



Guild Notes

Anita Geiger, President

Bonnie Clutterbuck, Editor

June 2010

Dear Guild Members,

I have had a hard time writing this letter. There is much to say, and I know I can't tell everyone how much I appreciate their help. The last two years have been an amazing experience for me. I have grown, and I'd like to think the Guild has as well. I have had many positive experiences and enjoyed working with many incredibly capable and delightful people. Getting to know many of you better than before has verified my belief that we are a strong organization of women who can accomplish anything, and we have. You are all so gifted, diverse, smart and able. I firmly believe in giving someone a job and letting them do it, and every one of you has risen to the occasion and more.

I can't begin to thank the hundreds of people who worked for I hesitate to mention names for fear of omitting someone, which I could not bear, but I must take that chance. The Executive Committees and the Guild Board members have been very productive and supportive. The general membership has answered the call anytime we've asked. They are steadfast in their support. Since they are essential to the Guild's purpose of fund raising for the Symphony, I want to thank Showhouse Chairs Susan Kelley, Marge Burgess, and Suzy Wolff for the 2009 Showhouse, and Joy Storms and Dotti Cahill for the 2010 Showhouse. We were honored to have Tibby and Al Sinclair serve as Honorary Chairs of Showhouse Preview Gala. I can't begin to thank the hundreds of people who worked for months to produce the Showhouses.. Since almost everyone in the Guild takes part, I say "Thanks" to all of you. All of the Committee chairs (I know each of you has a Showhouse program) deserves a salute for the hundreds of hours given to our Signature Event. We owe a debt of gratitude to our hardworking Ways and Means VP's, Rose Littlefield for 2008-2009 and Sandy Finch for 2009-2010. You ladies and legions of others who supported our fundraising activities are to be congratulated on your hard work and leadership. We couldn't do this work without members and our VPs for Membership have been superb: Marge Burgess, Eleanor Hughes and Suzy Wolff for 2008-2009, and Marge Burgess and Marge Nussmeyer for 2009-2010 have brought the membership to admirable levels. For posterity, Faith Jorgensen and Sandi Hibbard have taken minutes to record our activities. Thank you. The Education Committee, under VP's Bonnie Ennis and Diane Wilson in 2008-2009, and Eleanor Hughes and Nancy Salter in 2009-2010, have given so much to the children of the community by introducing music into their lives. And, our Goodwill Ambassadors, VP's for JSA Activities, Rita Cannon and Pat Manko for 2009-2009, and Pat Manko and Jan Sweeney for 2009-2010, made fans for the Symphony and friends for the Guild with our musicians and staff. I thank Treasurers Stephanie Doerr, Bonnie Ennis, Jane Estes and Eleanor Maxwell for keeping us straight. I really appreciate my advisors, Sue Ashby, Cletia Bowron, Kiki Coderre, Ouida Walker, Susan Kelley, Robin Berenberg, Sandy Borntraeger, Jeanne Ward, and Joy Storms, for their good counsel and good judgment. Parliamentarians Marge Nussmeyer and Gail Horowitz did their best to keep me on course, and I appreciate that.

Laura Mathewson's wisdom was so welcome. Teresa Eichner has raised our publicity to a new level. Her professional work is truly appreciated. None of these excellent workers would have been so involved without our Nominating Committees, led by Carolyn Alford and then Rose Littlefield. I thank them for their leadership and insight. It is important to note that Sunshine Ladies, Carolyn Alford for 2008-2009, and Terree Hays for 2009-2010, gave solace and smiles with their lovely notes. We had elegant and delicious refreshments at Board meetings. Carol Fryer and Barbara Fuller arranged for those. Thank you for your organizational skills.

These two years, we had two Opening Night parties, for performances supported by the Guild. One was "West Side Story;" Marge Burgess and Kiki Coderre chaired that, and the next year it was "Oklahoma," for which Allene Groote and Susan Gordon were the chairs. Previously, with leadership from Ouida Walker, we formed the Guild Friends, a group which raises money to support those Symphony performance each year. Lauretta Gaylord assumed leadership for two lovely Guild Friends Luncheons, when we honour our Past Presidents. Those gatherings were enhanced by Fashion Shows presented by Donna Keathley (and Guild models). Thank you to all involved.

We enjoyed two delightful Pops concerts, one an elegant event at Timuquana, chaired by Suzy Wolff and many of her friends. Pat Manko and her husband, honorary Guild member, Mike Manko, produced another delightful Pops at Queens Harbor. Both were enjoyed by sell-out audiences.

We celebrated the Guild's 60th Anniversary with two events in conjunction with the 2010 Showhouse. One was a Preview Luncheon, chaired by Susan Kelley and Ouida Walker. The other was the Opening Night Gala, orchestrated by Sandra Finch and Donna Weitz. Both events were elegant and enjoyed by all.

For a number of years and almost all of the activities I've listed, our In-House photographer, Georgianne Pionessa, has recorded the events and shared the pictures with us. Having such a professional give her time and talent to capture our history is very fortunate for us. For many years, Stephanie Doerr produced the Guild Directory, including 2008-2009. Then, Marti Yohe assumed this huge project for 2009-2010, and for now she will continue this service, which falls under Membership. My thanks to both of you for this essential document. For two years, Sandy Finch has presented the Nutcracker Boutique. She has enlarged and updated one of our favorite traditions. I thank her and her elves.

