



**AMERICAN GUILD
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to enrich lives through organ and choral music*

Dean's Message

Looking Backward and Forward

I write this final Dean's letter of the 2016-2017 season, watching a mid-April snow storm, wondering how we got to Spring so fast, when it seems I just began my dean duties a week or so ago. As the poet says,

Time flies on wings of lightning;
We cannot call it back.
It comes, then passes forward
Along its onward track.
And if we are not mindful,
The chance will fade away,
For life is quick in passing.
'Tis as a single day.

Robert Baird 1855-1916

Indeed, time flies for those who are having fun, especially when it's being part of a good cause.

My year-end report of chapter activities in condensed form: the chapter served our community well. We opened the eyes of young musicians to the wonder of the organ. We taught, encouraged, inspired, and supported one another. We had fun and strengthened friendships. If you feel like you missed out on any of this goodness, I invite you to jump in a little deeper next season. Here is our plan:

- October 7, 2017 – Member recital & lunch
- December 8, 2017 – Christmas social
- December 26, 2017 – Church Walk
- January 20 or 27, 2018 – Pedals, Pipes & Pizza
- Late March, 2018 – Master class for the kids who participated in Pedals, Pipes & Pizza
- April 21, 2018 – Twin Falls organ crawl

My preparations for this newsletter submission reminded me of all that went into making our events this year happen and how grateful I am for our capable board, who worked steadily for the success of our events. Thank you

What's Happening in Les Bois Land

Saturday, April 29th 11 AM

Sheryl Hillman

Presentation on 2013

Pipedreams Tour to Spain

Southminster Presbyterian Church
6500 West Overland Road

Lunch Following (no-host)

Outback Steakhouse

all; you are my organ colleagues, but more importantly, my friends.

Thinking toward the near future, the regional convention in Salt Lake in June is a great learning and enrichment opportunity that's practically in our back yard. I hope you're making plans to attend.

Our meeting on April 29th will be the finale of this season. We'll enjoy a report, including lots of pictures, of Sheryl Hillman's organ tour to Spain, followed by a no-host lunch at The Outback. Full details posted in this newsletter.

In spite of today's snow, it's a lovely time of rebirth and renewal. Our opportunity to be a part of Easter worship and celebration all over our area is a joyful thing. I wish you continued success in your organ endeavors and look forward to seeing you at our events in the fall.

Ann Reed, Chapter Dean

RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) Pacific Northwest

June 26-July 2, 2016

Pacific Lutheran University, *Tacoma, WA*

RSCM is for everyone! We have spaces for:

40 Youth Participants (*rising 4th-graduating 12th grade*)

20 Adult Participants (*residential or commuter*)

3 Organ Scholars (*age 25 & under; application due 4/1*)

Our music director will be celebrated British composer and conductor [Simon Lole](#), and both adults and youth will enjoy classes covering a variety of topics from musicianship to vocal technique and more!

Join us this summer and improve your choral singing, make new friends, and have tons of fun in the beauty of the Pacific Northwest!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Coming Events

Saturday, April 29th, 11 AM — Presentation by Sheryl Hillman of Pipedreams Tour to Spain

Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 W Overland Road

No-host lunch at Outback Steakhouse immediately following

Sunday, May 7th through Friday, May 12 — Boise Music Week activities

June 11-15 — West Regional AGO Convention, Salt Lake City

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Next (formal) Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 29th, 7 PM
Ann Reed's home

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Or just search Facebook for
"AGO Les Bois Chapter"

Boise Music Week Organ-related Events

[Church Night](#), Cathedral of the Rockies, Sunday, May 7th, 7:15 PM

- Prelude: Dr. Norma Stevlingson
- Postlude: Ryan Dye

[Noon Organ Recitals](#), St. Michael's Cathedral, 12:15 PM

- Monday, May 8th: Sean Rogers
- Tuesday, May 9th: Ryan Dye
- Wednesday, May 10th: John Bostron
- Thursday, May 11: Mark Hansen

[Silent Movies with Theatre Organ](#), Egyptian Theatre, Friday, May 12th, 12:15 PM, Sean Rogers

2017 AGO West Region Convention

Sunday June 11, 7 PM - Thursday June 15, 3PM - Salt Lake City

As a convention attendee, you'll enjoy 23 concerts and recitals by a diverse group of artists, including Jaebon Hwang, Kimberly Marshall, Kenneth Udy, Pamela Decker, and Stephen Tharp. Richard Elliott will perform "Symphonie No. 2 for Organ and Orchestra" by Alexandre Guilmant with the Orchestra at Temple Square, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir will perform a concert in their renowned home venue.

The convention will feature 9 of Salt Lake's many fine instruments. The city is home to two magnum opuses by major builders: the famed G. Donald Harrison Æolian Skinner organ in the Tabernacle, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, and the newer 130-rank Schoenstein & Co. organ in the LDS Conference Center. The Cathedral of the Madeleine houses an impressive IV/77 Kenneth Jones organ which hosts the annual Eccles Organ Festival.

There are more than 16 great workshops planned which will offer something for everyone. From presentations on historic organist-composers such as Louis Vierne to contemporary ones like Dale Wood, workshops on choir and hand bells, numerology in the music of J.S. Bach, and a multi-part hands-on improvisation workshop, you'll leave the convention enriched. Two performance master classes on French Romantic music (with James Welch) and twentieth century music (with Pamela Decker) are planned. Attend the meeting of the west region and a keynote address by AGO Executive Director James Thomashower at a special banquet dinner--- all included with your convention registration!

Check out the [convention web site](#) for program, lodging, registration, and transportation information.

**I just got the new
Worship Leader Study Bible.**

**It repeats the last verse
of each chapter 7 times.**

@chrchcurmudgeon

Craig Cramer, from the University of Notre Dame, has a wide variety of new and used organ, piano, and harpsichord music for sale. Please [email Craig](#) for a complete list. Or you can [email me](#) and I will forward Craig's email to you.

April 4, 2017

To All AGO Members:

As you may know, on Friday, March 31, the Federal Trade Commission issued a press release announcing that the AGO had entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Commission. The release references a proposed consent order that resolves a complaint initiated by the agency alleging that the Guild's rules restrained competition and harmed consumers in violation of the FTC Act.

The FTC's announcement is the culmination of 17 months of careful negotiations between the Guild and the Commission. We have previously detailed this process in emails to chapter leaders, articles in TAO, notices on the AGO website, and presentations at the 2016 National Convention.

As part of the settlement agreement, the Guild did not admit to any wrongdoing nor have we been found guilty of any wrongdoing. We will not enter into any litigation, and we will not be subject to any fine.

In settling the FTC's charges, the AGO agreed it would not restrain its members from soliciting work as musicians, and it would stop issuing compensation schedules and model contract provisions. We also updated our Code of Ethics several times to ensure that we are in full compliance with the FTC's interpretations of the law. We are taking an aggressive stance toward complying with the terms of the agreement so that we can put this matter behind us.

The FTC press release reiterates what we have been focusing on for the last year. We are now in a 30-day period for public comment on the terms of our agreement with the FTC, but nothing in the agreement changes our core mission.

The AGO is a thriving 120-year-old educational organization that abides by the law. Our Committee on Career Development and Support, working closely with our antitrust legal counsel Claudia Higgins, has already begun the process of developing new educational resources for our members to use in negotiating their salaries and contracts with their employers.

In this holiday season, we express our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated attorney, Claudia Higgins, for her wonderful guidance, and we extend our very best wishes to all for a blessed Easter and a happy Passover.

Sincerely yours,



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