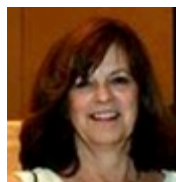


July 2015



Summer: Water gets warmer. Drinks get colder. Music gets louder. Nights get longer. Life gets better — Unknown



Greetings to all!!! As the new Music Guild year begins now, in the heat of the summer, our Vice-Presidents are working hard to keep the music flowing.

Membership VP's, Donna Nicholas and Yvette Lyle, are organizing a year of fabulous luncheons, and as an added bonus, they're planning a brand new fundraiser—a gently used designer purse auction, to be hosted at Pam Berg's home on Sunday, October 18. This new initiative promises to be an entertaining way to purchase a beautiful purse while helping the Music Guild raise money. More on this as we get closer to the date.

The Vice-Presidents of Señoritas, Pam Berg and Pam Reardon, are planning many new, exciting activities for our incoming Señoritas. These young ladies have a busy and wonderful year ahead of them.

Paula Bradley, our Vice-President of JMYAC, and her committee set the date for the JMYAC competition for February 13, 2016. Applications for the Young Artists Competition are currently available online, and we look forward to amazing performances by some very talented young musicians.

The Grant Selection Committee, headed by Vice-President Marianne Kelly, is staffed and ready to go. The committee is looking forward to reviewing applications once all of the applications have been submitted.

The Vice-Presidents for the 2016 Señorita Ball, Carol Cooper-Skopil and Gayle McCormick, are already organizing, planning, and working on the logistics of putting together another successful ball on April 2, 2016. They will be looking for volunteers to work with them on the Ball Committee, so if anyone is interested, we encourage you to contact one of the VPs.

Our Vice-President of Education, Diana Whitehouse, is busy working on venues for *Peter and The Wolf* and our Instrument Petting Zoo, and will soon be asking for volunteers for this Fall's Popejoy Youth Concerts.

And last but not least, our Vice-President of Communication, Jackie Tobias, continues to publish our newsletters, the *Keynotes*, and is putting this newsletter together as I type this. This is not usually an easy task, since some of us, like me, do not always meet the deadlines.

Now is the time to think about renewing your membership, either by US post or online. You help us make everything we do possible, and we sincerely thank you for your continued support.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our first luncheon in September, so look forward to details in our regular Friday E-Blast.

Stay cool and enjoy the summer.

Denise Lemanski, President

Señoritas on the go...



We are really excited about our new Señorita class. Our calendar starts in August with Orientation, and during the year, we will continue our Community service projects with Joy Junction and the Rio Grande Food Pantry. We will have a Mother-Daughter Cooking event at Now We're Cooking, and our Life Skills seminars will include Car Care, Self Defense and Skirt Strategies by Katie Snapp. We are also planning a Hay Ride and Painting Party.

Pam Berg, Co-VP Señoritas

Promising Plans for Luncheons



The Membership Co-Chairs have been busy lining up meeting places for membership luncheons for the 2015-16 year, and we've been successful! The plan is to start at 11:30 am with one-half hour

to socialize (and have a glass of wine, please!), lunch to be served at 12:00, have a brief business meeting, and be finished by 1:30. Further information about the meetings will be mailed six weeks prior to the luncheon. Please mark your calendars so you don't miss a one!!

September 16 - Sandia Casino

December 12 - Marriott Hotel on Louisiana

March 16 - Tanoan Country Club

May 18 - Albuquerque Country Club

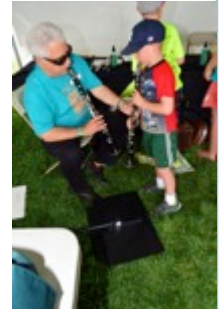
In addition, a *Precious, Palpable and Pampering* fundraising event is being planned for **October 18**, and you *definitely* don't want to miss this! It *Promises* to be *Perfect* fun! Stay tuned!

Donna Nicholas, Co-VP Membership

Education Programs Picking up Momentum

We had one of our most successful education events at the Albuquerque Folk Festival on June 6, 2015, at The Balloon Park.

We presented *Peter and the Wolf* to a large group of people of all ages. As one attendee wrote, "Just a lovely experience, and what a wonderful way to present classical music to children." More about this on page 5.



In our booth, we set up a music petting zoo to offer hands on experience with the instruments. We passed out classical music CD's, T-shirts, and information about the Music Guild. As always when we get together with other members at Guild events, we enjoy each other's company and just have a good time while we work. You may be interested in helping us at our next event! It was a lot of fun.

Soon we will be preparing to help facilitate Concerts at Popejoy for elementary students in the Fall and Spring of next year. Also, we had so

much success with the *Peter and the Wolf* presentations at the libraries, we plan to continue expanding.



We are looking for places to give presentations and set up our music petting zoo. Have an idea? We would love to hear from you!

Music Matters to all of us. We recognize the need to educate everyone about bringing music into our lives.

