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Binghamton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

## DEAN'S MESSAGE...

February Greetings to ALL!

A new month has begun and I hope that you and your loved ones have been well during these past "well below freezing" weeks!

This past January 11 was a cold snowy day but 16 chapter members and guests braved the weather to attend our annual post-holiday dinner at Cortese. Good food and lively conversation truly made it a warm and cozy event! It was a delightful way to begin our new year.

And speaking of our new year ... the board has met, continues to meet and is working on some events that will be taking place through the upcoming spring, summer and fall. When everything is scheduled completely, the newsletter will contain all pertinent information.

February is a "working" month for us. We will be taking time to sort more thoroughly our huge collection of organ music (and some piano music) that has been given to our chapter over the years. It is our hope to have music give away days in the spring for college organ/piano students in New York State and northern Pennsylvania.

We will be holding 2 different sorting afternoons - Thursday, February 5 and Thursday, February 12. We will meet at 1:30 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 44 Main Street, Binghamton. If you would like to assist for one or two of the afternoons, please let me know. And of course, the workers get to take home any music they would like!

As you know, our long time chapter member and recitalist, Richard VanAuken, passed away last fall. His wife, Evelyn, had donated all of Richard's organ music to the chapter. Now, she is planning to sell the Rodger's 955 Digital organ that is in her home. Although Evelyn is also an organist she is downsizing and moving to a smaller home. She is asking \$2,000 or best offer. The organ is 3 manual with external speakers and bench. The buyer would be responsible for moving it to their home or church. In this newsletter's first attachment, there is a photo and information about the organ.

In closing, please take time to check out chapter member Larry Hoey's article on the completion of his Hauptwerk project! (page 2 and 2nd attachment).

Take good care,  
Nancy

## UPCOMING EVENTS ...

- ◆ Thursday, February 5, 1:30 pm - Music Sorting of Chapter Organ/Piano Music, Trinity Episcopal Church (2nd floor) 44 Main Street, Binghamton.
- ◆ Thursday, February 12, 1:30 pm - Music Sorting of Chapter Organ/Piano Music, Trinity Episcopal Church (2nd floor) 44 Main Street, Binghamton.

## POST-HOLIDAY CHAPTER DINNER...




## CONGRATULATIONS, LARRY HOEY!...

Chapter member, Larry Hoey, of Athens, PA has completed building his Hauptwerk instrument in his home studio. Extensive research and collaboration, focused study, and a desire to have the sound of the St. Bavo Christiaan Müller organ (Haarlem, The Netherlands) in his home, kept him motivated to successfully complete this project of such magnitude!

Larry has written an enlightening article titled "My Haarlem Hauptwerk Music Studio" and is the second attachment to this newsletter.

He has also graciously invited our chapter to come and see and hear this amazing instrument. We hope to tie our visit with our annual organ crawl.


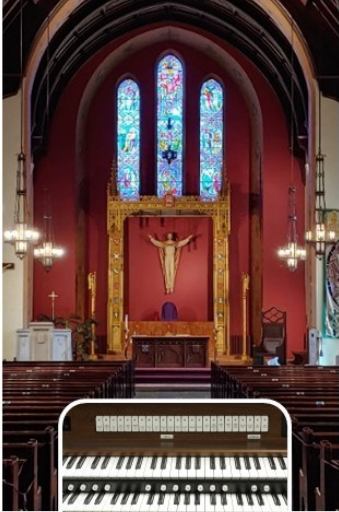
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