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Reflecting on the Past & Looking Toward the Future



Kim Littrell is shown at the Guild's first ever Holiday Brunch & Boutique. The event raised nearly \$700.

Happy New Year everyone!

It is so hard to believe that I only have five more months to serve as your president. The first half of our Guild year has been so very productive that I can hardly imagine how we can possibly top it in the upcoming months. Our first ever Holiday Brunch & Boutique was a huge success, with over 25 vendors displaying the season's most popular items.

The Guild requested a \$25 donation from each vendor, so we raised almost \$700 from this

event! There were 58 members and guests who joined us for brunch, and even more who came to shop, and they were all treated to a beautiful performance by our own Women's Chorus. Everyone in attendance agreed that it was a lovely event that should be continued in the future! The Orchestra Support team provided a fabulous meal for our musicians prior to the Holiday Concert on December 9. And after presenting 17 young ladies on December 28, the Presentation Ball committee will have its sight set on selecting the newest group of debutantes for 2012.

As we open our 2012 calendars and make our resolutions for the new year, I hope you will all resolve yourselves to supporting the Guild's remaining events for the year. All eyes will be looking towards our Super Sale on March 31, but you should also mark your calendars for a few other dates, including our Guild Gals Night Out on January 10 at Graffiti's Bistro (bring your friends and prospective Guild members for half-price wine); our General Membership Meeting on January 18 at the home of **Martha Siler**; and our General Luncheon Meeting on February 15 at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar. Stay tuned for details on our final two FUNraisers in February and April as the locations for those events have changed!

Super Sale Chair **Josie Gibboney** and her committee are earnestly seeking a location and collecting many fabulous items for the sale. The cold winter months are the perfect time to clean out your garages and closets, and the Super Sale committee has places where they can store your items. Once you have cleaned things out, call Josie to arrange a pick up/drop off time. The earlier we receive your items, the better! Many volunteers are needed to price items as event time draws closer, so please contact Josie with times that you are available to help.

Our long-term fundraisers still need your support, so please don't forget to bring your old cell phones, your Music Matters applications and Guild Café orders to any of the meetings, or purchase online at the Guild's website, or contact **Connie Saul** (license plate) or **Andrea MacDiarmind** (Guild Café) for more information. Guild Executive Assistant Susan Mackey can also take Guild Café orders over the phone. These fundraisers will continue to generate proceeds for music education for many years to come, so please do your part by ordering these items and spreading the word among your friends and family.

Support your Guild because MUSIC MATTERS!

—President Kim Littrell

Guild Gals Night Out !

Mark your calendars for wine and appetizers on **Tuesday, January 10th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm in The Lounge at Graffiti's Bistro** in North Elm Village, 301-F Pisgah Church Road. Tuesday is ½ price wine night—you buy your wine and Graffiti's will provide the appetizers! The event is organized by the Membership Committee, so please consider bringing a friend who might like to join the Guild. All Guild members are welcome, and this will be a fun way to toast each other at the start of the year! Stop by for a short while or plan to stay for dinner – your choice. **We just want to see you!**

Membership materials will be available. Questions? Contact **Suzy Walker**.

General Membership Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th at the home of **Martha Siler**, starting at 10:00 a.m. The program will include presentation of the new slate of Guild Officers and Nate Beversluis on piano.

GSYO Announces Concerto Winners

Congratulations to GSYO Concerto winners: Mallory Hayes (violin), a senior at UNCSA; Ivy Ringel (bassoon), a senior at Cedar Ridge HS; and Allison Baker (flute) a senior at Page HS. Violin and Bassoon will be performing on February 19 and flute on May 20.

The GSYO Winter Concert will be on February 19 at Greensboro College, starting at 4:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. The group is planning two out-of-town trips in the spring. On March 24-25, they will perform in Elizabeth City; and on April 28, they will perform in Tryon, NC. More details will be available soon.

Four more Winners!

“MUSIC MATTERS” drawings took place at the November Masterwork Concerts and were announced from stage by Lisa Crawford. The winner of the #2 license plate was **Louann Clarke**, #3 was Myrna Carlock, #4 was **Mark Littrell**, and #5 was **Elizabeth Stephens**. Congratulations to each one. Get your applications/fees in, and you could be a lucky winner in upcoming drawings!

Deadline Near for Barbara Cone Award Nominations

The Barbara Cone Award is given to an individual who has a record of distinguished service in the advancement of music in our community and the promotion of the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra. The deadline for submitting nominations for the award is approaching—January 15! The award will be presented at our February luncheon. Please be thinking of someone who is deserving of this award. Nomination forms are available at Guild meetings or by contacting **Peggy Hamilton**.