I give a special thank you to Eleanor King, whose energy and stamina never cease to amaze me. She proposed and brought to fruition a new Scholarship, now known as the Eleanor King Scholarship, for aspiring musicians. Thank you, Eleanor, for your determination and for your wonderful self.

Martha Read gave us a gift: in 2009, with her initiative, she won us a Gold Book Award from the League of American Orchestras for her "Thirsty Thursdays" at the Showhouse. We have continued this tradition at Showhouses since, and they have been very popular. Thank you, Martha.

We could not do all that we do without the cooperation and support of the JSA staff. We appreciate all they do for and with us. I must also say that working with the JSA Board has been a pleasure. Jim VanVleck, former President, and Chris Doerr, current President, have been so supportive and encouraging and fun with whom to work.

Showhouse Preview Luncheon

The Showhouse Preview Luncheon Chairs would like to thank our contributors: BCBG MAXAZRIA for the wonderful clothes and elegant models, Kalidiscop Hair Studio for makeup and hair styling, dkeathley designs for coordinating our fashion show, and Wilson's Limited, Inc. for their flower and design expertise. For the great raffle items we thank the following: Ward Lariscy for a wonderful picnic basket, Design Additions for the berger lamp and scented oil and Edible Expressions for the delicious edible arrangement. All of these businesses helped make our luncheon an outstanding success.

And we could not have done it without the help from our loyal committee members: Sue Ashby and Maggie Means for check-in, Jackie Fetherston and Sue Jarecki for rose and raffle support.

We hope everyone enjoyed the day as much as we did and we thank you for your support. We also report, thanks to all of you, we made a nice profit. See you next year!

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Ouida Walker and Susan Kelley



THE SYMPHONY GUILD'S
ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

AT 11:30 am

SAWGRASS BEACH CLUB

Showhouse Designers

The Guild was pleased to honor the following Designers at our Showhouse Preview Luncheon and Preview Opening Gala. The designers have each done rooms for ten or more Showhouses over the years since we began the event. We are appreciative of their continued support and expertise.

Chris Barga
Julie Catlin
Carol Chop
Susan Garrison
Vibha Hutchings
Allison Greenwood
Ward Lariscy
Brenda Luten
Cherly Martin
Debi Mijewski
Nancy Pace
Lyn Rainey
Jane Roseborough
Ginnie Stine
Julie Schulte
Mary Spense
June Terry
Glenda Wann
Larry Wilson.

R.A.K.E.

R.A.K.E. thank you to: Eleanor Hughes, Taffy Rogers, Rita Cannon, Carol Fryer & Queen's Harbour Guild members.

Thank you to: Guild members for their donations to the Staff Luncheon.

Thank you to: Marge Burgess, Marge Nussmeyer and the new Guild members for the Musician's Luncheon.

Pat Manko

Showhouse.....Thank You

Guild of the Jacksonville Symphony would like to extend a very special thank you to the following companies and individuals for their time, talent, services, donations and financial contribution to the 2010 Showhouse:

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Stacie and Larry Wiff
Martie Yohe

League of American Orchestras Conference

This year the League of American Orchestras annual conference is being held in Atlanta from June 16 – 18. This is the first time in many years that it has been held close enough to Jacksonville to make it easy for us to get there. Attending the conference is a great experience. There are speakers, networking activities and award presentations to name a few things and you'll be spending 3 days with wonderful people who have the same interests and goals we have. The volunteer portion includes, among other things, the annual Gold Book Awards. Our Guild has been honored several times in the past. Some of our winning projects include the **Painted Violin** project, **Harmony Grants** and last year's award for our **Thirsty Thursday** project. One of our speakers is Jennifer Higdon who is an award winning composer and is currently the "composer in residence" with the Atlanta Symphony. The Atlanta Symphony is presenting Verdi's Requiem and tickets are available to purchase.

The Guild has allocated funds to help with registration, travel and hotel. Please consider attending this year's conference. You will come back to Jacksonville reenergized and full of new ideas.

Sue Ashby

Guild Notecards

The Guild Notecards, are available! This is a boxed collection of 16 notecards/envelopes displaying a variety of colorful pictures of the symphony, several painted violins, etc. available at Price is \$15.00/box.

Queen's Harbour Pops

The April 25 Queen's Harbour Pops concert was the most successful in our 8 year history. Record sales were obtained from our Live and Silent auctions. The best part was the concert itself.

Our Honorary Chairs, Bob and Lynn Allgood, were recognized by Chairman of the Jacksonville Symphony Board, Chris Doer, for their longstanding support of our Pops. Matt Kraemer, Associate conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic led our great orchestra in a great selection of favorites. Ms Michelle Barry, sang "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" and "I Dreamed the Dream".

And then there was the most outstanding and amazing performance by young Will Hagen, 17 year old violin virtuoso from Salt Lake City, Utah. His performance of the 3rd movement of the Tchaikovsky Violin concerto had everyone on their feet applauding this great young talent. You will never see it performed better anywhere by anyone!!

