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Milestone

The theme for the 25th year of the GSG was "Destined to Shine in '89". And shine they did, beginning with an auction party at the WGHP studios in High Point on September 8th and a live TV auction on September 10th.

On September 16th, a **Sterling Event**—the Symphony Ball—was held at the Greensboro-High Point Marriott Hotel. A Holiday Homes Tour followed in November. These were primarily fundraising and community-building events to support the broad music education programs established by the Symphony Guild since its beginning in 1964.

Sponsorships grow as excitement for Gala builds

Excitement is building throughout our community for Greensboro Symphony Guild's 50th Anniversary and is helping to gain support from loyal and new sponsors alike. This year, the Fundraising Committee has secured the return of our loyal Corporate Sponsors, such as First Citizens Bank, Fink's Jewelers, Landmark Builders, Wellspring Retirement, Pennyburn at Maryfield, and Home Instead, as well as a number of new sponsors, such as Gordon Asset Management, Flex-pay Payroll, Kindred Hospital Greensboro, New Breed Logisitics and others. Our Guild members and past Guild Presidents have also shown generous financial support as sponsors for our 50th Anniversary Gala.



Local media to highlight event

Debbie Faircloth has been busy spreading the word through local media about the Guild's 50th Anniversary, as well as the Gala on November 1 at the historic Carolina Theatre, with articles in *Triad Living*, *Guilford Woman* and more. She has also planned television promotion segments, with interviews and dress fashions of the past five decades, worn by Guild models to highlight the fun that is being planned for the Gala event.

Dignitaries, elected officials invited

The plans for the 50th Anniversary Gala on November 1 are well underway. The evening promises to be one that no one will forget. The Gala Committee has already mailed over 200 "Save the Date" cards to elected officials and other VIP's, with plans to mail up to 600 invitations to Guild members and their guests. On the night of the event attendees will enter the

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Cindy Stark receives the Guild's Bravo Award



Cindy Stark

The Symphony Guild is pleased to present the 2014 Bravo Award to Cindy Stark. Established in 2004, the Bravo Award recognizes a member in good standing who has been in the Guild five years or less and has given extensive volunteer service.

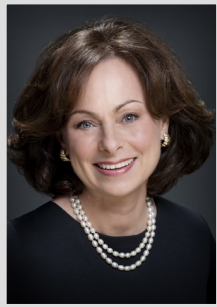
Debutante mother to an invaluable member of the Guild. For Presentation Ball, she served on the Holiday Tea Committee in 2011 and 2012. She served on Night at the Symphony Committee in 2012, chaired it in 2013, and is chairing it again in 2014.

Cindy has also been active in many other areas of Guild activity. She stepped into the world of Homes Tour and was a House Mother in 2011. With her strong accounting and finance background she has fulfilled cashier and treasury duties for a number of events, including Super Sale, Homes Tour and the Scavenger Hunt.

Cindy's daughter Katie was a 2010 Debutante and Cindy enthusiastically moved from being a

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Note from the President



Schlosser

What an exciting time for the Greensboro Symphony Guild. Special thanks to **Debbie Faircloth** for the exceptional article in the Fall issue of *Triad Living*, "Greensboro Symphony Guild Celebrating 50 Years of Music Education".

We are beginning the year with an unprecedented large number of Guild Sponsors, thanks to the Corporate and Individual Sponsorship Committee: **Dianne Pusch, Sharon Kasica, Indira Roberts, Mary Ann Vinson, Kim Littrell, Magz King and Frances Vinoski.**

The GYSO auditions were May 31st and September 3-7. **Rosemary Reed, Andrea Zimmerman and Barbara Sanders** did an excellent job of registering and signing the young musicians into the warm-up and audition rooms.

On October 1st, the Contemporaries will gather at 6:00 p.m. at Wine and Design, for an enjoyable evening of painting, chaired by **Jennifer Pitts** and **Mary Ingram**. The Classics, chaired by **Judy Jolly**, will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the home of **Jo Kennedy**, for their Wine and Cheese event.

Our General Membership Meeting will be Wednesday, October 22nd, 5:30 p.m. at the home of **Andrea Knupp**, chaired by **Joan Stevenson** and **Rhonda Barrett**. We are excited that the GSYO Honors Quartet will perform at this meeting.

