

REGISTRATIONS

The Newsletter of the Greater Huntsville AGO

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A Letter from our Dean:

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you all well! Please know that the board and I are thinking of you and are here to help you however we can in this difficult time. At the time of my writing many of our churches have begun holding in person services again. I know that there are many challenges that this "new normal" brings to our already challenging jobs and I trust that each one of you is following current best practices as best you can. As a board we have worked to re-tool our program year to make it possible for our members to be as engaged as possible in the absence of in-person concerts, meetings, and workshops. We have a couple of exciting events coming up! First, our new First Thursday's at Noon recital series which will held entirely online, starting October 1st. Second, we will be hosting a virtual Pedals, Pipes, and BYO Pizza on Saturday October 24th. Please stay tuned for more details as these events get closer.

Another exciting announcement is the we have built a new website! www.agohsv.org is our new home on the web, our site now includes several new resources that many of you have requested. However, we need your help. On our site you will notice three pages that are not currently complete, "Organs of North Alabama," "Substitute List," and "Available Positions." These pages are currently empty, but with your help we can fill them quickly! If you have any organ specifications to submit, would like to be added to our substitute list, or have an open position that you would like advertised, please email us at GreaterHuntsvilleAGO@gmail.com.

Thank you for your love and support of GHAGO!

Sincerely,
Stephen Sivley
Dean, Greater Huntsville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



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A Letter from our Sub-dean

Dear current, past, and future Greater Huntsville AGO members,

Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter! We are so excited to be able to offer this to our membership. I hope you will take the time to read through what we are planning for the year ahead and hope you will join us at some, if not all, of our events!

My goals for the Huntsville AGO is to have a chapter that is inclusive to everyone. From organ lovers to full time professional organists with multiple degrees. From the concert goer, to the beginner student, to the high class performer. From digital organs, to hammond organs, to pipe organs. No matter what your age, there is a place for you here and we want to learn and grow with you!

Most of our programs and events will be held virtually this year, so it is a great time to jump in and get involved from the comfort of your own home.

We have just launched our brand new website that can be found at: agohsv.org
Here you will find information about the current leadership board, our upcoming events, a gallery of past events, and a way to contact us.

We have also added brand new resources to the page such as information on the organs of North Alabama, a substitute list, and a list of available positions. If you have anything to contribute to these please email us at greaterhuntsvilleago@gmail.com

We are so glad you are here and vow to continue creating an inclusive, educational, thriving environment for our local organists and organ lovers.

Please never hesitate to reach out for any comments, questions, thoughts or suggestions.
We are here to serve YOU!

Jillian Gardner
Sub-Dean

BURNT OFFERINGS

This is a member recipe section. Send your favorite receipt to:
panmuse@yahoo.com

Squash Casserole

2 cups yellow squash, cooked and mashed
1 cup cheddar cheese, grated
2 cups Ritz crackers
2 eggs
½ teaspoon pepper

1 teaspoon salt
1 cup onion, chopped
1 cup milk
1 stick butter or margarine

Mix together. Bake 40 minutes at 350 degrees. Freezes well.

Thanks to Anne Vasile for this one!!!!



First Thursday's at Noon!

Are you missing attending organ recitals?
Are you missing performing organ recitals?

We are here to help! Join us on the first Thursday of every month at Noon for a virtual recital. These will be found on our Youtube page at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUMPiYiXQrdQIDKj87p7KcQ?view_as=subscriber

If you would like to perform in one of these virtual concert please contact Jillian or reply to this email! All are welcome.

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October 1 program by Jillian

Gardner, Sub-Dean

Sinfonia, Cantata 29 - Johann Sebastian Bach
Solemn prelude - Edward Elgar
Trio Sonata 6 - Johann Sebastian Bach
Festival Toccata - Percy Fletcher
Master Tallis's Testament - Herbert Howells
Variations de Concert - Joseph Bonnet

Get to know your Officers:

Stephen Sivley is an active church musician, collaborative pianist, and piano teacher in the Huntsville area. He is the Traditional Worship Organist at Asbury United Methodist Church in Madison, AL, where he directs the middle school choir, serves as accompanist for three other choral ensembles and as organist with the Asbury Orchestra. He is currently finishing his B.A. in Church Music from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. There he has studied organ with Dr. David Miller and Dr. Rebecca Whited; and piano with Dr. Melody Ng and Mr. Keith Taylor. Stephen has previously studied piano at Bob Jones University with Mr. Ed Rea. From 2010 – 2019 He served as organist, and assistant director of choirs at Faith Baptist Church in Decatur, AL. There he directed youth, bell, and children's choirs. Stephen is also an active choral musician singing with the UAH Chamber Choir.

Jillian Gardner is an award-winning performing organist with an international touring schedule. She is also the National Convener for the AGO Young Organists as well as the Director of Music at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville, AL. A graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory and Baylor University, she has performed concerts in venues including Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, St. Thomas 5th Avenue, NYC, St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and has been a featured artist for OHS and AGO Conventions. She looks forward to two tours of the U.K. this year. Connect with Jillian at JillianGardner.net.

A native of Hackleburg, Alabama, **Tommy Quinn** has served as organist and pianist for Russellville First Presbyterian church since 2013, and as staff accompanist for the music department of Northwest Shoals community college. Tommy has previously studied piano and music theory at Northwest Shoals under Mr. Lanny McAlister.

