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# Southern Region News

## East Tennessee Chapter: Sunita Staneslow – Guest Artist October 20, 2012

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### Summer Institute 2013

*Colburn School*

*Los Angeles, CA*

*June 18-22, 2013*

AHS National Conference  
2014 - *New Orleans, LA!*

*June 22- 25, 2014*

Mark your calendars!

*Don't forget to join AHS chapters locally as well as nationally.*

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**Sunita Staneslow** is an international performing artist who specializes in Celtic Music and Jewish music. Her many [harp recordings](#) and [harp books](#) have built a loyal following around the globe.

Not only has she has been a headliner in performing and presenting workshops at the major harp conferences in the world, she is employed by a hospital near Tel Aviv. While in college she took lessons for 4 years from Lucile Lawrence, Carlos Salzedo's wife. Then she took lessons in Paris with Lily Laskine.

Sunita's scheduled following events:  
Thursday, Trezevant Terrace - 3:30 - A concert of Folk music - Celtic and Jewish  
Thursday, Trezevant Manor - 7:15 - Concert for residents. A journey of timeless melodies from the time of King David to today. Jewish, Celtic, classical and American melodies that capture the magic of the harp, with Jeanne Simmons, Guest Flutist

Friday, Trezevant Manor - 7:15 - Public concert.

Saturday - 7:00 p.m. Or Chadash - New Conservative Synagogue, 6629 Massey Lane. Rabbi Julian wrote "Everyone is welcome. The more the better." Vocals, piano, flute and harp.

Sunday - 10 a.m. Or Chadash Synagogue - Sunita will be talking with their adult education class on her work in the hospital. Sunday - 3:00 p.m. St. Edward's Chapel at Trezevant - Psalms of David - Jewish and Christian music. For any that could not attend earlier



performances, there was a home concert Sunday evening at 6 for the old neighborhood.

### Jackson, Tennessee:

**A Harp Masterclass was presented by Nancy Allen** on September 14, 2012 at Jennings Hall, Hartley Recital Hall, Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. Ms Allen performed the Ginestera Harp Concerto the following night with the Jackson Symphony.





## New Orleans Chapter

*The aim of AHS is to*

*"...promote and foster the appreciation of the harp as a musical instrument, to encourage the composition of music for the harp and to improve the quality of performance of harpists.*

*For more information, visit the AHS web-site at [www.harpsociety.org/](http://www.harpsociety.org/)*

### ST Louis, MO

Gateway Chapter  
President – **Terri Langerak**, faculty at the University of Missouri in St Louis.

### Louisville, KY:

No report received.  
Rozanna Thompson

"No one can  
whistle a  
symphony.  
It takes an  
orchestra to  
play it."

The New Orleans Chapter of the American Harp Society - Our group began our educational outreach with our annual concert/workshop in January 2012. Through the cooperation of the East Jefferson Library, we hosted Dr Alfredo Rolando Ortiz, who enlightened local artists with discussions on South American special effects, accompaniment patterns and Paraguayan muffling.

The New Orleans Jazz & Pop Harp Weekend has held and hosted in June at the University of New Orleans. Starting June 8th, students partook in courses exploring improvisation, effortless glossing, the blues scale and other important aspects of jazz technique. The weekend culminated in Snug Harbor exhibition featuring famed harpists such as **Jan Jennings, Patrice Fisher, Cathy Anderson, Kimberly House** and more. Our next Jazz & Pop Harp weekend will be June 6th through 9, 2012 with guest harpist **Deborah Henson Conant**. This project was sponsored by a grant from the American Harp Society.

We hosted our 2012 ANUAL concert/workshop in November to great success. On Friday, November 2nd, our guest Harpist, **Martha Gallagher**, performed at Ochsner Hospital in Metairie. On Saturday, Martha shared several blues techniques and inspired workshop participants to play with passion at Old Metairie Library. A chorus of harps filled the Country Day School Auditorium with the sounds of joyous strings on Sunday, November 4. Harp events in New Orleans have enriched the playing of local practicing students and brought our instrument to the forefront of a music scene dominated by brass. And through dedication and continued funding, our chapter will continue to broaden the harp future in our city.

