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Voices

Spokane Chapter, American Guild of Organists

Dean's Notes

Dear Members and Friends of the Spokane Chapter of The American Guild of Organists,

I hope that this spring writing finds you to be well! For many of our chapter, the preceding several weeks have been filled with activities in our churches. Perhaps the focus and pace has changed a bit at this point.

I extend many, many thanks to all that worked to make possible David Dahl's fine Historic European Organ Odyssey presentation at Heritage Congregational Church on Saturday, February 25. Pastor Bob and Sandy Christian and Nisha Coulter were amazing hosts. Additionally, Nisha and Carolyn Payne coordinated and prepared tasty refreshments and a wonderful luncheon. Sally Dotson graciously hosted David Dahl in her home. Certainly, thank you to all that braved the snow to attend – it turned out to be quite a storm on the South Hill. Thank you, thank you!

It has been a privilege to serve as your dean these past two years. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve in a leadership role connected to a central passion of my life – sharing in the leadership of traditional worship, in roles as organist, choir director and more. Continue to stay tuned for the nominating/elections process that will yet unfold as we prepare for the year ahead.

Our 2011 – 2012 program year is drawing to a close. Final events are noted below.

Eastertide Blessings,

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**Luncheon Event with Gail Archer – Saturday, May 19 at 12:30 p.m.
(Frank and Carolyn Payne’s home, 2414 S. Cherry Lane, Spokane)**

Carolyn is inviting chapter members and friends to enjoy more time with Gail while she is here. Carolyn will provide cheese/meat, bread, dessert and beverages. Please bring a salad to share. Carolyn suggests that it will not be necessary to RSVP – if everyone brings a salad, all should come out about right. Please plan to come. It will be fun!

**Organ Recital by Gail Archer – Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.
(The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 127 E. 12th Avenue, Spokane)**

(co-sponsored with the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist).
Tickets \$10 at Tickets West or at the door.

Gail Archer is college organist at Vassar College, and director of the music program at Barnard College, Columbia University where she conducts the Barnard-Columbia Chorus. She serves as director of the artist and young organ artist recitals at historic Central Synagogue, New York City.

Our co-sponsorship urges us to purchase admission to the recital and to consider providing some cookies (plated and ready to serve). You can bring them on the day of the recital or call Nisha Coulter (509.327.2827). Thank you in advance!

Annual Picnic - Sunday, June 10
(location and time – to be announced).

Upcoming Musical Events

**Musicfest Organ Division – Tuesday, May 15 – beginning at 9:00 a.m.
(The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 127 E. 12th Avenue, Spokane),**

You are invited to attend and listen as area organ students perform for adjudicator, Gail Archer. No-host luncheon to follow at The Davenport Hotel (approximately 12:30 p.m.)