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**Central Hudson Valley Chapter**  
of the  
**American Guild of  
Organists**

**Newsletter – July 2012**

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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Colleagues,

I want to thank Beverly Simmons for doing a wonderful job as dean for the last three years, and I look forward to serving the Central Hudson Valley chapter as the new dean.

This will be the second time I have been honored to be chosen as dean of an AGO chapter. When I became dean of the Brooklyn chapter back in 1990, I would travel from where I lived in Queens many times driving over the Kosciusko Bridge (the section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway that crosses in a high arch over the Newtown Canal which borders the two boroughs just east of Manhattan). Here one sees a vast expanse of Brooklyn – miles of businesses, homes and most notably church steeples. This humbling view would leave me

wondering just what kind of impact the American Guild of Organists was truly having in a large world. The Central Hudson Valley presents a similar challenge as the area we serve covers a vast geographical area – from Port Jervis in the west to Rhinebeck in the north and beyond Millbrook to the east.

The answer of course is we in the AGO are indeed having a meaningful impact on the greater organist community because of the dedicated volunteers who serve our chapter selflessly month after month and because of every one of you who is taking time to read the chapter website and newsletter. Each one of you has devoted him or herself to bettering your worship music program through the educational opportunities and sharing of common standards which the AGO provides – both on the national and local level. This past year the Central Hudson Valley chapter held events in Fishkill, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie and other places, and we look forward this year to continue participating in these places while reaching out to others.

We will begin this year as we always do in the heart of our area – in the town of Wappingers Falls. On Sunday, July 29 beginning at 3 pm, Eric Hepp will host our annual Summer Picnic at his home conveniently located about 3 miles east of the village center off the main artery of the County Route 93. Eric provides the meat and the grill along with beverages – guests are asked to bring side dishes, salads and desserts. If you wish to contact Eric at 845-790-3381 to see what is needed, that will be helpful though not totally necessary. This picnic is a fun, relaxed way to gather together, and we hope to see you there.

If you have not yet renewed your membership for the upcoming year, please go to our web site at [www.chvago.org](http://www.chvago.org) and click on the “How to Join” drawknob to the left – the instructions are very easy. I thank both Susan LaGrande and Dan Long for making this website very easily navigable and attractive.

Please accept my best wishes for a blessed summer and a new year of opportunities in the fall.



Craig Williams  
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

### **Membership News**

- Susan LaGrande has accepted a position as organist at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Beacon. She continues as assistant organist at St. Mary’s RC Church in Poughkeepsie.
- Larry Hazard has accepted a position as organist at the Reformed Church of Beacon, NY.
- Please note the new list of officers on the masthead of this newsletter. Your new board is eager to serve you and respond to your suggestions; please contact us!

## 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 August, is July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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.

Please note that only CHVAGO members in good standing are eligible to be included in this list. If you would like your name listed, please contact the editor using the information above.

Denise Bassen	845-226-1564	<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	Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474		845-489-2625
		Charles Surber (no weddings)	
			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

## **Editor's Corner**

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## **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/PIANIST - (Part-Time)

**GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH -  
HURLEY, NY 7/1/2012**

MINISTER OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST (Full-Time)

**THE REFORMED CHURCH OF BRONXVILLE - BRONXVILLE,  
NY 6/10/2012**

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

**PLEASANT PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - STAATSBURG, NY  
5/23/2012**

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

**ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - NEWBURGH, NY  
3 5/23/2012**

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR – (Part-Time)

**REFORMED CHURCH OF BEACON – Beacon, NY Filled 6/14/2012**

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

**HYDE PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - HYDE PARK, NY Filled  
5/29/2012**

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

**RHINEBECK REFORMED CHURCH - RHINEBECK, NY  
Modified 5/8/2012**

## 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.*

Sunday, July 1 through  
Friday, July 6, 2012

AGO National Convention - Nashville, TN  
The Nashville Chapter of the AGO invites you to Tennessee for a world-class convention, July 1-6, 2012. We have planned the schedule with your convenience in mind:

- Convention hotels in the heart of downtown
- Luxury motor coaches, with no need for early-morning departure times
- Ample time between events for meals
- All venues air-conditioned
- 65 workshops, all in the morning and just steps from your hotel room
- Recitals and worship services in the afternoon

Info and registration: <http://www.ago2012.org/> or call 615-800-8949.

