



NEWS from the Fort Collins Symphony Guild

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Greetings,

Difficult as it is for me to believe, we've reached the halfway point in the Guild year. So much has been accomplished in these six months: three enjoyable and informative meetings beginning with the Margarita Mixer in July (doesn't that seem like a long time ago?), Guild sponsorship of Bill Runyan's engaging Library Talks, Musical Zoo and Derby Day planning underway, a successful endowment project moving forward, member suggestions coming in for additional "mini-fundraisers," new people joining us in our continuing endeavor to support the Fort Collins Symphony. It's been a wonderful six months and I'm most grateful to all of you and to our Board members.



I hope many of you will join me in supporting the Symphony Association's **New Year's Eve Gala** at the Fort Collins Hilton. Marilyn Cockburn and the members of the Association's Event Committee have planned a spectacular celebration, which Marilyn describes in more detail later in this Newsletter. In conjunction with the event the Association is selling **raffle tickets** for a lovely **diamond pendant** valued at close to \$2,000 donated by Cooper and Cooper Jewelers. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and are available in books of five. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Gala at fifteen minutes before midnight. Tickets are available at the Symphony office: 482-4823.

The Guild's many contributions to the Fort Collins Symphony will be acknowledged at the February 5th, Friday, and February 6th, Saturday, concerts, *An American Celebration*. I hope you will come and be recognized on that occasion. One of our long-time members who will be unable to attend the Saturday night concert at the Lincoln Center is offering two marvelous seats *gratis* to anyone who would like them. If that might be you, please let me know (bhaeverett@yahoo.com, or 266-8073). Also, if you would like to attend one of the concerts, or the March General Meeting, and would like to ride with someone please let me know that as well.

We will be **celebrating Guild history** at the **Champagne Brunch** on **March 28th**. Again I hope you will be able to attend. Sometimes I think it must be frustrating for those of you who have been involved in the Guild for so long to watch us newcomers "rediscovering the wheel." I'm very much looking forward to newer members having the opportunity to learn more about all the Guild has accomplished over the years and sharing some of the memories with those of you who were "there" at the time. I've been reading through a Guild history compiled by Gail Reader and I am awed by what Guild members have accomplished through the years.

While I'm on the subject of "awed and appreciative" I'd like to extend enormous gratitude to Kay Edwards. Guild members have been wonderfully supportive of the **CD project** Kay initiated to **endow a Symphony Chair** in Jeanise Brown's name, and Kay's efforts outpace and inspire us all. For those who had a close relationship with Jeanise this is a labor of love; as someone who did not know her well and only learned recently of her admirable determination to not let cancer dominate her life, I find this a most appealing opportunity to make a significant contribution to the Symphony while honoring a courageous woman's strength and perseverance. Perhaps it is unrealistic of me to hope for one hundred percent Guild participation on this project, but as this is the season of hope I think I'll just go ahead and hope for that.

My very best wishes to all of you for joyful holidays. I look forward to sharing more grand Guild adventures with you in 2010.

--Barbara Everett, President

AN EVENING AT THE WILD BOAR

Evelyn and Don Wells, Program Co-Chairs



Forty-six members and guests were treated to appetizers and libations (including shrimp and wine), and a solo violin performance by Bill Johnson, at the Guild's Holiday Preview Gathering and General Meeting



November 12 at the Wild Boar restaurant. The intimate venue was conducive to socializing and allowed Guild President, Barbara Everett, to report on recent activities and confirm those on the schedule for the remainder of the Guild's year. Lucky members won door prizes including bottles of wine, a rosemary holiday tree, and a floral centerpiece. Evelyn & Don



wish to praise and thank the members of the Program team: Jennifer Wells, Barbara Walker, Nancy Weaver and Marlene Mortvedt who made it happen!



RECENT MEMBERSHIP EVENT EVALUATIONS

To help the Board evaluate Guild events with the goal of improving future meetings, a questionnaire was sent to those members who attended. Here are the results from our first two events. Please return the Wild Boar event questionnaire you received in the mail as soon as possible.

Margarita Mixer: Sixty-three members and guests attended this new member event in July at the home of Ellen and Jim Cooney.

- Of the members responding and on an A-F scale for “amount of fun”, 42% gave it an A (lots of fun) while 50% rated it B and 8% C.
- For the goal “helping to further the Guild’s goals by orienting new members”, 46% rated it A (right on), 31% B, 15% C, and a D from one member.
- Specific items highest rated in contributing to the social/fun purpose were: margaritas, remarks by Guild President Barbara Everett, and colored name tags to identify new members.
- The three items rated highest in contributing to successful orientation of new members were: remarks by Guild President Barbara Everett, remarks by Symphony Association President David Rosenberg, and colored name tags to identify new members.