Music in the Middle for Guilford County Schools will be at Aycock Auditorium this year on Monday and Tuesday, October 13th and 14th. Special thanks to Chairs **Kim Littrell, Brenda Macfadden and Alison Santiago.**

You will not want to miss the Couples/Singles Guild Gents evening on Friday, October 24th, 6:30 p.m. for the "Boar & Castle 60's Cookout at my home. Come for a night of fun and fellowship.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendar to attend our 50th Anniversary Gala on November 1st at the Carolina Theatre, 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. It will be a fabulous and memorable evening! Special thanks to Chairs **Sharon Kasica, Nancy Bogard, Magz King and Frances Vinoski** and their Gala Committee.

Warmest regards,
Rebecca Schlosser
President, Greensboro Symphony Guild

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Over the past two years we have watched her move up to the executive level of the Guild. She was Vice President of Operations in 2013-14 and has now become Guild Treasurer for 2014-16.

Cindy is a very versatile volunteer. She can laugh with the group as we "fluff Christmas trees" the day before the Presentation Ball and then turn around to produce a detailed spreadsheet. We have seen her remain calm and positive under hectic circumstances. She also has fine people skills and we all want to work with her. She makes it fun!

When not volunteering for the Guild Cindy enjoys tennis and now has the pleasure of planning daughter Katie's wedding. Congratulations Cindy, we are honored to have you in the Guild and so happy to present you with this well-deserved award.

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Gala on a red carpet under the sparkle of flashing paparazzi. Once inside they may enjoy a drink at the cash bar and sample delicious food from Reto's.

Dignitaries to participate

The 50th Gala opening ceremony will begin promptly at 8 p.m. in Carolina Theatre's beautiful auditorium, so don't be late. Greensboro Mayor Nancy Vaughan will say a few words about the Guild's anniversary. Following this, Maestro Dmitry Sitkovetsky, accompanied by Greensboro Symphony's Resident Conductor Nate Beversluis, will perform the 1st movement of the John Corigliano Violin Sonata, which was premiered in Charleston, SC in 1964 at the Spoleto Festival and Gershwin's/Heifetz's "It Ain't Necessarily So" from Porgy and Bess.

Jazz and more

After the 50th Gala's brief opening ceremony, guests will continue to enjoy a Jazz ensemble, a silent auction, and a raffle for two signature prizes, including a David Yurman fashion bracelet donated by Fink's Jewelers and a cocktail party for 20 at Roy and Vanessa Carroll's penthouse. The evening will continue late into the night on the third floor where a DJ will spin favorite dance tunes from the past 50 years.

Tickets, attire

Remember, the Gala event begins at 7:00 p.m. Attire is cocktail dress and black tie optional, although guests are welcome to wear glamour fashion from their favorite decade.

Over 200 tickets have already been sold to the 50th Gala, so hurry! Tickets are \$85.00 and may be purchased at www.gsoguild.org.

Raffle tickets may also be purchased on the website for \$50 each or three for \$100.

We hope you will join us for our amazing anniversary celebration!

Wine and Paint with the Contemporaries

New to the Guild this year is the Greensboro Symphony Guild Contemporaries—GSG members age 45 and younger. Come join us for a wine and painting party at Wine and Design on Pembroke Road at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1st! The cost is \$35 per person. We will be painting Fall Pumpkins. To RSVP or for additional information about Contemporary events, please email one of the Co-Chairs—**Mary Ingram** or **Jennifer Pitts**.

Classics to gather for Wine & Cheese on October 1

All Classics and those interested in becoming a Classics are invited to a Wine & Cheese at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1 at the home of Jo Kennedy. Classics are Guild members of at least 65 years of age and having at least 10 years service with the Guild.

A few volunteers are needed to bring food, such as cheese and crackers, fruit, sandwiches or sweets. If you can help, please call Classics Chair **Judy Jolly** or send her an email.

Honors Quartet to perform at GSG October meeting

The Guild's October membership meeting will be on Wednesday, October 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Andrea Knupp. Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra Honors Quartet will present a program. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend. With a busy year ahead, your attendance and involvement are needed.

Hospitality Meetings Chair is **Joan Stevenson** and Vice Chair is **Rhonda Barrett**. Programs Chair is **Dorry Tooke**.

