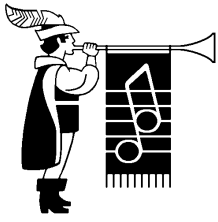


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Message from the President

I feel confident that history will record 2020 as a lost year. Those of us who enjoy and support the performing arts are experiencing three negative aspects of the crisis. First, we are missing the joy of performances; second, we are losing the income from canceled performances and cancelled fund-raisers; and finally, we now face financial uncertainty. We cannot predict when our schedules will return to normal or what the financial conditions of the following period will be. We press on, nonetheless.

Your guild is still in good financial shape, considering those uncertainties. With Woodlands unavailable, we canceled all of our spring events and will be canceling (or rescheduling) our fall events as well. The Bravo Amici concert (Oct 30) will be moved to the fall of 2021. The Christmas Concert (Dec 6) is at risk.

Although the Children's Concert will be rescheduled from October, probably into the spring, we are striving to maintain as much of our educational program as possible.

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra has dealt with the same problems. After canceling the spring concerts, the musicians kept a public face and spread the joy of music with the "Bedtime with Bach" series, which I hope you have all experienced. (If not check out the link on ASO website, and available later in this newsletter.) This series has received national attention for its musical excellence and its creative approach to keeping the orchestra a vital part of the community during the crisis. The series was the brainchild of ASO Concertmaster Drew Irvin.

ASO is also maintaining its education program as a priority. You can expect further rescheduling of symphony concerts this fall. The ASO is attempting to reschedule the fall concerts into the first half of next year, so that each series would have the full complement of concerts, but spread over six months instead of nine. The first priority is to retain all the guest conductors and artists originally scheduled to perform. Concerts will be shortened so they can be presented without an intermission, and orchestra may have to be reduced in size to maintain distance on stage.

It remains vital that you continue your support of the Symphony Guild, the ASO, and any other arts program you appreciate. These are trying times, but with strong supporters we will get through this.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Gifford".

Jim Gifford
Guild President

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Due to the covid-19 situation, upcoming events in this newsletter are subject to postponement or cancellation. Watch for eblasts, Facebook page updates, and visit the Guild website, www.symphonyguild.org, for current schedules.

Guild welcomes new Board Members

Three new Board members were welcomed via Zoom at the June Symphony Guild Board meeting.



Newest to Hot Springs Village is Betty Traylor. Growing up in Smackover, Arkansas and moving to East Texas after her graduation, Betty never thought that she would be returning to Arkansas. But she and husband John both agree that HSV is where they are meant to be!

Betty retired after 43 years in Long Term Care as a nursing home administrator, then helped out in her husband's insurance business until fully retiring last fall. The Traylor's have 3 grown children and 3 grandchildren. Living with them in the Village is Andy, an 18 year old African Grey Parrot, who "rules the home."

As a life-long volunteer, Betty is looking forward to becoming active in the Guild. She is impressed with what she has learned about the 'good things the Guild has done and is going to do. I am proud and honored to be a part of this great organization."



Jeanne (Jeannie) Ballard is no stranger to the Guild. She has been a creative force behind many of the social fundraising events over the past several years. Jeannie grew up in Birmingham, Alabama and attended the University of Alabama in Birmingham until she was hired by Delta Airlines. Jeannie worked for Delta for 27 years, meeting her husband Earl, a pilot, there. The Ballards moved to the Village in 2001 after a pilot friend of Earl's suggested they come and visit him in HSV. That was all it took for Earl to decide this was the place to retire.

The Ballards have 3 sons, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. After Earl passed away in 2019, Jeannie made the decision to remain in HSV. She loves playing golf, and her hobbies include repairing broken jewelry, making golf necklaces, and vegetable gardening during the summer months.

Jeanne's decorating skills first came to light at Diamante Country Club. A Guild friend asked her if she might be willing to do the same for Guild parties and fund raisers, and the rest is history! Jeanne says she really loves what the HS/HSV Symphony Guild does for the community. She has found the people in the Guild to be "nice, friendly and very easy to work with." She wanted to be a part of that, and will continue to be a valuable part as an "official" board member.

The other new member of the board is Donna Aylward. Donna and husband Dan are 14-year residents of HSV, although it took 13 moves across the United States and Europe before they "settled down" here. The Aylwards have been married for 39 years and have 3 children together. Son Ryan and his wife Shaina along with grandson Henry live in Eureka, CA; daughter Amy is a booking agent in Nashville, TN; and Donna's stepson Dan and wife Susan reside in Akron, OH. Her position as President of Arvest Bank in Hot Springs Village allows her the flexibility to serve and support many organizations in the community. She currently is a member of the Hot Springs Village Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Hot Springs Jazz Society Board, the Board of Directors of the Hot Springs Village Community Foundation, Co-Chair of the Village Walk for Cancer Research, a member of the Rotary Club of Hot Springs Village, and an active parishioner at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. She enjoys golfing, reading, the beach, and visiting with her friends and clients. Donna has already been an active participant in Guild activities, having helped with several of the Guild's Soirees and co-chairing the 2019 Tour of Homes. Donna says, "It is very much an honor, during this challenging time to be asked to serve as a member of the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild Board of Directors. I look forward to furthering the Guild's mission while making new friends in the coming years!"

