



CAPE COD and the ISLANDS CHAPTER **AMERICAN GUILD of ORGANISTS**

May 2023

Greetings!

Spring is at last arriving on Cape Cod and the Islands! Time to stow the snow boots, pack the parka, and perhaps tackle yard work and gardening. But don't forget to indulge in the joys of music and gathering with colleagues as spring unfolds!

Opportunities to do that include attending our Guest Artist recital on May 7th and our Annual meeting and Dinner on June 4th; details can be found below. Make the most of your membership in the Guild by joining us for these and other events!

Sincerely,
Deb

Upcoming Chapter Events

Organ Recital with Heinrich Christensen

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 3:00 pm
West Parish Meetinghouse
West Barnstable

Annual Meeting and Dinner

Sunday, June 4, 2023, 5:00 pm
400 East Restaurant & Bar
1421 Orleans Road (Rt. 39)
East Harwich, MA

All dates and times subject to change.

Guest Artist Recital

Celebrated organist Heinrich Christensen of King's Chapel, Boston, will perform on Sunday, May 7th at 3:00 pm at West Parish in West Barnstable. The program will include works by J.S. Bach, Daniel Pinkham, James Woodman, Iain Farmington and Florence Price. More information about our guest artist can be found at <http://oldwestorgansociety.org/heinrich-christensen>. Please plan to attend and spread the word!

HEINRICH CHRISTENSEN

Organist, Kings Chapel



SUNDAY, MAY 7, 3PM
WEST PARISH
2049 MEETINGHOUSE WAY
WEST BARNSTABLE

Free Will Offering
Reception

Sponsored by
Cape Cod and the Islands Chapter
The American Guild of Organists

Annual Meeting and Dinner



Our Annual Meeting and Dinner will take place on Sunday, June 4th at The 400 East Restaurant, 1421 Orleans Rd. (Rte. 39), East Harwich. The event will start with a social hour and cash bar at 5:00 PM; a buffet dinner featuring Teriyaki Steak Tips and Baked Scrod in Lemon Beurre Blanc will follow at 6:00 PM. Vegetarian or Gluten-Free meals are available by prior arrangement for those who require them. The cost of the meal is \$40/pp for members and guests; reservations and payment are needed by May 19th. (Fill out the reservation form [here](#) and mail to Donna

Murphy, OR we can receive your reservation and payment in person at the Guest Artist recital on May 7th!) NOTE: The actual cost of this meal is \$54/pp; the reduced price is a benefit of your membership! A brief meeting will introduce new board members, thank chapter volunteers, and highlight future events. Our joy in gathering is enhanced by each member who attends!

Annual Election

The annual election of officers and board members is underway now through May 15th via email. The slate of nominees was announced on March 20th; there were no petitioning candidates in the thirty day window provided for additional nominations. Although there are no additional nominees, procedure calls for the chapter to ratify the slate by election. Please take this opportunity to show your support for your colleagues who will take on the responsibility and tasks of leadership by voting soon! Details and instructions are found in your email.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL ELECTION

Slate of Nominations
Cape Cod & the Islands Chapter, AGO
May 2023

Presented to the Board by the Nominating Committee
Recorded in the March 2023 Minutes of the Board

Election to be held via email, May 1-15, 2023

Dean	Cheryl Duerr	One year term, <i>pro-tem</i>
Sub-Dean	Richard Bunbury	1st term, 1st year (2 year term)
Treasurer	Gary Mazzola	1 st term, 2 nd year (2 year term)
Secretary	Charlene Higbe	1 st term, 2 nd year (2 year term)
Class of '24	Maggie Ribb	One year (filling unexpired 2nd term)
Class of '26	Paula King	1st term, 1st year (3 year term)
Class of '26	Jeff Mereschuk	1st term, 1st year (3 year term)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

As of the 2020 election, our chapter now holds elections by email, following guidelines of the AGO By-Laws. Officers are elected annually; members-at-large are elected for specific terms.

Article VIII, Elections, Section 3 states that additional nominations should be made by petition, signed by at least five (5) Chapter members in good standing.

Additional nominations for this election, with the names of petitioners, should be sent via email to Nominating Committee chair Maggie Bossi (bossimargaret@gmail.com) by April 20. Those without access to internet/email may send to PO Box 2040, Dennis, MA 02638.

The official ballot will be sent out to the Membership of the Chapter on May 1, 2023.

Other board members continuing duly elected terms are
Mark Lawlor, Class of '24, and Joe Hammer, Class of '25.

Dues Renewal

Thank you for your membership in the Cape Cod and the Islands chapter of the AGO! After several years with no increase, the cost of dues will be increasing effective July 1, 2023, which is the renewal date for the majority of our chapter members. More information about the increase can be found in the April edition of The American Organist journal, on page 14. NOTE: chapter members with a renewal date of 5/1 or 6/1 should be sure to renew on time, or they may be subject to the higher rates.

E-Newsletter Summer Schedule

Our monthly e-newsletter has past the one year mark! Thanks to Maury Castro for getting it up and running, and to our newsletter editor Brittany Lord for faithfully producing and distributing it each month! Please note that there will be no edition of the newsletter in July. Rather, there will be a June/July summer issue, so be sure to submit all your summer events to Deb Gemma by May 23rd. The newsletter will resume with an August edition in time to publicize your fall concerts and kick-off events.

Upcoming Local Events*

Ensemble Amphion Baroque presents "A Musical Journey through 17th and 18th Century Europe"

Friday, May 12th, 7:00pm

Church of the Messiah

Woods Hole

[Click here for complete information.](#)

Chatham Music Club presents "A Moveable Feast"

Sunday, May 21st, starting at 2:00pm

United Methodist Church, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and

First Congregational Church

Chatham

[Click here for complete information.](#)

Upcoming Regional and National Events

AGO Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Convention

July 3–6, 2023

White Plains, N.Y.

[Click here for complete information.](#)

Max Reger Festival 150: Hosted by the Worcester Chapter of the AGO

November 3-5, 2023

Worcester, MA

[Click here for complete information.](#)

Job Opportunities

First Parish Brewster Unitarian Universalist is looking for a pianist - accompanist to start immediately. Please [click here](#) for more information.

The Dennis Community Church UCC is looking for immediate supply organists, and will ultimately be seeking someone to fill the position permanently.

[Click here](#) for more information.

This communication is sent on the 1st of the month, or shortly thereafter. Please submit events by the 23rd of the month to be included in the following month's email. Send announcements with complete information in the text of an email, including relevant website links, to Deb Gemma, chapter dean, at debgem1325@yahoo.com.

**Local and regional events are received and included in our communications as a member benefit for AGO members only.*

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