on Sunday, June 25 to hear Artist-of-the-Year Vaughan Watson present a lovely recital that highlighted the special colors of the early Hook organ and paid tribute to the Catholic musical tradition that this organ has supported for so many years. Thanks are due to Vaughan for making arrangements for this organ to be heard by us all and for all his work in preparing this program. Thanks also to Marilyn Polson and Esther Nui for all their help "behind the scenes" to ensure that this event ran smoothly.

A reception, music exchange, and annual meeting followed at the school across the street. At the meeting reports were heard from the Secretary, Treasurer (included in this newsletter), and Program Committee. Updates were heard concerning the National Convention, Lending Library, Website, and Operating Procedures.

FALL VERMONT AGO EVENTS IN PREPARATION

The Program Committee has been busy planning events for our membership this autumn and shares the following information so folks can mark their calendars and save the dates:

On Sunday, September 24 at 4:00 p.m. the Chapter will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Johnson & Son organ in the First Baptist Church in Bellows Falls. Built in 1892 it is in essentially original condition and will be played by Lynnette Combs and Linda Robinson, the church's organist. Directions will be in the September newsletter. Save the date!

On Sunday, October 22 the Chapter will tour three churches in Manchester and Manchester Center. At 3:00 p.m. we will hear the 1959 three-manual Moller organ at the First Congregational Church in Manchester. We will then proceed up Route 7 to Manchester Center to visit Zion Episcopal Church and its 1930 two-manual Moller

organ followed by First Baptist Church and its 1926 two-manual organ by Johnson & Son known for its brightly stenciled facade pipes. Directions and more information in the September newsletter.

COMING EVENTS

The Executive Committee of **St. John's Episcopal Church in East Poultney, Vermont** shares its plans for **worship services** on Saturdays during the summer months. All services will begin at **4:00 p.m.** **Dr. James Cassarino**, Director of the Vocal, Instrumental and Welsh Heritage programs at Green Mountain College will bring the fine old organ to life at each service. The services planned are:

- tunes
- July 8: a celebration of our national heritage
 August 12: a traditional service on the day of the Poultney Historical Society's East Poultney Day.

Dr. Mark Steinbach will be playing the **Dopp Recital** this year on **Sunday, September 17** at the **First Baptist Church in Burlington, Vermont**. He is the teacher and mentor of the church's current musical director **Adam Schneider**. A masterclass is being planned for Saturday, September 16. Anyone who would like to present a piece at the masterclass is please asked to contact Adam at the church: 81 Saint Paul Street, Burlington, Vermont 05401. Phone No. (401) 442-1875. And all are cordially encouraged to attend.

LENDING LIBRARY AVAILABLE FOR ALL LOOKING TO TRY OUT NEW-TO-YOU MUSIC

Jim Cassarino has been keeping an organ lending library for many years that is available to everyone who would like to try some new music without having to purchase it sight-unseen. Recently several collections from deceased members have been added to the library, and Jim has shared duplicates with us at music exchanges. If you are looking to view some music that you think you would like to try, or you are looking for new possibilities for Advent-Christmas, Lent-Easter, National Holidays, or special occasions in your church, consider checking the offerings in this library collection and contacting Jim Cassarino, 89 Brown Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701-3967.

SEVERAL MUSIC DIRECTOR POSITIONS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BURLINGTON

The First Baptist Church (ABC-USA) in Burlington, Vt. is seeking an experienced choral director to conduct the 15-20 voice adult Chancel Choir for worship services on Sunday mornings and rehearsals on Thursday evenings. The Chancel Choir sings for services beginning the Sunday after Labor Day continuing through mid-June with the summer off. Salary is competitive and negotiable based on experience.

The church is also looking for a Children's Choir and Handbell Director.

First Baptist Church enthusiastically supports an active music program encompassing a Children's Choir, an Instrumental Ensemble, a Handbell Ensemble, an annual guest organ recital, and hosts outside musical groups. Applications are being accepted and resumes and inquiries should go to fbcvte@gmail.com.

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST POSITION IN WALPOLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The First Congregational Church of Walpole, New Hampshire UCC is searching for a Music Director/Organist. Basic responsibilities include providing music for Sunday worship and special holidays, directing regular adult vocal and bell choirs, and planning services with the Pastor.

The organ is custom built with pipes and console in the balcony. It has 11 ranks, which, with unification and duplexing, expands to 31 stops. The piano is a Yamaha baby grand in excellent condition. The 4-octave English handbell set has been recently refurbished.

The church has 150+ members. Part-time hours are 18 to 22 per week. A competitive salary in the high 20's will be offered to the ideal candidate, commensurate with skill, experience, and education.

For more information call (603) 756-9221 and/or email at mudiseco@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: ESTEY REED ORGAN

Donna Harley in South Burlington, Vt. has an Estey Parlor Reed Organ, 44" x 22", in fair condition for sale. \$50 or best offer. Please phone (802) 777-9821 or email naxosdh@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the September issue of **Pipe Notes** will be August 20. There will not be an August issue of **Pipe Notes**. What autumn organ events are happening in your area? Please send them in to share with our membership.

A BIT OF MUSICAL HUMOR

NEW MUSIC TERMS

- ALLEREGRETTO:** When you're 16 measures into the piece and suddenly realize you set too fast a tempo
- ANGUS DEI:** To play with a divinely beefy tone
- A PATELLA:** Accompanied by knee-slapping
- APOLOGGIATURA:** A composition that you regret playing
- APPROXIMATURA:** A series of notes not intended by the composer, yet played with an "I meant to do that" attitude
- DILL PICCOLINI:** An exceedingly small wind instrument that plays only sour notes
- FERMANTRA:** A note held over and over and over and over and...
- FIDDLER CRABS:** Grumpy string players
- FLUTE FLIES:** Those tiny insects that bother musicians on outdoor gigs
- FRUGALHORN:** A sensible and inexpensive brass instrument
- GAUL BLATTER:** A French horn player
- GREGORIAN CHAMP:** The title bestowed upon the monk who can hold a note the longest
- PLACEBO DOMINGO:** A faux tenor
- SPRITZICATO:** An indication to string instruments to produce a bright and bubbly sound
- TEMPO TANTRUM:** What an elementary school orchestra is having when it's not following the conductor

Treasurer's report
2016-2017
Vermont Chapter, American Guild of Organists

Checking Account

Balance June 11, 2016			\$ 504.73
Receipts			
Dues	1,795.00		
Donations	100.00		
Transfer from C.D.	500.00		
Other	8.00	+	2,403.00
Expenditures			
Programs	850.00		
Office expenses	391.34		
Newsletter	711.61		
Donations	600.00		
Montreal convention –	500.00		
Annual Fund –	100.00		
Dues	47.00	-	2,599.95
Balance June 20, 2017			307.78

Savings Account (formerly a Certificate of Deposit)

Balance June 20, 2017	4,204.05
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Norris Fund

Balance June 11, 2016	3,327.39
Donation	50.00
Balance June 20, 2017	3,377.39

Respectfully submitted,
Lynnette Combs, treasurer