Matching talents, interests, needs



Ronda Szymanski

Hello Ladies of the GSG! Please allow me to introduce myself, Ronda Szymanski, the 2014-2015 GSO Guild Volunteer Coordinator. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you, the Greensboro Symphony Guild! As we work together to bring about another wonderful year of music and memories, I will be helping match the talents and interests of Guild members to the needs of the Greensboro Symphony Guild and the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra.

What an exciting year it is destined to be with the 50th Anniversary Gala, the 37th Presentation Ball and the Spring Golf and Tennis Tournament! In addition, there will be ongoing opportunities to assist the Education, Operations, Fund Raising and Marketing Councils with projects and programs throughout the year.

A huge thanks to all of you who have returned the 2014-2015 Membership Renewal Forms and have taken the time to indicate your talents and interests in serving the Guild this upcoming year. This information will be given to the appropriate committee chairs who will be contacting you when your help is needed. In addition, throughout the year I will be bringing to your awareness additional opportunities as needs arise. And the most exciting part of my job this year, meeting all of you, the ladies of the Guild, and getting to know you and finding out what interests you and what you love most about being in the Guild. You are truly the backbone of the Greensboro Symphony Guild! Thank you for your service, past, present and future!

With Gratitude,
Ronda Szymanski, GSG Volunteer Coordinator

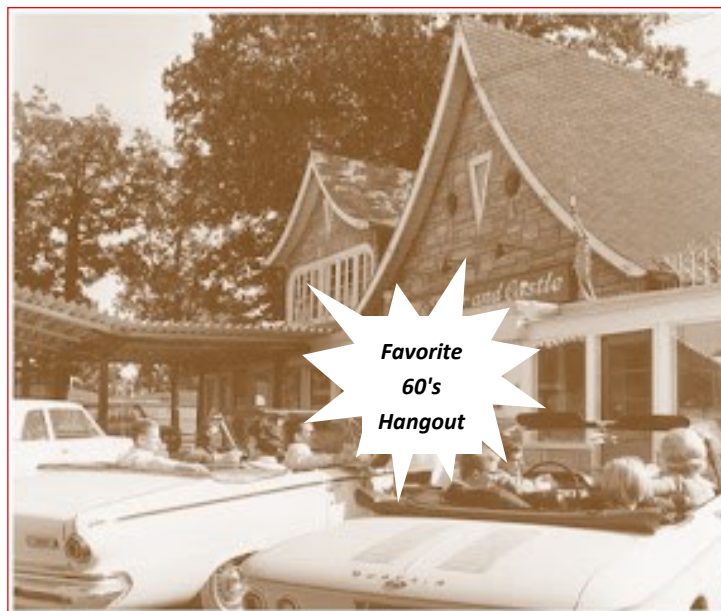
"Boar and Castle 60's Cookout" October 24th

Please mark your calendar to attend the Guild Gents "Boar and Castle 60's Cookout" for couples and singles on Friday, October 24th, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Rebecca and Mike Schlosser.

Enjoy an evening of 60's music and the original Greensboro's 60's castle burgers, butter steak

sandwiches, castle fries with salad, desserts, beverages and wine.

The Boar and Castle (*shown above*) was one of Greensboro's favorite "hang outs" in the 60's. Come enjoy a taste of this era as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Cost: \$20.00 per person. Watch your mail for invitation and details.





Super Sale Keeps on Rolling

The Guild's Super Sale Shopper Girl wants to share some very important information with all of our members! The Guild still has open accounts with the Red Collection AND with Replacements, Ltd, which means you can continue to donate your unique and/or gently used items to help raise money for the Guild this year!

The Red Collection accepts many different items, including furniture, artwork, lighting, decorative accessories, and more. You may drop off your things at either of their locations—1411 Mill St OR 1201 S Holden Rd—during their normal business hours, Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please be sure to let them know that we have a GSG account and that you are leaving items on behalf of the GSG. Checks are issued to the Guild at the end of each month, if your items sell.

If you have larger furniture items that need to be picked up, or if you have questions about what types of things they will accept, you can call them directly at 336-632-0091. There may be a charge to pick up larger items.

Replacements, Ltd, specializes in dishes, china, stainless flatware, silver flatware and serving pieces, figurines and collectibles. If you have items such as these to donate, please email **Debbie Heidfeld**. She will need a list detailing the name of the pattern, the exact pieces that you have, and the number of each; photos are also helpful.

Nate is Stuck, and Music in Middle Needs YOU!



