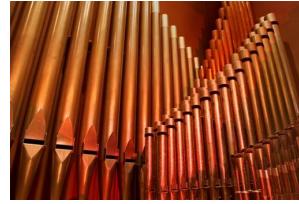


ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER AGO



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FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to an exciting year for the Albuquerque Chapter of the American Guild of Organists! If you are a new member for 2010-11, we are most pleased to welcome you to our Chapter, which serves not only Albuquerque, but also Santa Fe and northern New Mexico. If you are a renewing member, thank you for your continued support of the AGO and this instrument we all know and love! Recitals, workshops, and master classes will inspire and challenge us to keep developing our musical skills and foster an appreciation of the many roles the organ takes on in the musical and worship life of our community. There are also opportunities to get together, encourage mutual support, and simply enjoy each others' company!

To provide a little bit of recent history about the Albuquerque Chapter, we hosted the **American Guild of Organists Region VII Convention** in June and July of 2009. The convention featured outstanding regional and local performers and included an evening at the world-renowned Santa Fe Opera. October 2008 saw the Chapter's participation in the **Organ Spectacular**, an event promoted by AGO Chapters throughout the country. Chamber concerts were presented in both Albuquerque and Santa Fe that showcased the organ in its dual roles as recital and worship instruments. **Organ Crawls** to significant instruments and **Members' Recitals** are perennially popular programs. The **educational mission** of the AGO is supported by workshops and master classes led by local organists, choral directors, and performing artists.

The American Organist is the official magazine of the American Guild of Organists; it is a wonderful resource for keeping informed on developments in organ literature and church music. However, nothing can replace the person-to-person contact our local Chapter provides right here in north central New Mexico. All membership renewals for 2010-11 should be received by September 1.

I am honored to serve as Dean of the Albuquerque Chapter this year. This is the third AGO Chapter I have joined. I first became a member in the middle 1970s in Kansas City, Missouri, moved west to Tucson in 1989, and settled in Albuquerque in 2004. The programming and mutual support and friendship of colleagues in the field have always been a source of great inspiration and satisfaction to me. Plan to take advantage of the great programs we will offer this year.

Our first chapter meeting is **Saturday, September 18, from 2 to 4 pm at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, 425 University Boulevard NE in Albuquerque**. This will be a social meeting, with catered refreshments and reports on various conferences and conventions our members attended this summer, including the AGO National Convention in Washington, DC.

See you there!

Jane

Jane Smith, Dean

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OUR YEARBOOK

Chapter Registrar and Yearbook Editor Frederick Frahm has done an outstanding job of putting our 2010-11 Yearbook together in a lively, readable, colorful, and image-full format. Copies have been sent by email to those of us who are computer users; hard copies are being mailed to the few members who do not have email account.

Not only is there a plethora of valuable information in the yearbook; Fred has embedded live email and web links right in the document itself. That means that when you open the pdf yearbook file you have saved to your computer, you can click on any email address or website link and be automatically ready to write an email or explore a site. This is a great convenience in these days of electronic communication. Of course, you can also print out a hard copy of the yearbook to have in your notebook, office, or at home.

Be sure to review our upcoming events closely so you can get them into your calendars. Please also advertise them in your church bulletins or any e-lists you share.

OUR FIRST EVENT FOR 2010-11

As Jane noted in her Dean's letter, our first chapter meeting takes place from 2 to 4 pm Saturday, September 18 at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, 425 University Boulevard NE in Albuquerque. There will be catered refreshments and drinks, time to catch up with each other's summer activities and upcoming church calendars, and reports from members who attended conferences including the AGO National in Washington, DC. Don't miss it!

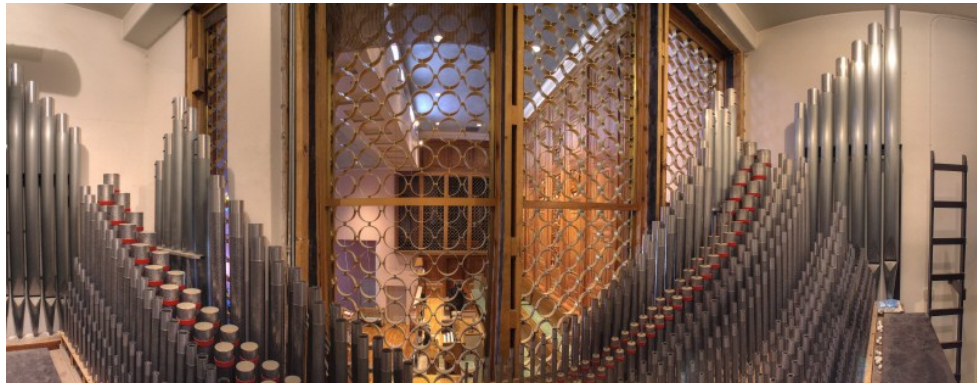
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As a reminder, here is the list of Executive Committee members for 2010-11.