GSO Invites Guild Members to “Name That Tune” Event

The GSO’s “Name That Tune” Committee is gearing up to go into action. As we plan our invitation list for January, we wanted to first make sure we accommodate all interested Guild members for this great event. Name That Tune will take place on Saturday, April 28, at 6:30pm, at Vanessa and Roy Carroll’s penthouse overlooking Center City Park.

Adam Grove, the host of Canada’s hit TV series “Cash Cab” on Discovery brings his comic trivia, mayhem and even cash prizes to the Symphony’s first Name That Tune FUNraiser. Music Director Dmitry Sitkovetsky will join in the fun and premium ticket holders will have a musician at their table to give a little edge on winning some tantalizing prizes. In addition, there will be a Silent Auction with fabulous trips and truly special items, like conducting the Greensboro Symphony, not to mention great food and an unending supply of wine.

If you would like to attend or reserve a table, RSVP to Lisa lcrawford@greensborosymphony.org by January 15. Payment will be due in January before we send out our broader appeal.

Prices are \$200 per person or \$300 for Premium Seating
Tables of Ten are \$2,000 per table or \$3,000 for Premium Seating
(Premium Seating will be up front by the stage and can include a musician to sit at your table to better your chances of winning!)

—Gifts to the Guild—

In honor of Lindsey Goodstat
Elinor and Paul Goodstat



Education

In memory of Clayton Lee
Wednesday Study Club
Rachel & Rodney Williams
Rosemary and Bob Reed
Patricia & Charles Stegall



Music Education

Rosemary and Bob Reed
(matched by Lincoln Financial)

New Member

Muriel Fraser
Greensboro

February Luncheon to be at Flemings Steakhouse

Please save the date of February 15 for our General Luncheon Meeting. Our “post sweetheart” luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar located in the Shops at Friendly. A wonderful menu is planned, and the program will feature GSO musician Alison Lawson of Corda Entertainment. We will also elect our 2012-13 officers and present the Barbara Cone Award. Look for your invitation in the mail at the end of January. This promises to be an excellent meeting and luncheon, so please plan to attend.

—Sandi Hedgepeth

Super Sale Storage Available

Beginning in January, we have a storage site for larger items, such as: furniture, mirrors and pictures, sporting goods, yard equipment, patio furniture and garden décor. We can’t store clothing, books, bric-a-brac and holiday items just yet.

We are still looking for a volunteer to help with our social media sales and marketing.

Please help the Super Sale fundraising effort by asking local retailers, businesses, your family and friends to donate. Call **Josie Gibboney**.



Symphony Presentation Ball
Greensboro, North Carolina

January 1, 2012

Dear Guild Members:

The Selection Committee has been formed and is ready to accept 2012 Debutante applications. Please read the policy statement found on the reverse side carefully.

Application forms may be obtained after January 1, 2012 by calling Sylvia Vanore at 274-4337. Completed applications, including the required letters, should be mailed to Sylvia Vanore.

Please submit the required letters only. Extra letters of endorsement will not be needed. Also note that the deadline for receiving the completed applications is Friday, January 27, 2012. No exceptions will be made with respect to this deadline.

If you should have questions regarding the nomination process, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Vanore
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.

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. 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.

The Steering Committee will advise in any circumstance(s) directly affecting the three-fold purpose of the Presentation Ball.

*See Standing Rules, Greensboro Symphony Guild Yearbook. Revised January 2008

Guilt-Free Cocktails, Warm Winter Beverages, and Sweet Savory Recipes

Celebrate New Year's Eve by sipping cocktails and supporting the Guild! The recipes below will enable you to show off your "mixology" skills while using products available from our Guild Café. You may order on the Guild website, www.gsoguild.org, or call the Guild office (632-1812) to place an order by phone. For questions, contact our Guild Café Liaison, **Andrea MacDiarmid**. Product details are also available through links from the Guild's website.

Pick up a free copy of the Dec/Jan issue of Guilford County Women's Journal; Guild Café is featured on page 30! Share it with friends to help build our customer base and create a monthly revenue stream that will help support our education programs for many years.

If your favorite cocktail utilizes Simple Syrup, try this recipe using low-glycemic BSweet to cut calories in half!

Simple Syrup: Use $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of BSweet and 1 cup of water and cook over medium heat to dissolve BSweet. Chill thoroughly before using in your favorite drinks, like Whiskey Sours and others.

Try adding **Kahlua, Bailey's or other liqueur** to BLatte, BSkippy or Boresha Private Estates Coffee.

