

## SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

September 2013 Newsletter

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### CALENDAR

- September 10: **SSMTA September Meeting/Potluck Lunch**,  
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; 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 Yoko Ashcroft, President*

Dear SSMTA Friends,

Another school year is now underway, and all of us back in our studios once again!

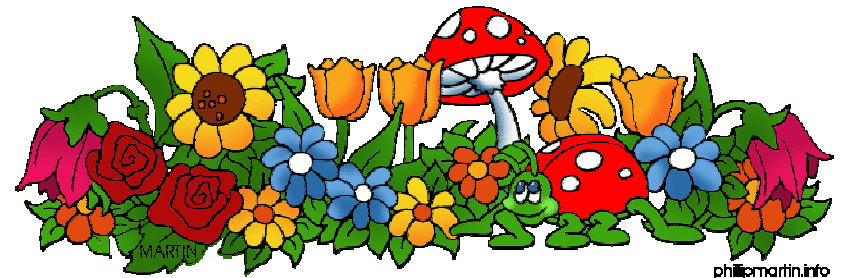
I hope you are excited about the potential of musical growth in all your students and looking forward to your own professional development this year! Those two aspects of music education are why we exist as an organization.

I hope you can come to our meetings, learn from other teachers, get involved in SSMTA student events, and enjoy our wonderful monthly programs offered by excellent presenters and educators for your benefit!

We offer our thanks to Yoko Ashcroft for her excellent leadership the past two years; and now we begin again with a new Board. Please communicate with us how we can best serve you, as well as any suggestions for our meetings or events!!!

Finally, don't forget to check out our great website at [www.ssmtamusicteachers.org](http://www.ssmtamusicteachers.org).

Please join us Tuesday for a delightful meeting, and potluck lunch following!



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## MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2013 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Yoko Ashcroft at 9:35 A.M.

Robin Stewart made a correction to the March minutes via Jackie Garner: in ***Student Activities*** under ***Masterworks Festival***, the statement "judging was based on 'is the piece recital ready?'" should read "judging was based on 'are ***both pieces*** recital ready?'"

Gloria Ross read the Treasurer's report and presented the 2013-2014 SSMTA budget. The checking account balance is \$513.16, and the savings account balance is \$10,015.40. Patty Kershaw moved that the budget be accepted; Ardith Sloan seconded, and the motion passed. A Board meeting will be held during the summer to make any necessary adjustments to the budget, and the membership will vote again in the Fall to approve the revised budget. Sheila Hamaker will audit the books during the summer.

### TEACHING MOMENT

Patty Kershaw shared ideas that have proved to be successful in her studio. Her presentation was entitled "*Toys in the Studio*," and focused on the many tools available for the development of technology in today's teaching studio.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2013-2014

The following officers were installed (and presented gifts by the outgoing officers):

President—Linda Vogan  
President Elect—Gloria Ross  
Treasurer—Nicole Bullock  
Secretary—Penny Moeller and Marilyn Madsen  
Membership—Vera Alder  
Programs—Patty Kershaw  
Student Activities—Xiao Sui Zhang

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Vogan announced that the application deadline for the SSMTA Educational Grant-Scholarship Fund is June 1st, 2013.

Silent Auction items for the 2013 CSMTA conference need to be delivered to Yoko by June 1st, 2013. The Silent Auction this year will support MTNA Foundation Fellow nominee, Jill Hanrahan NCTM.

## MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2013 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

Volunteers are needed to prepare the SSMTA poster for the 2013 CSMTA conference. The conference will be June 5-8 at Colorado State University, in Fort Collins.

Ardith Sloan suggested that the Masterworks Festival budget be altered to better meet expenses, "break even", or even gain a profit. Two options for the budget revision are:

- 1) Raise Masterwork Festival fee to \$22.00 or \$25.00.
- 2) Decrease number of judges in each room from two to one.

Discussion followed, and it was decided that the Masterworks Festival budget would be addressed at the Summer board meeting and presented to the membership for approval in the Fall.

Patty Kershaw proposed that \$600.00 be taken from Achievement Day fund, and used for the SSMTA scholarship fund – \$300.00 to ***Excellence in Music Award***, and \$300.00 toward the ***Scholarship/Grant fund***. Membership approved.

Robin Stewart is celebrating 50 years as an MTNA member. Congratulations, Robin!

The SSMTA ***2 Pianos 8 Hands Concert*** is Sunday May 19th, 3:00 P.M., at Highlands Baptist Church.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Following the meeting, recipients of the ***Excellence in Music Award***, Claudia Sellers, student of Quetta Augustus-Keenan, and Lindsay Sorenson, student of Kaye Craig, performed for the group. The third recipient, Connor Desmond, student of Patty Kershaw and Jill Henton was unable to attend.

SSMTA member Ruth Wyeno was honored for her years of service with the presentation of the Teacher Service award. Enjoy your retirement, Ruth—we will miss you!

Officers and members in charge of events and committees were recognized.

Potluck luncheon followed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Garner

## SSMTA EVENT FEES FOR 2013-2014

Please note: Fees for some of the SSMTA events are changing this year: SSMTA Student Recitals will be \$6 per student; SSMTA Masterworks Festival will be \$25 per student; Ensemble and Achievement Day will remain at \$20.



## YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED...

There is a need for someone to be in charge of SPARKS music - culling it, putting it out each month, organizing new donations as they come in, etc.

We are so grateful to Ruth Wyeno who established and continued to organize this music for so many years! The donations have been of great benefit to this excellent program; as well, many teachers have enjoyed the fine music that has been available at a great price!

Please help us continue this excellent project!

## SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE Tuesday, September 10, 2013

9:00 -- 9:20 a.m.	Board Meeting
9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:30 -- 11:30 a.m.	September Program
11:30	September Potluck Luncheon

## 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 SEPTEMBER SSMTA MEETING

Our September meeting program is entitled "SSMTA Speed-Dating" and will feature a round table discussion. Please plan to join us for this wonderful program!!

## REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Following our September meeting, we will have a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy this opportunity for camaraderie with fellow teachers!!

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

