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# PIPE NOTES

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## ANNUAL MEETING AND WHITNEY RECITAL IN WOODSTOCK OCTOBER 27

About a dozen Vermont AGO members and officers gathered at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 27 at the North Universalist Chapel Society in Woodstock. Ed Boadway presented the minutes from last year's meeting, and Lynnette Combs handed out copies of the treasurer's report and explained the year's financial transactions. (A copy of this report is included in this newsletter.) We were pleased to be joined by AGO Region I Councillor Cheryl\* Duerr who brought us news from the region and joined in on discussions concerning our Chapter. In the short hour before the 4 p.m. Whitney recital, we agreed that a future meeting of the board members needs to be scheduled to more thoroughly address events for the coming year and the future direction of the Chapter. Our new web-mistress Ester\* Nui informed us about the offerings and needs of the new website she has created for our Chapter.

We were treated to the annual Whitney organ recital at 4 p.m. featuring our own Dean David Neiweem. Many thanks to him for all his work preparing music for this presentation and to John Atwood who schedules and oversees this recital every year.

\*Cheryl

\*Esther

## NEW WEBSITE FOR VERMONT CHAPTER

This website can be found at the URL:<http://www.vtago.org> It is still in an infancy state and will be modified as it develops. Currently it lacks information about current musical events going on in this State. Please send this information in the form of an email to: [esternui@yahoo.com](mailto:esternui@yahoo.com). Please include: Name of Event, Time and Location of Event, and if there is a price. A link to your local website would also be good. If you have any picture in the form of .jpg, that would be great!!

Please check out the current website despite its infancy stages. Eventually you can send your information about your event directly to the website itself, and there will be a section exclusively for members ensuring some privacy.

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## NEW BOY CHOIR FORMING IN ESSEX JUNCTION, VERMONT

Mark Railey is forming a new boy choir at the First Congregational Church of Essex Junction. They are particularly in need of young treble voices in about fourth or fifth grade but are accepting members through high school. Any AGO members who know of young men who might be interested in this opportunity are encouraged to invite them to be part of this group. Mark Railey can be contacted by email at [mmailey@vermontboychoir.org](mailto:mmailey@vermontboychoir.org) or by phone at (802) 878-5745, ex. 105. Vermont AGO member Vaughn Watson is their accompanist and can be phoned at (802) 759-2453. The group is in its second year and will present a performance on December 1 at 3 p.m. at the First Congregation Church of Essex Junction.

## COMING EVENTS

On Sunday afternoon, November 10 at 2 p.m. Dr. Carl Schwartz, Organist and the Choir of Christ Episcopal Church, 64 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont will present "The Bell Tower Concert": a program of organ and choral music with bell related themes. Organ music featured will include works by Louis Vierne, Johann Sebastian Bach, John Weaver, Dan Locklair and Charles Tournemire. The choir will sing music of Henry Purcell and a carol arranged by Charles Wood. A freewill offering will be received (suggested donation \$10) to benefit the restoration of the church's historic bell tower. There is plenty of parking in the lot behind the church. The organ is by Karl Wilhelm (1972).

## CHAPTER NOTES

Lynnette Combs has a new street address:

Lynnette Combs  
18 Court Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

\* Carl Swartz was also very important to the success of the June OHS Convention in Vermont. He did a tremendous amount of background work and information gathering. Again, kudos to our Chapter members who worked so hard on this event.

Membership form renewals are now passed due! Please send them in promptly so that membership lists for the directory and newsletter can be updated and completed. Thank You!!

\* Schwartz

## PROMINENT NORTHFIELD MUSICIAN PASSES AWAY

Bill Spear, a fixture in the Northfield area music scene for many years, passed away Sunday, September 29, 2013, at the Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin at the age of 83. He was not an AGO member but was the organist at St. Mary's Episcopal Church and occasionally at St. John's R. C. Church in Northfield.