Colorado Barbeque: Fifty-one members and guests from 34 member households attended our first general meeting in September. Twenty-four responses were received.

- On the “information quality” question, 32% rated it A (information I wanted), 26% B, and 32% C. The D and F grades each had one vote.
- On the “fun” question, 21% rated it A (great), 42% B, and 37% C. There were no D or F responses.
- By number of favorable responses, the top three items contributing to the “meeting/Information” success were: report from Guild President Barbara Everett; Symphony Season Preview by Wes Kenney; reports from Guild Board Members.
- The top three items contributing to the “fun” of the party were: entertainment (Jim Wilhelm), location (home of Jane Sullivan), and BBQ food.
- Good suggestions were also received including requests for warmer weather for this outdoor event next year!

NOVEL IDEAS

Two **mini-fundraisers**, a curry cook-off and a home-cooked French dinner, are in the planning stages. Progressive appetizer parties with a musical element are also “on the drawing board.” The Guild members who are hosting these events propose inviting guests who are not necessarily members to attend for a small “admission fee.” This seems like a terrific way to augment our earnings modestly with minimal effort, as opposed to major fundraisers like Derby Day, and to involve additional people in learning about and supporting the work of the Guild. If you have an idea for an event of this nature, and/or might like to host one, we’d love to hear from you. (fcsymphonyguild@yahoo.com)

OPENING NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY

Lynn Leedy, Executive Director, Fort Collins Symphony



The opening celebration of the Symphony's 60th year was a great success. Maestro Will Schwartz spoke of the early orchestra and acknowledged people who had helped establish the orchestra and the Guild. Mayor Doug Hutchinson read a proclamation, and the orchestra and Larimer Chorale with guest performers played to a full house.

A reception followed with 150 people in attendance to honor our current Maestro, Wes Kenney, and the orchestra members. This event raised more than \$6,000.

Pictured above are Gayle Wunder, Past Guild President; Lea Schwartz, Symphony Guild Founder; and Judy Hyfield-Starr, Past Guild President, who attended the reception on October 24, 2009.

2009 – 2010 SYMPHONY SEASON SCHEDULE

Marilyn Cockburn, Events Committee Chair, FCSA Board

SPECIAL 60TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

On Thursday, December 31st we are having our *NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA* at the Hilton Hotel and invite you to this Celebration...an evening of dinner, dancing, raffle of a beautiful diamond pendant, balloon drop and champagne at midnight. What better way to close out 2009 (which has certainly been a year of ups and downs) but looking forward to a great 2010 year!!! Gather your friends for a table of 10 and enjoy a memorable evening. Why not make up a table of singles for the evening. There will be wonderful music by members of the Symphony conducted by Wes Kenney for listening and dancing. Cocktails begin at 7 p.m., with dinner and dancing throughout the evening, and champagne at midnight. Can you think of a better way to celebrate 2010!!!! Contact Patti Newman at Symphony office, 482-4823 for reservations. See you on the 31st.

SOIREES (sponsored by the Symphony Association Board)

- Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at the home of Gary & Julie Salomon 5025 Eagle Lake Drive, performance by child prodigy Dariya Korotkova, classical piano. You will not want to miss this performance.
- Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at the home of Kim and Bonnie Szidon, 863 Grey Rock Drive, with great folk music. What a fun evening this will be.

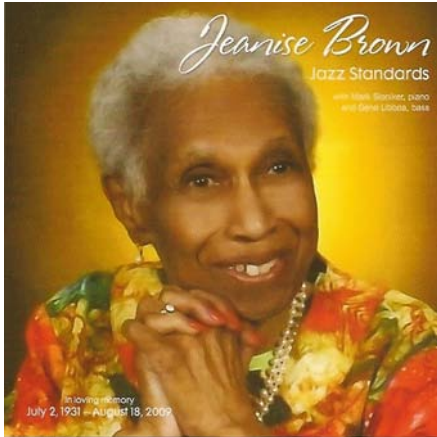
The next Symphony performance will be **AN AMERICAN CELEBRATION** on Friday, February 5, 2010 at UCA Griffin Hall and Saturday, February 6, 2010 at the Lincoln Center; music of Corigliano, Bernstein, Schuman and Gershwin, featuring Daniel Schlosberg, piano. For Symphony tickets, contact the Lincoln Center at 221-6730, or LCTIX.com, or FCSymphony.org. (Ed.'s note: Guild members and their contributions to the Symphony will be acknowledged at these performances.)

Wishing you all the joy of the holidays and the best in the year to come.

