



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

July & August 2023

Greetings!

I hope you are having a wonderful summer - enjoy it as the beautiful summer days just fly by!

With that awareness, we are planning our events for the new program year. Please look further in this newsletter for information on our Nantucket Organ Crawl, Saturday October 7. Everyone going must reserve and pay for his/her ticket(s) in advance since our group rate is predicated on an advantage reservation. Please give this event immediate thought. The Nantucket Organ Crawl is a well-known annual event on which you will hear all the pipe organs of the island!

On Saturday, November 4, we will host our first chapter Speed-Dating workshop! What?? We will be presenting 8 15-Minute Mini Workshops by chapter members. We ask you to consider if you have a favorite rehearsal technique, anthem, organ piece, New tech tip to share. Joe Dudzinski will coordinate and host the event at St. Peters Episcopal Church in Osterville. Please consider offering one of your favorite ideas.

A couple weeks ago I attended the Northeast/MidAtlantic Regional Convention in Westchester. The Cadet Chapel at West Point was inspiring! And there were some interesting new organs to see and hear. It was great to reconnect with colleagues I hadn't seen in a while. Irregardless of a convention's programming, I always learn from my colleagues. I traveled with a group of colleagues who are the dearest of friends and I always learn from them!

This leads me to the "why" of AGO for me - the collegial connections. Could we have these without AGO? If we pay the \$\$ for the gym, do we feel obliged to go? In paying my membership fee, I'm committing to my colleagues. Implied in this, for me, is giving back in whatever way I can, especially in whatever I can do to bring colleagues together, to bring awareness of the organ to the general population, to support young people in organ study and encourage them as they mature to take on leadership roles.

So, please note the dates of our future events for the season and put them on your calendar! I hope this can be a year when we connect more. If you have suggestions for me or our chapter board, please do not hesitate to let me know them. How can the Guild better support your work? My email is cduerr@holyredeemerchatham.org - I'd love to hear from you.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you soon!
Cheryl Duerr, Dean

Cape Cod and the Islands AGO 2023-2024 Program

Mark your calendars for these chapter events!

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| October 7 (Saturday) | 32nd annual Nantucket Organ Crawl Members and significant others receive \$20 discount off group ferry cost. |
| November 4 (Saturday) | Speed Workshops St. Peter's Episcopal Church Osterville |
| January 5 (Friday), 2024 | Potluck and Yankee Swap St. Mary's Barnstable |
| February 11 (Sunday) | Hymn Sing - Alleluia! Corpus Christi, Sandwich |
| April 28 (Sunday) | Organ Plus Dennis Union, Dennis |
| June 2, (Sunday) June 9, (Rain) | Fun annual gathering and meeting location and activity TBD |
| Summer | Stay tuned for summer 2024 events and further details of these events. |

Your 2023-2024 Chapter board is working very hard to bring you exciting programming for the coming year.

Please watch your email for the Chapter Newsletter and further information on these events.

If you would like to help with any of the above events, please contact Cheryl Duerr
cduerr@holyredeemerchatham.org or Richard Bunbury rbunbury@me.com

You're playing that on the organ?!?

Music Transcriptions for the Organ

The 32nd Annual Nantucket Organ Crawl

Presented by the Nantucket Community Music
Center Featuring Nantucket's six mechanical-action
pipe organs (built between 1835 and 2001)

*Stroll to the five churches in historic Nantucket
for 20-minute concerts
Hear many musical styles from classic Baroque
to the latest in video game themes*

Saturday, October 7, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Free Admission – Contributions gratefully accepted
to offset expenses

As a member benefit, the Cape Cod and the Islands Chapter will subsidize a portion of the cost of the fare for each Chapter member and their significant other, making the cost for roundtrip ferry travel a low \$45. The Steamship Authority Ferry leaves Hyannis at 8:15 am. The return trip from Nantucket is at 3:30 pm, arriving back in Hyannis at 4:30 pm. A minimum of 20 people must register in order for us to get this reduced group rate.

The **DEADLINE** for registration is **SEPTEMBER 15**, so don't delay!

How to register for this unique opportunity?

Choose ONE of the following options:

1) Use this Google Form link to make your reservation:[Click Here](#)

OR

2) Send an email to Sub-dean Richard Bunbury (rbunbury@me.com) to let him know names you would like to add to the list.

