



# The Guild Horn

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## Mark Your Calendar

**January 11, 2017**

**5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**General Membership  
Meeting  
&**

**New Member Social**

**Hosted by**

**Rebecca Schlosser**



## Linda Hiatt joins Executive Board as President-Elect

The Executive Board and the Nominations Committee are pleased to announce that **Linda Hiatt** has accepted the position of President-Elect for 2016-2017.

Nominations Chair **Melissa Tankersley** said, "Our committee is delighted that Linda has stepped into this leadership position. The Guild is fortunate that she is willing to share her organizational abilities, enthusiasm and creativity with our organization."

Linda joined the Guild when her daughter Emily was presented as a 2015 Symphony Debutante. Though new to the organization, she immediately jumped in and took a leadership role as Co-Chair of this year's exciting and successful fall fundraiser, Feast & Follies, held at the city's new LeBauer Park. As President-Elect, Linda will take on the role of Guild President for the 2017-2018 term.

The Nominations Committee is presently working on a full slate of officers for 2017-2018 and will present the slate to membership at the general membership meeting in January. This will be followed by an election at the February general membership luncheon and induction of the newly elected officers at the May general membership luncheon.



*Linda is pictured with husband Peter and daughter Emily at the Feast & Follies event.*



Continuing a Tradition...

## Symphony Holiday Dinner

On Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> the Guild will continue the tradition of providing a special Holiday meal for Symphony Orchestra members before the Annual Holiday Concert located at the Greensboro Coliseum.

We are asking Guild members to provide items such as baked casseroles, salads, desserts and beverages and deliver the items that afternoon between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. For convenience, someone will meet you at your car and carry the food inside. You may leave or stay and mingle with the musicians.

Many of you generously responded when the SignUpGenius email was sent to Guild members. However, we need a few more items. If you would like to help, please find the list on SignUpGenius and sign up for the item you are willing to provide. Or you may contact Chair **Patrice Newman**.



# Note from the President



Sharon Kasica

It is hard to believe the Holidays are upon us! It seems like only yesterday I was planning our year in Long Range Planning. Boy, the year flies when you are having fun!

The fall has been full of wonderful and memorable events. In October we enjoyed a fabulous General Membership and New Member Social at **Pam Stearns'** beautiful home with a wonderful fashion show of Dillard's new designers and products. The Dillard's VIP Event Chair, **Dianne Pusch**, and Dillard's Liaison, **Betsy Craft**, planned an amazing night for the Guild, with delicious food catered by Southern Roots, signature drinks, and entertainment by our own GSO musicians! What a great night for the Guild!

In November, we enjoyed hearing from **Carolyn Woodruff** at our General Membership Meeting, which was held at **Laura Green's** beautiful home. **Kim Littrell** and **Lindsey Goodstat** Co-Chaired our second Musical Social Fundraiser, **Swaying to the Music**, on November 12th. Members and guests enjoyed a casual night of delicious hors d'oeuvres, wine and Pig Pounder beer, while being entertained by Carolyn Woodruff and her partner, Alosha Anatoliy and learning dance steps to the Swing and Waltz. Everyone who attended had fun.

Once again our Corporate Sponsor Fink's hosted a fabulous Night at Finks. Members and guests enjoyed food catered by Josephine's Catering, a signature cocktail and the opportunity to win a \$500 John Hardy bracelet. Attendees had the opportunity to add trinkets to their Christmas wish list and do a little early shopping for the Holidays.

The GSYO and the GSO will wrap up 2016 with concerts that are sure to delight, so be sure to check your Guild Calendar for concert details.

As we look forward, the Presentation Ball on December 28th promises to once again be the event of the season, honoring twenty lovely Symphony Guild Debutantes. Ball Chair **Laura Wolf**, Honorary Chair, **Sylvia Vanore** and Master of Ceremonies, Richard Gabriel will lead the celebration in the customary spectacular fanfare. I strongly encourage our members to attend this time-honored Guild event.

In January we will hold our General Membership Meeting and second New Member Social at **Rebecca Schlosser's** home. So please plan ahead to invite your friends and neighbors. We will also begin ticket sales for the third Musical Social, **An Elevated Evening**, on February 4<sup>th</sup> at Roy and Vanessa Carroll's Center City Ballroom.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous Holiday Season. Please take time to cherish those you love and appreciate all life's blessings.

Warmest Regards,  
*Sharon Kasica*

## Music, Wine & Lunch Planned for Classics

Classics are invited to enjoy Music, Wine & Lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2017. The event will be in the Roe Library and Hayward Duke Room at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 607 North Greene Street.

**Judy Jolly** and **Peggy Follin** are Classics Chairs and also the contacts. Be sure to put it on your calendar and let them know you plan to attend.

