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**Newsletter – January 2012**

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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year! I pray that 2012 will be a good year for each of you. May we meet its challenges with courage and resolve and be thankful for the many blessings as they occur. May your choir sing in tune and may your organ sound Positively Great – and Swell. January brings a unique opportunity for us. Our member, Maris Kristapsons, sent me the following note in mid December: “I recently came into a very, very large private library of organ music, from the estate of Bob Dorum, former organist at St. Paul's. There are over 25 large grocery bags full of music of all sorts -- mostly classical organ, some lighter stuff, numerous hymnals, lectionaries, songbooks, choral music, etc. There are very substantial collections of Bach, Reger, Guilmant, and Lemare, among others.”

He went on to say that the vast majority is not useful to him or else he already has it in his library. So he proposed having a sale to raise money for the chapter and so that he can clean out his choir room where he doesn't have room to store it!

The Board agreed that this was a good idea and since we usually have a "music sale" along with Spuds and Sundaes it was agreed to combine these events. So to avoid having to move all of this music we have changed the venue for the Spuds and Sundaes to St. Paul's in Poughkeepsie. The date is January 22 and here is how it will work.

11:30 – 1:00 Maris and any volunteers will begin to set up the sale.

1:00 PM – Open for business to ANYONE – not just chapter members. So if you know of an organist or pianist who might be interested please pass along the information. (There is piano music as well)

The sale will end at 5 PM when we will have our Spuds and Sundaes social. (At least the sale will end for the general public. If there is anything left that we want I'm sure that will be fine.) At the end of our social time I'm sure Maris would appreciate help in disposing of what remains.

It sounds like a wonderful opportunity to add to your library at minimal cost and at the same time benefit the chapter. See you at St. Paul's on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beverly Simmons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beverly Simmons, SPC  
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

### **Deadline for Next Newsletter**

We are always glad to receive input for the chapter newsletter in the form of calendar items, reviews of recent concerts and events, biographies, letters, photographs, etc. In order to make sure these submissions can be processed in a timely fashion, please make sure they are received by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month. However, material such as calendar items may be submitted at any time; even if the material may not make it into the printed newsletter, it can be quickly posted on our web site at [www.chvago.org](http://www.chvago.org).

You may submit newsletter or web site material by mail, e-mail, fax or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given above. Remember, the deadline for the next printed newsletter, to be available the first week in February, is January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Editor's Corner**

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## **Membership News**

Following is the full text of the obituary for Frederick Calvin Brown, father of Susan Guse, whose death was reported in last month's newsletter.

EVERETT, Wash. – Frederick Calvin Brown, 87, of Everett, Wash., passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, in Waterford, Conn.

He was born July 6, 1924, to Rose and Fred Brown in Seattle, Wash. He graduated in 1942 from Roosevelt High School in Seattle and received his S.B. (1946), A.M. (1947) and Ph.D. (1950) from Harvard University. During World War II, while an undergraduate at Harvard, he worked for the U.S. Navy to help develop radar technology. On Aug. 9, 1952, he married Joan Adele Schauble in Seattle, Wash.

He began his academic career at Reed College in Portland, Ore., in 1952. Three years later, he joined the teaching faculty in the physics department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he remained until his retirement in 1987. He authored a textbook, "The Physics of Solids," published in 1967, in addition to numerous publications and professional journal articles. He mentored over 20 graduate students.

His early work studied defects in silver halides as related to the photographic process and he spent many years as a consultant to the Eastman Kodak Company. In his later work, he focused on the application of synchrotron radiation in the study of defects in crystals and he invented the grasshopper monochrometer, which was useful in this area of inquiry. He was a Fellow at St. John's College, Oxford, England, during his first sabbatical; he worked at Stanford University and Xerox Corporation in Palo Alto, Calif., during his second sabbatical and received a Humboldt Award while at the University of Kiel, Kiel, West Germany, during his third sabbatical.

Upon retirement in 1987, Fred and Joan moved to Whidbey Island, Wash. In 1993 he became Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington and maintained an office there until his death. In 1997, Fred and Joan moved to Everett, Wash., and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary before Joan's death in 2003.

Fred loved the outdoors and climbed all of the mountains in the Pacific Northwest over 10,000 feet except Glacier Peak. He had his pilot's license for a number of years and was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association. He loved to garden, was an avid photographer and collected and repaired clocks.

