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President's Message

Jackie Guaderrama

Greetings to all. Looking back as we approach the end of 2008, we can see that the Guild has been extremely active. Congratulations to President-Elect Teri Fahs for organizing the sale of the Symphony of Flavors from the Southwest cookbooks at the Weems International Artfest.

Thanks to Teresa Edens and the social committee for two lovely luncheon events this year. We look forward to what is planned for the Spring. Our luncheons are always well attended, which indicates how much everyone looks forward and enjoys them.

Our Celebrity Conductor Contest winner will be announced December 19th at "A Very Merry Pops Concert" at 7:30 at Popejoy Hall. Our four contestants have been competing for votes since November 1st, and the candidate with the most votes will conduct a selection at the Pops Concert. Our four contestants, Tom Bohlman, Cindy Hernandez-Wall, Peter Parnegg, and Carol Rickert Asbury, have had a conductor's lesson with Maestro Figueroa and are poised to take the stage and baton. The Guild sponsors this fundraiser, and it promises to be a successful and fun-filled evening for all in attendance, not to mention the excitement of our four contestants.

The Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition

for Piano and Strings is our next major Guild event. The competition will be held February 14th at Keller Hall and is an opportunity for musicians in grades 9–12 to compete for cash prizes and to perform with the NMSO. After 16 years, the competition will expand from piano to include strings. As always, change presents many challenges and is an enormous undertaking. Many volunteers are needed to continue to make this exceptional competition a continued success. Please contact Karla Bressan or Carol Horner if you would like to volunteer.

March 28th is the date for the Symphony Ball. This traditional gala is the culmination of events for the Guild. Thirty-four lovely Señoritas have spent months volunteering in various community service opportunities and will be presented as "Señoritas of the Symphony" at the Ball. Numerous volunteers are needed in various capacities. Corporate sponsors are vital to the success of the Ball. If you know of a possible sponsor or if you would like to volunteer, contact Helen Marquez.

Please continue to volunteer for the Peter & the Wolf presentations. This program requires an extraordinary number of docents and serves the entire 1st grade population of Albuquerque and Rio Rancho.

As always, I urge you to support the NMSO and Chorus in 2009. They are a tremendous source of pride for Albuquerque and New Mexico. The quality of the concerts is truly an amazing pleasure.

As this year comes to a close, whatever your faith, may we reflect on the past, have hope in the future, and remember those less fortunate.

A special thank you to Mary Ann Weems for so generously providing space for the Guild to display and sell our cookbooks.

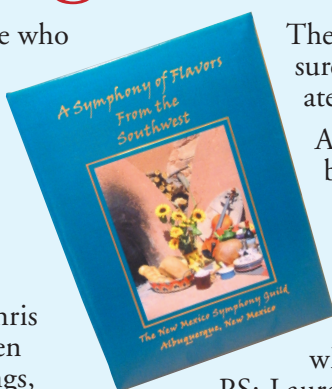
Best holiday wishes and peace in 2009,

Jackie

Cookbook Sales at Weems Art Festival

A Huge Success!

Please accept my heartfelt thanks to everyone who assisted with the cookbook sale at the Weems International Artsfest. I would like to especially thank Helen Marquez and JiSan Lopez for setting up the booth and Linn Furnish for taking it down. The following Guild members graciously gave of their time to staff the booth: Sue Brown, Teresa Edens, Linn Furnish, Jackie Guaderrama, Ray Heidfeld, Teena King, Chris Lee, Marigail Littlefield, Karen Lynch, Karen McDaniel, Gayle McCormick, Gale Rawlings, Mary Rosenthal, and Marcy Salazar, , , . I am told everyone had a grand time, the booth was beautiful, and the Guild made \$2300.



The next time you visit with Ann Mulhern, be sure to thank her for the *fantastic* posters she created for the booth.

As we enter the holidays, remember the cookbooks for hostess gifts and presents. There are still approximately six cases, or 144, books remaining. Books will be available at the December luncheon, the Symphony office, or by calling me directly—293-5686. Again, thanks a million to everyone who helped make this such a great success.

PS: Laurel's wedding was fantastic!

Teri Fahs
President-Elect

Please remember to vote for your favorite Conductor! Just think... if every Guild member participated with just one \$20 vote, we could contribute approximately \$6400 to this great fundraiser for the NMSO!

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Happy Holidays from the Education Programs!

Why not celebrate the end of the year and the holidays by attending one of the wonderful Neighborhood Concerts that our NMSO offers gratis to the public?

Rio Rancho High School will host one December 3rd at 7 p.m. The Rio Rancho Mid-High Symphonic Band will open the concert, and the Rio Rancho High School Orchestra will play a side-by-side with the NMSO.