THEN

3) Write a check to cover the cost of your fare/s, payable to Cape and Islands AGO, and mail it to Treasurer, Gary Mazzola at PO Box 1186, Eastham, MA 02642.

Car parking in Hyannis is typically \$20 for the day. Please plan to arrive one hour or so before boarding time to leave time for traffic, parking, walking to the ferry and meeting up with the group. *We can only board with everyone together.* If you are late, you will need to purchase your own ticket at the additional regular rate of \$81.

Joe Hammer, Board member-at-large, has organized these events for many years, and we are grateful to him for his knowledge and understanding of how to make this an enjoyable experience for all. Joe notes that no local restaurants in the historic/downtown area take group reservations, so lunch arrangements will be on your own. For more specific information, he has provided this link regarding cuisine and phone numbers of restaurants. (<https://fishernantucket.com/2023-fisher-travel-guide-dining-guide/>)

Participating Churches and Organs (In “crawl” order)

St. Mary's – Our Lady of the Isle

3 Federal Street; Bigelow & Co. (2001); 17 ranks, 853 pipes

First Congregational Church

North Vestry, 62 Centre Street; Roche Organ (1989); 14 ranks, 686 pipes

First Congregational Church, Summer Sanctuary

62 Centre Street; J.W. Steere & Son (1904); 19 ranks, 1219 pipes

United Methodist Church

2 Centre Street; Appleton Organ (1831); 14 ranks, 633 pipes

Unitarian-Universalist Meeting House

11 Orange Street; Goodrich Organ (1831); 16 ranks, 893 pipes

St. Paul's Church in Nantucket (Episcopal)

20 Fair Street; Hutchings-Votey Organ (1902); 19 ranks, 1109 pipes

Historical notes:

Nantucket is the only location in the United States where 100% of its pipe organs are mechanical-action. It is also home to the oldest American-built organ still in regular use.

The Cape & Islands AGO

seeks presenters for this Fall's

"Lighting Round" Workshops

NOV 4 | 9 – 12

followed by lunch

St Peter's Episcopal Church

421 Wianno Ave
Osterville MA



The chapter is asking members to submit 15-minute mini workshops on topics of interests to AGO Members, church musicians, and others. For example, I will present a 15-minute choral workshop on building better choirs. What can you offer? An introduction to a new or old

organ work, or something else? We hope to have eight presenters.

Please submit your mini workshop to Joe Dudzinski by August 30 at music@stpeters-capecod.org and mark your calendars for Nov 4. A flyer with a full list of mini workshops will be available the first week of Sept.

Thank you, Joe Dudzinski – host

In the event your workshop needs an instrument!

St. Peter's Tracker Organ, pictured above: 1986 Casavant, 16 Ranks

| MANUAL I | MANUAL II | PEDAL |
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| 8' Principal | 8' Stop'd flute | 16' Bourdon 32 |
| 8' Chimney Flute | 4' Spindle flute | |
| 4' Octave | 2' Super Octave | |
| IV-V Mixture | III Cornet | |
| 8' Cremona | | |

Guidelines for Submitting Material to the Newsletter

All articles or flyers must be submitted in PDF form as you would like them to appear in the Newsletter.

The ability to advertise our musical events to our colleagues is one of the privileges of membership in the AGO.

All articles about Guild events must be in PDF format.

Articles and flyers must be submitted by the 15th of the previous month to capeago@gmail.com. Please make a note of this email address.

Thank you

Upcoming Local Events*

Organ Recital: Matthew Dion, Organist

Wednesday, August 9th, 7:00pm
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Chatham

[Click here for more information.](#)

Free Noontime Organ Recital: Maury A. Castro, Organist

Wednesday, August 16th, 12:00pm
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Chatham

[Click here for more information.](#)

Sunset Events - St. Andrews by the Sea, Hyannis Port (all events at 5pm)

August 20 - Choral Evensong, sung by the Choir School of Newport County (RI)
Peter Stoltzfus-Berton, conductor, Patrick Aiken, organ

September 10 - The Surftones, gentlemen and a few ladies singing "a capella"
(donation to their scholarship fund requested)

[Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming Regional and National Events

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

November 3-5, 2023
Worcester, MA

[Click here for more information.](#)

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This communication is sent on the 1st of the month, or shortly thereafter. Please submit events by the 20th 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 Cheryl Duerr, dean and Brittany Lord, newsletter editor, at capeago@gmail.com.

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

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