

PIPE NOTES

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BACH MARATHON COMING TO CHRIST CHURCH, MONTPELIER IN MARCH!

The 3rd annual Bach Organ marathon will take place at Christ Episcopal Church in Montpelier on Sunday, March 19th, starting at 1:30 p.m. Come and be amazed and delighted at the wealth of music that J. S. Bach composed for the organ. Seven organists - Jennifer Bower, Lubert Gnodde, Mark Howe, George Matthew, Jr., David Neiweem, Carl Schwartz, and Susan Summerfield - will perform on the north-German-inspired pipe organ, built by Karl Wilhelm in 1972. Donations will benefit music scholarships in the Montpelier schools. For more information, contact Lynnette Combs at (802) 371-5066 or homeplacegirl@gmail.com.

OUR VERMONT AGO SPONSORED POE CANDIDATE SHARES HIS EXPERIENCE WITH US

Our Vermont AGO Chapter was most pleased to send a POE candidate to the Springfield, Mass. event this summer. Miles Ames from Elmore shares with us his week immersed in the organ world.

This summer, I had the incredible opportunity to attend one of the POEs held around the United States. At the beginning of this past summer, I drove out to North Hampton, Massachusetts for what I thought would just be another summer music camp. I could not have been more wrong. The first day, I was skeptical, of course, but by dinner time, I was laughing at jokes with a multitude of new friends and making even more. The entire staff was warm, welcoming, and by far one of the most inspiring groups of people I have ever met. That week was filled with incredible organ performances, inspiring lectures, and I learned more about the organ in just a few short days than I ever thought anyone could know in a lifetime. Food was excellent, housing was even better, and I am still in contact with the people I met there months later. I would like to thank the Vermont Chapter organists for giving me this opportunity to explore the wonderful world of organs and the people that surround them.

Miles Ames

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The Baptist Church in Lebanon, New Hampshire was lost to an arson fire on December 29, 2016. Also lost in the fire was the church's 1892 Hook & Hastings organ. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to our friends and neighbors across the river.

Ed Boadway served as organist and music director at the United Church of Ludlow for several years. The people of that church created a memorial fund in Ed's name in sincere appreciation of his work for and with them. Unsure what would be appropriate to do in Ed's memory, they have turned over the money to the Vermont AGO Chapter. The Chapter is asking our membership for our thoughts on what would be most befitting to do with this gift to honor Ed. Please send any suggestions to Marilyn Polson (polsonm@innevi.com).

Our program committee is meeting this month to discuss programs for this fall that will include a "birthday" organ, and an organ tour. We look forward to Artist-of-the-Year Vaughan Watson's recital later this spring.

NOTES FROM OUR REGISTRAR, ESTHER NUI

Tax Exempt Status Update:

The Vermont Chapter is happy to announce that our tax exempt status has been reinstated retroactively. The notice was received in December 2016! Headquarters informs us that our Chapter received its reinstatement in record time. Thank you to Celia Asbell for assisting Esther Nui in wading through the language of the IRS Forms.

The fiscal year for our Chapter now officially runs from January through December of the year.

Membership Update:

Please check your email inbox for messages from AGO Headquarters concerning the renewal of your dues. Headquarters invoices the individuals who need to renew their dues. They then wait two months and, if no payment is received, the membership of the individual is canceled. However, it is very easy to reinstate your membership. You can renew online using ONCARD, or you can send the Registrar, Esther Nui, at esthernui@gmail.com, a request for a paper invoice be mailed to you instead. If you do not have access to the internet, send a request to Esther Nui, 76 Stonefence Road, Richmond, Vt. 05477.

Headquarters will send you a paper invoice and your membership will be reinstated as soon as you send in your payment. Please make an effort to do so. Our current Board is making the effort to publicize the fact that, as a Chapter, we are still promoting the organ in this State. Both our Dean and our Registrar have sent in articles and photographs to the magazine The American Organist, and, if you receive this publication, you should have noticed entries about our Chapter events at various times over the past few months.

Thank you for your attention, and the Registrar hopes to see your membership status change to active within the next few months. Please note that, despite your canceled status, you are still receiving your copy of Pipe Notes in hopes that you will renew. Let us strive to keep the organ actively heard in this State.