The Raymond Sanchez Community Center will host a second Neighborhood Concert on December 4th at 7:00 p.m. The Garfield Middle School Orchestra will open this concert.

Continuing in the vein of appreciation, many thanks go to all who have supported our education programs throughout the fall. Between the Peter & the Wolf presentations and the Fifth-Grade Popejoy Concerts, we have served over 11,000 elementary school children in our fair city during the last 4 months. We could not have done this without our many active docents and volunteers. A special thank-you goes to Karla Bressan, Linn Furnish, and Judy Mullen who have coordinated these projects.

Please continue to support our education efforts throughout the spring. There will be many opportunities to serve our youth, whether you are a docent for the numerous ongoing Peter & the Wolf presentations, volunteer for the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition for Piano and Strings on Saturday, February 14th or volunteer for the Fourth-Grade Popejoy Concerts May 5th, 6th and 7th. We always appreciate your time, efforts, and positive attitudes!

Leslie Kim, VP Education

Membership Committee News

Our membership committee continues its quest for new and enthusiastic people to join the Guild! We have had two very successful New Member Socials and will have another on February 25th at the home of Membership Vice-President Yvette Stout Lyle.

Since the last newsletter, we have had two new members join and one renew. Please welcome and help them become involved in our many committees and outreach activities.

New Members: **Richard M. Spray & Ashlene Miller.**

Renewing Member: **Susan Rogers.**

Remember our best success is when our own members refer

friends or new acquaintances. It is also a good idea to talk to friends and family who were past members of the NMSG about rejoining. Let them know about all the new things the Guild is doing. Let them know that we have many long time members but many recent members have become very involved in the Guild.

In these times, the NMSO needs our support more than ever! Encourage your friends to join and get involved at any level!

If you know of any one that would enjoy membership, please feel free to contact any of the members of the membership committee.

Yvette Lyle, VP Membership

Nominating Committee Announces New Slate

The committee met in November to discuss a slate of officers for 2009–2010. We are very grateful to the following Guild members who have agreed to serve:

- President-Elect: **Diane Fleming** • Secretary: **Mary Sue Warner** with back-up from **Terry Pribyl**
- Treasurer: **Alyce Cummins** • Assistant Treasurer: **Marian Ciepiela**
- VP Membership: **Yvette Lyle** • VP Education: **Leslie Kim**
- VP Señoritas: **Tina Locke**

Guild members will have the opportunity to vote on this slate of nominees at the general membership meeting in March.

Donna Pedace, Nominating Committee Chair



Señoritas of the Symphony



The Señoritas have been incredibly busy wrapping up the first half of their Señorita year. I am reminded daily how fortunate the program is to attract these young women. Not only do the Señoritas attend the many activities and community service events that the program provides, but they also maintain high GPAs in school; participate in community service events through their churches, schools, and civic organizations; and participate in sports, choirs, DECA, and other school-related activities. I am exhausted just thinking about what all they do and how well they do it while attending the many facets of the Señorita program. The Guild should be proud that the fine young women who go through the program to represent us in the community.

Our interesting and fun activities for November included:

November 2nd the Señoritas volunteered at the Animal Humane Doggie Dash and Dawdle by passing out water to the dogs and humans participating in the event.

On November 20th, the Señoritas and their families met at Brickyard Pizza for dinner.

Many thanks to Brickyard Pizza for opening their business to the approximately 60 people who attended, providing a space for only the Señoritas and their families to use, and for donating pizzas to the Señoritas.

After dinner the girls went to Popejoy Hall to meet with

Maestro Guillermo Figueroa and the Orchestra and enjoyed the dress rehearsal. On Friday night the NMSO provided tickets to the Señoritas to attend and enjoy the actual performance of the dress rehearsal the night before. **Many thanks to the NMSO for this opportunity!**

On November 22nd and 29th, several Señoritas volunteered for the Festival of the Trees to benefit Carrie Tingley Hospital.

The Señorita Mother/Daughter Tea will be held on December 14th at Jackie Guaderrama's home. We will be collecting bags of non-perishable food items to donate to The Storehouse for the Holiday Season. After this event the Señoritas will have a few weeks off to enjoy the holidays with their families and some well deserved rest to be ready for the fast-paced second half of the Señorita season.

We continue to seek Acompañantes. If you know of any young men who would be interested in participating as an Acompañante, please pass on the information to Nate Zich at 615-0643 or email him at NateZich@yahoo.com. Lesly Stern is the Future Señorita chair, and she would be interested in any young ladies who will be seniors in high school for the 2009—2010 school year. Contact her at lcstern@hotmail.com or at 255-8343.

Tina Locke,
VP Señoritas

*Wishing You and Yours a Wonderful Holiday Season
and a Happy & Healthy New Year!*

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