



CAPE COD and the ISLANDS CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD of ORGANISTS

March 2024

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome March, Spring, and the time change! I for one, am ready. With the early arrival of Easter this year, those of us working in churches are very busy. How good then, that we had the time together at our Hymn Sing, February 11 at Corpus Christi in East Sandwich. Thank you to the organizers, Richard Bunbury and Paula King and Cindi Verrill who also was our host. What a wonderful acoustic in that space and a great opportunity for fellowship organized by Maggie Ribb.

Our Organ+ concert has morphed into a Member Recital! Could you play one piece for your colleagues? If we haven't already contacted you - please email us at capeago@gmail.com - we'd love to have you on the program. Please put this concert on your calendar for April 28th at 3pm at Dennis Union Church. The concert will have a special surprise you won't want to miss. See the flyer in this newsletter.

For our final event - our Annual Meeting and Dinner- we will be using the Family Table Collaborative. With food donations from Whole Foods, local farms and such notable kitchens as Chatham Bars, the Family Table Collaborative serves homeless, refugees, battered women's shelters, the Hyannis health ministry, and stocks a refrigerator at the Hyannis library which serves children, homeless and anyone who is hungry. 100% of the price we pay to them goes toward these noble endeavors - done entirely with volunteers from schools, churches and local organizations. I'll have much more information about this event in our next newsletter. Please put this date on your calendars - June 2nd 5pm!

The Sub List is always a work in progress, but we have made good progress on updating it. It is now posted on the website..

Craig Tocher and St. Peters Lutheran church Harwich has a zimmelstern to give away. If you want it, please contact him at craigtocher67@gmail.com. Thanks
I'm also including in this newsletter Patricia Snyder's bio for Regional Councillor. Some of you signed the petition to put her on the ballot at the Yankee swap in January. I first met Trisha when I was working on the Hartford Regional in 2013. At the time she was teaching at Hartt College and had a very talented student in the Quimby. Having served in the position ourselves, both Lois and I feel strongly that having an organist of Patricia's caliber with her record of accomplishments puts her head and shoulders above the other candidates. We hope you will read more about her and, when voting opens on April 1st, give her your vote!

I wish you a blessed Easter!
Cheryl



Thank you to all who helped with and/or attended the Hymn Sing on February 11th at Corpus Christi Church in Sandwich!



Cape & Islands Chapter
American Guild of Organists, presents:
***Organ Plus ... Members Recital
Plus Special Guest Music***



A 50 minute concert featuring the organ.
The concert is free, with donations accepted.

April 28, 2024 3:00pm
DENNIS UNION CHURCH
713 Main St. (Route 6A)
Dennis

More Information :
(508) 385-3543

Bio for Patricia Snyder - Regional AGO Councillor Candidate

Patricia Snyder is Director of Music Ministry at Storrs Congregational Church (UCC), in Storrs, CT and organist-in-residence at the Pomfret School, Pomfret, CT. As former Director of Music at Pakachoag Church, Auburn, MA she oversaw the installation of the Opus 69 Dobson organ and maintained an active organ studio. From 2004-2013 she was the Senior Artist Faculty in organ (adjunct) at The Hartt School, University of Hartford. A dual Canadian/American citizen, she holds degrees in organ performance from the University of Western Ontario, and Yale School of Music (MM, MMA, DMA). Ms. Snyder is a laureate of the

RCCO National and Manchester, England International Organ Competitions and studied in Paris with Mme. Marie-Claire Alain. The recipient of numerous grants and awards for study and competitions, she has served as a member of the National Fulbright Screening Committee for study abroad. Ms. Snyder tours internationally as a performer and is recorded on the Albany Record label.



Please [click here](#) to read her full statement.

Upcoming Local Events

Celtic Vespers: A Candlelight Service of Music & Prayer

Sunday, March 3rd; 5:00pm
Saint Barnabas's Church, Falmouth

[Click here for more information.](#)

Lamb of God - Rob Gardner's Musical with Slide Show

Good Friday, March 29th; 7:00pm
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, South Chatham

[Click here for more information.](#)

Ragtime Concert with Harwich Brass Quintet and Organ

Saturday, April 20th; 3:00pm
First Congregational Church, UCC, Harwich

[Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming Regional and National Events

2024 National AGO Convention

June 30th to July 4th, 2024

San Francisco, CA

[Click here for more information.](#)

Scholarships for Young Aspiring Organists in CT

If you know of any young people who are residents of Connecticut and interested in studying organ, the New London County Chapter of the AGO has scholarships available.

[Click here](#) to view the requirements and application.

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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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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