Thanks again to Bob and Lynn Allgood for making Will's appearance possible and thanks to all those businesses and individuals and committee members that made this stellar evening possible.

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Co-Chairs, Pat and Mike Manko

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Current newsletter on line:

<http://www.jaxsymphony.org:80/volunteer/guild.php>

Guild Showhouse Preview Gala and 60th Anniversary

More than 200 Benefactors, Sponsors, Designers, Guild members and guests attended the fabulous Showhouse Preview Gala held at the Coastal Oaks Clubhouse on the evening of Friday, April 16. In honor of the Guild's 60th Anniversary and in recognition of the Guild and Emeritus members, a special champagne toast was delivered by Chris Doerr, President of the JSA Board. Anita Geiger, Guild President, recognized and thanked the Honorary Chairs of this event, Tibby & Al Sinclair. Throughout the event, many of the guests toured the Showhouse via shuttle buses provided by Toll Brothers.

A special thank you goes to Sponsor, Wilson's, LTD for the beautiful "green" decor, to Heirlooms for the excellent food fare, to our Preservation and Conservation party patrons, to the party co-chairs, Sandra Finch and Donna Weitz, to Sarah Hunt for coordinating the silent auction, and to Guild volunteers, Liz Causey, Gail Husveth, Sherrie Calvert and Hope Ferrigno.

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Sandy Finch and Donna Weitz.



Sounds Delicious, Volume Two Cookbook 60th Anniversary Special!!!

The cookbook has been reduced to \$10 to commemorate our 60th anniversary. Buy them while they are still available (only 10 cookbooks available) at this reduced price. Contact Pat Manko at 221-3186 or pick one up at the Guild office.

Guild Friends

On February 11, at the University Club, The Guild Friends of the Jacksonville Symphony dined and toasted our finest. With our best attendance ever, we have raised over \$10,000 to sponsor a fabulous Jacksonville Symphony evening planned for next year.

Mark your calendar for Jan. 14 when the Guild Friends present a Pops concert conducted by Fabio Mechetti. The night's performance is titled 'I Love a Piano' with special guest artist, pianist Rich Ridenour (yes, Stacy's husband). This is bound to be a fabulous evening.

A big thank you to the Friends planning committee: Donna Keathley for her fabulous Cold Water Creek fashion show, Jackie Featherson for her beautiful table creations, Gail Horowitz for her dutiful work with the honorees, and Sherrie Calvert who kept it all on course with all her extra help.

Our membership is at 39. Thank you Guild friends of 2010. People love being a part of something successful. If you are not a member than be on this list. Reach down to the bottom of that pile on your desk for your Friends membership form or just call Sherrie (358-1479).

Next year we look forward to honoring our next group of past Guild presidents- look out Susan Kelley. Please make sure you join in on our fundraising celebration lunch in February 2011

Sue Ashby
Robin Berenberg
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Membership renewals are due by June 30 in order to have your name appear in the 2010/2011 Membership Directory.

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- *Guild Notes* Newsletter
- Annual Membership Directory
- Annual Meeting Invitation
- Invitations to Guild Member and Fundraising Events
- A Variety of Short & Long-Term Volunteer Opportunities

For Your Directory

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.Dear Newsletter Team

Thank you for your great work on the Newsletter! You are a joy to work with and the Guild appreciates your time to come down to help fold and label. We wish you could hear the positive comments received as the membership and mailing list receive the publication. Sherrie and Bonnie

**Guild Executive Committee
and Officers 2010-2012**

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President's Message....continued

I must thank Sherrie Calvert for keeping me on time and being so supportive. I have tried her patience too many times to count. She has guided me as well as doing anything I asked of her. She has the Guild in mind at all times and is our best recruiter. She has also drawn together so many Guild members as they worked on projects in the Office. Many friendships have been formed while good work was done. And, speaking of volunteers, we are fortunate to have so many members with great talent and experience, and the Guild benefits from that. I'd like to give a nod to one volunteer who stands out among so many exceptional ones. She is Taffy Rogers, who gives her time and energy to many good causes, but seems to have the Guild in her heart at all times. My thanks to all of our devoted volunteers.

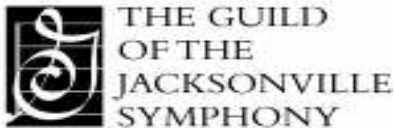
Bonnie Clutterbuck deserves a hearty "Thank you" for her work with the newsletter. Patience must be her middle name.

Sue Ashby deserves special recognition. After serving two terms as Guild President as well as Showhouse Chair in 2008, she was asked to join the JSA Board, where she still serves. She has long been a member of the League of American Orchestras and was asked to serve on the Volunteer Council. She is an excellent representative for the Guild and the Jacksonville Symphony Association at this national level.

You have all proven worthy of your leadership roles, and the general membership has supported all of us. I am so grateful that you gave me the opportunity to be your President. I could not have done it without all of you nudging (sometimes pushing) me. Thank you for all of your help, and I will treasure this time we spent together. Please let me know what I can do to help You!

Anita Geiger, President

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