## Barbara Cone Award Nominations Now Open

The Nominations Committee is now accepting nominations for the Guild's Barbara Cone Award. This award is presented to a Guild member or non-Guild member for distinguished service in the advancement of music in the community and promotion of the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra. The award will be presented at our February 2017 luncheon. The deadline for submitting nominations for this award is January 15, 2017. Contact **Melissa Tankersley** to obtain a nomination form.

## Sharing the Great News

"The Guild at a Glance: Noteworthy Contributions to Music Education" is the focus of a presentation by the Guild's Community Relations Committee.

This informative presentation is being updated and the committee is scheduling spring 2017 speaker dates with local civic organizations, religious institutions and community clubs.

A lot of information is packed in this 15-minute talk and presentation. Co-Chairs **Andrea Alemanni** and **Kathie Amato** are eager to present it to groups in the community. We are all proud of the impact we are making on music education and we love sharing great news. So, please think about where you would like to see Andrea and Kathie make a presentation, then contact them with your suggestions.



## SOVA: Leadership, Fund Raising Ideas and More

Volunteering to help others is the right thing to do, and it also boosts personal happiness; those who aid the causes they value tend to be happier and in better health. "Be selfless, if only for selfish reasons," is a happiness paradox.

SOVA—Southeastern Orchestra Volunteer Association—is a unique networking and support organization for symphony orchestra volunteer groups. SOVA's annual Roundtable Conferences are exciting, informative and energizing.

**Kim Jones, Sharon Kasica and Vanessa Skenes** attended this year's conference on October 18 and 19. It was hosted by Salisbury Symphony Guild and the theme was: All Aboard...strengthening your organization from the inside out!

The first speaker, Dr. Brien Lewis, President of Catawba College, gave leadership strategies that help manage and motivate a workforce. Marjorie Bell, a national motivational speaker, whose motto is "do the right thing", was the second speaker. She stressed that we are designed for accomplishment, engineered for success and endowed with the seeds of greatness!

### New ideas

Guild members, from Charleston to Greenville, SC, presented "Roundtables". These were short presentations of a recently held fund raiser.

An interesting item attendees learned was that the Charleston Guild had a live auction at "Le Cabaret de la Symphonie", one of their events. The live auction was called "Fund a Need" and proved to be very successful. Their keynote speaker was an orchestra musician who had been helped by guild scholarship funds. The musician spoke briefly, but raised \$17,000 (this in addition to the silent auction). Fund a Need appealed to members who really didn't want to bid on any item per se.

For more information about SOVA or if you are interested in attending the October 2017 Roundtable, which will be in Charleston, SC, go to [www.sovaonline.org](http://www.sovaonline.org) or call Kim Jones.



## Deb Moms and Dads Enjoy Fall Socials

Symphony Deb mothers were treated to a Fall Tea at the lovely home of Steering Chair **Laura Green** on October 12. **Lori Holt** served as Chair of the event, assisted by **Phyllis Citron, Renay Pugh** and **Renee Regeis**. Pictured l-r at the Tea are: Karen Schaeede, Michelle Seifert, Marsha Tice, Presentation Ball Chair **Laura Wolf**, **Debbie McGee**, **Marie Wood** and **Gail Williams**.

On October 16, **Sharon and Ken Kasica** and Presentation Ball Chair **Laura Wolf** and husband **Gary** treated the Symphony Deb dads to a

delicious barbecue dinner at the Kasica's beautiful home. The evening was filled with fun, food and fellowship for all. Pictured are Gary and Laura Wolf enjoying the lovely setting on a perfect fall evening.



## Swaying to the Music

Swaying to the Music was held on Saturday, November 12th, at the Fred Astaire Dance Studios. Thirty-four Guild members and their guests were entertained with a dance exhibition by honorary chair **Carolyn Woodruff**, and her dance partner and instructor, Alosha. Guests learned dance steps to both the Waltz and the Swing and had fun practicing their newly learned skills.







## Dillard's Grand Opening Night

Guild members were on hand to celebrate the Grand Opening of Dillard's at Four Season's Mall on Wednesday evening, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Grand Opening Night provided the Guild \$7500 of Dillard's \$10,000 sponsorship.

"It is Dillard's first year to be a Guild sponsor," said Chair **Dianne Pusch**. "We have been delighted to work with them."

The event was a wonderful opportunity for the Guild to participate directly with Dillard's. The evening was thoughtfully planned by their team, with fashion shows, Southern Living demonstrations, and catering from Southern Roots. Guild members and guests had the chance to make special purchases, use the services of dynamic sales teams in all departments and socialize while enjoying the event. All evening, a buzz of conversation could be heard throughout the store, as people compared ideas and purchases. Special thanks to our own **Betsy Craft** who coordinated many of the event details, which reflected the time & care she put into the evening.



