

# Low Country Chapter eNewsletter August, 2024

Happy August Everyone!

I hope each of you made it through the recent storm safely and with little damage. Due to the uncertainty of the weather at that time, we were unable to carry out our “Camp Meeting” mid-day concert. However, we have rescheduled the event to occur later in the 2024-2025 season, and anticipate a music-filled, enjoyable time!

I hope you will take a moment to look at the events we have planned for the upcoming season, and plan to attend as many as you can! The Lowcountry AGO has had many wonderful concerts since its inception in 1999. In order to move forward and continue on with that legacy, it takes each and every one of us to make that happen whether that be through attendance, financial support, or simply encouraging one another throughout the process.

Having music programs that are of quality and good planning is only a portion of what we do to serve our organ community. In order to create the needed comradery and “team effort” needed for any organization to thrive, there must be fellowship. It is beneficial to have those moments throughout the year where we can get together, get to know one another, and “chew the fat” with our colleagues. With that said, please plan to attend our first social event of the year which will be hosted by Debby Graves in September. I look forward to seeing you there!

In closing, I’d like to thank each of you for your support, participation, and encouragement for our chapter. Let’s continue to be the best we can be as we progress onward!

Chad A. Martin

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

Our first event of the 2024-2025 year is quickly approaching. We have planned several fellowship/social events for the year so that we may get to know each other a little better. The first event is just that. On Friday September 13th at 5:30 PM we will have a potluck party at the residence of Debby Graves. 5 Newport Dr., Hilton Head Island – the map below shows the way from US-278 at its intersection with Shelter Cove Ln. It will be held in the pool area next to Broad Creek. Debby will provide a gate code to those who are attending. You may go swimming if you desire. There are restrooms for changing clothes.

The Chapter will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, wine and water. You are welcome to bring other beverages if you desire. We are asking those that are attending to bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share. It is **IMPORTANT** to RSVP by Monday September 9th so that we may plan the purchase of the food. RSVP to [debbygraves@yahoo.com](mailto:debbygraves@yahoo.com) Debby will need to know how many people are coming with you and what food you are bringing.





## Future Events Plans:

**October 29th** at 6:30 pm will be a Silent Movie “NOSFERATU” presented at First Presbyterian Church. The performer will be our Dean, Chad Martin.

**November 22nd** Concert to be announced.

**December 6th at 5:30 pm** will be another social event. The Ragsdale’s have graciously welcomed us to a Holiday Party at their home on Spring Island.

**January 6th, 2025** will be an Epiphany Party. Place to be determined.

**February 16th, 2025** will be an organ concert presented by Debby Graves, Beth Corry, and Chad Martin. The concert will be at Providence Presbyterian Church on Hilton Head Island at 4 pm.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025** celebrating Bach’s Birthday, March 21, 1685 will be a Bach organ concert at the Parish Church of St. Helena. We will be looking for members to play for this program.

**April, 2025 throughout the month.** The Lowcountry Chapter will be presenting its very own series of video clips called "Chats and Chiffs". These will be short videos that showcase various parts of the organ, how they operate, their function, and how they are incorporated into our performances. Some videos will also include interviews and performances of local organists.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025** is a FESTIVAL OF HYMNS presented at First Presbyterian Church. We will be combining many church choirs for a glorious afternoon.

**June 12th, July 10th and August 14th** (second Thursdays at 1:00) we will continue our summer series Organ Concerts in conjunction with the Bluffton Farmer's Market. The June Concert will be called COME TO THE CAMP MEETING. This was the concert that was to be held earlier this month and canceled due to the "D" Tropical Storm.

## ***Low Country Chapter Town Hall Meetings*** New Monthly Opportunity for Members and Friends To Participate in Chapter Business and Planning

In an effort to more directly engage the entire Membership in Chapter Business and Planning, we invite all members and friends to participate in this first *Town Hall Meeting* on September 9, 2024 at 10:30 am. You will be sent a zoom invitation a few days in advance. We look forward to your participation and input. We plan to continue these Town Hall Meetings monthly immediately following our monthly Executive Board Meeting.

We hope to see you at these Chapter Events and at the new monthly Town Hall Meetings,  
Sincerely,  
Debby Graves (Sub-Dean)