

PIPE NOTES

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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VERMONT CHAPTER, AGO

The annual Meeting of the Vermont Chapter, A.G.O. was held on Sunday, June 29, 2014 at the United Church of Thetford in North Thetford, Vermont after a splendid concert by Permelia Sears and her husband David, and their daughter Rebecca. Ten chapter members were in attendance.

The minutes of last year's annual meeting were unavailable.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. It was decided to split the position of Treasurer/Registrar. Esther Nui will now serve as Registrar. The A.G.O. national office has put together a system for members to renew their membership on-line but it is not functioning very well so we decided to continue membership renewals by mail.

Dean David Neiweem presented a slate of candidates for the coming year. It was unanimously approved and stands as below.

Dean: David Neiweem
Sub Dean: Vaughn Watson
Treasurer: Lynnette Combs
Secretary: Marilyn Polson

Members-at-large:
Lubbert Gnodde (2016)
Esther Nui (2016)
Bruce Stevens (2016)
John Atwood (2018)
Kevin Bishop (2018)
Susan Summerfield (2018)

It was agreed to donate \$100 to the Thetford Church's organ fund.
It was moved and seconded to designate Jim Cassarino Artist of the Year 2014-2015.

Ed Boadway wants to donate his extensive chapter archives to the Vermont Historical Society. He will be in touch with them to determine if the ownership of the material remains with the chapter or if they become the property of the V.H.S.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Polson, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE VERMONT CHAPTER, AGO FOR 2013-2014

Checking Account

Balance June 26, 2013		\$1,021.29
Receipts		
Dues	3,330.00	+3,300.00
Expenditures		
National portion of dues	1,979.00	
Whitney recital sponsorship	300.00	
National endowment fund/ Callahan gala	300.00	
Newsletter	475.15	
		-3,054.15
Balance June 29, 2014		1,297.14

Certificate of Deposit

Balance June 29, 2014	\$4,588.91
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Norris Fund

Balance June 29, 2014	\$2,245.39
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Respectfully submitted,

Lynnette Combs, Treasurer

CHAPTER NOTES

Thank you to all new and renewing members who have already sent in their dues. If you have not yet done so, please take a few minutes now to complete the registration form and return it to the new registrar, Esther Nui, 76 Stonefence Road, Richmond, Vermont 05477. Remember that many churches pay professional organization dues.

Artist of the Year James Cassarino's recital will be on Sunday, June 14, 2015 at Trinity Church, Rutland, time to be announced later. The program will include music for organ, brass, woodwinds and choir.

Our membership has missed a number of organ events this summer the notices of which were not sent to our newsletter editor for inclusion in summer Pipe Notes issues. Please be sure that any events in your region are sent in so that members have the opportunities to attend these events.

The Planning Committee has met to put together the year's programs. More information will be included in future issues of Pipe Notes.

Change in membership renewal process:

For the year 2014-2015, Lynnette Combs will still be receiving membership forms and the checks. Please note that when you renew membership next year, or if you have not renewed your membership for 2014 yet, please fill out the membership forms enclosed with Pipe Notes and mail the information to Esther Nui, 76 Stonefence Rd, Richmond VT 05477. If you cannot locate your form you can find it on the website www.vtago.org under PipeNotes0714 as a PDF page. You can also call Esther Nui at (802) 434-3373 and a form will be mailed to you.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

Esther Nui is working on a current membership directory. If your membership information has changed, please make sure that either Lynnette Combs or Esther Nui are aware of these changes. Their mailing addresses are: Esther Nui, 76 Stonefence Road, Richmond VT 05477 and Lynnette Combs, 18 Court Street, Montpelier VT 05602. When we have as accurate a membership directory as possible, a printed membership directory will be mailed to you. We are targeting either the end of December or January 2015 for this mailing.

COMING EVENTS

The **First Baptist Church, Burlington, Vermont** invites you and your friends to an **organ recital** by **George Matthew, Jr.** on **Sunday, September 7** at **3:00 p.m.**

The pipe organ was built and installed in 1864 by E. & G.G. Hook of Boston, as their opus 342. It was featured last year at the national convention of the Organ Historical Society; it has not been altered, except for the addition of an electric blower.

Mr. Matthew, organist at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Middlebury, Vermont, is well-known both as organist and as carillonneur. His programs include outstanding compositions that are not as well known, as well as standard works in the organ repertoire.

You are also invited to the last recital in this year-long celebration, to be given by Susan Summerfield (with special guests) on Sunday, November 2, at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 14 at the **Church of Christ at Dartmouth College** (the White Church) international organ recitalist **Susan Ferre** returns to Hanover to play a **program of Bach and French organ music**. Her last recital here was standing-room only so mark your calendar now and plan to bring a friend. These concerts are free and were established in memory of Mary Ives. For more information e-mail ernie.drown@ccducucc.org

There is a **progressive recital** in **Woodstock** on **Sunday, September 28**. For details check the website at www.pentanglearts.org

On **Sunday, October 5**, there will be a **tour of some of the organs in Rutland**. Starting at Immaculate Heart of Mary R.C. Church on Lincoln Avenue we will proceed to the Unitarian-Universalist Church on West Street and continue to Grace Congregational Church and conclude at the Baptist Church. Although these churches are within walking distance, those in attendance can drive if they desire. Organs to be heard are a Russell & Co. instrument of 1993, an 1890/1905 Woodberry & Harris, a 1947 Aeolian-Skinner and a 1917 Hook & Hastings. More details will be included in the October newsletter.

Vaughan Watson will be the featured recitalist at the **annual Katrina Munn organ recital** at the **Bradford Congregational Church** on **Sunday, October 19** at **4:00 p.m.**

NATIONAL ELECTIONS

National elections for the American Guild of Organists has been completed and Cheryl Duerr of Attleboro, Mass. has been voted to be the Regional Councillor for the Northeast (formerly Regions I and II) Region.

BOOK AVAILABLE

Sarah Dopp has a mint copy of Barbara Owen's "The Mormon Tabernacle Organ" (1990) which she will donate to a Vermont AGO member, in return for a donation to benefit the VT Chapter, AGO. The first person to contact her will get the book. Please contact Sarah at sarah.dopp@vtmednet.org or call her at (802) 985-3581.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the October issue of Pipe Notes will be September 20.