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Homes Tour and Gala Another Guild Success!!



Thanks to over 200 volunteers, plus Gala attendees, auction bidders, generous donors, sponsors and the wonderful homeowners of six exquisite homes, "A Silver Celebration"

weekend was indeed a sterling affair! Our event grossed over \$45,000, and after expenses, it looks as though we will make our budget of \$30,000. It took the effort of everyone involved to make this happen and we are thrilled to share this news with our membership.

Our Gala was held in the spaciouly elegant home of **Anne Sprock**, a perfect home for such a graceful evening. Each indoor and outdoor living space was a delight. Our auction there raised almost \$14,000, thanks to the generosity of our attendees, as well as our very talented auctioneer, **Mark Littrell**.

So many Guild members worked in their usual effortless style to bring this event together, and we extend our deepest appreciation for those talented members who brought success to this time-honored Guild project. And we cannot forget your family members who share you with us. They, too, contribute to our many achievements.

To the Homes Tour Committee members who each worked for several months, our deepest gratitude to you. Advisors: **Lex Kulman, Dorry Tooke and Connie Saul**; Auction Co-Chairs: **Nancy Beaver and Betsy Key**, Corporate Liaison: **Mary Klappa**, House Mothers: **Mitzi Weatherly and Patrice Newman**, Gala: **Brenda Glenn and Frances Vinoski**, Publications: **Margaret Faison**, Publicity: **Debbie Faircloth**, Guild Treasurer: **Pam Stearns**, Project Treasurer: **Sandy Weston**; Tickets: **Melody Turner**; Tour Booklet/Advertising: **Sher Coromilas**.



Top: At the Gala, Vice Chair Peggy Hamilton, Auction Committee Members Kirsten Shepperson, Betsy Key (Co-Chair), Lynne Alexander, Nancy Beaver (Co-Chair). Center: A little wrap-up party fun with Betsy Key, Josie Gibboney, Chair Ann Warrick and John Warrick.. Bottom: Mother-daughter House Mom Team Mary Ingram and Mary Rush.



Our Homes Tour Mothers always make our weekend run smoothly and efficiently. We want to thank **Cam Current, Josie Gibboney, Kathy Gleeson, Linda Hammond, Sherri Hill, Kathy Jarman**, mother and daughter team of **Mary Ingram and Mary Rush, Brenda Macfadden, Kathy Nosek, Rosemary and Bob Reed and Mary Ann Vinson**. And Bob, you make a great Mom!! We are very fortunate for piano players who donate their time as well and we would like to thank **Bert Davis, Rachel Dunn, Peggy Follin, Gene Jones, Pat King, Ann Kroupa**,

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A Note From Our President



What a beautiful fall we have had. I hope each of you has been energized from all the wonderful activities and weather so far.

The Homes Tour was very special and successful due to the dedication and hard work of many people. **Ann Warrick**, Chair and **Peggy Hamilton**, Vice-Chair dedicated many hours to organizing such a special tour and putting together a dynamite committee. **Brenda Glenn**, Chair and **Frances Vinoski**, Vice-Chair planned a beautiful gala, held in the lovely home of Ann Sprock. **Nancy Beaver**, Chair and **Betsy Key**, Vice-Chair put together an auction that was spectacular. Ann's home was a perfect setting for the gala and auction and we thank you so much for hosting us, Ann. During the tour we were able to provide the GSYO a space to display their painted violins and a trombone to raise monies for their Austrian Tour. I am happy to report that they did very well selling tickets; the drawing will be at their Dec. 6th concert. In two of the homes, **Ellen Sanders**, Cookbook Chair, sold several cases of cookbooks and she provided tasty food for everyone that came



through those homes. The true success of the event also goes to **each of you** that worked in the six homes as House Mamas (and one Dad) or shift volunteers, we could not do this without that support. Also, for buying tour tickets, attending the gala, buying auction items and/or making a donation to the event. True success is due to many people coming together to make a difference, and we have proved this with events held so far; the 25th Silver Celebration of the Homes Tour, Kick-off Party, membership meetings, SOVA conference and middle school concerts.

