



SAN JOSE PIPINGS
 SAN JOSE CHAPTER OF THE AGO
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Dean's Column

Diane Keller

Another year comes to a close for our chapter. Our usual end-of-the-year event will obviously not be held this year. We were to enjoy dinner together with a recital by last year's Frasier scholarship winner, Ruth Kamas. Hopefully, we will be able to hear from her and enjoy each other's company in the fall. Our board is working to find ways to hold chapter events and keep in touch with all our members. As my term as Dean has come to an end, I would just like to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment to our chapter. It has been a strange end to our year as we all work to find new ways to serve as organists in this unfortunate time. May you, your families, and loved ones all be well.

Our Annual Meeting

The **June Annual Meeting, which has been postponed, will be held sometime in the early Fall time frame. We will let you when we have determined the date.**

Because there were no contested candidates for any of the Officers positions of the Executive Committee a vote of the Chapters members is not necessary. Therefore, **The AGO Officers of the San Jose Chapter will be as follows for the next year:**

San Jose Chapter AGO Officers for the 2020-2021
Year

Dean:	Susan Snook-Luther
Subdean:	Elisabeth Pintar
Secretary:	Darryl Parker
Treasurer/Registrar:	Janet Parent
Newsletter Editor:	Kenneth Talbot
Handbook / Directory:	Kay Lee
Education / Resources / Historian:	Valerie Sterk
Budget / Auditors:	Christine Merjanian
Member-at-Large:	2021 - David Snook-Luther 2022 - Kathy Dougherty 2023 - Paula Seo

AGO National Convention

We regret to inform you that the **2020 AGO National Convention has been CANCELED.** The AGO Gala scheduled for May 8 has been postpone.

Frasier Organ Scholarship Update

The auditions for our 2020 Frasier Organ Scholarship are on hold for now, due to the stay-at-home health mandates. After that mandate is lifted, Valerie will schedule the Frasier auditions. Both the auditions and the award will likely be delayed several weeks or months this year; keep an eye on future newsletters for updates about this year's Frasier Scholarship.

Theater Organ For Sale



For sale-Three manual Allen theater organ model 4600 with alternate classic voicing and 4 Allen HC15 speakers.

Organ and speakers in excellent condition. **\$4500.** Contract Mike Cala if interested and to schedule an appointment to see and play it. **510-516-9867** or e-mail michaelcala232@gmail.com

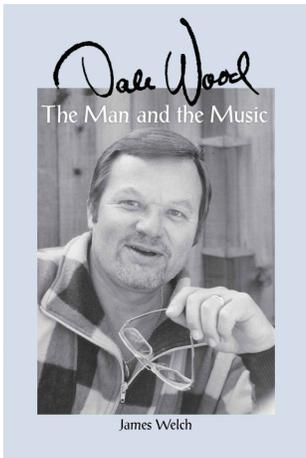
Date to Remember

☛ **11 Sep Friday, Ugo Sforza, organ, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale, 7:30 PM**

Dale Wood: The Man and the Music.

A New Book By Dr. James Welch

I am pleased to announce the publication of my biography of Dale Wood, one of America's favorite composers of organ music. *Dale Wood: The Man and the Music* chronicles the colorful life of this prolific composer and arranger. Essentially self-taught, Dale Wood did radio and TV work in Hollywood, played the Wurlitzer at the Orpheum in Los Angeles, was director of music for churches in Hollywood, Riverside, and San



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Francisco, conducted choral workshops across the country, and finally settled at The Sea Ranch on the rugged northern California coast. There he created incomparable organ and choral music, nearly all of which remains in print, widely used, and beloved. Wood's was an intriguing life, full of personalities and adventures. The reclusive arranger of hymns and folk tunes described himself as a hermit, yet served in the military, drove fast cars, explored wilderness from Death Valley to the High Sierra, entertained aboard cruise lines, served as a volunteer firefighter, performed in bars, sold organs, rescued German shepherds, wrote a music drama for the exclusive Bohemian Club, and experienced an unusual variety of personal relationships.

Discover the man behind the music through his biography, now available at a reduced price on my website, www.welchorganist.com; also at www.amazon.com.

Information from Schoenstein & Co.

For Immediate Release –May 7, 2020

Oldest California-Built Organ Saved

The sole remaining unaltered work of John Bergstrom & Sons, Opus 66, built in 1897 for the First Congregational Church of Sonoma, California, has been renovated and installed at The Jacuzzi Family Vineyards in Sonoma by Schoenstein & Co. When the music program of the church changed, Fred and Nancy Cline, owners of the winery, stepped forward to save the organ. Nancy Cline has a special interest in the preservation of California history. For example, the property includes an educational museum with models of all 21 California missions originally made for the

1939 World's Fair. The extensive and opulent visitors' center is in the style of an Italian villa. Its main feature is the Barrel Room, a space in Roman Basilica-style complete with apse and accommodating 250 guests, an ideal setting for banquets, weddings or concerts.

