

Mixtures

The Organ of the Binghamton Chapter, AGO



JULY/AUGUST 2011

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Following a fabulous members recital, excellently performed by 10 talented members and our “adopted” high school student, the Board convened on June 18 to begin planning the 2011-12 Calendar Year. We “kick off” in September with Jean Henssler and I sharing our experiences this summer at two Regional Conventions. But first there is an addendum to the 2010-11 Calendar. Our Fifth Annual Summer Fun Day will be to Cooperstown on **August 13**. Thanks to Ellie Rugg for planning the itinerary, which you can read about elsewhere in *Mixtures*. Please make your reservation by **July 15**. You can reach Ellie at 692-3204 or jrugg001*at*stny*dot*rr*dot*com.

But before our summer getaway, there is another happening you won't want to miss. A Musical Celebration by *Touch of Brass* (brass quintet) and resident organist, Larry Hoey, will take place at First Presbyterian, 29 Grant Ave., Endicott, at 2:00 pm on Sunday, **July 10**. The concert has been advertised as “a toe-tapping musical journey encompassing a variety of styles from baroque to jazz.” Not only will you enjoy hearing the music, but you will have an opportunity to meet Larry, one of our newer chapter members.

Here is another date for some of you to circle on your calendars. Most of us have already renewed our AGO membership, but a few need to be reminded that **June 30** is the deadline. You may download a membership renewal form at <http://www.binghamtonago.org> or call Richard Sheasley (724-6062) for another form.

June is the usual time to say “thank you” to various members for their contributions of time and talent during the past year. I do not mention names for fear of omitting someone. So to all officers, committee heads, and behind-the-scene volunteers – a great big thanks! Your energy, support, and enthusiasm transform an otherwise mundane task into one of great satisfaction. Thank you so very, very much.

Polly Wendling

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THANK YOU

--to the talented members who played a truly magnificent concert on June 12—**Jean Henssler, Claudia Kachmarik, Joan Kellam, Joe Kotylo, Johanna Masters, Roberta Rowland-Raybold, Leland Roseboom, Ellie Rugg, Sarah Sabol, and Evelyn and Richard VanAuken**

--to **First Congregational Church**, Greene, NY for hosting our Members Recital

--to **Ellie Rugg** and **Claudia Kachmarik** for coordinating the myriad program details

--to **Steve and Claudia Kachmarik**, proprietors of the 1810 Juliand House and gracious hosts at our annual dinner/meeting following the concert

--to **Ellie Rugg** for coordinating the August trip to Cooperstown and to **Roberta Rowland-Raybold** for her assistance

--A very special thanks to **Sarah Sabol**, who made two trips from Ovid, NY to Greene to play in the Members Recital. This precocious organ student amazed the audience by playing Bach's "Dorian Toccata" entirely from memory. Afterwards at our annual meeting, Sarah shared with us her experiences as a student at the Interlochen Arts Academy. We wish her all the best as she begins her senior year at the Academy and faces the enormous decision of where to continue her music studies.



Member recitalists Johanna Masters, Evelyn Van Auken, Lee Roseboom, Joe Kotylo, Jean Henssler, Roberta Rowland-Raybold, Richard Van Auken (back row), Claudia Kachmarik, Sarah Sabol, Ellie Rugg, Joan Kellam (front row)

ON THE CALENDAR

July 3-6 - Region I and II AGO Convention in Morristown, NJ (<http://www.AGO2011NJ.com>)

Saturday, **July 9 – 9:30 am** Board Meeting at Polly's, 600 Lowell Drive, Endwell

Sunday, **July 10 – 2:00 pm** A brass/organ concert at First Presbyterian, 29 Grant Ave., Endicott. A free will offering will be collected to support the church's youth missions programs. The concert will be followed by an old-time ice cream social.

Saturday, **August 13** – Summer fun day to Cooperstown, NY – carpooling from Lowes, Upper Front Street at 8:30 am. Reservations by July 15 to Ellie Rugg. (See details below.)



The Binghamton AGO Chapter
Fun Day in Cooperstown

Saturday, August 13, 2011

8:30 am Carpool from Lowes' parking lot, Upper Front Street

10 am Meet Peter Deyseroth at First Presbyterian Church for history of the church and its lovely Steere and Turner tracker organ

11:15 am Visit Christ Church for an opportunity to hear and play its two organs: the 3-manual Chase organ in the sanctuary and a small tracker organ in the chapel

12:30 pm Lunch at the Lake Front Restaurant

2:45 pm Board the Glimmerglass Queen for boat tour of Otsego Lake

4:00 pm Your choice – See suggestions in Ellie's article on page 4.

Deadline for Reservations – July 15!

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Cooperstown “Fun-Day Getaway!”

Saturday, **August 13th** -- most important to make your reservation by **July 15th** with Ellie Rugg at 692-3204 or jrugg001*at*stny*dot*rr*dot*com.

Below is an outline of the day that may be subject to some changes and additions in the near future through a follow-up email and our website.

Leaving from Lowes’ parking lot on Upper Front St. at **8:30 am**. Please let me know if you would be willing to drive. At this time I will hand out maps, itinerary and directions.

When arriving in Cooperstown, use the Baptist Church parking lot with a fee of \$5.00. Walk from there a block to the **Presbyterian Church** to hear and play its organ. Then from there walk a short distance to **Christ Episcopal Church** to hear the history of the church and the organ.

Lunch at the **Lake Front Restaurant** at 12:30—we can leave our cars here and board the **Glimmerglass Queen** at 2:45 on site for the 40-45 minute boat ride. (\$15)

After the boat ride, there will be free time. The only hitch to this is that several of the museums to visit close at 5:00. A few suggestions: Fennimore Art Museum closes at 5 pm, Farmers Museum closes at 5 pm, Baseball Hall of Fame closes at 9 pm. Wonderful Hyde Hall has tours on the hour from 1-4pm—so this would eliminate the boat ride if you would like to take this tour. And of course, there is shopping and just driving around this gorgeous town.

I would encourage all to investigate Cooperstown on the Internet—lots of info there.

Looking forward to another great day with great people!

Ellie Rugg, Trip coordinator

A Musical Celebration

(Brass quintet and Organ)
Fun music for youth of all ages

Sunday, July 10 at 2 pm

First Presbyterian Church
29 Grant Ave. Endicott