



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

September 2023

Dear Colleagues,

It must be the sign of a good summer when it slips right through one's fingers! Mine certainly has!

Please reread the notification about our first fall event - The Nantucket Organ Crawl, Saturday, October 7th. At this writing, we only have 1 person officially signed up. The low cost of the ferry is predicated on a minimum of 20 for the group rate. Please see the notification in this newsletter, read it carefully and then SIGN UP!! Thanks!

We have several presenters so far for the November Lightning Rounds at St. Peters in Osterville. We hope to have 8 presenters, so please, send your proposal - a few sentences to Joe Dudzinski - see that notification further in this newsletter as well. We would like to notify the members of the programming for the event. The date of that workshop is Saturday November 4th.

One of the privileges of AGO membership is publicizing our events to the membership. If you have items for submission to future newsletters, please submit the pdf to capeago@gmail.com.

Last month I heard Wagner's Ring at the Festspielhaus in Bayreuth - a life dream for me. It exceeded my expectations in just how much fans from all over the world shared - with various language skills - discussions of the music, art, politics, daily life, and so much more. We went early every day to meet and talk with fellow opera lovers and new friends whom we got to know better as the days went by.

I hope the 2023-2024 AGO season will be filled with opportunities like this for us all to meet and talk with colleagues, share ideas, and make friends as we build a chapter we can be proud to share with other organists, potential new members, and the broader public.

I wish you all a wonderful new program year.

Cheryl

Cape Cod and the Islands AGO 2023-2024 Program

Mark your calendars for these chapter events!

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) Fun annual gathering and meeting
June 9, (Rain) 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 per person. 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?

1) 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

2) 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 at 7:15 to allow 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/>

The Cape & Islands AGO

seeks presenters for



“Lightning Round” Workshops

NOV 4 | 9 – 12

followed by lunch

St Peter's Episcopal Church

421 Wianno Ave

Osterville MA

We need YOU to submit a workshop proposal for a Mini workshop!

Lightning round workshops are 15-minute mini workshops on topics of interest to AGO Members. For example, the host will present a 15-minute choral workshop on building better choirs.

What can you present? 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 September 20 at music@stpeterscapecod.org and mark your calendars for Nov 4. A flyer with a full list of mini workshops will be available the first week of October

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 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

Welcome to New Member: Craig Tocher

Craig Tocher is the new Minister of Music at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Harwich. Craig was born and raised in Benoni a small town near Johannesburg in South Africa. He graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg with a Bachelor of Music in Piano performance and a Higher Diploma in Education. He moved to the States in 1994 where he obtained his Master of Music in Organ performance from the Manhattan School of Music in NYC.

Craig relocated to Provincetown which has been a dream ever since visiting for the first time 10 years ago. He has taught at Convent of the Sacred Heart in NYC for the past 26 years. Craig



was raised in a Baptist church in South Africa but has worked in Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational (UCC) and Catholic churches and is now very happy to be a part of the Lutheran community of Harwich which has been so welcoming. Craig says, "My favorite bible text is Psalm 139 and my favorite hymn text is *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*. Both speak to a kind and loving God who never stops loving us and will never forsake us."

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

Sunset Events - St. Andrews by the Sea, Hyannis Port

Sunday, September 10th 5:00pm - 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

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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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