



NORTH CENTRAL REGION FALL, 2012 NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Harpists,

I am pleased to continue as your regional director of the American Harp Society. The following is news that has been submitted for our Fall Newsletter. How if you have items of interest throughout the year please let me know so I can forward news on to our members. In the Spring there is only an email newsletter, so if your email address changes please let me know!

You can also visit the AHS web site at www.harpsociety.org, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter to know what is happening!

Best Wishes,
Geraldine Elliott

NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

This past summer's New York Conference was inspiring to attend as we learned about the place our society began and how we are looking to the future. We look forward to the AHS Institute in Los Angeles this coming summer. Now is time to renew membership and pay our National and local chapter dues. We need to know each other to be able to recommend fellow members in the harp community.

As a member you will:

- Be part of a community of people who share your passion for the harp.
- Create more visibility for yourself and the harp which creates demand and new opportunities.
- Participate in continuing education through conferences, workshops, performances and good old fashioned networking.
- Participate or audit local and national competitions.
- Have access to scholarships.
- Receive the American Harp Journal.
- Be able to advertise in the regional and national newsletters.
- Get low cost insurance for your harp.
- Make new friends and stay in touch with old friends.

The 10th AHS Summer Institute, Competition and Lyon & Healy Awards
Will take place at the Colburn School in downtown Los Angeles, CA.

June 12-15, 2013—Lyon and Healy Awards

June 15-18, 2013—AHS National Competition

June 18-22, 2013—Summer Institute –Focus on Friends is the theme of the institute and will focus on the finest chamber music and small jazz and pop ensembles. Coachings and classes with Heidi Lehwalder, Carol Robbins and Paul Baker are just the beginning. Please visit www.harpsociety.org for more info and the required repertoire lists for the competitions.

TOPICS & ARTICLES FOR THE AMERICAN HARP JOURNAL

Attention harp faculty members, students, authors and friends of the harp community. The Harp Journal is looking for articles to publish. These may include articles on current or past harpists, analysis articles on harp repertoire, articles of historical interest, articles on harp builders, or on technique.

If you have ideas or questions, please email or call the editor.

If you have a paper for consideration, please send a hard copy, not an email file.

Elizabeth Huntley, Journal Editor

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CHAPTER AND REGIONAL HARP NEWS:

The Minnesota Chapter of AHS

The year began with a Chapter Picnic for fun and families.

New Chapter Officers: Elinor Niemisto, President

Nikki Lemire, Vice Presiden

Sarah Grudem, Secretary

November 11, 2 PM at Jann Stein's home. Members will share ideas for:

Safely moving your harp in the snow and ice; avoiding injuries; favorite hand cream; mittens; keeping yourself healthy and favorite exercises and warm-ups before practicing.

January 20, time TBD. Jill Whitman, Masterclass at MacPhail Center for Music open
To AHS members

February 2, AHS Evaluations, March 16, 3pm Meeting and 3:30 Recital

February 9, Teen Harp Students Concert and Pizza Party. Students will attend concert featuring new piece composed for Harp Sextet. Tickets : nikki.lemire@gmail.com

Congratulations to all the scholarship winners this year! The level of playing was very impressive. Thank you for such wonderful performances! Junior Division: Sonia Driskill
Intermediate I: resulted in a tie, Meridith Henke and Grace Roepke
Intermediate II: Heather Cornelius. Adult Advocator: Darcy Bell-Myers

ARCH Awards

The MN Chapter of the AHS is offering one \$50.00 award to members who compose or arrange music for the harp. This award is for any member who wishes to submit original or arranged music, of any genre, for the pedal or lever harp. Send submissions by April 15th, 2013 to: Shari Latz Rothman 4613 Mounthall Terrace Minnetonka, MN 55345 952-930-9372, sharirothman@comcast.net

Harp for Sale

Camac Athena \$10,800 schuebox@highes.net
Ravenna 26 \$800 Nikki Chritopher 651-221-2633

From Wisconsin:

Milwaukee Chapter of AHS

October 14 Our Annual Meeting was held at Jeanne Henderson's home.

The Milwaukee Chapter was formed April 1, 1963. These plans were made for 50th our Anniversary Year:

*January 4, 2013 6:30 PM Holiday Music and Party at home of Sandy Sherry

*March 10, 2013 3:00 PM Milwaukee Area Harp Student Scholarship Audition and Recital at Waukesha First United Methodist Church. Open to the public. Contact : gerryelliott@me.com for entry information.

*April 21, 2013 4:00 PM at Waukesha Southminster Presbyterian Church, 50th Anniversary Milwaukee Chapter Recital. Open to the public.
For Chapter Ensemble Rehearsal info contact Gerry Elliott.