Additionally, we can celebrate and have fun together on Monday, December 28th at our Presentation Ball. Please consider getting a table of friends together (does not have to be couples),

I can promise the meal will be delicious, the music and band wonderful, the room decorated magically and you will have a wonderful time dancing the night away! Hope to see many of you there.

As the new year approaches, we are looking forward to what 2010 will bring us. The January General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m.. It will be held in the lovely home of **Dale Stoehr** and our program committee, **Peggy Johnson and Barbara Sanders** have planned for Wiley Sikes, GSO Principal Percussionist to perform.

I wish each of you and your families and very healthy, happy and wonderful holiday season and new year! The guild membership is a very dedicated group of talented ladies and I continued to be honored to serve you. I am looking forward to our upcoming meetings, programs, concerts, the Super Sale and Tennis/Golf Tournament.

Connie Saul

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Caroline Lee, Ann Rice, Dinny Sisley, Susan Tysinger and Ann Wilson.

This Guild project could not be possible without the generosity of the amazing homeowners who do so much for us. Our sincerest, warmest thanks to **Rich and Kathy Dumas, Caroline Faison, Jody and Lynda Gordon, Hunter and Laura Stamey, Kasey Stamey and Robin and Connie Saul** for opening their homes for an entire weekend! A warm thank you, as well, to **Maggie Fickett** who did house drawings for each of the five homes and the gala home.

We very much appreciate those sponsors in the community who financially supported this project – Platinum Sponsor AKR Builders; Silver Sponsors Guilford Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Center and The Kitchen Studio and our Bronze Sponsors who are A Breath of Spring, Buff Nails, Distinctive Designs, Dolce Dimora, Guilford Pools, Piedmont Wholesale Engineered Products, Smart'n Up Wallcoverings, SSI Design Group and The Pink Door Interior Design Studio.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served the Guild and to have worked with the many, many volunteers who make the Homes Tour a cornerstone of our community and a successful fund raiser for the Guild. Our deepest thanks to you, the Guild membership for helping us help the children enjoy some music in their lives.

*Ann Warrick, Chair;
Peggy Hamilton, Vice Chair*



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AKR, our Platinum sponsor, will donate a percentage of all earnings from any building or renovation jobs contracted from the tour. You'll get a fair price and our educational programs will benefit.



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Guild is Grateful for Special Gifts

Education

- Caroline and Clayton Lee in honor of Herman and Barbara Cone
- Gift of a violin by Allie McVann for the Beginning Strings program at Peck Elementary
- Generous contributions in honor of Barbara Judd, mother of Andrea Knupp

Womens' Chorus

- Pennybyrn Retirement Community

—Andrea Knupp

Women's Chorus to Wind Up Fall Schedule at Well•Spring

Women's Chorus has been hard at work visiting Retirement Communities, civic groups and churches the past three months. We have a core group of about 18 dedicated ladies, under the direction of Liz Doebler, who are encouraged to make joyful noises to our audiences. Our final program for the Fall season, will be at Well•Spring Retirement Community on Thursday, December 17th at 8.00pm. Please come out and hear us sing if you have the evening available.

We are starting to schedule our Spring season and if you are interested in having us sing for any of your groups, please contact me at 288-8043 or: LickeyMo@bellsouth.net to get on our calendar.

—Bridget MacPherson, President

A Warm Welcome to New Guild Members



Leslie Dobbins

425 Hawthorne Dr., Danville, Va. 24541
434-797-2341



Diane Swords

5405 Century Oaks Dr., Greensboro, N.C.
27455

—Frances Vinocki



Enjoying the November 7th Homes Tour Gala are Dorry Tooke, Leigh Ann Safrit, Jo Kennedy and Mary Rogg

Nominations Open for Barbara Cone Award

The Nominations/Awards Committee is accepting nominations for the Barbara Cone Award. This award recognizes distinguished community service in the advancement of music and promotion of the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra. The nominee does not have to be a Guild member. Try using the new form that has been sent to you electronically. Need further assistance? Feel free to ask Mary Rush, Assistant Newsletter Editor (maryrush5@yahoo.com) for her expertise in writing. Please submit nominations before January 14 to Suzy Walker at 3203 St. Regis Rd. 27408 or email walkkl@aol.com.

—Suzy Walker

SAVE THESE 2010 DATES!

