

The Prelude

October 2009



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

Our first meeting of the year was favored by perfect weather, a good turn out and plenty of good things to eat! Things got under way by the singing of "Amazing Grace" to the accompaniment of a set of wind chimes. Beautiful! We were especially happy to welcome Chapter Friends, Lew Heldt and, coming up from Bowling Green, Kathy and Allen Rupp. Sally Mossing brought as her guest, Kathy Kauffmann. Kathy chose to fill out her membership application that evening. Thanks, Kathy - and Sally. Sub Dean Terry reported on the year's planned programs. A number of coming musical events were announced (at one point, three are to take place all at the same time in different locations!). Our Board will be voting on proposals from Pam Davis regarding our "Toledo AGO Scholarship Endowment Fund." Our "Music Swap" was . . . successful. Many members took advantage of the chance to browse through literally hundreds of solos and collections of organ, organ and piano, organ and other various instruments, teaching materials, etc., etc. In spite of some folk carrying off bags full, it looks as though there is still a goodly amount of material still here. I may box it up and send it off to Boston.

Do you know of someone playing in one of our area churches who is not an AGO member?

Have you ever talked with him/her about the Guild?

Our AGO National office is calling on local chapters to plan a program focusing on the large number of church musicians - especially part-time - who are not yet members. Terry and I will be putting our heads together to come up with some ideas. We'd like to get your input!

Kathy Dennis, Anne Doerfler and Sister Mary Ellen Nagle have been following up on contacting

members regarding getting dues in. There has been a positive response to their efforts. If you have been procrastinating, why not take a minute right now and take care of this important business. If you have any questions about your membership, give Kathy Dennis a call - 419-531-8800.

The spotlight will be on the three new members of our chapter's Executive Committee in this and coming newsletters. This month we'll learn a little about Michael Gartz. Sally Mossing and Barbara Dulmage will follow.

It will soon be time to appoint a Nominating Committee. Please let me know if you would like to be considered for this important task.

I've received a couple of quotes about "MUSIC." Heres one: "Every earth kingdom, from the Mineral to the Plant, to the Animal and beyond, sounds a music we may tune in to at any time. When we become still and receptive, Earth sings. As we touch our inner radiance, we may give form to the quality through a love dance, an ode, a song of joy, a sculpture in marble or through color in painting - then earth sings through us." - Findhorn Foundation

Winner of last months photo contest was Anne Doerfler. (Congratulations, Anne.) Anne seemed please with her prize - the compact disc recording of music by P. D. Q. Bach. The location of the organ in the photo was Glenwood Lutheran Church, Art Museum Square, Toledo.

Hope to see many of you at our Seneca County Organ Crawl on October 25. If you need information, contact Joan McConnell or Terry Brassell.

IN HARMONY,

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The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic evolving roles to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certificating of Guild members.

SENECA COUNTY ORGAN CRAWL

by Joan McConnell

Join us in Seneca County for an Organ Crawl, featuring three quite different instruments on **Sunday, October 25**. Beginning at 1:30, we'll gather at Tiffin St. Mary's to see, hear and play the recently installed Rodgers combination organ. Terry Brassell, Sub Dean of the Toledo chapter and sales rep for Rodgers, is rightfully proud of this installation, and he invites you to bring your shoes and some music and give it a whirl!

*From the Toledo area, take US 20 toward Fremont, then St. Rte. 53 to Tiffin. St. Mary's is in Tiffin on Sandusky St. (State Route 53), exactly 10 miles south of the county line (that's the Sandusky-Seneca County line), and **immediately** after the overpass which crosses the railroad tracks near Tiffin University. Terry says if you slide off the organ bench in Toledo and jump in your car, you'll make it in time! The group will stay at St. Mary's until almost 2:30, giving more folks a chance to arrive and join in the music-making.*

From St. Mary's we'll make a caravan across town (less than a mile) to see the 3-manual Schantz pipe organ at Trinity United Church of Christ, corner of Perry and Jefferson Sts. I will make a brief presentation about the instrument, after which all are invited to tour the inside of the organ chamber (just a little dusty!) and then be seated in the pews for a 3:00 recital.

In addition to serving Trinity UCC as organist, I am an adjunct faculty member at Heidelberg University, teaching Organ and Music Theory. This program is my (ninth!) annual Faculty Artist recital and features settings of chant, chorale, folksong, and spirituals by composers Bach, Mendelssohn, Langlais, Calvin Taylor and Doug McConnell. A reception follows, with birthday cake for the Schantz organ, installed in December 1969 – they say life begins at 40!

