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New England Region Fall 2014 Newsletter

New England Harpists,

I hope you enjoyed the fall and are looking forward to all of the December performances and exciting events planned for the New England Region this winter and spring!

As the new Regional Director, I would like to acknowledge and recognize the commitment and commendable service that two of our New England AHS members have contributed to the National AHS. Felice Pomeranz has served as the New England Regional Director and Chairman of the Board and currently serves as Co-President of the Boston AHS chapter. Susan Knapp Thomas served as a Director at large and currently serves as the President of the Connecticut AHS Chapter. Thank you for your past and continuing service to the AHS! If you are interested in more involvement with the national AHS, please let me know.

I encourage all harpists in Connecticut and Massachusetts to be involved in their AHS chapter in some fashion. Please see information in this newsletter to join the two chapters if you have not already done so. National dues are \$35 for students and \$50 for adults. If you have not paid your national dues to the AHS, please visit the AHS website:

<http://www.harpsociety.org/Membership/JoinRenew.asp>.

Please note that officers to both Boston and Connecticut chapters **MUST** be members of the national AHS. Check with your local officers listed below for information about your chapter dues.

For harpists in Vermont, Maine, Rhode Island and New Hampshire, I would like to hear from you! You are welcome to join the Boston and CT Chapters and please send me your news and upcoming events for the spring newsletter.

For those unfamiliar with the American Harp Society (AHS) website, I encourage you to go online and use the resources available to you. The website address is www.harpsociety.org. The AHS Directory is a great resource to connect with harpists from all over the world. Remember to check your listing in the AHS Directory for accuracy. You can also complete a member profile online at www.harpsociety.org.

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Upcoming Harp Conferences

2015 Summer Institute, Utah State University, Logan, UT

<http://www.harpsociety.org/ConferenceInstitute/2015Institute.asp>

Lyon & Healy Awards

Friday, June 19 – Saturday, June 20, 2015

21st American Harp Society, Inc. National Competition

Sunday, June 21 – Wednesday, June 24, 2015

11th American Harp Society, Inc. Summer Institute

Sunday, June 21 – Wednesday, June 24, 2015

2016 42nd American Harp Society, Inc. National Conference

<http://www.harpsociety.org/ConferenceInstitute/2016Conference.asp>

June 30 - July 3, 2016 Emory Conference Center Hotel The Schwartz Center,
Emory University Atlanta, Georgia

The Georgia Chapter welcomes the American Harp Society, Inc. to Atlanta in 2016!

Conference Co-Chairs: Carolyn Lund and John Wickey

13th World Harp Congress

<http://www.worldharpcongress.org/>

Hong Kong July 2017

News from the Boston Chapter of the American Harp Society

<http://www.ahsboston.org>

Role	Name
Co-President:	Rebecca Bogers
Co-President:	Felice Pomeranz
Co-President:	Juli Miller
Secretary:	Alison Blake
Treasurer:	Molly McCaffrey
Program Chair:	Amanda Romano
Correspondence Secretary:	Katherine S Smith



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Events:

The Boston Chapter presented its AHS Fall Student Recital on **Sunday, November 9, 4:00pm** at Dana Hall School, Beveridge Hall.

The **next big event** for the Boston AHS Chapter will be a lecture by Carl Swanson about his work editing the Debussy Sonate for Harp, Flute, and Viola. There will be a featured performance of the work following the lecture. The date is to be announced, so stay tuned!

We will also have a city wide college level harp recital at Boston Conservatory in **late January**.

We would like to share the dates of the Distinguished Harpist Series, directed by Judith Kogan. This season, the Distinguished Harpist Series concerts will host the two most recent winners of the USA International Harp Competition: Agnès Clément (**Sun Jan 25, 2015, 7pm**) and Remy van Kesteren (**Sun June 7, 2015, 7pm**). You won't want to miss these incredible artists. For more information and tickets, please contact Judith: judithkogan@earthlink.net.

The Berklee College harpists will host their Annual Harp Extravaganza on **Monday, February 23, 2015**. Free and open to the public!

Membership:

Boston AHS membership dues should be sent to Molly McCaffrey, our new Treasurer, P.O. Box 230483, Boston, MA 02123. Regular Members are \$35 and Student Members are \$25. We encourage all area harpists to become members, so that we will have funds to produce quality events for you in the coming year. We thank Molly for her help as our new Treasurer!

Our new Correspondence Secretary, Kaity Smith, theharpist@comcast.net, is eager to assist you when you have enews for our Membership. She can also send your classified ad to our members. This service is limited to current members of the Boston Chapter! Please send your dues!

We hope that you will want to again be part of the Boston Chapter AHS. If you have questions, ideas for programming, or would like to be involved, please contact Felice at ahsfelice@aol.com or Rebecca at ahs.boston@gmail.com. We welcome your thoughts and look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event very soon!



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News from the Connecticut Chapter of the American Harp Society

<http://www.waypointshome.com/ctharp/index.html>

Role	Name
President:	Susan Knapp Thomas
First Vice President:	Wendy Kerner Lucas
Second Vice President:	Megan Sesma
Treasurer:	Tammy Cooke
Secretary:	Grace Cloutier

Event:

Come join the CT AHS Harp chapter for a Chapter Harp Recital and accessory swap on **Sunday November 16th, 1:30-3:30pm.**

Bring any sheet music (not just holiday music) or harp accessories you'd like to swap/sell/donate and maybe pick up a treasure for yourself. The more, the merrier! The location is the Russell Library, 123 Broad Street, Middletown, CT.

If you have questions for the CT Harp Chapter, ideas for programming, or would like to be involved, please contact Susan at sharpt2@comcast.net.

Membership:

Dues are \$15.00 for a student (in school up to age 21), Regular membership \$20, and \$30.00 for a family membership (2-4 members), \$40 Contributing Member, \$50.00 Sustaining Member, \$100 Patron of the Chapter., \$500.00 Benefactor. Membership year begins September 1st and ends August 31st of the following year

Reciprocal memberships:

It has been agreed by the presidents of four tri-state area chapters of the American Harp Society, Metropolitan New York (Metro Harp NYC), New Jersey, Connecticut, and Long Island to extend a reciprocal membership to the members of these four chapters. For only \$10 per reciprocal chapter, provided you have first purchased a membership in your home area, entitles you to attend all meetings provided by the chapters of your choice.

MetroHarp members please contact:

LI: Karen Strauss at harpist@optonline.net

NJ: Diane Michaels at bassnharp@verizon.net

CT: Susan Farmer at K9sR4all@comcast.net



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You will be sent a registration form and a newsletter from each reciprocal chapter you choose.

Best wishes to all harpists this fall and winter. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. For the spring e-newsletter, send all information by February 1st 2015 for distribution March 1st 2015. Please keep me posted on your news and accomplishments throughout the year!

Thank you

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