The two-manual, eight stop mechanical action, hand pumped organ fit the apse of the Barrel Room as though built for it. Even the color scheme of the decorated pipes matches. The case sides were incomplete due to the original position of the instrument, thus visitors can view the interior of the organ, which has become a fascinating educational exhibit. Although a modern blower has been added, all else is original including its A-435 pitch. The metal pipework was of special interest. Cleaning revealed meticulously made and voiced pipes of the highest caliber. Obviously, they were made in the Bergstrom San Francisco shop as they were signed in the flat "John Bergstrom & Sons". Comparing this instrument with the remnants of other Bergstroms in the area, it appears everything with possible exception of zinc pipes, keyboards, and small hardware, was made in the shop as well.



Photo attached: Credit: Louis Patterson

John Bergstrom & Sons, San Francisco, California
Opus 66, 1897, Mechanical Action

GREAT

8' Open Diapason 58 P
8' Dulciana 46 P*
8' Melodia 58 P

SWELL (Expressive)

8' Violin Diapason 58 P
8' Salicional 46 P*
8' Stopped Diapason 58 P
4' Flute Harmonic 58 P

PEDAL

16' Bourdon 27 P

Tremulant

Total of 409 Pipes

COUPLERS

Swell to Pedal Great to Pedal
Swell to Great Swell to Great Octave

Two Combination Pedals * Common Bass 🎵

Membership Renewal

You can renew by going to www.agohq.org and select "Membership" and then Membership/Update" you can renew anytime by calling the national office (212-870-2310) with a credit card. Be sure to renew now so that you will not miss any ATO issues. 🎵

OPEN POSITIONS

AGO Members: If you know of any Open Positions at any Church please let me know so that I can pass that information on to any members who call me. I know of one of our members who needs a position. Kenneth Talbot

Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, CA, is looking for a **Part-Time Organist/Pianist** to play one to two Sundays a month, a choir rehearsal the Thursday evening proceeding the Sunday playing, and for various church holy days. The salary is very competitive and available upon request.

Abilities: The applicant must have experience playing the organ and piano in church services and accompanying choirs and instrumentalists. Sight reading skills and a background in musical liturgy are required.

PCLG has an average attendance of 300 per Sunday. The organ is a three manual Möller from 1958, expanded twice by Schoenstein & Co. and totaling 39 ranks. It has been fastidiously maintained by Schoenstein & Co. The sanctuary has a Baldwin grand piano, which has had recent voicing and action work, and a Kohler & Campbell grand in the choir room.

The adult Chancel Choir has approximately 30 voices and sings at most Sunday services from early September to the second week in June, as well as for several services in the summer. The congregation is enthusiastic about all kinds of music, with a special appreciation for the pipe organ.

The church currently needs a third organist, who would join a rotating roster with two other organists. Each organist plays one or two times a month throughout the year, depending on the number of Sundays in a month. When the choir is in session, the organist playing a Sunday service usually rehearses with the choir the previous Thursday. The organist uses a piano during the choir rehearsal, which is held in the choir room and led by the music director. The rotating organists decide their schedule, based on their availability and in collaboration with the music director.

Send resume, **references and letter of intention** to: michael.taylor@pclg.org 🎵

AGO San Jose Music Calendar

Venue Locations

CSMA: Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco

CUMC: Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell

GC: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco

🔄 Chapter Event ➤ Chapter Member

Every Saturday at 4 PM

Organ, Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco.

Jonathan Dimmock, organist

June 2020

7 Sunday

David Brock, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

12 Friday - CANCELED

Robert Huw Morgan, Stanford University Organist, **Vierne Symphonie No. 6, Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM**, Free admission, no tickets required, \$10 suggested donation

13 Saturday - POSTPONED

🔄 **13 June, Annual Meeting, Ruth Kamus Recital**, Los Gatos Presbyterian Church, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, **4 PM**

14 Sunday - CANCELED

John Hirten, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

14 Sunday

Jonathan Dimmock (Legion of Honor SF), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **4 PM**

20 Saturday - ?

The Lamb of God, **CSMA, 2 PM**, Temple Hill Choir & Orchestra, Alan Chipman, director

21 Sunday

James Welch, organ, "May the Sfg Be With You!", **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306, **3 PM**

21 Sunday - CANCELED

Michael Kopycinski, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

27 Saturday - ?

The Lamb of God, **Oakland Temple Hill Auditorium, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2 PM and 7 PM**, Free Tickets Required
<http://www.templehillevents.com/tickets.html>

28 Sunday - CANCELED

David Hatt, organ, Pieces de Fantaisie by Vierne, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

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