

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

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Dear AHS Members,

Here is news from our Region's Chapters. It is not too late to join your local chapters!
I hope you are making plans to attend the **AHS National Conference this June** at the Astor Hotel in New Orleans.

It is sure to be a great Conference at a "Destination" location.

The Minnesota Chapter sends us this news of their many exciting plans:

**Spreading Holiday Cheer through Harp Music:
An Informal Recital at Heathers Manor Assisted Living**
Sunday, November 24th, 2013 at 12:30
3000 North Douglas Drive Crystal, MN 55422 (762) 226-2924

A wonderful opportunity to perform for an appreciative audience! Holiday is music welcome, but not necessary. If you don't have a piece ready to go, come enjoy the music! Please arrive at 12:30. We will start playing at 12:45 (lasting approximately 45 minutes).

We are looking for about 10 members to perform a 2-3 minute piece of your own choosing. All levels welcome, just make sure your piece is performance-ready (if you're currently taking lessons, your teacher would be a great person to ask, if you're unsure). There will be a semi-grand pedal harp and troubadour (with B-flat levers) provided.

To sign-up to play, email or call Nikki Lemire: nikki.lemire@gmail.com, 218-310-1916

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Next meeting will be on January 19th. See below for details. Time TBA.
- Consider participating in the Student Evaluations on February 1st and March 22nd, 2014. The deadline to register is January 11th, 2014! Information on pages 7 & 8.
- Have you ever written or arranged something for the harp? You could win \$50! Consider applying for the ARCH awards, deadline is April 15th, 2014. Information below on page 3.
- Consider participating in the scholarship competition on May 3rd, 2014. It's not too early to start learning the repertoire. Available to all ages and levels. See page 9 & 10 for information and application.

Focus on Hearing in January

We will have a presentation by Christina Heinzen on hearing and auditory issues at (her mother) Lynnette's home on Jan. 19th. Stay tuned for the time. Christina Heinzen graduated from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities in 2012 with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Speech-Language-Hearing Science (SLHS) and Spanish Studies. She is currently pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Speech-Language Pathology, also from the University of Minnesota. She has previously presented on hearing safety for the Spanish Vocational Conversation Group in the SLHS department.

September Recap: Harp & Tea

Around 20 members gathered for a lovely afternoon tea at the home of Bob Worrall and Anne Johnson in Roseville on September 29th. Anna Koopman played her original composition "Along the Garden Path," a beautiful suite of different movements whose titles were different garden flowers. We discussed what music best suited tea parties and a few people brought a piece to play. Most members also brought a tea cup, each with a story of where it had come from. There was quite an impressive range of cup styles and backgrounds! As usual everyone brought a delicious snack and the table was filled with tea-appropriate fare. It was a beautiful autumn afternoon to mingle outside and discuss ideas for future meetings, and catch up with old friends. The list of music discussed is compiled below. (It is by no means complete, so keep adding to it!)

1. Light, classical music i.e. Debussy, other French composers
2. Ray Pool's "Tea at the Waldorf" Vol I and II
3. Pieces that people know
4. "Pop 'n' Easy" pieces by Eleanor Fell i.e. Blue Danube Waltz
5. Welsh, Scottish, Irish music
6. Andrew Lloyd Weber, "Phantom of the Opera"
7. Bach, Handel
8. Standards like "Moon River" and "Over the Rainbow," etc.

Milwaukee Chapter of The American Harp Society

Our Chapter Meeting, on October 20, 2013 was called to order at 2:30 PM in the home of Gerry Elliott, President.

We greeted each other and discussed events for the coming year.

Our Holiday Party and the Offerings of one piece of seasonal music will be on Friday, **January 10, 2014 at 6:30 PM**. Cynthia Raatz will be our Hostess for the evening. We thank her for volunteering her home. Now it is time for us to start thinking of what holiday music we will play that evening. and a treat to share with other members.

We will sponsor the recent winner of the **AHS Young Artist Competition, Alexandra Mullins**, in a recital here. The national AHS organization provides her travel expenses and we will provide a place to play her recital, housing, a harp and an honorarium. Judi Tempe has arranged for that recital to be at her Church, Reformation Lutheran located at 915 S. Adelmann Ave, Brookfield WI 53045. The date will be April 27, 2014 at 2:00 PM. Be sure to come hear this rising star in the harp world.

Our own **Chapter Recital will be held at 4:00 on May 4**, at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Waukesha. The "theme" will be French Music. Music for the ensemble players will be ready in January and rehearsals will begin on March 9.

This past summer was in Los Angeles, where the theme was "Focus On Friends". We heard lots of ensemble played by friends playing harps and other instruments together. This coming **June 22-25, 2014**,

will be our Conference in New Orleans. The theme " **Harp Carnivale**" will be packed with sights, sound, and tastes of New Orleans. The opening concert will be at St. Louis Cathedral on Jackson Square. There will workshops in improvisation, healing harp, pedagogy, and composition /arranging, plus several ensembles to join.

Gerda told us about the "**Capital Harp Conference**" held in Madison this past July. It was very well received. Organizers and Presenters were Kim Robertson, Ann Lobotzke, Mary Radspinner and Sunita Stanislaw. Hopefully this event will happen next summer. Mary Radspinner is now living, teaching, and performing in the Milwaukee area and is welcomed back to the North Country.

Our meeting concluded with a member harp ensemble playing "Polka in C" by Press. Players were Molly Ullenberg, Brynn Davies Jeanne Henderson, Cindy Raatz and Gerry Elliott. We hope to see you soon and share our support of each other and the harp.

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