Diana Whitehouse
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May Luncheon Celebration at the Ranchers Club

Our fourth Guild luncheon, held at the Ranchers' Club on May 13, was well-attended by Guild members, grantees, and guests. This celebratory annual meeting and luncheon is the venue where the yearly mission of the Music Guild of New Mexico is realized and the 2015 MGNM Grant winners receive their checks.



new Board of Directors was introduced and installed. Members of the outgoing Board of Directors were easily recognized as they wore the flowers presented to them at an earlier board meeting.

Before lunch was served,



and talent far beyond their years.

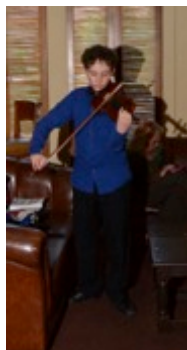
A delicious light lunch was served consisting of creamy tomato bisque, tenderloin salad, and a generous sampling of miniature cakes donated by Nothing Bundt Cakes. After lunch, the



Enhancing the celebration, winners of the Jackie McGehee Young Artists Competition (JMYAC) performed and the



Ishan Loomba on piano and Phoenix Avalon on violin, the winners of JMYAC, captivated their audience with their amazing musicality, poise,



remaining silent auction items were raffled off and brought in almost \$200.

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks go to Rick and Roz Cohen who were awarded the Jackie Guaderrama Notable Member award for all their volunteer work during the year. They attend all

the Guild events as photographers and work

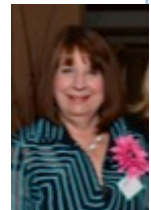
tirelessly on the *Peter and the Wolf* Program, the Instrument Petting Zoo, the Popejoy Youth Concerts, the Ball, and a lot more.



They are our unofficial historians.

Representatives of each of the winning nineteen (19) 2015 grant applicants stepped

forward to accept their grant money, and the Annual Meeting portion of the afternoon culminated with Yvette Lyle being presented with the annual Grace Note award, a gold necklace



with a pendant shaped in the form of a quarter note.

The afternoon was brought to a close with a skit performed by Teresa



Edens and her guest Gayle Smart about the trials and tribulations of middle aged women trying to find a suitable swimsuit.



Teresa Edens
Past VP Membership

MGNM Takes Part in Albuquerque Folk Festival

On June 6th, the Guild was delighted to be a part of the annual Albuquerque Folk Festival (AFF) at the Balloon



Museum, which turned out to be the most energizing and successful education gig ever! Our Musical Instrument Petting Zoo and Barry Simon's presentation of *Peter and the Wolf* were very well-received by both

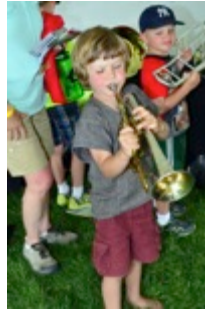
the AFF folks and all those who came to our programs.

Just the fact we got the word out about MGNM was absolutely invaluable, and the pictures of so many children of all ages engaged with our



instruments prove that. The pictures for your viewing pleasure on the Guild website are definitely worth a look.

Having both of our programs running simultaneously, the Petting Zoo and *Peter and the Wolf*, was another plus. Barry had a full house, and it was amazing to watch toddlers glued to their seats and



transfixed by his presentation.

Many thanks to our incredible volunteers, Lesley Mortimer, Monica Bowlin, Liz and Tori Lucero, Rick Cohen, Carol Friedman, Sharen and Steve Hart, Teresa Edens, Denise Lemanski, and Barry

Simon for all their hours and hard work, keeping so many instruments in play at the same time!

Special thanks go to Diana Whitehouse for gathering everything that was needed for that day to be successful.

We're always looking to expand our outreach, so if you have any suggestions for future venues for these programs, please contact Diana Whitehouse.



Roz Cohen
Past VP Education

"It's easy to play any musical instrument: all you have to do is touch the right key at the right time and the instrument will play itself."

— Johann Sebastian Bach

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Young Artists Competition Set for 2016

The Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings will be held Saturday, February 13, 2016, in Keller Hall on the UNM Campus. Our goal is to provide the best experience for the young people who enter.

As a Guild member, mark your calendars and commit to volunteering for one of the many jobs involved before, during or after the event. Treat yourself to beautiful music and inspiring young musicians by attending the Competition. Our contestants will be students ages 13 to seniors in high school who have worked very hard to achieve extraordinary musical capabilities. See and hear for yourself!

The application and approved repertoire for contestants are available on our website at musicguildofnewmexico.org

Paula Bradley
Vice President JMYAC



Upcoming Events

September 16, 2015 - Luncheon at Sandia Resort and Casino

October 18, 2015 - Designer Purse Auction Fundraiser

December 12 - Luncheon at Marriott Hotel on Louisiana

February 13, 2016 - Young Artists' Competition

March 16, 2016 - Luncheon at Tanoan Country Club

April 2, 2016 - 2016 Señorita Ball

May 18, 2016 - Luncheon at ABQ Country Club