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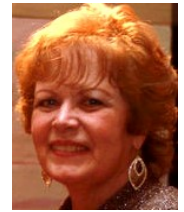
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# Annual Education Campaign

## ***We Did It! Your Donations Put Us Over the Top!***

Many of you have so generously donated to the campaign so that the Guild will be able to fund projects, scholarships and additional tuition that we would not normally be able to support. Many thanks to all of you who have participated in this year's campaign. This project will be finalizing the end of December. If you have already made a contribution, we are very grateful for your generosity.



**Frances Vinoski & Nancy Bogard**

2016-2017 Annual Education  
Campaign Chairs

If you would still like to contribute, please do so by the end of December. Your donation would be a wonderful holiday gift for someone and can be made in memory or in honor of someone, if you wish. This is a wonderful way to recognize and honor family members or others of your choosing. We would be happy to send a holiday card acknowledging your gift to the recipient of your donation. **What a perfect gift giving idea!**

You may send your donation to the Guild office at P.O. Box 10408, Greensboro, NC 27404 or donate online at [gsoguild.org](http://gsoguild.org) on our Shop page. To date we have collected a total of \$5,185, exceeding our budgeted goal of \$5,000. Your donations have made the difference! We couldn't have done it without the generosity of all of you. If you have not donated as yet, please consider doing so and join us in this campaign to better our music education programs.

New donors are listed in each newsletter and a complete list of all donors will be published at the close of the campaign. We would like to thank the following donors who have made contributions since last month's newsletter and to the anonymous donors who gave a total of \$270 cash donations at our last general membership meeting:

**Rhonda Barrett**

**Laura Green**

**Kim Littrell**

**Peggy Hamilton**

**Karen Hundgen**

**Judy Mincher**

**Dianne Pusch**

**Jean Rayvis**

**Ronda Szymanski**

*Many thanks for your participation and  
all the best for a wonderful Holiday Season!*

Frances Vinoski

Nancy Bogard

Co-Chairs



December 1, 2016

Dear Guild Members,

The 2017 Symphony Guild Presentation Ball will be held on Thursday, December 28, 2017. Mrs. Alpheus Keith Faircloth (Debbie) will be the Ball Chair.

The Selection Committee has been formed and is ready to accept the 2017 Debutante applications. Please read the Purpose and Selection Criteria carefully. Application forms may be obtained after January 1st by calling me at my number listed in the Guild directory. Completed applications, including the required sponsorship letter, should be mailed to me, Mrs. Lori Holt.

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

Sincerely,

*Lori*

Mrs. Mark Edward Holt  
Steering Committee Chair



**GREENSBORO SYMPHONY GUILD**  
**PRESENTATION BALL**

**PURPOSE AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

**PURPOSE**

1. To provide an area of public relations between the Guild and the community
2. To recognize outstanding young women in the greater Greensboro area
3. To make an annual contribution, honoring the Symphony Debutantes, to the Greensboro Symphony Guild in support of music education

**SELECTION**

1. A Guild member\* in good standing for at least two (2) consecutive years at the time of nomination may submit her daughter or granddaughter's name for consideration, serving as her sponsor. A member must remain in good standing throughout the Presentation year.
2. A Guild member of less than two years may submit an application for her daughter or granddaughter but must secure a Guild member\* in good standing for at least two (2) consecutive years at the time of nomination as a sponsor. A Guild member of less than two (2) 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. The application must be accompanied by one (1) letter of sponsorship from a Guild member\* in good standing for at least two (2) consecutive years at the time of nomination.
5. Debutantes must be sophomores in college at time of Presentation.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The application must be completed, accompanied by letter of sponsorship, and returned to the Chair of the Steering Committee by the deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.
9. 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.
10. 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 December 2013





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## DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 7**     **Deadline** for submitting items for January/February Guild Horn.
- 16**     **Fox 8/Old Dominion Holiday Concert**, Friday, 7:30 p.m., at Greensboro Coliseum. **"Holiday Concerts"** featuring the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra, with a special appearance by Santa Claus. Hosted by Fox8 News Anchors and Nate Beversluis, Resident Conductor. Admission and parking are FREE with donation of a non-perishable food item to benefit Salvation Army. The Guild will provide food for the orchestra at 5:30 p.m. Patrice Newman, Chair.
- 28**     **Symphony Presentation Ball**, Wednesday, presentation at 7:30 p.m.; dinner at 9:00 p.m., dancing at 10:00 p.m., Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons. Chair, Laura Wolf; Vice Chair, Debbie Faircloth; Honorary Chair, Sylvia Vanore; Master of Ceremonies, Richard Gabriel. **All Members are invited to attend the Presentation and Dinner. Reservations are required.**
- 31**     **Greensboro Symphony Pops**, Saturday, 8:00 p.m. at Westover Church. "Some Enchanted Evening". A Webber and Rodgers & Hammerstein Broadway Celebration. Ring in the New Year with the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra and Broadway soloists, Ron Bohmer and Sandra Joseph performing the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Rodgers & Hammerstein.

*Wishing  
you  
All  
the Joys  
of the  
Season*