Anne Terry Vasile serves as Director of Music and Organist at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Huntsville. A native of Pensacola, Florida, she studied sacred music and organ performance at Birmingham-Southern College and historical musicology at Florida State University. Her interests include hymnology and French Baroque organ performance practice. Anne is active in the community and is a past Dean of the Greater Huntsville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, past President of the Junior League of Huntsville, and has served on the boards for various other area non-profits and foundations. Anne currently serves on the Organ Steering Committee of the National Pastoral Musician's Association, which advises and promotes use of organ in the Roman Catholic liturgy, as well as the Diocese of Birmingham's Subcommittee on Sacred Music. Anne is married to husband Victor, an attorney, and they have one son. Her family enjoys traveling—especially cruising, kayaking, and spending time with their Doberman Pinscher Luca.

Dr. Rolf J. Goebel is Distinguished Professor of German, Emeritus, University of Alabama in Huntsville. Born in Germany, he holds degrees from Brown University (M.A. in English, 1977) and the University of Maryland, College Park (Ph.D. in German Language and Literature, 1982). A prize-winning scholar of German literature and cultural studies, his publications and conference presentations include analyses of the interface between music, literature, philosophy, and media technologies. A recent article focuses, among other topics, on the cultural effects of the suspension of live music performance and the reliance on virtual music transmission during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a non-professional organist and harpsichordist, he has served as Dean of the Greater Huntsville, AL Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, where he is currently a Board Member-at-Large for Membership and Chapter Support. He is especially interested in the repertoire of 16th-18th century Germany, Italy, and France, has given numerous organ recitals and workshops in the region, and has participated in Early Music chamber concerts.

Lori Larson is the Associate Organist and director of the First Family Singers at Huntsville First United Methodist Church. Originally from Oneida, IL, Lori received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University) and studied choral music conducting at the University of Iowa. After serving as a musician in the U.S. Army, Lori retired to Huntsville and studied organ with Dr. David Miller at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She is active as a composer and arranger of choral music and has had several works performed in Huntsville.

D. Glenn Day is Choirmaster/Organist at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, in Rainbow City, Alabama. He earned a Bachelor of Performance in Organ/Harpsichord and a Masters of Performance in Organ under Dr. Betty Louise Lumby at the University of Montevallo. Day did further studies under Dr. David Craidhead, at Eastman and Warren Hutton at the University of Alabama. He is a member of the Birmingham AGO and the Alabama Representative for Levsen Organ Company in Buffalo, Iowa.



A Letter from Rolf.....

Dear Fellow Organist,

On behalf of the Greater Huntsville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (GHAGO), I'd like to welcome you back. Founded in 1963, the GHAGO is this region's oldest organization devoted to organ and choral music, and even in spite of our current pandemic, the 2020-2021 Board of Directors is excited to offer members several opportunities to connect and learn with each other through online meetings and workshops, thereby enhancing our skills at the organ and choral conducting skills.

The Chapter website is in the process of being built; it is expected to be completed and go live by October 1. The new web address is: agoHSV.org.

Our popular workshop for young people (of all ages!) Pedal, Pipes, and Pizza will be held virtually on October 24, 2020, consisting of a pre-recorded video and a follow-up Zoom Q&A session.

In November, we anticipate a fun, physically distanced, outdoor member social at a location to be determined.

A wonderful opportunity to promote the outstanding talents of emerging organists, the Regional Competition for Young Organists (RCYO) organ competition will be held virtually on March 6, 2021, with three invited judges from outside the Chapter. The winner will receive a cash prize and will also be invited to give a recital the following year.

Since you last joined us, membership options may have changed—the AGO now offers several categories of membership, including Regular, Special (over 65), Young (under 30), and Chapter Friend. Membership in the GHAGO supports our mission of fostering a thriving community of organists as we share our knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.

We live in times when worship practices are sometimes changing rapidly; when the role of pipe and digital organs in liturgical and concert settings is being redefined; when exciting new instruments are being installed in small and large venues; and when we need to think of new ways to stimulate interest in the organ among younger generations, students and audiences. In light of these changes, our Chapter is working hard to promote the organ in the challenging but exciting times ahead.

The current members of our Chapter board are:

Stephen Sivley, Dean
Jillian Gardner, Sub-Dean
Anne Vasile, Secretary
Tommy Quinn, Treasurer
Glenn Day, Member-at-Large for Communications
Rolf J. Goebel, Member-at-Large for Membership and Chapter Support
Lori Larson, Member-at-Large for Social Coordination

We would love to hear your ideas, questions, and concerns and are looking forward to seeing you at our events!

Best regards,

Rolf J. Goebel
2020-2021 Member at Large for Membership and Chapter Support

Pedals, Pipes, and Bring your own Pizza!

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This will be a virtual event this year.

Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Watch a 30-40 minute video followed by a Zoom call for any questions/comments

Zoom link:

Jillian Gardner is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Pedals, Pipes, and Bring Your Own Pizza!

Time: Oct 24, 2020 10:45 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72870106589?pwd=QVN0VTNfc0V3RkFLREFTQjdSR3pnZz09>

Meeting ID: 728 7010 6589

Passcode: 9Q7upA

Outdoor social event

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Bring family and friends.

More info coming soon!

Regional Competitions for Young Organists

This will be a virtual event this year

Saturday, March 6, 2021

More info coming soon!

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