

AGO Chapter Message – June 16, 2021



Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks!

NEWS FLASH –Our Chapter is co-sponsoring a Fourth of July Concert and Reception with Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota. What a great opportunity for us to get together in just a few weeks.

Come at 7:45 pm to claim your spot with a lawn chair in the courtyard, and then at 8:00 pm enjoy a concert of organ and choral music as well as some congregational singing of patriotic songs. At 8:45 pm, go back out to the courtyard, grab a beer or wine, and enjoy the fireworks!

Upon leaving this post after five years of serving you, our chapter members, as sub-dean and dean, I leave with a profound gratitude for the opportunity of working together with all of you in providing meaningful events for not only our members, but for our community as well. Please welcome and support your new leaders for our new beginning of in-person events in 2021-2022.

Blessings and warm wishes,

Nancy Siebecker

Installation of Officers and Executive Committee Members

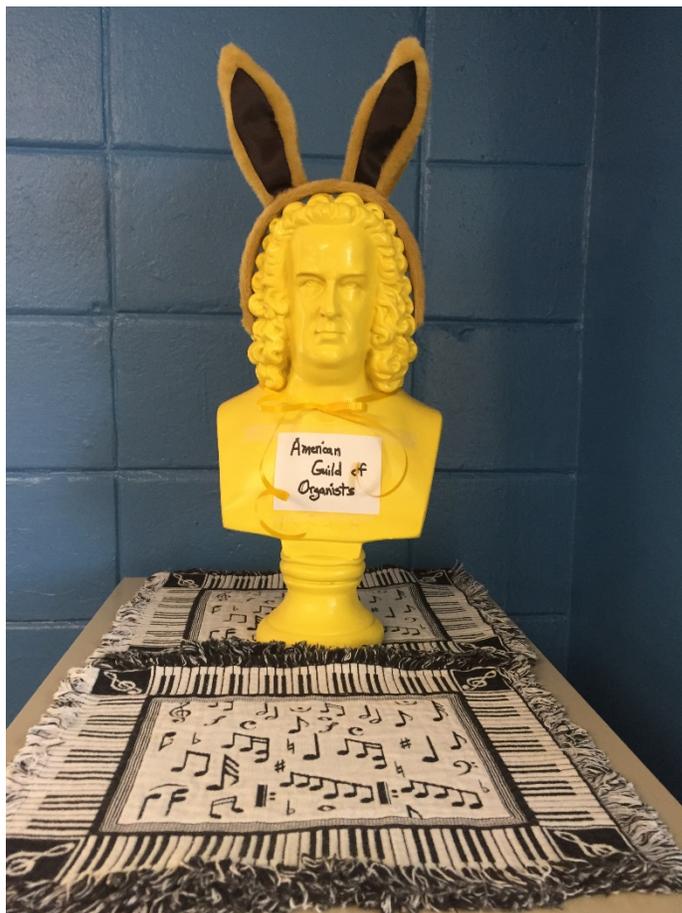


From left to right: Dick Benedum, John Behnke, Janet Davis, Glen Olsen, Cynthia Roberts-Greene, Sub-dean Sam Nelson, Dean Amy Cerniglia

(Absent from the photo are: Jim Culver, Steven Phillips and Robert Reeves)

New Home for our Sarasota- Manatee Chapter Archives

Member Jim Hawkinson moved the donated legal file and archive boxes from Nancy Siebecker's home to the Youth Room at St. Boniface Episcopal Church in May. We thank member James Guyer and the St. Boniface parish for welcoming us with an air conditioned place any one of us can access during office hours (M-F 9 am-5 pm) by calling the Church at 5615 Midnight Pass Road ahead of a planned visit at 941 349 5616. (Hope-Hint.....all the archives need to be categorized)



Your dues are due

For those of you who need an extra reminder, June 30th is the deadline for most of us to pay our dues for the next year. A thank you for those of you who have gifted us with some extra dollars. It is so appreciated.

I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you over the past eight years as your treasurer. May we continue our friendship. You can still write to me using the chapter email, and I'll send you whatever information you may be seeking. Until I hear from you, may you have a wonderful summer.

Susan Crumpler
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Member Peg Smith's Patriot Singers Recent Event

Not long after Peg Smith and her husband Jack moved into Lakehouse West several years ago, Peg responded to residents' interest in forming an in-house choral group. Thus was born the Patriot Singers who now perform and lead sing-a-longs several times a year for residents and visitors. The photos show Peg at the piano (without music, of course) and her group of twenty five men who recently presented a Memorial Day concert with such patriotic songs as "You're a Grand Old Flag", "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Where Have all the Flowers Gone", "God on High" from Les Miserables and others.

Peg, your musicianship and giving spirit follow you wherever you go!





AGO ORGANFEST 2021

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JUNE 27-JULY 2, 8PM EASTERN

Presented by the American Guild of Organists

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The American Guild of Organists invites you to OrganFest 2021, June 27–July 2. This year, in the absence of AGO Regional Conventions, we wanted to provide a week in which we could again enjoy outstanding performers and instruments, be entertained by a wide variety of musical styles, learn new skills, and mingle with old and new friends at after-parties.

The backbone of OrganFest is a collection of performances from all seven AGO regions, presented on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. These programs will also include mini-documentaries highlighting some of our colleagues, as well as an improvised silent movie accompaniment, a featured young organist, and the winner of the National Competition in Organ Improvisation.

An exciting new offering this year is interactive content on Tuesday and Thursday evenings via Zoom, which is free for all AGO members. (Non-members may access this programming for a \$50 fee, which includes a complimentary six-month Guild membership as well as online access to *The American Organist* magazine.) These two days will include the final round of the National Competition in Organ Improvisation—with the opportunity to vote for an Audience Prize—and the premieres of two Pogorzelski-Yankee award-winning compositions, along with conversations with the performers and composers. We will also enjoy panel discussions on organ building and diversifying repertoire, as well as presentations on improvisation and building a career as a collaborative musician.

We very much look forward to seeing you later this month. After last summer's *Beauty in the Midst of Chaos*, we want to share our hope that in the ongoing pandemic, with new light emerging at the end of the tunnel, truly, *Beauty Endures*.