

Guild Notes

Feb/Mar 2021

Keep the Music Playing

From the Presidents' Desk

Dear Guild Members,

Spring is finally around the corner. And while it has been a "bit" rainy, it is starting to feel a little warmer. Hopefully, the sun will start shining a little more so we can begin to get outside more frequently. I hope you are all well and staying healthy.

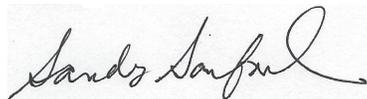
Be sure to mark your calendars – our next Guild Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 29th at 11:00 am via conference call. Jennifer will send an invite out to all members closer to the date. As always we will update on our finances and our plans for the coming months.

As you know, we have rescheduled our Gala to next year at the Hyatt downtown. We have had to change the date originally planned – so it will now be on Saturday, April 16th. We are already hard at work on putting together a unique and entertaining Gala for next year. We have decided to cancel the Condo Rondo for this year.

Don't forget the election of the Board of Directors for the 2021/2022 year will be happening in May. If you are interested in participating on the Board or a Board Committee, please contact me to discuss open positions. Your participation on the Board and committees helps to continue the great work that the Guild does each year.

As always the health and safety of our membership is our first priority. While vaccinations are now progressing in the State, the virus is still impacting our daily lives. Therefore, at this time we will not be having any in person meetings yet.

Thank you again for your support.



Sandy Sanford
Guild President



March Board Meeting

(all members welcome to dial in)

March 29, 11:00 am

Due to the current virus situation, we will be having this meeting by conference call. If you are interested in attending this meeting, you will need to reserve a spot. To do this, please contact Jennifer Mullins at the Guild office no later than Friday, March 26th that you would like to participate. On Monday morning, she will email you with a phone number and PIN number to access the conference call.

Fundraising Events Status

At the beginning of our fiscal year, we had hoped to be able to hold our Gala in March and possibly the Condo Rondo in May. The Board has decided that we would not hold either of these events this year due to the ongoing pandemic and the slow rollout of the vaccinations.

However, I am happy to announce that we were able to reschedule the Gala for April 16, 2022 at the Hyatt downtown with no additional cost. We have been working on this event in the hopes we would be able to hold it this year and we have a Theme and have been looking at ideas to make this an exciting and unique fundraiser for the Guild. I look forward to chairing the Gala committee for next year and will be getting a committee together in the Spring.

Tour of Homes

The Board decided to hold off on making a decision on holding a Tour of Homes event in October, 2021, and will revisit this option at our April Board Meeting.

The Board and I appreciate your support during this difficult year.

Sandy Sanford
President

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

As part of our effort to keep the Guild membership informed and up-to-date on Guild matters, we felt it would be helpful for you to know a little more about your Board members. Even in a normal year, where there are activities that would allow Guild members to meet Board members, we realized that some members may not have that opportunity, and this year it has been even more difficult.

So we have decided to add a new section to our newsletter. This will highlight Board members and provide you with just a little information about each person – who knows – you might find you lived in the same town, or you are interested in the same activities. Hopefully this will help to get to know the Board members you have elected.

VP of Membership – Eileen Hofmeister

Leo and Eileen moved to Greenville in 2004 from Upstate/central New York State. Eileen retired as Nurse Educator. They were always involved in the arts and music in the area. From the mid 80's on, they summered weekends in the Berkshires with the BSO @ Tanglewood as their entertainment. They were privileged to sit up close for Bernstein's final concert and saw John Williams many, many times. After arriving in Greenville, they soon discovered the GSO and became interested in the Guild after attending one of the Guild's annual Tour of Homes. Besides the arts, Eileen's other interests are outdoor adventures and travel, including private water tours and reading.

Recording Secretary – Theresa Brim

Theresa joined the Guild in July 2018 soon after relocating to Greenville from Charleston. She is completing her second year as Recording Secretary and served as Chair of the 2019 Patron Party and Co-Chair of the 2019 Holiday Party. Theresa is a native New Yorker who grew up in Ohio and received three degrees from Ohio State University: BS, DVM and PhD. She met Ken Kwochka, her husband of almost 40 years and also a veterinarian, during their internships in Boston.

While their careers in academics and the animal pharmaceutical and supplement industries have led to multiple moves, they have always supported their local symphony orchestras including Columbus, Los Angeles, Kansas City and Charleston. After Ken's retirement this spring and with the end of the pandemic in sight, they are making travel plans to a classic car show and a family reunion in Ohio this summer, Hawaii in October, New York City in December, and a Rhine River cruise next year. They are looking forward to road trips exploring historical sites in the southeast US including civil war battlefields.

Theresa and Ken are cat-people and have welcomed three rescue kittens from Charleston into their home: Elphaba, Sookie and Lily Belle. She is an avid container gardener and has become a bird watcher during the pandemic including participating in the 2021 Great Backyard Bird Count last month.

Keep in your thoughts and prayers:

Get well wishes to Peggy Hill & Pat McDonald.

Condolences to the family and friends of Guild member, Phyllis Wilkes, and former Guild member Sally MacArthur. Condolences also to Guild member Christine Lyles on the loss of her husband, William.

Please call or email Ginny Johnson (gsj201@bellsouth.net) Countess of Courtesy about health issues or condolences for any Guild member and their family.

Happy birthday Guild members!

The Guild would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to our members with February/March Birthdays!

FEBRUARY

3 Janna Kelley

MARCH

1 Nancie Cheskey

3 Deb Peabody

4 Julie Fish

4 Rachel Jeffreys Hamilton

6 Walter Hinton

9 Margo Gerus

9 Jean Parker

18 Fran Wertheim

20 Richard Turner

24 Don Beckie

24 Joe Jones

27 Theresa Brim

27 Anne Civilette

28 Randy Jester

