



CAPE COD and the ISLANDS CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD of ORGANISTS

November 2023

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for all you do and have done to elevate the organ in your churches, in your communities, on Cape Cod, and with each other! I'm especially thankful to Brittany Lord for doing this newsletter in such a timely fashion! I'm also grateful for those who made the Nantucket Organ Crawl possible and to those who went and had a great time. I hope this will become an opportunity our members will think of when planning their fall calendars in the future. Please see Maggie Bossi's report in this newsletter.

Please come out for our Lightning rounds on Saturday, November 4, 9-12, followed by lunch. In addition to building relationships with colleagues, you'll pick up some helpful tips that you can put to work immediately! All this and lunch on St. Peters -What could be better??

St Peter's Episcopal Church, 421 Wianno Ave, Osterville MA

Please call 508-428-3561 to register (leave voicemail if necessary) Joe Dudzinski has done so much work on this event - he deserves the favor of a call so that St. Peters knows how much food to make for us! Thanks.

Please also put the Annual Potluck Social and Yankee Swap on your calendar for Friday, January 5th, 5:00 pm, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 3055 Main Street, Barnstable.

Harvey MacKaay, organizational consultant from the 80s and 90s once said "*I'd rather have my rol-a-dex than a million dollars!*" That statement might make us laugh today as a cool milisn't what it used to be, and most of us scroll our phones for contact info. (I still have a card index.) But that's just how important relationships are; and we are always being presented with opportunities to build them..

I am so grateful for the colleague friends I have met through AGO. At our first board meeting some of our board members gave these reasons for why they serve AGO and our chapter:

We need each other

We need our colleagues

To bring the organ to the broader public

To bring young people to the organ

The wish to present more vibrant events

I want to help make this a more vibrant chapter

Because I MUST! These are my people!

As I write, I'm looking out into the woods behind my house. The sun is shining but it's dark under the trees. But a little way in I can see a big circle of light on the ground where there must be an opening in the tree canopy. That's how I view relationships - I'm enriched by something interesting, almost hidden about that person just waiting to be discovered. I hope to see you at these events and get to know YOU better.

Everything good, Cheryl

The Cape & Islands AGO

“Lighting Round” Workshops

November 4th | 9am – 12nn

followed by lunch



St Peter's Osterville

Workshops and Presenters

Improvisation – Richard Bunbury

How to introduce a Hymn – Mark Lawlor

Beer and Hymns – John Read

Building Music Programs – Joe Dudzinski

Forscore Introduction – Cheryl Dueer

Choral Direction – Joe Dudzinski

Choral Anthems – Mark Lawlor

Accessible Organ Pieces – Cheryl Dueer

St Peter's Episcopal Church

421 Wianno Ave

Osterville MA

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Nantucket Organ Crawl Report

By Maggie Bossi

On October 7, three recently retired board members Deb Gemma, Nancy McCarthy and Maggie Bossi traveled to Nantucket for the 32nd annual Organ Crawl. We had a blast! The theme for the year was "You're Playing THAT on The Organ???. Every recitalist presented organ transcriptions, in mini-twenty minute programs, ranging from Vivaldi/Bach and Copland/Vozella to themes

from "Tommy" arranged by Jeff Cutts, and "This Is Halloween" by Danny Elfman. It was so fun to hear our fellow chapter members Kezia Duarte, a native Nantucketer, and Joe Hammer, a relatively recent arrival, play and host at their home churches.



We traipsed from sanctuary to sanctuary in the rain all morning, in a grand procession of at least 150 people visiting six different churches, all with mechanical action instruments. The oldest instruments, an Appleton and a Goodrich, date from 1831.

This means they were both installed before Herman Melville visited Nantucket in the 1860's, following the publication of *Moby Dick*! The newest instrument at St. Mary's is a Bigelow, installed in 2001.

Post-event, we wandered all over Nantucket town, and had a late lunch down by the ferry. Our ride home was enriched by fellow passenger Carson Cooman, one of the recitalists, and composer-in-residence at Memorial Chapel at Harvard. He was a wonderful and generous companion, and even sent me a copy of one of the pieces he had played.

This is a special and annual event that everyone should put on their calendar for Indigenous People's Day weekend, 2024.

New Chapter Website

Our new chapter website is live! You can view it at: www.capeandislandsago.org. The website includes upcoming event listings both for chapter events as well as local events submitted by AGO members. The chapter directory and substitute list are also included in the "Member's Area" and can be opened with a password. The password was shared to AGO members in a recent email. If you do not have it, please email capeago@gmail.com. The website will continue to develop in the coming months - so keep checking back!

Job Listing

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Osterville is seeking an accompanist (piano and/or organ) for its Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6 - 7:15 pm, and Services are Sundays at 10 am with rehearsal at 9:30 am. Christmas, Easter and other special occasions are required. Pay is \$180 per week with additional remuneration for services/events that do not fall on Sundays. This position is part-time and runs from now until Easter 2024 with the possibility on continuing after that date. Contact Joe Dudzinski at music@stpeters-capecod.org.

Upcoming Local Events

A Choral Eucharist for All Saints' Day featuring John Rutter's *Requiem*

Wednesday, November 1st, 4:40pm Organ Recital, 5:00pm Liturgy

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Chatham

[Click here for more information.](#)

Celtic Vespers

Sunday, November 5th, 5:00pm

St. Barnabas's Church, Falmouth

[Click here for more information.](#)

"Songs of Joy" - presented by singer Mary George and pianist Karen Crosby

Sunday, November 12th, 3:00pm

South Congregational Church, Centerville

[Click here for more information.](#)

Courante Baroque Ensemble presents "Family Ties"

Sunday, November 19th, 3:00pm

Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole

[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.](#)

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

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

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

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