Officers Dean: Jane Smith
 Sub-Dean: Marla Riggins-Clark
 Secretary: Jan Worden-Lackey
 Treasurer: Craig Smith (also Publicity)
 Registrar: Frederick Frahm (also Yearbook)

At-Large Through 2010-11: Fritz Frurip, John Vaughan
 Through 2012: Larry Titman, Jan Worden-Lackey
 Through 2013: Lana Zoltowski, Maxine Thévenot

Contact information for all Executive Committee members can be found in your Yearbook.



FROM THE TREASURER

As reported to the Executive Committee on August 28, 2010.

- I am happy to report that we are now completely up to date on our non-profit reporting requirements for the IRS, including filing all required 990 annual returns. The next major step is to make sure our organization is up and running on COROS, the State of New Mexico’s electronic registration and reference system for nonprofits. It is now required that all New Mexico nonprofits be so organized. It’s a data-heavy job, but I hope to have it finished in a month or so.
- We are in good financial shape as we begin the program year, thanks to the large surplus realized from last year’s regional convention here — many thanks again to convention treasurer Tom Seamon! — and thanks to our investment accounts at Charles Schwab, established years ago through generous bequests from members. As of the end of August, our accounts stood as follows.

Bank of America checking	\$ 20,337.29
Bank of America savings	\$ 100.03
Schwab: Glenn Nelson Recital Fund	\$ 22,138.13
Schwab: Hageman Education Fund	\$ 15,928.65

Note: The Nelson and Hageman Funds are endowments. Only accrued income from the original bequests, and additional gifts made over time without restrictions, may be used for projects.

- Besides ongoing operating expenses for postage, catering for events, etc., the Executive Committee has approved upcoming major disbursements of \$500 to the AGO National Annual Campaign in memory of Jerald Hamilton, Wes Selby, and Bob Seamon; \$1,200 to support expenses associated with our co-sponsored January event with Cathedral Church of St. John, featuring Dorothy Papadakis; and \$1,500 to support Douglas Cleveland’s fee for our co-sponsored November event with St. John, a concert in memory of Bob Seamon.
- Many thanks to members who have made donations in varying amounts with their recent renewals as Chapter Friends, to memorials, or the above funds.

<i>Edwina Beard</i>	Hageman
<i>Dianne Brehmer Bailey</i>	Hageman, Nelson
<i>Roy Carey</i>	memorial gift honor of Bob Seamon
<i>Gloria Chavez-Robinson</i>	Chapter Friend
<i>Fritz Frurip</i>	Hageman
<i>Frances Meier</i>	Chapter Friend
<i>Frances Naffziger</i>	memorial gift honor of Bob Seamon
<i>Beverly Ohms</i>	Hageman
<i>Emilie Rickstrew</i>	Hageman, Nelson, Chapter Friend
<i>Marla Riggins-Clark</i>	Chapter Friend
<i>Tom Seamon</i>	memorial gift honor of Bob Seamon
<i>Jane Smith</i>	Hageman, Nelson, Friend, memorial gift honor of Bob Seamon
<i>Larry Titman</i>	Nelson
<i>Lee Zink</i>	memorial gift in honor of Wes Selby

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Smith, Treasurer

ANNIVERSARIES AND OPTIONS

When it comes to programming, knowing composer and performer anniversaries can be very helpful when finalizing special services or planning a recital. Here are some composer anniversaries for 2011, for your reference. Note the several church and organ composers listed. Special thanks to The Classical Composers Database online, from which I cribbed the following.

Births

Jacopo Peri	(1561–1633)	450 years
Giacomo Antonio Perti	(1661–1756)	350 years
Georg Böhm	(1661–1733)	350 years
William Boyce	(1711–1779)	300 years
Ferenc [Franz] Liszt	(1811–1886)	200 years
Ferdinand Hiller	(1811–1885)	200 years
Charles Martin Loeffler	(1861–1935)	150 years
Pierre de Bréville	(1861–1949)	150 years
Marco Enrico Bossi	(1861–1925)	150 years
Anton Stepanovich Arensky	(1861–1906)	150 years
Edward MacDowell	(1861–1908)	150 years
Jehan-Ariste Alain	(1911–1940)	100 years
Alan Hovhaness	(1911–2000)	100 years
Bernard Herrmann	(1911–1975)	100 years
Gian Carlo Menotti	(1911–2007)	100 years
Nino Rota	(1911–1979)	100 years
Lowell Liebermann	(b 1961)	50 years
Unsuik Chin	(b 1961)	50 years
Michael Torke	(b 1961)	50 years
Brett Dean	(b 1961)	50 years

Deaths

Philippe de Vitry	(1291–1361)	650 years
Jean Ghiselin	(1455–1511)	500 years
Tomás Luis de Victoria	(1548–1611)	400 years
Louis Couperin	(1626–1661)	350 years
Francesco Feo	(1691–1761)	250 years
Félix-Alexandre Guilmant	(1837–1911)	100 years
Gustav Mahler	(1860–1911)	100 years
Percy Aldridge Grainger	(1882–1961)	50 years
Wallingford Riegger	(1885–1961)	50 years
York Bowen	(1884–1961)	50 years

KEEP US POSTED

If you have events or concerts upcoming, be sure to let me know as soon as possible so they can be advertised in future Couplers, or as email blasts to all our members. An informed membership is not only a happy group, but more apt to attend fellow members' performances.