



CAPE COD and the ISLANDS CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD of ORGANISTS

December 2023

Dear Colleagues,

That crazy season of shopping, lots of organ and choral prep, and, if you're lucky - feeling the season's cheer and a sense of gratitude for all the gifts of our lives is here!

Our Lightning Rounds event was a delightful morning! I felt such a sense of gratitude - first of all - for Joe Dudzinski and St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Osterville. They provided us with a lovely space. The presenters - Cindi Verrill, Mark Lawlor, John Read, and Joe Dudzinski were wonderful!. I knew we had a solid morning of wonderful content with a social element at the end of the morning, but the day was way more than I expected. It was such a great opportunity to make new friends, learn more about our presenting colleagues and their passions, get inspired, sing together, tell stories - I just loved it, and I heard many wonderful comments from those who attended. Thanks again to everyone involved!

The board had a special meeting last month to discuss updating our Operating Procedures. Our terms of office will simply become 2 years in biennial elections. We studied the Recommended Operating Procedures from National which recommend that Members-at-large have areas of oversight such as Member support, Hospitality and Communications. These changes should help us to do a much better job serving, communicating, and hosting the membership, while streamlining how we do our work. We hope these changes will make it easier for you to say YES to chapter leadership roles. The new Operating Procedures will be sent to you soon for your review so that they can be approved by the membership,

Please also take a look below at flyers for our next two events

The Yankee Swap and Potluck Supper, Friday, January 5 at 5:00 pm at St. Mary's Barnstable, 3055 Main Street. Mark Lawlor and Charlene Higbe are hosting. We hope to vote on the new Operating Procedures at this event.

The Hymn Sing, Sunday, February 11th at 3pm at Corpus Christi, 324 Quaker Meeting House Rd, East Sandwich. This was our most successful event of the past season and drew many from outside the chapter. Refreshments will be served afterward. Cindi Verrill and Paula King are hosting.

My choristers love singing Libby Larsen's *Lord, Before this fleeting season is upon us*
The text makes a wonderful prayer for church musicians during this busy time:
*Lord, before this fleeting season is upon us, Let me remember to walk slowly.
Lord, bless my heart with love and with quiet.
Give my heart a leaning to hear carols.
Grace our family with contentment, And the peace that comes only from You.
Lord, help us to do less this busy season; Go less; stay closer to home; kneel more.
May our hearts be Your heart.
May we simply, peacefully, celebrate You.*

*Merry Christmas,
Cheryl*



*Please keep in mind our colleagues, friends and family who are ill,
between jobs, or struggling in any way.*



*CAPE
AGO DINNER
&
YANKEE SWAP*



Friday January 5, 2024 5:00pm St. Mary's -- Barnstable

Dinner Menu

Members provide salads, desserts and beverages. RSVP with what you are bringing before December 27 (see below)

Choice of Entrees

prepared by Mark and Betsy Lawlor, Charlene Higbee, and Maggie Bossi

Entrée number 1

Angel hair pasta with shrimp, scallops and asparagus tips in a light alfredo sauce

or

Entrée number 2

Roasted Chicken thigh in a mushroom cream sauce

Served with mashed potatoes and grilled asparagus

RSVP by Dec 27

[*Capeago@gmail.com*](mailto:Capeago@gmail.com)

Include name, # in party, entrees desired and dish you will bring.

YANKEE SWAP -- bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$8 (or re-gift) to swap and reswap



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FEBRUARY 11, 2024 3PM

FREE EVENT | REFRESHMENTS SERVED

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
324 QUAKER MEETINGHOUSE RD,
EAST SANDWICH, MA 02537

Come and join voices with other choirs to celebrate the great tradition of hymnody from multicultural sources. Celebrate the unity of music!

For more info: paula.jwumc@gmail.com





Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who worked hard to put together our Lightning Round Workshops that were held on Saturday, November 4th at St. Peter's in Osterville.

Upcoming Regional and National Events

2024 National AGO Convention

June 30th to July 4th, 2024

San Francisco, CA

[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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