Diabetic, kid-friendly, low-glycemic **Hot Cocoa & Chocolate Milk:** Mix 1 heaping tsp unsweetened cocoa powder, 2 tsp BSweet and 2 tsp BCreamy in mug, add hot water, and stir. Chill in the refrigerator and it tastes like chocolate milk!

For snowy days or lazy winter week ends, stay by the fire and try out some new recipes from *Recipes of Note!* Use your **Boresha Private Estates coffee** to make a delicious **Mystery Mocha Cake (p 237)** or savory **Coffee and Molasses-Brined Pork Chops (p 178)**.

Note: Take advantage of *Recipes of Note* Special Holiday Pricing (see page 6).

Sponsor Spotlight



Graffiti's Bistro was a concept that manager Larry Morgan had dreamed of for over 20 years. As Director of Operations for the company that owns Chop House restaurants in North Carolina, Larry gained much-needed experience in the restaurant operations industry. When the company decided to close its Pisgah Church location, Larry jumped at the chance to work with Koury Corporation to make his dream come true. **Graffiti's Bistro** opened at its current location in the Village at North Elm in the spring of 2009.

Although **Graffiti's Bistro** opened at a time when most industry analysts were discouraging people from starting up such ventures, Larry was confident that his model would work, even in the worst of times. His first task was to recruit the most talented team possible, hiring those who shared his same values. Next, he worked with his team to develop a menu with a broad variety of entrees while maintaining a realistic price point that was under the \$20 median. With those things in place, he began to focus on the proper marketing plan for his new restaurant. To distinguish his restaurant from others in town, Larry worked with his team to develop Graffiti's Martini Bar and live entertainment venue.

The result of all this hard work and dedication is a friendly neighborhood bistro that attracts patrons from all over Greensboro. They come for the great food at reasonable prices, and for the commitment to impeccable service. They also come for the nightly drink and food specials. Graffiti's has the best mixologists in the Triad, and they have developed over 100 handcrafted martini creations which attract many guests. They have nightly drink specials, including $\frac{1}{2}$ price wines on Tuesday nights, \$6 Margaritas on Wednesday nights, \$6 Martinis on Thursday nights, and live music every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights in the Martini Bar.

Graffiti's Bistro was a concept born out of a time of uncertainty, but with continued support from its guests it hopefully will be one to be enjoyed for many years to come.

We hope you will come visit us soon and we look forward to meeting many Guild members at your Guild Gals Night Out at **Graffiti's Bistro** on Tuesday, January 10!



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January Calendar of Events

Recipes of Note Extended Holiday Pricing: 1 for \$10 or 2 for \$15

To purchase, contact **Mary Ingram** or purchase on Guild's website.

Women's Chorus Open to New Members

While January is a month of rehearsal for the new season, the Women's Chorus is accepting new members through April. Rehearsals start January 4, and will be held each Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 at Starmount Presbyterian Church on West Market Street. Guild members interested in joining the Women's Chorus should contact **Bridget Maxwell**.

Mark Your Calendar & Treat Yourself to Some "Bling"

Celebrate Valentine's early with your fellow Guild members at our third FUNraiser. We will have appetizers, red wine, chocolate, and you can treat yourself to some "bling". This fun event will be held on Thursday, February 2 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The location will be announced in the February Guild Horn.

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| 10 | Guild Gals Night Out , 5:00 p.m., Graffiti's Bistro, The Village at North Elm, 301 Pisgah Church Road |
| 11 | GSG Executive Meeting , 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Board Meeting , 10:30; a.m. at the home of Nancy Beaver; Co-hostess- Cam Current |
| 15 | Deadline for submitting Barbara Cone Award nomination |
| 18 | General Membership Meeting , 10:00 a.m., at the home of Martha Siler; Program: Nate Beversluis on piano, new slate of Guild Officers presented; Sandy Weston, Chair; Rosemary Reed and Nancy Beaver, Vice-Chairs |
| 19 | Masterworks Concert , 7:30 p.m. Thursday, War Memorial Auditorium; "A Season of Winners", Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, Stravinsky; Sergey Antonov, cello |
| 21 | Masterworks Concert , 8:00 p.m. Saturday, Dana Auditorium; "A Season of Winners", Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, Stravinsky; Sergey Antonov, cello |
| 22 | Rice Toyota Sitkovetsky and Friends Chamber Concert , 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Temple Emanuel, 1129 Jefferson Rd. Greensboro; Rachmaninov, Franck; Sergey Antonov, cello; Dmitry Sitkovetsky, violin |