



THE GUILD  
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JACKSONVILLE  
SYMPHONY

# *Guild Notes*



Pat Manko, President

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Dear Guild Members,

I think everyone will agree that the start of this season was wonderful. The membership coffee was a delight. Virginia Smyrles was the perfect hostess. Her home was a beautiful site for our first function. We welcome her to becoming an official Guild member. Our next big function was "Rhapsody on the Runway". What an evening that was. Allene Groote deserves a special thanks for all the work she put in this fundraiser. The word is everyone involved wants to do it again next year. Finally, was the Holiday Luncheon. Maureen Kirschhofer made it special with the interesting menu and those wonderful young singers.

Of course interspersed throughout these events were our ongoing projects. There have been 2 RAKES. They are not a surprise anymore but still a lot of fun. The coffee concerts have been well attended. Carolyn Gaspard has taken on both of these jobs and with her wonderful committees has done a splendid job.

The painted violins have been on display at several functions and the raffle tickets are flying off the table. I hope you have had a chance to see them. They are just beautiful.

Robin Berenberg gave up her position with the Gift of Music. Marcia Gardini accepted the job and would love to take your donation in honor/memory of a love one to benefit the Claxton Library.

Finally, the Showhouse committee has been meeting monthly. Rose and Marge have so many new things planned. I know you will want to be involved.

One date you need to put on your calendar. The Friends of the Guild luncheon will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup>. You should have received your invitation by now. You do not want to miss this. Rich Ridenour will be giving us a sneak preview of his "I Love a Piano" concert.

So, as you can see, we are a busy group. But, look at what we have accomplished so far. Just imagine what the rest of the season will bring.

**Pat Manko, Guild President**

## SOUTHERN GRANDEUR is becoming a reality.....

The Showhouse Committee is in full swing and what a way to start the New Year! What a great group of ladies we have working with us this year. We want you to stay informed so here is our progress:

- Sandy Borntraeger and Cletia Bowron have once again worked their magic negotiating with the Florida Times-Union for the Showhouse program, FTU advertising & special publication editorial space, and again, the Jacksonville.com promotion campaign. In addition, Comcast Spotlight has agreed to provide cable television advertising, bringing along BMW/Tom Bush BMW as the automotive sponsor as well as BluWave Video Productions. Lena Shore has agreed to design and maintain the Showhouse web site. And lastly, Cletia & Sandy are diligently working to procure several other large cash sponsors that will hopefully come to fruition within the very near future. We can never thank them enough for all they do every year and all through the summer for the Showhouse.
- Bonnie Ennis and Pat Manko are again teaming up for the difficult task of staffing the Showhouse. Do you know it takes a minimum of 1200 volunteers to staff the house for three weeks? They will be sending out Docent Letters shortly to everyone. This year if you volunteer for two (2) sessions at the Showhouse you will receive a pass to attend to all of our Speaker Series free. What a great idea and opportunity!
- We are happy to announce that we now have a Public Relations Representative for our 2011 Showhouse! Thanks to an introduction by Brenda Luten, Bonnie Hayflick, of Bonnie Hayflick PR Counsel has agreed to do our publicity this season. We look forward to working with Bonnie and sharing this year's Showhouse experience with her.
- The Speaker Series is filling up quickly. What a line-up we have this year. Our own Guild Member, now a published author, Jeanne L. Ward, will be speaking on her new book *"You're It! Successful Single Mothering after Divorce"*.
- Remember these important dates: **March 31<sup>st</sup> – Preview Luncheon**. Ouida Walker and Susan Kelley have a fabulous lunch and guest speaker lined up.
- **April 1<sup>st</sup> – Preview Gala**.....Maureen Kirschhofer has some surprises up her sleeve for this spectacular evening event.
- We are proud to announce that Avondale Gift Boutique has signed on to do our 2011 Showhouse Boutique this year. Sandi Hibbard, Sue Ashby Margie Deegan, Gayle Banks and Carolyn Gaspard will be meeting with the Boutique participants soon to plan this opening.
- This year our Showhouse will include The Village Shops. Two of the Village Shops will include items from Design Additions and The Lady Bug. Brenda Luten is working hard to put this project together. The Showhouse room designers have been chosen and they are in their early stages of planning. They are coming together again in January to review their plans and designs.
- Eleanor Maxwell takes on the job of Online Sales and Showhouse Treasurer. Yes, she will keep us organized!!
- The Ticket Committee kicks into action after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Joy Storms will be working on tickets shortly, Dotti Cahill will be lining up Ticket Locations, Faith Jorgensen will be working on Guild Sales, Allene Groote will be promoting Group Sales and Marge Medina will be taking on Door Sales again this year. (Door Sales is a great job for volunteers who need to be seated).
- Geri Godfrey is keeping us on track with minutes and organization. Sherrie Calvert is, as always, spreading the word to anyone that calls in the office or that she meets, and is helping us with any and all projects
- By now everyone has received the Benefactor Letter from the Showhouse Committee. Please remember it is through these personal donations that the Showhouse begins.

