

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

October 2013 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- October 6: **Piano/voice recital**, performed by Neal Wegener and Stephen Fiess, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1600 Grant St., 3:00 p.m. Freewill offering.
- October 8: **SSMTA October Meeting**, Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, 780 E. Arapahoe Road, Centennial, CO 80122 (please see *SSMTA Meeting Day Schedule* herein)
- October 8: **SSMTA Ensemble Event Registrations** due at October 8 SSMTA meeting (or please have to Yoko or Marilyn no later than October 12)
- November 1-2: **SSMTA Ensemble Event** – Schmitt Music

TEACHER REFERRAL

If you have any openings for new students, our SSMTA Referral Chair Dorothy Lomme has requested that you call her as soon as possible. Her phone number is (303) 798-5579. *Thanks, Dorothy!*

ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

Linda Cody, 796-0369; Stephen Fiess, 791-6473; Barb Galuzzi, 936-1772; Alicia Johansson, 797-9630; Betsy Johnson, 719-649-2521, Nancy Kettering, 204-6430; Carol Rankin, 477-2686; Cheryl Saborsky, 771-2532; Elaine Van Dellen, 955-5790. Please contact newsletter editors if you wish to have your name added to this list!

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Linda Vogan, President

Dear SSMTA Friends,

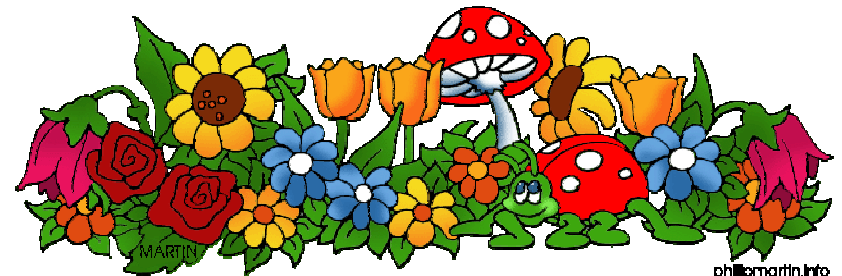
For years I have been amazed at the willingness of so many people to volunteer to help out in so many ways to make SSMTA a success! It takes people who can see even small tasks and take them on for the good of the whole group.

Thanks especially this month to Nicole Bullock, who was able to work hard making contacts and get a venue for our Halloween Recital. Even though Nicole has a new job which keeps her from attending our meetings, she is eager to help out.

Thanks, too, for Dorothy Lomme who volunteered to be our new "Welcome Chair". What a great person to greet visitors and new members and help them feel welcome!

What a wonderful surprise to have a brand new member, Nazila Nekoora, volunteer to be our SPARKS coordinator - thanks for taking on this job, Nazila!

If you are not already doing something to help SSMTA please consider how you can use your talents in our group. For example, we still need a co-chair for Achievement Day to help out Kat Wagner. Many hands really do make light work!



MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Vogan at 9:30 A.M.

A warm welcome was extended to new member Nazila Nekoerad. Nizila is an area piano teacher, and also a member of the Denver Area MTA.

The minutes of the May 2013 meeting were approved, with the correction of the checking account balance to have read \$5,813.16.

Gloria Ross, past SSMTA Treasurer, reported our current checking account balance is \$6,209.93; and our CD balance is \$10,022.89.

Special thanks to Sheila Hamaker for auditing our books. Sheila reported that we have a balanced budget, and suggested that we have a more in-depth Treasurer's Report.

RECOGNITION OF YOKO ASHCROFT, PAST PRESIDENT & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013-2014

Yoko Ashcroft was recognized for her outstanding service as SSMTA President for the last two years.

The new board is as follows:

President — Linda Vogan
President Elect — Gloria Ross
Treasurer — Nicole Bullock
Secretary — Penny Moeller and Marilyn Madsen
1st Vice President of Programs — Patty Kershaw
2nd Vice President of Membership — Vera Alder
3rd Vice President of Student Activities — Linda Zhang

PROGRAMS

Patty Kershaw announced the programs for the year. More information about the programs can be found on the SSMTA website. Today's program will be a round-table discussion about various teaching issues.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

MEMBERSHIP

Vera Alder passed around a printed copy with member's information and asked that it be checked for accuracy.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SSMTA Student Recitals – October (TBA), December 14, February 22, 2014, and April 5, 2014. The entry fee has been raised to \$6.00 per student entered. The December, February, and April recitals will be held at Skyview Presbyterian Church.