Lynn Petti, the heart of the Symphony Guild



While we are exceedingly pleased to welcome three new Board Members, we can't let this opportunity pass to talk about a woman who is without a doubt the heart and soul of the Symphony Guild. Lynn Petti was born in South Bend, Indiana and grew up in Michigan City, Indiana. After graduating from Purdue University, she married and moved to Wilmington, Delaware. After a series of moves and a divorce, Lynn met and married Ron Petti. The Pettis settled in Cleveland, Ohio, and then Boston, then Columbus, Ohio. Lynn had always worked as well, and once their blended family of 7 children were out of college, Lynn could finally retire. Lynn had been a volunteer with the Junior League and hospital board, but volunteering had taken a back seat while she was working and looking after her blended family. With some more free time while in Columbus, the Pettis were able to become more involved in community work. Ron was on several arts-related boards. Lynn worked with the ballet committee and was a docent for the art museum. As program committee chair for Opera Columbus, she chaired 3 opera balls. She was a member and eventual president of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra League, and chaired a huge fundraiser for the Broadway Series. The Pettis retired and moved to Hot Springs Village in October of 1997. In December the then-President of the Guild asked Lynn to fill out the term of the retiring Membership Services VP. Lynn has been on and off The Board (mostly on) since then. You know times have changed in a mere 20+ years when you listen to

Lynn tell of her and Ron being ticket chairs for the 1998 Guild tour of homes—all done by snail mail! Their dining room table was full of envelopes, schedules and stamps for 2 months! Lynn has been active in music and theater all her years in the Village, as was Ron until he passed away. Ron was a former Guild President. Guild Soiree events have been a success in a large part because of Lynn's leadership of the Special Projects Committee. Thank you, Lynn, for all you have done for this organization and for Hot Springs Village.

In Remembrance

This past June, we lost two very special friends of the HS/V Symphony Guild.

Gerelyn Kelly, wife of former Guild President Jim Kelly, passed away on June 13 after a valiant struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. Gerelyn was a fine singer and pianist, and was always by Jim's side in his many leadership roles.

Dan Tucker passed away on June 21. He served on the Board for several years, lastly as Development Vice President. Dan assisted the Guild in many ways, and was greatly respected and loved throughout Hot Springs Village.

We send our sincere sympathies to Jim and his family, and to Dan's wife Kay and her family.

Music Education and Covid-19

In normal times, the Guild Education Committee would be planning school programs for the Fall, such as Orchestra and You. However, with the uncertainty about student attendance and the inability to offer presentations onsite, Guild Education VP Donna Toney and her team are working on inventive ideas to ensure that music education remains a possibility. These plans involve equipment, Internet capabilities, and lots of creativity. The hope is to be able to provide interactive sessions through popular platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, Zoom, etc. Time will tell!

Our Guild team works in close coordination with ASO Music Education Coordinator Joanna Klett. In the past the committee has been able to take advantage of ASO education programs, such as Arts Partners. However, for the foreseeable future it will not be possible for the ASO to take any of their "shows on the road." Streaming may be a solution eventually here as well.

Currently, the annual Children's Concert in Hot Springs is scheduled for March 4, 2021.

Bedtime with Bach Update

Congratulations to ASO Co-Concertmaster Drew Irvin and everyone involved with the “Bedtime with Bach” series on receiving an official proclamation from the City of Little Rock on July 23. These wonderful performances, viewable on Facebook and Instagram, have been a comfort and an inspiration to the many viewers. If you would like to “take a look and a listen”, you can do so at the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra website. Follow [this link](#) to begin.

Our 2020—2021 Season

With the continuing covid-19 pandemic, all events scheduled for the calendar year 2020 have been canceled or postponed. You will receive notice as events are booked or rescheduled in 2021.

December 6, 2020, 3:00 p.m. — Arkansas Symphony Orchestra *Christmas in the Village*. Woodlands Auditorium.

Saturday, January 23, 2021, 2:00 p.m. — Henderson State President’s Award winners in concert, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Sunday, April 18, 2021, 3:00 p.m. — ASO Youth and Academy Orchestras/Guild Annual Meeting, Jessierville School District Performing Arts Center. Free admission.

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number for example), please contact Jim Dixon. If you elected not to be included in past directories, we have not included you in the current directory.

Bus Service to Sunday ASO Masterworks Concerts

If you have tickets to the Sunday performance of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Masterworks concert series and don’t want to drive, we offer bus service from the Village. To sign up to ride the bus, please contact Molly Crawshaw at 922-0622 or email at mscrawshwa@yahoo.com. You can pay for each trip when you board the bus, or you may purchase the entire series of trips (for a discount) in advance. **(Performances suspended for rest of season) awaiting updates regarding the 2020-2021 schedule.)**

Stay Up-To-Date at the Guild Facebook Page

Keep up with current Guild events and projects at the HS/V Symphony Guild [Facebook](#) page. The page is filled with photos of recent Guild events as well as up-to-the minute announcements regarding upcoming events. And if you “**follow**” the Guild on Facebook these photos and events will make it to your newsfeed. Please invite your Facebook friends (Guild members or not) to **follow** our page too!

Supporting All Arts

The Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild is a member of the Hot Springs Village Arts Council, and fully supports all of the creative, visual and performing arts in and around Hot Springs and Hot Springs Village. For information on the upcoming events of the Council’s members, please visit www.hsvarts.org. filled with photos of recent Guild events as well as up-to-the minute announcements regarding upcoming events. And if you “**follow**” the Guild on Facebook these photos and events will make it to your newsfeed. Please invite your Facebook friends (Guild members or not) to **follow** our page too!

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