## Mississippi Chapter

**Grace Halsey** performed Mahler's Fifth Symphony with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra in September and she and her husband Andy are expecting their third child!

**Mandy Mangrum** will perform with the Greenville Symphony November 2nd and the Mississippi State University Opera group Nov. 29th and 30th. She will also perform at 1st Baptist of Jackson's Carols by Candlelight in December.

On November 16th the Mississippi harpists will be meeting at Nada Tullos's house to perform for each other, talk about upcoming events, and discuss having a Spring ensemble concert for all ages and levels for all MS harpists.

LOUISIANA CHAPTER – AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY

Fall, 2012, chapter report:

The founder of the Louisiana Chapter of AHS, Barbara Belew, represented both McNeese State University and our chapter in July of this summer, at the 40<sup>th</sup> National Harp Conference in New York City, and gained a lot of information, in addition to enjoying the many fine music performances. She currently is serving on the Planning Committee for the 41<sup>st</sup> National Conference, slated for June of 2014 in New Orleans.

As Director, Barbara and our president Patricia Horvath, the Assistant Director, welcomed 17 registrants to the 13th annual McNeese State University Harp Camp, held on the Lake Charles campus of MSU in late July of 2012. Chapter members Lynette Babineaux, Carla Breaux and Rebecca Pippin, along with non-members Jean English and Rod Lauderdale, former member Mike Collet and Carla's daughter Jessica Dupuis served as staff personnel.

President Patty and founder/advisor/vice-president Barbara presented their sixth duo harp concert at McNeese State University on October 14, 2012, when they performed a "Program of Early Music," including folk tunes and works from the Renaissance, Baroque and Classical eras.

Patty will be playing her perennial "gig" for an Orange, Texas, florist shop's annual "Twelve Days Before Christmas" open house in early December. She has become a "fixture" for this event.

Barbara will play in the neighboring small town of Bell City for the Christmas event of Louisiana's Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, honorary professional organization for key women educators, which she currently serves as president.

Carla Breaux, her mother Carlyn Fullington and aunt Gaylon Fullington are developing a lever harp program of Christmas ensemble music to play for some area nursing homes. Nancy Herington hopes to play for her group of lady quilters soon, and to present a "random" performance at some public place in her hometown of Elton, Louisiana, later this year.

Rebecca Pippin and Barbara continue to serve as principle and second harpists for the Lake Charles Symphony. Rebecca also is principle for the Rapides Symphony Orchestra of Alexandria, Louisiana.

The chapter currently is working on plans for our annual Spring Concert emphasizing ensemble music, when we often invite other musicians, including harpers/harpists to join us in some chamber music presentations. We are encouraging David Stockstill of Picayune, Mississippi, to arrange ensemble music for us again, as he has done in the past.

We have a new member, Maria Dupre', a beginner who started her study as a McNeese student in August. Welcome, Maria!

As a relatively small chapter, we all "pitch in" to help our community learn more about our wonderful instrument!

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Lexington  
Chapter  
No news  
reported



The Fall 2012 meeting of the Nashville Harp Society was held on Sunday, November 4, at 3:00 pm at Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, TN. Special guest artist Jan Jennings performed a concert followed by "ask the artist". A reception followed the program. Jan Jennings is First Prize Winner of the Lyon & Healy International Pop and JazzHarp Competition in 1988. She is the author of "The Harpist's Complete Wedding Guidebook" & "Effortless Glissing". Jan is a member of the AHS chapter in Orlando, Florida.

For information about the 11/4/12 meeting, visit our website or contact [harpist1@comcast.net](mailto:harpist1@comcast.net)

*IN THE WINGS*  
Philadelphia Orchestra  
Principal Harpist  
Elizabeth Hainen  
Sunday, March 17,  
2013!

