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Well•Spring Tree Decorating Contest Coming in December

The Guild is one of 12 charitable organizations invited to participate in the Well•Spring Tree Decorating Contest. We automatically earn \$500 for participating and could win \$2500 if we are voted "best in show". Anyone can vote for his or her favorite tree. You get three votes daily from December 2-16. You can even apply all three of your votes to one tree if you'd like. (Hint, Hint!)

Kristie Smith is chairing the Guild tree and has planned a magical winter wonderland tree covered in ornaments hand crafted by our talented members. The tree will feature birds, magnolias, and mini-wreaths, all made from "vintage" sheet music. It will even feature photos of some of our young musicians. Of course, everything will be accented in gold for our 50th Anniversary!



The Greensboro Symphony Guild Presentation Ball was held Saturday, December 28, 1985 at the Sheraton Hotel Ballroom. Twenty-eight young women were presented. Mrs. Anne Daniel was the Ball Chairman, and Mrs. John Barney (Charlotte), Honorary Chairman. Mayor John Forbis served as Master of Ceremonies and Mr. Miles Wolff, Honorary Master of Ceremonies.

It was in Mr. Wolff's term as Symphony Society President that the Guild was formed back in 1964, and through the years he remained a strong supporter of the Guild.

The first Presentation Ball was held at Blandwood Mansion in December 1978.

Come to Well•Spring on Tuesday, December 2 for fireworks at 5:30 p.m. and stay for the opening reception from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by The Season's Best Carolers—a perfect way to catch the holiday spirit. Then plan to vote, vote, vote for the Guild's "Music Makers" tree, and tell your friends to do the same! Watch your email and our Facebook page for updates.

Name that Tune, great time to support GSO

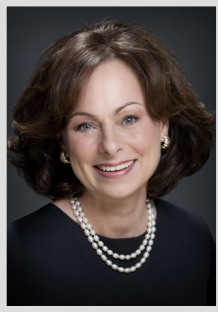
The Greensboro Symphony Orchestra is once again sponsoring the Name That Tune event at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2015, at Greensboro Country Club. This promises to be a great evening with open bar, dinner and auction. The Name That Tune game will focus on this year's theme of The Beatles, with a live band. It is sure to be a fun-filled evening with lots of great music and a little competitive spirit!

This is a great opportunity for us to support the GSO and their fund raising efforts, as well as get together for a great time! The GSO Board and its members continue to strive to be supportive of Guild events, and this is a great opportunity for us to participate with all in a great evening.

It would be wonderful for the Guild to have a strong presence at this event to support the GSO. **Andrea Knupp**, Name That Tune Liaison, has reserved some tables for Guild members - six couples per table, at \$250 per couple. Please let her know of your interest and availability and she will add your name to the group and give payment instructions.

Many thanks for considering this great evening and for your support of our GSO!

Note from the President



Schlosser

What a fabulous and memorable night of celebration at the 50th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, November 1st at the Carolina Theatre with 350 in attendance! Although not all the accounting is complete, I am thrilled to report that the event is projected to make over \$50,000!

A special thanks to Event Gala Chair **Sharon Kasica** and Vice Chairs **Nancy Bogard**, **Magz King** and **Frances Vinoski**. **Carol Bohrer** did an exceptional job with the silent auction; **Barbara Hemphill** as Treasurer; **Sherri Hill** and **Olivia Gillespie** designing the beautiful invitations; **Ronda Szymanski** and **Andrea Knupp** decorations and organizational details; **Sandy Weston** silent auction check-out; **Barbara Carter**, **Hal Phillips** and all the Gala Committee.

The Guild received outstanding 50th Anniversary publicity coverage in the News & Record article, "Sound of Success", and in TV coverage two days on the Good Morning Show. **Magz King** worked with At The Ritz on vintage dresses worn on the show by **Betsy Craft**, **Andrea Alemanni**, **Andrea Knupp** and myself. Thanks to Publicity Chair **Debbie Faircloth** and Co-Chair **Pam Smith**.

Music In The Middle was held at Aycock Auditorium this year and our Guild members did a wonderful job coordinating plans, directing students from the buses into the auditorium, then back to the buses after the concert. Thanks to Chair **Kim Littrell** and Vice Chairs **Brenda Macfadden**, **Alison Santiago** and **Dorry Tooke** for a job well done.

Our Guild Gents "Boar & Castle 60's Cookout" was most successful with 115 attending. It was a casual evening of fun, good food and fellowship for all. Many thanks to **Mojgan Jordan** for her special assistance. **Dianne Pusch** and her husband provided two 60's vintage cars which were parked in the front drive, highlighting the 60's theme.

Please mark your calendar to visit the Well•Spring Christmas Tree Contest and vote for our Symphony Guild Tree. The trees will be on display for voting from December 2nd to December 16th. The winner will receive \$2,500.

I encourage everyone to attend this year's Symphony Presentation Ball on Sunday, December 28th, 8:00 p.m., at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons. Chair is **Lori Holt** and Vice Chair is **Beverly Wright**. Our Presentation Ball is truly a beautiful evening, continuing our long tradition of presenting our debutantes as ambassadors of music education and appreciation.

