



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

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Dear Colleagues,

Surprise!

What has surprised you recently? Was it a pleasant encounter or more of a shock? How did you handle it? Now that I'm retired and subbing for colleagues, I'm often surprised in interesting ways, and I find that I always learn something important in the process.

This summer I surprised myself by agreeing to serve as Dean of our fine AGO chapter. What on earth possessed me? It shouldn't have surprised me to hear so many members talk openly about their lives and their work and the increasing demands on their time from many different directions. It clearly is no surprise that we are a small group located over geographical distances, or that some of us are retired, some are still working, and many are holding multiple jobs. Trying to make it all fit while continuing to live a musical life is hard.

There have been lots of changes over the past several years – in our lives, how we do our work, and how the AGO can be supportive. At times, it can all be overwhelming. As I said at our Annual Meeting in June, it seems time to take a deep breath and reset at the local level. So far, I've heard no objection, and the wonderful board members you have elected are leading the way! Finding a balance in programming is high on the list, so don't be surprised to hear them ask you to lend a hand in the year ahead.

Your friends and neighbors might be surprised to know you are an AGO member, so don't be shy in asking them to attend events with you and allow them the delightful surprise of experiencing something new. There are two programs in October that will be outstanding, and I encourage you to attend both if possible. You'll see detail elsewhere about the Nantucket Organ Crawl on October 5, and the Daniel Roth concert on October 12. These are great opportunities to see and hear unique instruments and enjoy very different venues. Surprise yourself by inviting someone to join you for these special occasions – it can also be a surprisingly easy recruiting tool for our chapter.

There are some terrific perks to AGO membership. Yes, there are informational documents and educational videos on the national website (<https://www.agohq.org/>) but did you know there are also member discounts to a surprisingly rich assortment of resources? Check it out! It's also surprisingly easy to advertise your programs and events by having them listed in this newsletter – all it takes is meeting the deadline for publication.

I invite you to deepen your musical life by sharing in the work of the Cape Cod and the Islands Chapter of the AGO. Be ready to surprise us with your imagination and creativity and to listen for the wisdom that comes from being open to surprise. Let's all pay attention to the surprises we meet (or cause...) and what we can learn from these moments.

*Charlene*

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# Nantucket Organ Crawl - Saturday, October 5th

Nantucket Community Music Center (NCMC) presents  
***Hats off to the ladies! Women composers and the pipe organ***

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nantucket Organ Crawl, Saturday, October 5, 2024**

Starting 9:30am – St. Mary's Catholic Church

Ending 12:30pm – St. Paul's Church (Episcopal)

Five churches, six mechanical-action organs, one fantastic morning, continuing a long tradition of experiencing and celebrating Nantucket's pipe organs. Stroll from church to church on Nantucket's historic streets to **hear music by women composers**. NCMC invites you to attend all six performances or drop in and drop out as your schedule permits.

The Organ Crawl is **FREE**; retiring donations encouraged to help defray expenses.

## **Steamship Authority Fast Ferry – Hyannis to Nantucket**

8:15am – depart Hyannis; 9:15am – arrive Nantucket

Note: St. Mary's is a five-minute walk from the Steamship Authority dock; see schedule below.

Same day round trip Adult fare	\$60
<b>AGO ferry reimbursement</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>AGO special Organ Crawl ferry cost</b>	<b>\$40</b>

To receive your reimbursement, please mail or email a copy of your **ticket receipt** to:

*Gary Mazzola*  
*PO Box 1186*  
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Steamship Authority Reservations: [steamshipauthority.com](http://steamshipauthority.com); (508) 477-8600

## **SCHEDULE**

### **20-minute performance with 10-minute walk between churches**

9:30am	St. Mary's Catholic Church (Bigelow, 2001)
10:00am	Congregational Church, Old North Vestry (Roche, 1989)
10:30am	Congregational Church, the Summer Church (Steere, 1904)
11:00am	United Methodist Church (Appleton, 1831)
11:30am	Unitarian-Universalist Meeting House (Goodrich, 1831)
12:00 noon	St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Hutchings-Votey, 1902)

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## **Upcoming Local Events**

### **Nantucket Organ Crawl**

Saturday, October 5th; 9:30am-12:30pm

Nantucket, MA

[Click here for more information.](#)

### **Daniel Roth in Concert**

Saturday, October 12th; 7:30pm

Church of the Transfiguration, Rock Harbor, Orleans

[Click here for more information.](#)

## **Advent Christmas Concert**

Saturday, December 7th; 3:00pm

First Congregational Church, Harwich Center

*The concert includes choral music accompanied by instruments, the Harwich Brass Quintet, and lots of fun. The theme this year is "Children". The concert is free. Directed by Marcia Hempel.*

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## **Upcoming Regional and National Events**

### **2025 Phoenix AGO Convention**

June 16th -19th, 2025

Phoenix, AZ

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### **2025 Fort Worth AGO Convention**

June 30th - July 3rd, 2025

Fort Worth, TX

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## **Guidelines for Submitting Material to the Newsletter**

All articles or flyers must be submitted in PDF or JPG 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.

Articles and flyers must be submitted to [brittany.haskell@gmail.com](mailto:brittany.haskell@gmail.com).

Thank you

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