*Chloe Tula, 1st place winner of our chapter's 2012 Scholarship was also a Youth Concerto Competition winner twice. She played the Debussy Dances in concerts with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and the Madison Chamber Orchestra.

*Chloe Tula and Clarissa Shilling are members of Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra. MYSO is a year long program for students featuring training and performing orchestra music which includes harp in 5 different orchestras at different levels.

*Ann Lobotzke has been playing for various orchestras and teaching both Suzuki and traditional harp lessons. She was honored to be a part of the Milwaukee Symphony's performance in the Spring for Music Festival in Carnegie Hall.

A recent highlight was an instrumental version of La Boheme for the Milwaukee Ballet's premiere of a ballet of the classic love story. Another memorable engagement was for "Zelda, Symphony of the Goddesses", a video game themed concert at the Chicago Theater.

*The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is seeking harp majors. Scholarship assistance is offered for qualified students. A new Lyon and Healy concert grand is available for our harpists. The university offers a wide variety of performance opportunities. Our school orchestra recently performed in Carnegie Hall, and the

Wind ensemble will be featured in national conference in North Carolina

this spring. Please check out our web site for information on the programs available:

<http://www4.uwm.edu>

Harp in the Chippewa Valley Area

Rebecca Schaefer, Eau Claire, and Virginia Wagner, Middelton, performed with the WI Honors Orchestra at the State Music Convention on Thursday October 26th at the Overture Center in Madison. Paula Smith served as harp coach for the orchestra's summer camp and two concerts.

Heidi Joosten will be performing with the UW-Eau Claire Wind Ensemble on November 18th and with the UW-Eau Claire Orchestra for a joint concert with the UW-Eau Claire Symphonic Choir on December 18th.

Patty Partridge and Kristen Till continue to provide harp music at the Lakeview Hospital, Clinic and Hospice in Rice Lake, WI

Paula Smith and Bethany Van Goor performed with the Chippewa Valley Symphony on October 20th and will perform with the Symphony for its Christmas Concert in Eau Claire WI on December 15th.

Performance venues for Paula Smith:

- Madrigal Dinners at UW-Eau Claire on November 30th and December 1st
- Epilepsy Foundation of Western WI Christmas dinner and fundraiser at Fanny Hill Restaurant in Eau Claire on December 4th.
- Guest performer with the Master Singers at St. Lukes Church in Minneapolis on December 8th and at United Congregational Church in Eau Claire on December 15th and 16th. Recording their annual Christmas CD in December.

The UW-Eau Claire Harp Trio will perform a concert at UW-Eau Claire on April 3, 2013

Harp in Madison Area

Harp Maintenance Workshops for Lever and Pedal Harps

July 27-30, 2013

**Sponsored by The University of Wisconsin-Madison
Division of Continuing Studies and School of Music
in cooperation with The American String Teachers Association**

Clinician: Jennifer Ruggieri

As a part of the **National String Instrument Repair Clinics** taking place in Madison July 27–30, **Harp Maintenance Workshops** for lever and pedal harps will be offered. The harp maintenance workshops focus on maintenance and simple repair procedures for lever harps and for pedal harps. Although observers are welcome to enroll in the workshops, *participants are encouraged to bring their own instruments* for hands-on experience under the guidance of a skilled technician.

Jennifer Ruggieri is a member of the Lyon & Healy/Salvi Technicians Guild and has been regulating harps since 2007. She has performed regulations for Chicago College of the Performing Arts, Indiana University in Bloomington, DePauw University, Purdue University, and Carnival Cruises, in addition to many privately owned instruments around the country. She is also a freelance harpist and teacher serving the Chicago area and surrounding suburbs.

ww.dcs.wisc.edu/lisa/music/nsw.htm

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From Rachel Avery and the Madharpers

Free Flute/Harp concert at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (1833 Regent St, Madison), Friday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 PM. I will be playing with flutist Joy Redmon. Pieces will range from classical, celtic, sacred, and a nice set of pieces (Algues) by Bernard Andres. It will be just about an hour long if you are free that evening.

Ensemble playing Holiday Music on:

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 from 5:30-6:30 PM at Goodman Community Center

Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012 starting at 4:30PM for Solstice Service at First Unitarian Society

HARP MARKETPLACE:

Venus, Concert Grand Model 75, \$14,000, 10 years old.

Includes: Padded Travel Cover Set, Dolly, Stand and some music

Contact person is Crysten Nesseth and the email is nessethc@gmail.com

Stoney End 29 string Floor Size, Lever Harp, 3 years old. \$1300.

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