You will not want to miss Guild Gals Night Out on Thursday, January 15th, 5:30 p.m., at Graffiti's Bistro, 301 Pisgah Church Road, Chaired by **Lex Kulman** and **Ronda Szymanski**.

The next General Membership Meeting will be Wednesday, January 21st, 11:30 a.m., at the home of **Cathy Rice**, Chaired by **Joan Stevenson** and **Rhonda Barrett**. Dima Sitkovetsky will have the program.

I thank each and everyone for your wonderful support as we continue to celebrate our 50th Anniversary year.

Warmest regards,
Rebecca Schlosser
President, Greensboro Symphony Guild

Don't Miss

Mark your calendar and
plan to attend

Guild Gals Night Out

Thursday, January 15 at 5:30

Graffiti's Bistro

301 Pisgah Church Rd.

Chair **Lex Kulman**

Vice Chair **Ronda Szymanski**



January General

Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 21 at 11:30

Home of **Cathy Rice**

301 Sunset Drive

Bach's Lunches will be available
(sandwich choices TBA)

Program: **Dmitry Sitkovetsky**
New slate of Guild Officers presented

Chair **Joan Stevenson**

Vice Chair **Rhonda Barrett**



Speakers Bureau offers Power Point presentation

The Guild's Community Relations Co-Chairs are pleased to announce the creation of a "Speaker's Bureau" Power Point production, available for presentation to community organizations.

If you have suggestions for presentation opportunities, please contact a Community Relations chair: **Josie Gibboney** or **Andrea Alemanni**.



Wendy and Scott Rawls performed at the General Membership Meeting of the Guild on November 12 at the home of Leslie Scirratt. The meeting was attended by more than 45 members, including several new members. Lex Kulman and Ronda Szymanski were at the door to greet everyone.

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 25, 2015 luncheon at Starmount Forest Country Club.

The deadline for submitting nominations for this award is January 15, 2015. You may obtain a nominations form by contacting **Frances Vinoski** (Nominations Chair).

SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, February 7, 2015
at The Greensboro Country Club
7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. for pre-reception)
For more information visit:
greensborosymphony.org/support/name-that-tune

NOTICE

If you know of a Guild member who is ill or has had a loss please contact
 Corresponding Secretary
Kim Jones

50th Anniversary

Note Cards

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.





Thanks to a great team, Gala tops expectations

50th Anniversary Gala brings in \$15,000 more than expected

Dear Guild Members:

I am very excited to share the success of our 50th Anniversary Gala that took place on November 1 at the historic Carolina Theatre. Approximately 350 attended, each wearing their finest attire. Our Silent Auction, with 116 offerings, brought in \$15,000. In addition, 186 raffle tickets were purchased. So, now that most of our revenue and expenses have been tabulated, I am thrilled to report that we raised approximately \$50,000 for music education—\$15,000 over our goal—and *the perfect “number” for our 50th Anniversary!* The record setting success can be credited to the dedication and hard work of many Gala committee members.

Please join me in thanking them:

Frances Vinoski, Nancy Bogard and Magz King, Event Co-Chairs, who planned and executed every detail for the Gala;

Andrea Knupp, who worked with Gala Chairs, helped with decorations, media and arranged the signature music performances;

Debbie Faircloth and Pam Smith, who worked with local media for coverage in magazines, newspapers and TV shows;

Barbara Hemphill, Gala Treasurer, who managed sponsorship payments, ticket sales, silent auction transactions, and more;

Susan Schwartz, Community Relations Chair, who facilitated a meeting with community organizations to garner their support, a collaboration the Guild plans to nurture going forward;

Dianne Pusch, Sponsorship Chair, who provided administrative oversight and support for all sponsorship efforts;

Sherri Hill and Olivia Gillespie, Invitation/Program Co-Chairs, and committee member **Laura Green**, who created the programs, raffle tickets and the invitation (which was mailed to over 600 guests);

Carol Bohrer, Silent Auction Chair, and committee members **Leigh Ann Safrit, Nancy Beaver, Kim Jones, and Maureen Burns**, who solicited 116 auction items, prepared and arranged the items and worked throughout the night to be sure that every item was sold;

Dorry Tooke, Check-In Chair, and committee members **Joan Stevenson, Donna Camp and Mary Ann Vinson**, who checked in guests in a professional and efficient manner;

Sandy Weston, who oversaw the Silent Auction check-out and delivery of unclaimed items;



↑ Glitz and glamour greeted TV viewers on October 29th when Rebecca Schlosser, Betsy Craft, Andrea Knupp and Andrea Alemanni appeared on WFMY's Morning Show, to promote the Guild's 50th Anniversary Gala..



← Gala Chair Sharon Kasica is shown being interviewed by WFMY-TV anchor Jackie Fernandez. Waiting behind the scenes were Magz King, Ronda Szymanski, Pam Smith and Debbie Faircloth, who were there to assist the models.