In the upcoming Music in the Middle concerts, GSO Resident Conductor Nate Beversluis is stuck in the Golden Era of Hollywood and will need the kids' help to get back to 2014. But because the concerts will be held at a new venue this year—UNCG's Aycock Auditorium—the Guild needs YOUR help to make them run as smoothly as ever!

Dry run planned for volunteers—A

volunteer orientation for the new venue will be held at Aycock Auditorium on Thursday, October 9 at 10 a.m., for all those who can attend. The concert dates are Monday, October 13, and Tuesday, October 14. The program will include music from movies such as High Noon, Psycho, Back to the Future, and Jurassic Park, to name a few.

Around 25 volunteers are needed each day, 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you are able to volunteer for one or both of these mornings, please contact **Brenda Macfadden** by phone or email as soon as possible. See you at the concerts!

Greensboro Symphony 2014 Youth Orchestra Auditions

GSYO Auditions were held May 31 and September 3-7. A total of 188 musicians participated this year. Note that all musicians must audition every year. Also, some children travel over *two hours* each way to participate.

Ten Guild members assisted Peter Zlotnick, Education Manager for the GSO; Nate Beversluis, Youth Orchestra Music Director; and GSO adjudicators, Karen Collins and Stephanie Ezerman, as well as the Friends of the GSYO, in coordinating this “epic” undertaking.

Volunteers engaged, encouraged and occasionally consoled the aspiring young musicians, ages 6 to 18, as they guided them from warm-up to audition in a very timely manner. The chairs, **Rosemary Reed, Barbara Sanders** and **Andrea Zimmerman** provided water and light snacks for the volunteers and adjudicators during their shifts and breaks. The GSO continues to sincerely appreciate our Guild presence during this important event for music education.

Andrea Zimmerman is Chair; **Rosemary Reed** and **Barbara Sanders** are Vice Chairs.

Save the date for an unforgettable evening

As you make plans for the upcoming holidays, remember to save the date for the Symphony Guild Presentation Ball on Sunday, December 28. This black-tie event begins with the formal presentation of our 20 Symphony Debutantes, followed by dinner and dancing. If you have never seen this elegant and touching ceremony, you are missing something very special! Plan to join us. We would love to have a significant Guild-member presence to support this lovely 37-year tradition and to honor the Debs and their families.

Tickets are \$65 for the Presentation and dinner, or \$20 if you simply come for the dance portion of the evening. Details will follow in the November and December Guild Horns. Contact Presentation Chair **Lori Holt** for additional information.

Volunteers are needed for set up on December 23 and strike (packing up) on December 29. To volunteer, please contact **Beverly Wright**.

Welcome to our recent new members:

Cyenthia Barker
Betsy Craft
Karen Claypool
Kim Hall
Betsy Ridenhour
Lin Shropshire



SAVE THE DATE!

November 14

New Member Couples Social

Gala's Silent Auction items now at 100

Don't miss the Gala Silent Auction in the Renaissance Room on the second level, and don't forget to bring your credit cards and checks. Items include:

- Beach houses at Sunset, North Myrtle, North Topsail Beaches
- Behind-the-scenes tour for ten at Greensboro Science Center's SciQuarium, with Executive Director Glenn Dobrogosz
- Be a walk-on for one performance or practice with Greensboro Ballet, and be in six performances of the Nutcracker
- Tickets and a behind-the-scenes tour of Triad Stage
- Catered dinner for eight by Reto
- Gift Certificates from all your favorite restaurants and shops
- Nights of beauty, spa and laser treatments
- Round of golf for four at Grandover Resort and Conference Center
- Gourmet foods, wine and bourbon tastings
- Dance lessons
- Art
- Jewelry

Go to our website in October for a complete listing of items.

