

AGO Chapter Message

July 15, 2021



Events Kickoff on the Fourth of July

Our Chapter co-sponsored a Fourth of July Concert and Reception with Church of the Redeemer, the first exciting program to kick off a year of gathering together safely in-person once again. The joy of live music was contagious in the lively duets by officers Sam Nelson and Ann Moe, and the church rooftop provided the perfect location to view the beautiful fireworks over the Bay. We are grateful to Program Committee member Lorraine Murphy, who served refreshments to concert-goers, and to the attendee who donated to the AGO after the event.

Beginning my term as Dean, I am so grateful to work with an incredible team of organists. After surviving a pandemic year, I'm confident that our Guild will come together more than ever. I'm committed to spreading awareness of the Guild and our values through the Sarasota-Manatee area, so if you have any ideas or suggestions for the incoming officers, don't hesitate to reach out to me at music@peacepcusa.com.

In coming blasts, you'll hear more information about the great events already taking shape for this next year.

Stay safe in this hurricane season and I look forward to seeing more of you in person very soon.

Peace,

Amy Cerniglia, Dean



Organizing Our Archives

In May, 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.

If you would like to help with categorizing the archives, anyone can access this air-conditioned room during office hours (Monday to Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM) by calling the Church at 5615 Midnight Pass Road ahead of a planned visit at (941) 349-5616.



Dobson Factory Fire

On Tuesday, June 16, 2021 the workshops and offices at Dobson Pipe Organ Builders of Lake City, Iowa were destroyed in a fire. One employee of the company was burned when he discovered the fire and tried to put out the flames, according to authorities; that employee was treated at a hospital. No other injuries were reported.

The State Fire Marshal's Office said it believes the fire, which was reported around 4:30 PM Tuesday, was started when a fan malfunctioned and ignited sawdust. The full extent of the loss from the fire was not immediately known, but it destroyed the entire facility," according to the Carroll Times Herald.

Our hearts go out to Lynn Dobson, who founded Dobson Pipe Organ Builders in 1974, and to all other people working at Dobson.

July 18-23, 2021

VIRTUAL PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER (POE)

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Virtual Pipe Organ Encounter July 18-23

Pipe Organ Encounters is an educational outreach program of the American Guild of Organists. Throughout the virtual POE week, you will:

- Have an opportunity to participate in an organ lesson (if resources are available) with an experience organist-teacher
- Learn at your own pace through a series of workshop videos on a plethora of organ-related topics
- Experience an evening concert each night with other Virtual POEs participants all over the country (only the Virtual POE participants will be invited to the premiere of these concerts!)
- Network with other middle and high school aged musicians interested in the pipe organ
- Have a chance to win prizes by submitting your own creative organ-related videos on social media (details to come!)

Applications were no longer being accepted for the Virtual Pipe Organ Encounter as of July 5th, 2021.

Please visit: <https://agovirtualpoe.org/> for the Opening Celebration Concert on July 18, 2021 at 8:00 PM.