



Dear AGO Friends,

September 2009

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful summer! We have a busy year ahead and some great things planned for our Chapter. **The first event on the weekend of September 12th and 13th features Ken Cowan and the new installation of a Goulding and Wood Pipe organ in the beautifully renovated sanctuary of Vineville United Methodist Church in Macon.** The workshop led by Mr. Cowan on the 12th is our official “kick-off” meeting for the 2009-2010 year and new membership yearbooks will be available. This will be a time to meet and greet friends and to see and hear the organ in an informal setting. We are privileged to have Ken Cowan lead this event.

You will also want to attend **the inaugural recital** given by Mr. Cowan on the 13th. The program for that recital is printed on the back of the informational flyer.

With this mailing I have also included a **list of our AGO events (see back)** for our new year and a schedule for the Third Tuesday Organ Interludes sponsored by the historic downtown churches in Macon.

If you haven't already bookmarked our Chapter's website, <http://maconago.org/>, please do so. Under the EVENTS tab there is already a listing of our meetings for the year as well as other events of interest to our membership. Also, click on the tab MACON ORGANS to see information and specs for pipe organs in our area. There are other links of interest as well. Check regularly for updates.

Another website you need to visit is <http://www.psalmsandpalms.org/>. This is the informational website for our **AGO Region IV Mid-Winter Conference to be held on January 17-20, 2010 at the Lido Beach Resort in Sarasota, Florida.** The Sarasota-Manatee Chapter is sponsoring this regional conference. Registration forms can be downloaded from this website and if you register before October 31st, there is a reduced registration fee. Normally these events are held in the summer but the host Chapter has wisely decided to hold it in January. It will be a nice break just after the busyness of Christmas and before the Easter season. Not too hot and not too cold!!

There are lots of musical events scheduled for Macon and the Middle Georgia area that you might want to take advantage of!!! You don't need to drive very far to hear outstanding programs and artists. Many are free or have a minimal admission fee. Here are some websites you may want to check:

Vineville Music and the Arts

http://www.vinevillemethodist.org/music_and_the_arts_2009_2010

Warner Robins Concert Association

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

Macon Symphony Orchestra

<http://www.maconsymphony.com/>

Ocmulgee Symphony Orchestra

<http://www.ocmulgeesymphonyorchestra.com/>

Spivey Hall at Clayton State University

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

The Choral Society of Middle Georgia

<http://www.csmga.com/>

The Townsend School of Music at Mercer

<http://www2.mercer.edu/Music/calendar.htm>

Wesleyan College

<http://www.wesleyancollege.edu/Community/ArtsEntertainment/tabid/846/Default.aspx>

Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville

<http://www.gcsu.edu/culturalcalendar/music.htm>

Many churches also have special programs throughout the year. If you know of something that our membership might enjoy attending, please email me at njoiner@windstream.net or call 478-987-4641 and I will get the information out to our members

Soli Deo Gloria!

AGO Sponsored Events/Chapter Meetings

09.12.09, Saturday –Vineville United Methodist Church; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Workshop by Ken Cowan of Westminster Choir College

Host: Dennis McCleary

10.05.09, Monday – First Presbyterian Church; 7:30 pm

“A Bicentennial Tribute to William Walker, The Singing School Musician Who First Published Together the Words and Music of ‘Amazing Grace’ ” by Harry Eskew

Host: Sandy Smith

11.08.09, Sunday – Christ Episcopal Church; 7:30 pm

The Organ Studio of Mercer University will present the complete organ works of Felix Mendelssohn in two recitals in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Mendelssohn’s birth. This is the first of the two recitals. A reception sponsored by the AGO will follow the recital.

Host: Bob Parris

01.19.10, Tuesday - Dinner and a Concert at Christ Church; 6:00 pm

Hosted by John Simons and The Townsend-McAfee Institute for Graduate Church Music Studies.

Robert Parris will conclude the evening with a performance of Leo Sowerby’s Symphony in G Major for Organ.

02.14.10, Sunday - Vineville United Methodist Church; 4:00 pm

Hymn Festival featuring Al Travis, former Distinguished Professor of Organ at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Vineville UMC’s new Goulding and Wood organ.

Host: Dennis McCleary and Vineville and the Arts

03.22.10 through 03.26.10 – Mulberry Street United Methodist Church; 12:00 noon daily

Cherry Blossom Organ Recital Series

Host: Cam Bishop

04.12.10, Monday – Mercer University, McCorkle Music Building, Choral Room; 7:30 pm

Workshop with John Dickson, dean of Townsend School of Music

05.03.10, Monday – 12:00 noon

Annual Clergy/Musician luncheon,

Speaker and Location TBA

Another event of interest sponsored by St. Joseph Catholic Church:

03.21.10, Sunday – The Organ at St. Joseph: A Cherry Blossom Event; 2:00pm

Dr. Gail Archer presents an organ recital on the organ of St. Joseph Catholic Church