GUILD ENDOWMENT REPORT

Kay Edwards, Endowment Chair

Our latest named Symphony performer chair, the Jeanise Brown Cello Chair, will add a third chair to our Symphony Guild endowment. As you know, we donated \$4371 to the Symphony Association this Fall for orchestra salaries, which represented interest earned last year, and a total of \$31,000 since the endowment's inception in 1999. The Symphony Board is grateful for our efforts, as this is money they don't have to raise each year.



The response to the beautiful CD featuring Jeanise singing her favorite jazz standards such as "Over the Rainbow", "Summertime", "At Last", "The Man I Love" and others has been very positive, and we have raised in just over seven weeks a total of \$7000 in donations! Our goal is to double the amount we've received so far, and we have just ordered 200 more CDs. Many people who knew and loved Jeanise have helped in this effort. It is easy to have a CD in your purse (or pocket) to show to friends or business associates as you go through your day. When the project is described, most people are happy to participate.

The suggested donation for one CD is \$20 or more. If you still need to pick up one or more of these treasures, you can obtain them from Barbara Everett at 1006 Breakwater Drive on the south side of town (266-8073), or from Kay Edwards at 1721 Linden Lake Road on the north (484-9465). Barbara and I will both be out of town over the Christmas holidays. Thanks for your help.



Musical Zoo 2010

Hear It, Touch It, Do It!

Suzie Parzych, Education Chair

After almost canceling the Musical Zoo 2010 event due to the H1N1 Virus threat, the event is officially back on and preparations are being made to make this again, a terrific event for young children to experience music in a multitude of forms. Children will have the opportunity to hear music, touch instruments and play a few, see dancers, move their nimble little bodies to music and have fun prior to the final movement of the event which will be performed by "The Drum Bubbas".

Musical Zoo 2010 - Hear It, Touch It, Do It! - is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2010 at the Fort Collins Senior Center. The event begins at 9 a.m., and ends at 12 noon.

This activity requires a tremendous number of volunteers prior to the event itself, and on March 6th. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Suzie Parzych at sejparzych@hotmail.com

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY 2010

Suzie Parzych, Derby Day Chair

Be sure to take out your 2010 calendars right now and block out Saturday, May 1, 2010 for the 2nd Annual Kentucky Derby Party hosted by the Fort Collins Symphony Guild. Let your friends and family know about the event, too. This is a party that ultimately supports the Symphony. So, the more, the merrier! It's a ball to watch a fast race with a rambunctious crowd.



Last year's event was a tremendous success and plans are well underway to make the 2010 party much bigger, even more fun and will offer an even wider variety of Derby Day delight.

The 2010 event will include Art in The Stalls, a Silent Auction, a formal Hat Judging contest, music, mint juleps, food and most likely a few new surprises that the hard working committee has come up with over the past few months.

For additional information, please contact me at sejparzych@hotmail.com

A CANADIAN SYMPHONY GUILD ASKS ABOUT OUR SHARP/FLATS LOFT TOUR

Judy Hyfield-Starr, Past-President & Chair of Sharp/Flats 2007

The Fort Collins Symphony Guild's award-winning Sharp/Flats loft tour 2007, as reported in the American League of Orchestra's "Gold Book," has sparked an interest by a Canadian Guild to do a like tour.



I received an e-mail from Donna Ruppel, president of the Victoria Symphony Volunteer Guild on Vancouver Island, Canada, asking if she could call me and gain some information about how we set up the first very successful Sharp/Flats loft tour in 2007.

I asked Lindsay Schreiner to join me on a conference call, as she was instrumental in helping make the event a success. We talked to Donna Ruppel Thanksgiving week and answered her questions about the Sharp/Flats loft tour. We told her to feel free to use the name and our game plan should her Guild decide to do a loft tour in Vancouver. We originally got the idea for our tour from the ALO "Gold Book" and good ideas are worth repeating!

We're very pleased that we could help out a sister Guild. As Donna said, "We have a charming downtown along the Inner Harbor and numerous new high-rise condos as well as artsy flats with roof top gardens that we feel would work for an event like this." Should Vancouver decide to do a loft tour, we wish them well as they work to raise \$25,000 - \$30,000 to support their symphony.

LIBRARY TALKS

Shari Bosler

Additional Guild members are needed to assist with refreshments and supplies at Dr. Bill Runyan's lectures on upcoming 2010 Symphony concerts. This is the first year that the Guild is sponsoring the talks so we are in transition mode in terms of volunteers. Please call me at 225-1269 or email gsbosler@msn.com if you can help provide sweets or savories or purchase small plates and cut cheeses in bulk from Sam's Club or Costco.