## Nashville Chapter News - *AHSNashville.com*

**Licia Jaskunas**, Nashville Symphony Principal Harpist will be performing April 18-20, 2013 the Ginastera Harp Concerto with the Nashville Symphony at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center. She will be performing a recital on February 17, 2013 including the Ginastera and the Debussy Trio at 3 PM location TBD.

**Bobbie Jackson** performed at the St Bethlehem Christian Church in Clarksville, TN. She will be returning in December to perform Christmas carols.

**Kristin Quint** started her freshman year at Liberty University in Virginia. Best wishes from NHS! We miss you!

**Megan Shelton** played second harp with the Penasacola Symphony, Symphonie Fantastique with the Mobile Symphony and some performances with the Mobile Opera. On 9/2/12 she and her husband had their first child **Avery Elizabeth**. Congrats!!

**Hannah DeLadurantey**, student of **Heidi Jellison**, performed a recital October 20th. at St. Peter's Episcopal church in Columbia TN. The program consisted of; Bb Concerto with string sextet, by Handel; Vers la source dans la bois, by Tournier; The Lord's Prayer, by Malotte; First Arabesque, by Debussy; Fantasie for violin and harp, by Saint Saens and The Victorian Kitchen Garden Suite for clarinet and harp, by Reade.

**Lisa Rhea**: "This summer I completed the required 45 internship hours in the Music for Healing and Transition Program (MHTP). These were documented hours of playing one on one for patients at Alive Hospice Residence, St. Thomas hospital step down unit and Parthenon Pavilion Psychiatric Alzheimer and Geriatric units. I have graduated and am a Certified Music Practitioner with the harp. For more information about this program feel free to ask me or look at [www.mhtp.org](http://www.mhtp.org) <<http://www.mhtp.org>>"

**Tracy Artz** and her husband Tim leave for a 2 week trip to Israel in December where she will be playing harp with a worship ministry. They will begin a cancer support group on Stone Crest Medial Center's campus (Smyrna, TN) in January 2013. They will use their personal experiences with cancer, chaplaincy training and harp to minister hope to others.

President **Phyllis Sparks** was elected AHS Southern Regional Director in June 2012. Recently, one of her songs was featured on the TV show "Drop Dead Diva" on the Lifetime Movie Channel. Among her recording sessions this year, Phyllis performed on the 10/25/12 release of Richard Marx's "Christmas Spirit" CD. She pre-recorded in November 2012 the CMA Christmas Spectacular to be televised nationally this December. **Phyllis' husband Nick** and their Shetland sheepdog **Fiona** are currently filming 12 episodes of a new television show about dog agility for the RFD Network. Emmy award winners Michael and Dianne Killen are producing the project. The first episode is set to air in January 2013. The show focuses on the Sparks household and will also feature Phyllis and Nick's musical backgrounds.

**Maggie Clouse**, through the DADD Scholarship Program, is participating in a 5 month biomedical engineering research position in Freiburg, Germany. Maggie is pursuing a Master's Degree at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. (Picture: "Me and one of the Masters - Beethoven" in Vienna, Austria)

**Mallory Clouse** graduated from Greenwood High School in Bowling Green, Kentucky, earning a Commonwealth Diploma. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, and Future Problem Solving Team. Mallory was awarded the Greenwood High School Outstanding Science Student Award in May. She was also the recipient of the Elizabeth Nall Sherry C.A.R. Scholarship in June. Mallory received a WKU Excellence Scholarship, and began studies at Western Kentucky University Honors College in the fall

**Sarah Crocker** just completed her Doctorate in Harp Performance in December. "I am currently finishing up my dissertation entitled "The Descriptive Miniatures of Alphonse Hasselmans and Henriette Renie: An Examination of the Pedagogical and Artistic Significance of Salon Pieces for Harp." This summer, I did extensive research on the Renie collection located at the International Harp Archives at BYU, and my dissertation contains primary source material, such as unpublished letters from Hasselmans to Renie that I have translated."

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