SSMTA Ensemble Event – Will be held November 1st and 2nd at Schmitt Music. The fee is \$20 per entry.

SSMTA Achievement Day – The 2014 SSMTA Achievement Day will be held Saturday, February 8, 2014. The fee is \$20 per student.

SSMTA Masterworks Festival – The 2014 SSMTA Masterworks Festival will be held March 1st and 2nd, 2014. The fee has been changed to \$25 per student.

DISCUSSIONS

Patty Kershaw discussed purchasing an electronic keyboard to be used in venues where there is not a piano available. A motion was made and approved for SSMTA to purchase an electronic keyboard with a bench, carrying case, and stand, with a base price of \$750, not to exceed \$1000. There will be an additional annual insurance fee to cover the keyboard.

Venues for an SSMTA Halloween recital were discussed. We will be checking into local bookstores and coffee shops and will make an announcement at the next meeting.

The SSMTA Ensemble Event committee said that there are 8 available recitals this year. The Saturday 4:15 p.m. recital will be reserved for students playing longer pieces.

Achievement Day and Masterworks Festival are both in need of co-chairs.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

There was discussion regarding moving the *Excellence in Music Award* to our April meeting, as the May meeting interferes with students' finals week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help is needed for the CSMTA/MTNA competitions, being held October 19, in Boulder.

Schmitt Music 2013 Steinway Piano Concerto Competition
Application is due October 19, 2013.

Help is needed setting up SPARKS music at our monthly SSMTA meetings.

Patty Kershaw is taking Clavier subscriptions. Please contact Patty for more information about special group subscription rates!!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Madsen



2014 SSMTA Masterworks Festival

Yes, it is time to be thinking about assigning repertoire pieces for the SSMTA Masterworks Festival on March 1, 2014!!

IMPORTANT: Guidelines for the event are found online at: www.ssmtamusicteachers.org under **Student Events/Masterworks Festival**, or on Page 14 and 15 of the SSMTA Membership Directory.

Repertoire should be chosen from either of the following composer lists:

Hinson: *Guide to the Pianist's Repertoire*;
McGrath: *The Pianist's Guide to Standard Teaching and Performance Literature*;
or the MTNA Composer List (see CSMTA Student Activities section).

Teachers desiring to enter students on instruments not covered in the Masterworks Guidelines, or to enter a student with a repertoire piece not listed in the above literature guides, need to contact the Masterworks Committee Chair by **Friday, November 15, 2013**.

Listed below are additional repertoire pieces that the Masterworks committee has approved. Pieces are listed as Composer: *Title* (year approved):

W Gillock: *Mirage* (2005)
W Gillock: *Fountain of Diana* (2006)
MT von Paradis: *Sicilienne* (2006)
W Gillock: all movements of *Sonatine* (2008)
J George: all pieces in Section 3 of *Patterns for Piano* (2008)
J George: all pieces in *Students' Choice, Set 4* (2008)
Haslinger: *Sonatina in C major* (2008)

If you have any questions regarding repertoire selection, or you need help with the registration forms, please do not hesitate to contact me:

Ardith Sloan,
Masterworks Festival Chair
sloanpiano@comcast.net

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE
Tuesday, October 8, 2013

9:15 -- 9:30 a.m.	Arrival & looking at SPARKS music
9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:30 -- 10:45 a.m.	Refreshments
10:45 -- 11:45 a.m.	Program

PLEASE HELP THE MEETING RUN SMOOTHLY

Help is needed from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. to set up the tables with boxes of SPARKS music. This should also be the time that materials are put on the sign-in table.

Please arrive on time for refreshments if you plan to partake, and be seated at the tables by 9:30 a.m. so we can begin the meeting on time.

Please plan to stay for the program.

AT OUR OCTOBER SSMTA MEETING

Our October meeting program is entitled "*Memorization Techniques For Your Studio, and Memory Tests*" and will be presented by CSMTA member Sara McDaniel. Sara is an outstanding clinician, adjudicator and teacher, and always has a delightful presentation to share. Please plan to join us for this wonderful program!!

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR OCTOBER MEETING

Special thanks to Patty Kershaw, Nazila Nekoerad, and Vera Alder for providing refreshments for our October SSMTA meeting!!

Thanks, as well, to all who have provided refreshments during this past year!