Dr. Runyan, a semi-retired professor of music history at CSU, a bass trombone player, and a member of the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra (FCSO) for 35 years, gives these lectures out of the goodness of his heart, and he deserves our full support. We are grateful to Ruth Potter for beautiful table decorations and treats, and to Rita and Larry Reid for their help at the November 25th lecture.

The lectures are given at noon on the Wednesdays before each concert in the Ben Delatour Room at the Main Library, 201 Peterson Street. Light refreshments are served and there is no charge to attend. You are welcome to bring a Brown Bag lunch. A drawing for Concert tickets is held at the conclusion of each talk.

Mark your calendars for **02/03/10, 03/03/10, 04/07/10, 05/05/10**. Plan now to attend, and bring a friend(s). You'll be glad you did.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

(Fort Collins Coloradoan, **March 27, 1977**)

Antique Fair next weekend aids orchestra

Antiques and Easter plants will be for sale at the annual Antique Fair sponsored by the Women's Guild of the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra. Proceeds from the event, set for Saturday and Sunday, will go to the orchestra.

The \$1.50 admission per person is good for both days of the fair at Fort Collins High School. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets will be sold at the door and at the United Bank, Hickman's and The Denver.

In 1967, the guild held a small-scale flea market, which has expanded to become the antique fair. Since 1970 it has been a major fund-raising event for the organization. This year, 34 dealers will be selling antique furniture, glassware, primitives and other artifacts. Refreshments will be sold by Girl Scout Cadette Troop 168.

Last year, the guild raised \$1,500 for the orchestra from the fair. General chairmen this year are Mrs. Earl Hogan and Mrs. Duane Rasmussen. Mrs. Richard Hayes is president of the guild.

Other chairmen are Mrs. Joseph Tunner, dealers; Mrs. Richard Fahrenbruch, Mrs. T.E. Haus and Roberta Galyardt, tickets; Mrs. Robert Crockett, publicity; Mrs. Clinton Prust, flowers and plants; Mrs. Harry Deines and Mrs. Scott Condrey, arrangements; and Mrs. Jack Russell, treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Larry and Rita Moon Reid

INTERESTING FACTS: Of our current members, one joined the Guild in 1963-1964; six during 1965-1969; eight during 1970-1974; eight during 1975-1979; five from 1980-1984; five from 1985-1989; six from 1990-1994; eleven in 1995-1999; nineteen during 2000-2004; and sixty-five during 2005-2009.

Fifty of the current members have belonged to the Guild for ten or more years, and 48% joined in the last five years.

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CHANGES in your Membership Guide and Directory:

EDUCATION OUTREACH – MUSICAL ZOO

Please change the location of Musical Zoo from Lincoln Center to the **Senior Center**.

It is extremely important to keep our 2009-2010 Membership Guide and Directory up-to-date! If you have any address, phone or e-mail changes, please send them to the Membership Committee in care of Rita and Larry Reid at: guildmember@comcast.net

GUILD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS in 2010 promise an enjoyable and interesting year ahead. Please RSVP to Evelyn Wells at (970) 207-1602 or eviewells@comcast.net for each meeting at least four days in advance. Remember that prospective members are welcome at our general meetings. We look forward to seeing all of you.

MARCH 28, 2010: 12 noon to 2 P.M.

“*CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH*” at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Allen
Entertainment by Elena, Pianist. Long-time Guild members will be honored.

MAY 25, 2010: 5:00-7:00 P.M. (Please note change of date. We are exploring a new venue for this occasion. Watch for more details in the next Newsletter.)
“*YEAR END CELEBRATION,*” a Joint Celebration with the Symphony Association Board.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE GUILD EVENTS

TALK ABOUT THE COMPOSERS

(for the next Fort Collins Symphony Performance)

Dr. Bill Runyan Noon on February 3 and March 3, 2010 FC Main Library

MUSICAL ZOO (Children's Music Education)
Saturday, March 6, 2010 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Fort Collins Senior Center

BACH'S LUNCH (prospective member social)
Saturday, April 17, 2010
Terry and Rich Irby's home

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY (fundraiser)
May 1, 2010, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Atkinson Arena, CSU Equine Center

GUILD BOARD MEETINGS



Guild Board meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in different Board member homes. After a “virtual” meeting in December the Board will meet at the home of Larry and Rita Moon Reid on Tuesday, January 26th.

If you know a Symphony Guild member who is having some medical problems, needs a sympathy card, or is having a special anniversary, please let me know and I will be glad to send an appropriate card from the Symphony Guild. We want our members to know they are being thought of in a special way. Thank you.

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