Change coming to two General Membership meetings—*box lunches!*

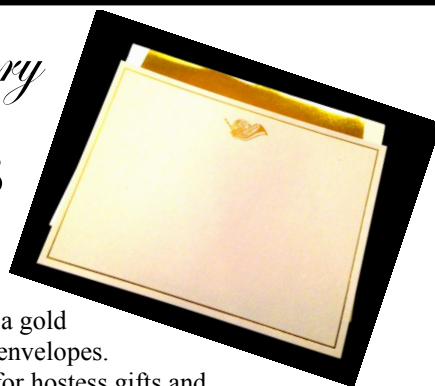
The November 12th and January 21st General Membership meetings will be held in homes at 11:30 a.m., with box lunches available at a cost of \$10 each. The lunches must be ordered in advance, but payment can be made at the meeting or online. About three weeks prior to the meeting, Hospitality Chair **Joan Stevenson** and Vice Chair **Rhonda Barrett** will email a menu to Guild members. They will take orders and make arrangements with a caterer to deliver on the morning of the meeting. Anyone who orders lunch and does not show up will still be expected to pay. The Guild of Family Services has been doing this for several years and it is enjoyed by all. Watch for more details in November.

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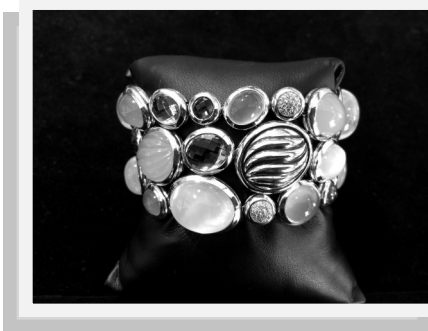
Note Cards

The Guild has its very own note cards to commemorate the 50th Anniversary. These elegant cards are embossed with a gold French horn and come with gold-lined envelopes. Packaged 15 to a box, they are perfect for hostess gifts and birthdays or a special treat for yourself.

You may purchase the cards at monthly Guild meetings, online or by contacting **Carol Bohrer**. The cost is \$20 per box or 3 boxes for \$50.



You'll just love our Gala Raffle prizes!



Here's a preview of two very exciting items —

◆ A stunning David Yurman, sculpted, mosaic bracelet (*shown at left*), donated by Fink's Jewelers.

This beautiful bracelet is sterling silver, with light blue Chalcedony, Lolite, Milky Aqua, Prasiolite, Moon Quartz, and Diamonds, valued at \$6000.

◆ A Cocktail Party for 20, hosted by Roy and

Vanessa Carroll at their beautiful penthouse overlooking the downtown Greensboro skyline. This wonderful prize is valued at \$2500.

Raffle tickets are \$50 each or 3 for \$100. You may choose which drawing you would like to enter. Raffle tickets and instructions for purchase are being mailed with Gala Invitations. The tickets can also be purchased online, at the September 24th Luncheon and at the Gala. Be sure to bring your credit card.

Glass of champagne with purchase of raffle ticket.



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OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 1** **Classics Wine and Cheese**, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. at the home of **Jo Kennedy**. **Judy Jolly**, chair.

- 1** **Contemporaries**, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Wine and Design (painting), 1821 Pembroke Road; **Mary Ingram** and **Jennifer Pitts**, Chairs.

- 6** **Executive Board Meeting**, Monday, 11:30 a.m. at Lucky 32, 1421 Westover Terrace.

- 6,7** **SOVA Roundtable**, at First Presbyterian Church, 1324 Marion St., Columbia, SC. The theme will be "A Decade of High Notes", in celebration of the organization's 10th anniversary.

- 7** **Deadline** for submitting items for November Guild Horn.

- 8** **Full Board Meeting**, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. at the home of **Mary Ingram**.

- 13, 14** **Music In The Middle**, Monday and Tuesday, 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., for Guilford County Middle Schools, at Aycock Auditorium. **Kim Littrell**, Chair; **Brenda Macfadden** and **Alison Santiago**, Vice Chairs.

- 22** **General Membership Meeting**, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. at the home of **Andrea Knupp**; program: GSYO String Honors Quartet. **Joan Stevenson**, Chair; **Rhonda Barrett**, Vice Chair.

- 24** **Guild Gents Couples/Singles Social**, Friday, 6:30 p.m., "Boar and Castle 60's Cookout", at the home of **Mike and Rebecca Schlosser**.

- 25** **Greensboro Symphony Family Concert**, Saturday, 11:00 a. m. at Westover Church; "Music from the Movies", including Bugs Bunny cartoons, Back to the Future and Jurassic Park.

- 25** **Greensboro Symphony POPS**, Saturday, 8:00 p.m. at Westover Church, "Texas Tenors". These good ol' boys, first introduced to the nation on "America's Got Talent", combine their personal charisma and powerful harmonies in a mixture of country, contemporary, and operatic favorites.