March 19 & 20, Preview Party and Super Sale
May 10, GSG Golf Classic



—Mark your Calendar Now—

and don't miss our

General Meeting

January 20, 2010, 10:00 a.m.



Enjoy a morning of fellowship with Guild friends
in the lovely home of

Dale Stoehr, 3204 St. Regis Road

Guest artist will be GSO Principal Percussionist

Wiley Sikes, III

You'll delight in hearing Sikes discuss and demonstrate
some of his instruments.

2009 Debutantes

- **ANN ELIZABETH BENCINI**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emery Bencini of Greensboro. She is a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- **BRANDY MARIE BROWN**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Steven Brown of Greensboro. She is a student at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
- **BRITTANY SUZANNE CARROLL**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edward Carroll II of Greensboro. She is a student at Greensboro College.
- **ELIZABETH MARTIN DAVEY**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Martin Davey of Atlanta, Georgia. She is a student at Sweetbriar College.
- **COURTENAY MacNEIL DOBBINS**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helm Dobbins of Danville, Virginia. She is a student at the University of Virginia.
- **EMMA KRISTINE DULL**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Gerald Dull of Greensboro. She is a student at Lynchburg College.
- **SHELBY PRICE GREEN**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malcomb Green, Jr. of Greensboro. She is a student at the University of Tennessee.
- **ASHLEY DAWN IRVIN**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Arthur Irvin of Greensboro. She is a student at Meredith College.
- **AUSTIN JOANNA JOHNS**, daughter of Mr. Gregory Alan Johns and Ms. Teresa Lee Christian of Summerfield. She is a student at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.
- **MARY ELIZABETH OATES**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Scott Oates of Greensboro. She is a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- **SALLIE SHORE ROUTH**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Sheldon Routh of Chapel Hill. She is a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- **KATHERINE BROOKS SCHEFFER**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Richard Scheffer of Greensboro. She is a student at the University of South Carolina.
- **CORINNE ELIZABETH SMITH**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Edward Smith of Greensboro. She is a student at Washington & Lee University.
- **JENNIFER LEIGH STONE**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight David Stone of Greensboro. She is a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- **ALEXANDRA POWERS TAFT**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas Taft of Greensboro. She is a student at Wake Forest University.
- **CHRISTINE LYNN WALKER**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lynn Walker of Greensboro. She is a student at Gettysburg College.
- **LAUREN ELIZABETH WEATHERLY**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elwood Weatherly, III of Greensboro. She is a student at Furman University.
- **ELIZABETH ANNE WORRELL**, daughter of Dr. Terry White Worrell and Mr. Martin Keith Worrell of Greensboro. She is a student at Appalachian State University.
- **SARAH ELLEN WRIGHT**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Eugene Glenn Wright, Jr., of Greensboro. She is a student at Meredith College.



The Greensboro Symphony Guild Membership

is cordially invited to the

31st Annual Symphony Guild

Presentation Ball

Monday, December 28th, 8:00 p.m.

Imperial Ballroom, Sheraton Hotel Four Seasons

Black Tie

*\$60/person for dinner
and the Ball
\$20/person for
the Ball only
beginning at 10:00 p.m.*

*R.S.V.P. by
December 19*

*Libby Gabriel, 294-6766
egabriel@triad.rr.com*



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Brown



Carroll



Davey



Dobbins



Dull



Green



Irvin



Johns



Oates



Routh



Scheffer



Smith



Stone



Taft



Walker



Weatherly



Worrell



Wright



Symphony Presentation Ball

Greensboro, North Carolina

December 1, 2009

Dear Guild Members:

The 2010 Greensboro Symphony Presentation Ball will be held on Tuesday, December 29, 2010. Mrs. Valerie Sutton will be the Ball Chair.

The Selection Committee has been formed and is ready to accept the 2010 Debutante applications. Please read the policy statement found on the reverse side carefully.

Application forms may be obtained after January 1, 2010 by calling Sylvia Vanore at 274-4337. Completed applications (including the required letters should be mailed to me as follows:

Mrs. Sylvia Vanore
202 Elmwood Drive
Greensboro, North Carolina 27408

Please submit the required letters only. Extra letters of endorsement will not be needed. Also note that deadline for receiving the completed applications will be Saturday, January 30, 2010. No exceptions will be made with respect to this deadline.