The third leg of the day takes us to Fostoria, to St. Wendelin's church and the beautiful 2-manual Holtkamp there. Cal Leferink, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Music, will be our host. Upon arrival we will be treated to a light supper in the fellowship hall. Following that, Cal will present the organ, play a bit for us, and then invite anyone else who would like to play. The day should wind up about 6:00 or 6:30.

Here's a recap of the schedule:

1:30-2:15 Gather at Tiffin St. Mary's to see, hear and play the Rodgers

2:30 Gather in the organ loft at Trinity UCC to see and "crawl" through the Schantz

3:00 Recital of organ music, played by Joan McConnell

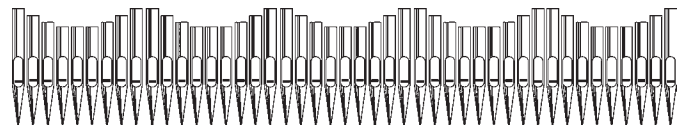
4:30-ish Gather at Fostoria St. Wendelin's for supper and a visit to the Holtkamp

6:00-6:30 Drive home safely, after a great day of music and fellowship!

This weekend also marks the start of Heidelberg University Music Department's annual **Keyboard Festival**. Featured artists include Andreas Klein, pianist and 2009 Montague Artist; Frank Heneghan, pianist/lecturer; Dan Tepfer, jazz pianist; and Joan McConnell, organist. All events are free and open to the public. For a listing of events and for more information, go to www.heidelberg.edu/keyboardfestival.



St. Mary's - Tiffin



On September 3, 2009, William Steinhoff, husband of Marilyn Mason, passed away peacefully from congestive heart failure. The Memorial Service was held at First Congregational Church on September 18, 2009.

ST. LUCAS HOSTING MICHAEL BURKHARDT

An exciting music event is planned at St. Lucas Lutheran Church, 745 Walbridge Avenue, Toledo on Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Day) at 4 p.m. when Dr. Michael Burkhardt will perform a hymn festival and organ concert with works by Bach, Franck, Simon Preston, and Vierne. Internationally known for his innovative and inspiring hymn festivals and for his creative work with children, Michael Burkhardt is in frequent demand as a choral clinician, organ recitalist, and hymn festival leader, most recently serving as a presenter at the 2009 Augsburg Fortress Music Clinics. He has served on the music faculties of Christ College Irvine, CA (LCMS) as college organist and head of church music and music education, and Carthage College, Racine, WI (ELCA) as director of choral activities and artist in residence. He currently serves Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Livonia, MI as Director of Worship and the Arts. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will follow the hymn festival/concert. Free will donation. St. Lucas Church phone 419-243-8189.

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BGSU's ANNUAL ORGAN COMPETITION

A panel of judges will select the winner who will receive a scholarship to the College of Musical Arts, contingent on admission to the University. The scholarship is usually divided over a four-year period (\$1,000 per year). Each contestant will be allowed 15 minutes of playing time. Compositions should be selected from the following categories (memorization optional - page turner available upon request): one work of J. S. Bach and one composition written since 1750. Please contact Dr. Veronn Wolcott at 419-372-2192 or vwolcot@bgsu.edu.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership is open to all interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Kathy Dennis at: kldennis926@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER & E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have articles, news, concerts, or vacant positions please submit them to: Ed Duling at: ed.duling@utoledo.edu or ebd2140@aol.com AND Jack Gerding at: jack.gerding@toledostpats.org.

ST. MARK'S (B.G.) ORGAN DEDICATION

Sunday, October 18th Organ Dedication 8:30 a.m.
A worship service built around blessing and dedicating our renovated organ to the glory of God.

Sunday, November 1st Organ Recital 3:00 p.m.
The inaugural recital by Kevin McGill, Director of Music and Organist, on our newly renovated organ featuring the works of J. S. Bach, Seth Bingham, Virgil Fox, Henri Mulet, and others.
There will even be a medley of Classic TV themes!

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NEW BOARD MEMBER BIO

Michael Gartz is organist at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and organist of Adrian College, where he also serves as staff accompanist, and accompanist for the Lenawee Community Chorus. As well, he is accompanist for the University Choral Society at BGSU, and organist/accompanist for the Canterbury Singers, USA, with

whom he performed at Norwich Cathedral in July, 2009. He is a native of Toledo, and was assistant to James Metzler at Trinity Episcopal in the 1970's. He attended the Eastman School of Music.

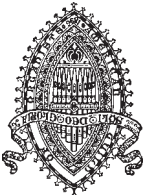


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