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Dear AHS Members,

Those of you who attended the AHS Institute in Denton, TX last summer know how well the society is promoting the achievement of excellence in harp playing; teaching; construction of our instrument; creation of new music being written; and the promoting of the harp to the public. The competitions, workshops and concerts were inspiring and made us proud of our Society.

Please make plans to join us at the 2012 AHS National Conference June 30 – July 3, 2012 in New York City. This was the city where the American Harp Society began 50 years ago. More details will be available soon. The Marriott Marquis in New York City will be our headquarters. It is sure to be exciting!

The news from around the region is always sent to you in the "Fall" newsletter, however the "Spring" newsletter is only sent via email. Please let me know if your current email addresses are not in the Blue Directory. Also, each member may list one harp or harp paraphernalia for sale.

I encourage you let me know about harp related events in your area so I can forward the information to our members and their students.

#### NEWS FROM THE MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Our September kick-off meeting was a huge success. More than 30 members joined together to network and get to know each other better. We also heard beautiful performances from our ARCH award winners: Betty Dahlgren, "By Yon Castle Wall"; Jann Stein, "As the Deer"; and Cathy Victorsen, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". The ARCH awards were created to inspire compositions and arrangements for the harp. Our November meeting covers holiday music to inspire everyone for the holiday season, with everyone bringing some of their favorites to play, solo and ensemble music, including one piece for six harps. In January we will gather together to learn more about harp in the movies. As always, we will hold our Music Education Evaluations during the winter. In the spring we will have our scholarship auditions and a flute/harp workshop and concert with Kathy Kienzle and Michele Frisch.

Do check out the Chapter Web Site. It is really great.

#### NEWS FROM WISCONSIN

Serena Kamps, from Pickett WI, presented 3 Recitals of harp music by Bach, Handel, Salzedo and Grandjany on October 20 in Fond du Lac; and October 26 November 2 in Milwaukee, WI.

The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point (UWSP) is pleased to announce Rosalie Gilbert as the harp instructor for their new harp program. UWSP offers a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in music, a Bachelor of Music degree with majors in Applied Performance, Music Education, Music Literature, and Jazz Studies, and a Minor in Music. Audition requirements and additional information can be found on the UWSP website, [www.uwsp.edu/music](http://www.uwsp.edu/music). Questions regarding the new harp program can be directed to Rosalie Gilbert either via email, [Rosalie.Gilbert@uwsp.edu](mailto:Rosalie.Gilbert@uwsp.edu), or phone, [240-429-8610](tel:240-429-8610). More information about Ms. Gilbert can be found on her website, [www.rosalieharp.com](http://www.rosalieharp.com).

From the Eau Claire, WI area:

Rebecca Schaefer of Eau Claire and Valerie Wagner of Middleton performed with the High School Youth Honors Orchestra at the WI State Music Convention in Madison WI on October 27th.

Music Therapist Amber Trappe, Carol and Iannsa Zaldariaga continue to use harp in the community at various nursing homes, the dialysis unit at Sacred Heart Hospital and with youth programs at the Juvenile Detention Center in Eau Claire. Luther Hospital/Mayo Clinic in Eau Claire will begin utilizing harp in their new cancer center in Spring, 2012.

Amber Tappe, Carol Pollock and Paula Smith are conducting music therapy research on the effect of recorded and live harp music on subjects' blood pressure, pulse and before/after ratings of anxiety and stress. Research results will be presented at the National Music Therapy Convention November 17-20th.

Heidi Joosten, composition major/harp emphasis at UW-Eau Claire, recently performed with the UW-Eau Claire Wind Ensemble at the WI State Music Convention and will perform in concert on November 29th. Heidi is also collaborating with UW-Eau Claire faculty on arranging/composing for harp in multiple venues. She will present a recital of her works in Spring, 2012.

Patty Partridge is playing harp on a weekly basis at the Lakeview Medical Center in Rice Lake WI in the oncology, dialysis and hospice units. Patty and Paula Smith were featured performers at the area's cancer survivors gathering in August, 2011, and at the semi-annual hospice fundraiser in October, 2011.

Krystal Urness performed with the Chippewa Vally Symphony in September, 2011, and will be the featured performer for three Christmas performances at First Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI.

Paula Smith will be the featured performer at the Madrigal Dinners at UW-Eau Claire on December 2nd and 3rd and at the Western Wisconsin Epilepsy Dinner on December 6th at Fanny Hill Supper Club. She will be performing the "Ceremony of Carols" with the UW-Eau Claire Womens Chorus on November 28th. Paula, along with other UW-Eau Claire faculty members, will be premiering a work by Dr. Ethan Wickman on December 9th for the annual "Healing Place" (grief center) program and dinner at the Florian Gardens in Eau Claire, WI. Paula will be one of the featured performers for the 19th season of the Master

Singers Christmas Program. Performances are on December 10th at St. Lukes Church in Minneapolis and December 16th at the United Congregational Church in Eau Claire, WI.

The Milwaukee Chapter of AHS News

Our Chapter sponsored a Student Recital / Scholarship Audition in May, 2011.

We heard 10 students of area teachers. The judges selected 2 winners:

1st place winner, Chloe Tula played "Vers la Source Dans le Bois" by Pierne

2nd place winner Jenny De Roche played "Impromptu Caprice" by Tournier.

We also had a wonderful recital by Janelle Jansen Lake, Chicago harpist and teacher for Sherwood Conservatory and University of Chicago.

December 18, 2011 at 4:00 PM our chapter will present our Solo and Ensemble Recital at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 200 Richard Street, Waikesha.

11 harpists will play Seasonal ensemble pieces as well as solos. The public is welcome.

March 18, 2012 we plan 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recital featuring music of Marcel Grandjany.

On April 15 at 2:30 PM. we will hear a recital by Elizabeth White Clark the new AHS Young Artist Winner.

Harps available for sale :

Lyon Healy Natural 23, 5 years old. \$28,000. Contact Chris 1-414-791-5975

Lyon Healy Walnut Troubadour 3, \$2,100. Contact Teresa

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