Rose and Marge  
Showhouse Co-Chairs



## PAINTED VOILINS

The Education Committee's Painted Violin project is going very well. Also known as "Music For Your Eyes," this undertaking raises money for Harmony Grants, which are given each year to teachers in Northeast Florida for projects that use music. Some of the recipients are music teachers, while others are classroom teachers.

Because school budgets are so tight, none of these projects would be possible without our grant dollars and teachers are very appreciative of our support. Harmony Grants have paid for field trip busses and funded the purchase of instruments, protective instrument cases, and music scores.

In 2010, we gave more than \$5000 in grants. Many requests asked for the limit of \$500, while others only needed \$150. Each application details how the money will be spent and the grant committee thoroughly discusses the project, weighing the merits and long-term benefits to be sure that the funds will be used well.

The committee has raised more than \$3200 this fall by selling raffle tickets for the violins. The drawing for winners will be at the close of Showhouse.

Many of you have helped us sell tickets, and we would welcome any of you who want to work in this project. Call Mary Jeanette Howle (c: 868-6666 or [mjhowle@comcast.net](mailto:mjhowle@comcast.net)) to volunteer.

We have the following dates on our calendar, but if you know of another event where we can show our beautifully decorated violins, please let Mary Jeanette or Pam Nelson ([pam.gerrish@edwardjones.com](mailto:pam.gerrish@edwardjones.com)) know.

Jan 14-15	at the <i>I Love a Piano!</i> concert
Jan. 19	for the Bernadette Peters concert
Feb. 5	at <i>The Elixir of Love</i> opera
March 3	at the Celtic Celebration
April	at the Guild Showhouse

## VOLUNTEER USHERS

We would like to give a special note of recognition to the following Guild members for also being Volunteer Ushers! Thank you for all that you do to support the Jacksonville Symphony!

Kimberly Gustafson, House Manager

1. Barbara Arkin
2. Fay Clare
3. Virginia Maxted
4. Martha Read
5. Mary Rose
6. Joan Sobanski
7. Pat Williams

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## **The Gift of Music, The Guild's Gift of Music program.**

Would you like to give a gift in honor of an anniversary, in honor of someone special, a business associate or for a special occasion tributes and memorials?

The **Gift of Music** is a wonderful gift giving opportunity giving the donors the choice to purchase or supplement the cost of music scores on behalf of the Jacksonville Symphony Klacsmann Music Library.

Donors may choose from a select list of music scores from the JSO current season, choosing from four gift levels beginning at \$150 with each level having its own unique set of benefits and recognition. Both donor and recipient will receive acknowledgement in *ENCORE!* And all donors receive a parchment title page of the music score suitable for framing.

The **Gift of Music** is of perfect taste and size and will never expire. To join those who have already made the purchase of music for the Klacsmann Music Library, contact the Guild office at (904) 358-1479 or by e-mail to [scalvert@jaxsymphony.org](mailto:scalvert@jaxsymphony.org).

### **“Gift of Music” Donor Benefit Levels\***

#### **Ruby Notes: \$150 – 249**

Listing in *Encore!*, parchment title page of the music score, baton and acknowledgement letter.

#### **Silver Notes: \$250 – 499**

All of the above plus; two (2) vouchers to pre-selected JSO concert.

#### **Gold Notes: \$500 – 999**

All of the above plus; recognition on “Gift of Music” donor plaque in Klacsmann Music Library

#### **Platinum Notes: \$1000 and above**

All of the above plus; arranged tour of The Klacsmann Music Library

\* All donors will receive two (2) passes to the Conductors Club.

### **Clip and Place in your Guild Directory**

#### **New Members**

Candy Britts

Dolores Douglas

Martha Hawes

Billie Hayward

Laura Hollon

Helen Hubner

Virginia Meadows

Kerri Napoleon

Gwen Tomic

Please note this requested change:

For Marge Medina: please delete Nussmeyer, Larry and the fax number.

## Special Treat in Store

The next Guild Friends Luncheon will be **January 12, 2011**. Mark your calendar now, because it is going to really special. The view could not be better, and the entertainment is world class. See you there.

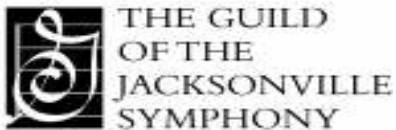
Anita Geiger, Chair



## Hidden Hills Pops

We are very excited we are having a Pops at Hidden Hills in **May 2011**. This is a new venue so let's make sure it is successful. Bonnie Ennis is the chair and is looking for volunteers for her committee. Give her a call if you are interested

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