Born in Montpelier on June 15, 1930 and the son of Charles and Mary (Kingston) Spear, he graduated from Northfield High School in 1948. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1956 and a master's in teaching in 1966, both from Saint Michael's College

in Colchester. In 1969 he earned a master's in education from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and in 1982, a master's in teaching from Norwich University in Northfield.

He taught Latin, French, and English at Island Pond School, Waitsfield High School, and Rutland High School, until his retirement in the mid-1990s. He continued to substitute teach at Northfield schools and taught English to foreign students at Saint Michael's College.

He started playing the organ at 14 years old at St. John The Evangelist Church in Northfield. He played regularly at St. Mary's Episcopal Church and traveled with the Norwich University Chorus to Ireland, England and Germany. He often played for his fraternal groups, Mayo Nursing Home, reunions and more than 50 years of Northfield High School graduations. The week before he died, he played at the Woodridge Nursing Home in Berlin, where he had recently been residing.

He was a member of St. John The Evangelist Church, Knights of Columbus, Northfield Senior Center, the Grange, Northfield Rotary, and Northfield Historical Society, and was a frequent volunteer at the Red Mitten in Northfield.

He enjoyed woodworking, drawing, reading, and crosswords puzzles.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Friday, October 4, 2013 at St. John The Evangelist Church, followed by burial in Northfield Falls Cemetery.

#### ORGANIST NEEDED

St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Northfield, a small but loving congregation, needs an organist to play their 1830 two manual E. & G.G. Hook organ recently heard by the 58th Annual Organ Historical Society Convention. No choir duties. During the winter the congregation worships in the adjacent parish hall from the Sunday after Epiphany to Palm Sunday. Salary to be determined. Contact Brett Murphy, (802) 223-2486, brettwmurphy@hotmail.com

#### FOR SALE

Lowery Royale SU500 electric two-manual theater organ with bench. Located in Enfield, New Hampshire. \$6,000. Write or call Carolyn Carey, 520-303-0985. E-mail: ccarey61@msn.com

#### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

With the holidays approaching it's time to send any notices of recitals and concerts for December to your editor so that members can plan on attending these events. The deadline for the December issue of **Pipe Notes** will be November 20.

## A Bit of Humor

Ways to Keep Things Interesting in Church

Pass a note to the organist asking if he or she plays requests.

See if a yawn really is contagious.

Slap your neighbor. See if she turns the other cheek. If not, raise your hand and tell the preacher.

Devise ways of climbing into the balcony without using the stairs.

Listen for our preacher to use a word beginning with 'A', then 'B' and so on through the alphabet.

Sit in the back row and roll a handful of marbles under the pews ahead of you. After the service, credit yourself with 10 points for every marble that made it to the front.

Using church bulletins or visitor cards for raw materials, design, test, and modify a collection of paper airplanes.

Start from the back of the church and try to crawl all the way to the front, under the pews, without being noticed.

Raise your hand and ask for permission to go to the rest room.

Treasurer's Report  
2012-2013  
Vermont Chapter, American Guild of Organists

Checking Account

Balance June 20, 2012		2,645.09
Receipts		
Dues	3,242.00	
Donations	160.00	
		+ 3,402.00
Expenditures		
National portion of dues	1,998.50	
AGO Annual Fund	200.00	
Programs	150.00	
Newsletter	557.56	
Website	167.14	
Officers' expenses	58.60	
Whitney recital sponsorship	300.00	
Artists-of-the-Year (2012 – L. Gnodde, 2013 – M. Howe)	600.00	
Organ Historical Society Convention concert sponsorship	1,000.00	
		- 5,031.80
Balance June 26, 2013		1,015.29

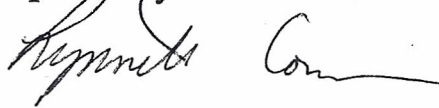
Certificate of Deposit

Balance June 26, 2013		4,568.60
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Norris Fund

Balance June 26, 2013 (no activity in fiscal year)		2,245.39
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Respectfully submitted,



Lynnette Combs, treasurer