Fred joins his beloved wife, Joan, in heaven. He is survived by his daughters, Susan Guse (Mike) of Hopewell Junction, N.Y., and Gail Brown (Mark) of Groton, Conn.; his son, Derek of Mukilteo, Wash.; and five grandchildren, Brian, Benjamin and Matthew Guse, and Jeffrey and Carolyn Brown.

The Rev. Daniel B. Ward held a memorial service for the family on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. The committal service will take place in Washington State in the near future.

Memorial donations may be made in Frederick C. Brown's memory to the Nature Conservancy, P.O. Box 6014, Albert Lea, MN 56007 ([www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)). *Published in The News-Gazette, serving Central Illinois, on 12/2/2011.*

### List of Organ Substitutes

The following chapter members have indicated that they will serve as substitute organists. Please contact them directly if you would like more information.

Denise Bassen	845-345-1500	<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>	
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	Maris Kristapsons	
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	(no weddings)	845-635-8837
Nickie Collins	845-462-2240	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Eric Hepp	(no weekday funerals)
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814		845-489-2625
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Charles Surber (no weddings)	
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474		845-544-2782

### List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated that they are accepting new organ students. We are in the process of soliciting brief biographies from each of them, which will be posted on our web site as they are received. Please contact the teachers directly if you would like more information.

Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Charles Surber	845-544-2782

### Position Openings

*Position openings are listed without charge for three months unless an extension is requested. If you would like to place a listing, please contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.*

***Editor's Note – Due to space considerations, older position openings may include only the type of position and hiring institution. Complete information about positions is available on our web site at [www.chvago.org](http://www.chvago.org), or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.***

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER (Part-Time)  
**THE REFORMED CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 11/28/2011**

ORGANIST (Part-Time)  
**ST. PATRICK RC CHURCH - HIGHLAND MILLS, NY 11/27/2011**

ORGANIST (Part-Time)  
**ST. AEDAN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - PEARL RIVER, NY**  
*Renewed 12/1/2011*

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)  
**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MIDDLETOWN, NY Filled 12/1/2011**

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HAMPTONBURGH - CAMPBELL HALL,  
NY 6-18-2011**

## Calendar of Events

Please note: Due to space considerations, this Calendar of Events may exclude the following:

- Events taking place outside the area served by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter
- Events which conflict directly with chapter sponsored events

Such events may be listed on the Local Events page of our chapter web site at [www.chvago.org](http://www.chvago.org).

**Events listed in the calendar are not necessarily endorsed by CHVAGO.**

Please contact the editor if you have an event to be publicized.

*Boxed items are Central Hudson Valley AGO Chapter events. Names listed in bold face are chapter members.*

Saturday,  
January 7, 2012  
Time TBA

The Belles of the Hudson Valley Concert Handbell Ensemble  
Directed by **Don Filkins**. United Presbyterian Church, 25 Orchard  
Street, Middletown. The concert is free and open to the public. Info: 845-  
343-2131.

Tuesday, January  
10, 2012

Assisi Performing Arts 2nd Annual Voice Competition  
Hosted by Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. Prizes include full  
and partial scholarships to perform at the two-week festival held each July  
in the medieval city of Assisi, Italy. Last year the judges awarded  
scholarships to more than a dozen singers through this competition. There  
are NO age restrictions for this competition! Performance opportunities  
include solo appearances in opera, musical theater, sacred and chamber  
concerts. Singers may also be invited to perform in festival concerts held  
in New Jersey during the year. Entry Deadline: January 4, 2012

Sunday, January 22, 2012  
1:00 - 5:00 PM  
Music Sale  
Come browse through a large quantity of used organ, choral and piano music! Proceeds of the sale will benefit our chapter. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 161 Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie. Followed by our annual Spuds & Sundaes Social at 5:00 PM. All musicians are welcome! Info: 845-463-1249.

Sunday, January 22, 2012  
5:00 PM  
Spuds & Sundaes Social  
This is our annual post-holiday get-together. Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 161 Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie. NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION! Menu: Baked potatoes and ice cream, both with various toppings. The social will be preceded by a special Music Sale, open to any musicians, beginning at 1:00 PM. Guests are welcome - just let us know how many will be coming so we plan appropriately. Info: 845-463-1249.