Sunday, July 8 through  
Friday, July 13, 2012  
Monday through Thursday,  
July 9-19, 2012 from 7:00 -  
9:30 PM

Organ Historical Society Convention  
Chicago, IL. Info: <http://www.organsociety.org/2012/>.  
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 Sunday, July  
20-22, 2012

BachFest 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

Sunday, July 29, 2012  
3:00 PM

Annual Picnic at the home of **Eric Hepp**, 24 Lor-Mar Court, Wappingers Falls. We provide the meat and the grill along with beverages – guests are asked to bring side dishes, salads and desserts. If you wish to contact Eric at 845-790-3381 to see what is needed, that will be helpful though not totally necessary. We hope to see you there!

Sunday, August 12, 2012  
10:00 AM

Bard Music Festival Program Four: The Organ, King of Instruments  
Performance with commentary. Works for organ by Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921); Adolphe Adam (1803–56); Louis Lefébure-Wély (1817–69); Charles Gounod (1818–93); César Franck (1822–90); Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937); Leon Boëllmann (1862–97). Organ: unspecified electronic instrument to be brought in for the concert. Performers and speakers to be announced. All programs subject to change. Admission charged. Fisher Center, Sosnoff Theater, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. Info: 845-758-7900.

Saturday, September 22, 2012  
4:00 PM

Organ Concert by **Donald Filkins** to benefit Dutchess Outreach and Family Promise. Organ masterpieces by French and German composers of the 19th and 20th centuries, featuring compositions by Franck, Guilmant, Widor, Rheinberger, Reger, Mendelssohn, Boellmann, Langlais, Messiaen, and Karg-Elert. First Presbyterian Church, 2568 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY. Suggested minimum donation \$10.00 - 100% of proceeds will go to Dutchess Outreach and Family Promise. Info: 845-297-2800.

Sunday, September 30, 2012  
3:00 PM

Organ Concert by Darren Motise  
Former Chapter Member Darren Motise performs works of Bach, Messiaen and others. Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)

Sunday, October 6 through Thursday, October 11, 2012 39th Annual Convention of the American Institute of Organbuilders  
Lansing, Michigan. Further details TBA.

Sunday, October 14, 2012  
4:00 PM Organ Demonstration/Crawl  
Explore the all new dual theatre/classical organ at Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park. Featuring John Baratta, organist and teacher, and **Johannes Vanderlee**, curator, and featuring organ students at the school. FDR High School is located at 156 South Cross Road, off Route 9G, in the Town of Hyde Park. More details will be provided closer to the event.

Sunday, November 4, 2012  
3:00 PM Organ Concert by Douglas Bruce  
International Concert Organist Douglas Bruce hails from Basel, Switzerland and has toured internationally including frequent visits to the United States. Works of Bach, Guilman, Haydn, Liszt and others. Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)

Sunday, December 2, 2012  
3:00 PM 54th Annual Handel's Messiah Performance  
Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)

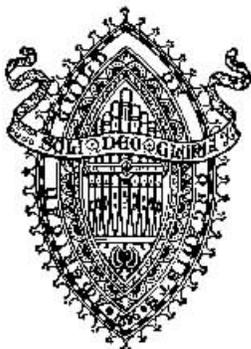
Sunday, February 3, 2013  
3:00 PM Organ Concert by **Craig Williams**, USMA  
Organist/Choirmaster  
The French Connection: Organ Symphonies of Widor and Vierne. Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)

Sunday, March 3, 2013  
3:00 PM Organ Concert by Meredith Baker, Director of Music  
Most Holy Trinity (Catholic) Chapel, USMA  
Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)

Sunday, April 7, 2013  
3:00 PM Organ Concert by James F. Mellichamp  
Vice-President and Professor of Piedmont College (GA) and International Touring Artist. Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)



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