

Low Country Chapter American Guild of Organists -- eNewsletter July 2024

Dear Members and Friends of the Low Country Chapter of the AGO,

Welcome to our 2024-2025 year with new officers and many interesting programs planned. Your Board Members are:

Chad Martin	Dean
Debby Graves	Sub-Dean
Greg Hollinger	Secretary/Treasurer
Gary Rakestraw	Member at Large
Debbie Bauer	Member at Large
Beth Corry	Member at Large

The Board would like to thank Jeff Harbin and Pam Kane for their hard work and leadership throughout the past years. They planned some wonderful programs that we were privileged to enjoy.

Our next summer concert will be part of our Farmer's Market summer series concerts. This will be held on August 8th starting at 1:00 PM at Bluffton United Methodist Church. The theme for this concert is ***Come to Camp Meeting***. If you are interested in performing please contact our Dean; Chad Martin. His email address is cmartin@fpchhi.org Come and enjoy the variety of music this themed concert will provide.

Our first program of the 2024-2025 year will be a pot luck party on **September 13th, 2024 at 5:30 pm at Debby Graves' residence in the swimming pool area next to Broad Creek**. All members, their spouses or significant others are invited. We are hoping to have an evening of fun fellowship.

Debby's address: 5 Newport Dr., Hilton Head Island.



You may use the pool for a swim and there are restrooms for changing.

The Chapter will provide drinks (wine, soft drinks and water), hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken. Members will bring a pot luck dish to share: sides, salads, appetizers, or desserts.

Please email Debby if you are coming and indicate what sides, salads, appetizers, or desserts you are bringing how many people are coming with you. debbygraves@yahoo.com

Looking Forward to Future Programs.

Reserve Tuesday Evening October 29th, 2024 for a Silent Movie accompanied by organ. More information later.

We have also confirmed a Christmas (Holiday) evening at Glenn and Kathy Ragsdale's home on December 6th, 2024. More information to come.

We are looking forward to a year of great music and fun fellowship,

Sincerely,
Debby Graves Sub-Dean.

From Our New Dean

It brings me great joy and excitement to be back "home" in the lowcountry! I also can't express the amount of gratitude I have to be your dean again, and work with Debby as the sub-dean. It is indeed an honor and a blessing!

While getting acclimated to the "post-Covid" lowcountry region, so many memories of special events, fun concerts, and amazing fellowships/get-to-togethers from back when life was "normal" flood my mind.

I am extremely grateful for Jeff and Pam (past-dean and past-sub dean, respectfully) for all of the hard work, dedication, and perseverance they provided as they led the group through such difficult "Covid" times AND brought the guild into our current "reality" with such grace and thoughtfulness. Bravo to you both! Thank you for being an exemplary AGO team by modeling professionalism, honesty, and teamwork.

As we progress forward into the 2024-2025 AGO year, I ask that you get ready to "pull out all of the stops", get your foot on that crescendo pedal, and prepare yourself to hear the Trumpette en Chamade because we are going to have a year filled great things all across Beaufort County!

I leave you with this:

With unrelenting crescendo, the symphony of a life replete with melodic progression

Hastens to its finale. And a friendship that is ours to share, with its "largos" and "allegros"

Moves everlasting; onward in sweet memories.

--anonymous

Friends, lets not just make music.....lets make memories!

With Joy,

Chad A. Martin, dean

Performers and Program of the July 11, 2024 Summer Farmer's Market Concert at Bluffton UMC



	Americana July 11, 2024 Bluffton United Methodist Church	
Prayer for America	arr. David Carnes & Beth Humber	
If My People, God of Our Fathers, and America the Beautiful Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano and Chad Martin, organ		
Deep River	Traditional Spiritual arr. Mark Hayes	
Julia Buzzard, flute and Debby Graves, piano		
Marines Hymn	Jacques Offenbach arr. Jameson Schlabs	
Jameson Schlabs, organ		
"Fuga" from Concert Variations on "The Star-Spangled Banner"	John Stafford Smith & John Knowles Paine	
Dr. Pam Kane, organ		
God Bless the USA	Lee Greenwood arr. Zachariah Reardon	
Zachariah Reardon, organ		
Variations on "America"	arr. Anthony Giamanco	
Dr. Joo Soo Son, organ		
Variations on a Shaker Melody from "Appalachian Spring"	Aaron Copeland, arr. Bennett Lerner	
Dr. Gerald Anderson & Chad Martin, piano		
God Bless America	Irving Berlin, arr. Gary Lanier	
Julia Buzzard, flute & Debby Graves, piano		
The Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organist's thanks you for attending our Americana Concert today. We hope you will come to the next concert on August 8th at 1:00 PM here at Bluffton United Methodist Church. Please tell your friends about us and these concerts.		