Sunday, February 5, 2012  
7:30 PM  
Choral Concert  
Concerts Con Brio presents Rutter *Requiem*, performed by Choir and Orchestra. Benefit Concert for Victims of Domestic Violence. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Info: 845-452-8220

Sunday, February 19, 2012  
2:00 PM  
"Chorister for a Day" Program at St. Thomas Choir School  
Visiting boys attend a vocal workshop with music staff, walk to the church with choristers, vest, sit in the stalls with the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys and join in singing hymns at Evensong at 4:00 PM. Please contact Ruth Cobb, 212-247-3311, or rcobb@choirschool.org, for further information or to reserve a place.

Sunday, March 4, 2012  
3:00 PM  
Organ Concert by Sergio Militello  
Sergio Militello is the Choirmaster and Principal Organist of the magnificent and great Cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence, Italy. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

**Saturday, March 10, 2012  
2:00 PM (Note Corrected Date)**  
**Choral Reading  
Advent/Christmas-themed choral reading at Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Road, Newburgh. Refreshments to follow.  
Watch this space for further information.**

Sunday, March 18, 2012  
3:00 PM  
FUMC Concert Series - Organ Recital by Christopher Herrick  
Presented by the First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. English concert organist Christopher Herrick is an international recitalist and recording artist. Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403.

Sunday, April  
Workshop: "T-N-T hymn introductions to ignite interest and enthusiasm in

15, 2012      hymn singing”  
2:00 - 4:00 PM      Workshop leader is Phyllis Warner from Dayton, Ohio. She will demonstrate ideas to introduce different styles of hymns by examining the *Texts aNdTunes*. Handouts will be distributed. Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: 845-463-1249.

Sunday, April 22, 2012  
4:00 PM      Field Trip to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, NYC  
To hear recital by **Craig Williams**. Evensong at 4:00 PM; organ recital at 5:15 PM. Watch this space for further information.

Sunday, May 6, 2012  
3:00 PM      FUMC Concert Series - Handbell Concert by New England Ringers  
Presented by the First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. The New England Ringers is a 15-member community handbell ensemble playing the most advanced level of handbell literature. Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403.

Sunday, May 6, 2012  
3:00 PM      Juilliard Trombone Choir  
The Juilliard Trombone Choir returns for their fourth year in what has become a new favorite West Point spring event! Director Joseph Alessi is the Principal Trombonist of the NY Philharmonic. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)

Sunday, May 6, 2012  
7:30 PM      Mostly Mozart Concert  
Flute & Harp Concerto; Haydn or Mozart Symphony  
Ave verum corpus; Solemn Vespers - Performed by Choir and Orchestra. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Info: 845-452-8220

Friday, May 18, 2012      Members' Recital  
Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Watch this space for further information.

Monday through Thursday, July 9-19, 2012 from 7:00 - 9:30 PM      Rehearsals for BachFest 2012  
The BachFest choir will rehearse Monday through Thursday nights from 7 to 9:30pm the week of July 9 and the week of July 16 at Christ Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie. Go to [www.christchurchpok.org](http://www.christchurchpok.org) for directions to the church. Please contact **Laura Russell** at [LRussell@hvc.rr.com](mailto:LRussell@hvc.rr.com) or call 845-485-1648 if you wish to sing in the choir. Choral experience is required. Solos will be selected from within the group, if possible. Attendance at all rehearsals is expected unless a prior arrangement has been made with the director. Deadline for announcing your intention to sing with the choir: early May 2012. Choral selections to be announced.

Friday through      BachFest 2012

Sunday, July 20-22, 2012 FULL BACHFEST SCHEDULE: (also see website for updates at [www.hudsonvalleysocietyformusic.org](http://www.hudsonvalleysocietyformusic.org))

Keyboard Marathon: Friday, 7/20 at 7:30 PM at Cornwall Presbyterian Church - Contact: Ruthanne Schempf – 845-534-2166

Young Person's Concert: Saturday, 7/21 at 2:00 PM at Cornwall Presbyterian Church - Contact: Emily Faxon – 845-534-8368

Organ Recital and Choral Concert: Saturday, 7/21 at 7:30 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie - Contact: Laura Russell – 845-485-1648

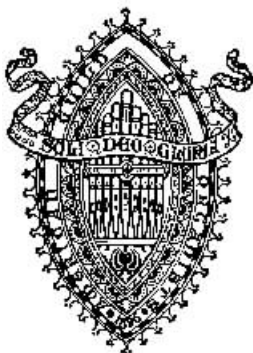
Bach Sunday services: Sunday, 7/22 – various times and places – check website for details - Contact: Emily Faxon – 845-534-8368 and Ed Lundergan



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