Ronda Szymanski, Brittany Carroll and Betsy Craft, Decoration Committee members who worked with Magz King to bring the glitz and glam that made the Gala so memorable from beginning to end;

Rebecca Schlosser, who was a generous sponsor, helped work through “tough” decisions and was available for every meeting, TV show, interview, crisis, and more!

Guild members and Past-Presidents, whose generous sponsorship made the Gala the spectacular and historical event we knew it could be.

Guild members who I failed to recognize here, but helped in some large or small way to make the Gala a success.

Together, we can make all things possible. It has been my honor to serve with these amazing women.

—**Sharon Kasica**,

50th Anniversary Gala Event Chair



December 1, 2014

Dear Guild Members,

The 2015 Symphony Guild Presentation Ball will be held on Monday, December 28, 2015. Mrs. Patrick Eugene Glenn Wright, Jr. (Beverly) will be the Ball Chair.

The Selection Committee has been formed and is ready to accept the 2015 Debutante applications. Please read the Purpose and Selection Criteria carefully. Application forms may be obtained after January 1st by calling me at the number listed below. Completed applications, including the required sponsorship letter, should be mailed to me.

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

Sincerely,

Kristie

Mrs. Gregory Edward Smith
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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2014-15
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—New Member—

The Guild welcomes our
newest member:

Pam Pegram
of
Gibsonville

Be sure to add Pam's
name to your Guild
Yearbook



Holts and Drinkards host cookout for deb dads

Fathers of debutantes gathered on October 19th at the home of Lori and Mark Holt for a Deb Dads' Barbecue Cookout. Shown above are Lori Holt, Frank Pugh, John Drinkard and Richard Valitutto.

Sue and John Drinkard hosted the event with the Holts. John will serve as Master of Ceremonies of the Presentation Ball on December 28.



*You are cordially invited
to attend the 36th Anniversary
Presentation of the Symphony Debutantes
followed by Dinner and the Ball
Sunday the twenty-eighth of December 2014
Presentation at eight o'clock in the evening
Cocktail reception at half after six o'clock
The Sheraton Greensboro Hotel Four Seasons
Black Tie \$65 per person*

*Checks may be made to the
Greensboro Symphony Guild
and mailed by Thursday, December 18th to:
Mrs. William Alvin Richardson*

**REQUEST FOR
VOLUNTEERS
FOR DEB BALL
SET-UP**

The Symphony Debutante Ball committee desperately needs your help! We need at least 50 volunteers to help set up at the Sheraton Four Seasons on December 23.

Last year, we finished in one day, with helpful hands. Please, please consider giving your time and energy on the 23rd!

Please contact
Beverly Wright
to volunteer for
either or both shifts,
8:00 to 12:00 and
2:00 to 4:00.



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DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 to 16** **Well-Spring Christmas Tree Decorating Contest.** Trees will be displayed for voting from Tuesday, December 2nd at 12:00 noon through Tuesday, December 16th. The Symphony Guild will have a tree on display. Please go to Well-Spring and vote for the Symphony Guild Christmas Tree. **Kristie Smith**, Chair.
- 7** **Deadline** for submitting items for January/February Guild Horn.
- 14** **Fox 8/Old Dominion Holiday Concert**, Sunday, 5:00 p.m., at Greensboro Coliseum, featuring the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra, with appearances by Summit Figure Skating Club and Santa Claus. Doors open for seating at 3:30; admission and parking FREE, with donation of a non-perishable food item to benefit Salvation Army. (The Guild will feed the orchestra at 3:30 p.m. **Linda Wilson**, Chair; **Mary Ellen Burke**, Vice Chair.)
- 28** **Symphony Presentation Ball**, Sunday, presentation at 8:00 p.m.; dinner at 9:00 p.m., ball at 10:00 p.m., Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons. **Lori Holt**, Chair; **Beverly Wright**, Vice Chair; **Catherine Rice**, Honorary Chair; **John Drinkard**, Master of Ceremonies. *All Members are invited to attend the Presentation and Dinner. Reservations are required.*
- 31** **Greensboro Symphony POPS**, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. at Westover Church; "Leading Men of Broadway". Three talented leading men (and one talented leading lady) join the GSO for some of the Great White Way's most memorable moments, featuring songs like "Ya Got Trouble", "Maria", "This is the Moment", and a medley from Les Miserables.

January 2015 dates to remember (details in Guild directory)

- 5** **Executive Board Meeting**, Monday, 11:30 a.m. at Lucky 32, 1421 Westover Terrace.
- 7** **Full Board Meeting**, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. at the home of **Suzy Walker**.
- 15** **Guild Gals Night Out**, Thursday, 5:30 p.m. at Graffiti's Bistro, 301 Pisgah Church Road.
- 15** **Deadline** for submitting Barbara Cone Award nominations.
- 21** **General Membership Meeting**, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at the home of **Cathy Rice**.
- 23** **Masterworks Concert**, Friday, 8:00 p.m., Aycock Auditorium.
- 24** **Masterworks Concert**, Saturday, 8:00 p.m., Dana Auditorium.
- 25** **Rice Toyota Sitkovetsky & Friends Chamber Concert**, Sunday, 3:00 p.m. at UNCG School of Music.