If you should have any questions regarding the nomination process please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jo Kennedy
Steering Committee Chair



GREENSBORO SYMPHONY GUILD
PRESENTATION BALL

PURPOSE AND SELECTION CRITERIA

PURPOSE (in order of priority)

1. To provide an area of public relations between the Guild and the community.
2. To fulfill a community need.
3. To provide a fund-raising project for the Guild.

SELECTION

1. A Guild member* in good standing for at least two consecutive years at the time of nomination may submit her daughter or granddaughter's name for consideration serving as her sponsor. No letters of recommendation are needed. A member must remain in good standing throughout the Presentation year.
2. A Guild member of less than two years may sponsor her daughter or granddaughter but must secure a letter of recommendation from a Guild member of at least two years. A Guild member of less than two years is not eligible for the Guild fee.
3. A Guild member* may submit the name of a non-Guild member's daughter or granddaughter for consideration, serving as her sponsor. The application must be accompanied by two (2) letters of recommendation from Guild members* of two years or more at the time of nomination. One of the two (2) letters may be from the sponsor if she has been a Guild member of two years or more.
4. Debutantes must be rising sophomores in college.
5. A Guild member* may sponsor only one candidate in a given year. Sponsoring a young woman carries with it the understanding that she would be pleased to be considered and accept the honor.
6. Submitting an application by a young woman and her family carries with it the understanding that the young woman will accept the honor, if extended an invitation.
7. The application must be completed, accompanied by letters of recommendation, and returned to the Chair of the Steering Committee by the deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**
8. After invitations have been issued, should it be necessary for a young woman to withdraw, the Ball Chair must be notified. Presentation fees are nonrefundable.
9. The Steering Committee will advise in any circumstance(s) directly affecting the three-fold purpose of the Presentation Ball.



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DECEMBER 2009

- 3 **Guild Christmas Decor and Shopping at Smith Beautiful Living** at The Shops on North Elm, 10:00 a.m.. Open to members and guests. Meet for lunch on your own afterwards at Graffiti Grill. Just for fun!
- 6 **Youth Orchestra and Youth Strings Concert**, 4:00 p.m., Greensboro Day School. Drawing for the Painted Violins.
- 17 **Women's Chorus Holiday Concert**, 8:00 p.m., Well•Spring Retirement Community.
- 18 **Sealy/FOX 8 Holiday Concert**, 7:30 p.m., Greensboro Coliseum, Admission free
- 28 **Greensboro Symphony Guild Presentation Ball, Debutante Presentation and Dinner** at 8:00 p.m., Ball at 10:00 p.m., Sheraton Hotel Four Seasons, Jo Kennedy, Chair; Valerie Sutton, Co-Chair; Kaye Tutterow, Honorary Chair. *All members are invited to attend the Presentation and Dinner by reservation.*
- 31 **Carolina POPS, "New Year's Eve Latin Style,"** 8:00 p.m., War Memorial Auditorium.

JANUARY 2010

- 12 **GSG Executive Committee**, 9:30/10:00 a.m., Lex Kulman, 1907 Baytree Drive.
- 13 **GSG Board Meeting**, 9:30/10:00 a.m., Suzy Walker, 3203 St. Regis Road.
- 15 Deadline for submitting Barbara Cone Award nominations to the Nom/Awards Committee.
- 20 **General Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Dale Stoehr, 3204 St. Regis Road, Program: Wiley Sikes, III, Principal Percussionist, GSO, New Officers Slate, Josie Gibboney, Chair; Barbara Braswell and Susan Bohn, Vice Chairs.
- 21 **"Time For Three Returns,"** Masterworks Concert, 7:30 p.m., WMA. Dmitry Sitkovetsky, Conductor, Zachary DePue and Nicholas Kendall, violins; Raman Meyer, bass.
- 22 **Rice Toyota Sitkovetsky and Friends**, Chamber Concert, 8:00 p.m. UNCG School of Music Recital Hall, Dmitry Sitkovetsky and the "Time for Three."
- 23 **"Time For Three Returns,"** Masterworks Concert repeat, 800 p.m., Dana Auditorium, Guilford College.

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