

BBQ On The Bosque

As the invitation says, git yer boots and brang yer friends to the BBQ on the Bosque!

What an evening we are going to have at Mark and Regina Guest-Rupert's North Valley home on May 8.

What the Guild needed was a casual, affordable evening in support of the New Mexico Symphony.

What we have is a rollicking good time for all who attend! Our own NMSO violinist, Nicolle Maniaci, and her quartet will open the evening with some appropriate music to accompany appetizers and a whole hog cooked before your eyes with all the trimmin's. Then the famous Buckarettes will play for your listenin' and dancin' enjoyment. Maybe even a lesson or two on the Cotton-Eyed Joe. Then fresh out of the oven homemade cookies and ice cream to round out the evenin'.

But in between, we have hillbilly golf, which we understand doesn't even resemble golf; some major horseshoe tourneys and the ever popular cornhole. Don't know what that is? Well, you'll have to come out to Regina's and find out! The Maestro himself might even make an appearance to fiddle for us!

What we want you to do is invite some of your friends to this event who are not in the Symphony family. Bring one more person or couple. If you need us to send an invite to someone, let us know.



Let's make some new friends to support the NMSO. That's what it's all about. (that and the Hokey Pokey!) The last thing we need you to do is git yer check in the mail.

We have had the perfect committee assembled to put this together on short notice and make it a blast. A bunch of fun-lovin', party-givin', big hearted gals who love the NMSO! Jackie

McGehee, Teri Fahs, Suzanne Jacobi, Karla Bressan, Regina Guest-Rupert, Gale Rawlings, Judy Gilman and Teresa Edens. You wouldn't want to break their spirits by not showing up now, would ya?

This party is hosted so that all the money raised goes to support the NMSO. You should have received your invitation already. If not, give one of us a jingle. Don't delay making your reservations, as space is limited. Dress is cowboy casual and we will be outside. Boots and jeans oughta do it!

There a better way to spend a beautiful spring evening in Albuquerque?

See y'all there!

Judy, 401-0562
and Teresa, 821-9587, Co-Chairs

PS: Do you have a battery operated Coleman lantern that we could burrow? Give one of us a holler, if we could burrow it.

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President's Message

Teri Fahs

It is difficult to believe that this is the last newsletter I will be writing as president. I believe the Guild has grown by leaps and bounds during this complex year. I have been so very blessed to be surrounded and supported by members who truly care about this organization and the programs it supports. Despite or because of the ups and downs of the year, each and every event exhibited its own charm!

The Symphony Guild Ball, held March 27th at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort, was a rousing success!! Whitney Foltz and her committee presented a spectacular Ball. From jeans and cowboy hats to gowns and jewels this event represented New Mexicans at our best. The ballroom sparkled with lights and sophistication; the auction had something for everyone. Those who had the opportunity to enjoy the outdoor patio and watch the sun set over the Bosque will enjoy that memory for years. The 23 Señoritas were beautiful; the Acompañantes and brother escorts were handsome, and all celebrated and danced the night away.

John Calvin, a long time supporter and friend of the Guild, received this year's Crescendo Award at the Ball. John has generously donated his Casa Rondeña wines to the ball for several years and in 2002 hosted the Guild's Home Tour.

In March, Teresa Edens arranged a beautiful spring luncheon at the Artichoke Café where the 2010-2011 New Mexico Symphony Guild officers were elected. Please mark your calendar for May 20th and join us at Yanni's, 3109 Central NE, for our Annual Meeting. Watch the mail for your invitation.

With this Annual Meeting reminder may I also add the Guild is still in need of a President and President-elect for the coming year. Other positions that the Guild Board needs help filling include: Newsletter Editor, Volunteer Coordinator and Strategic Planning, to name a few. Please contact me or another board member if you have questions or you are able to help in any capacity.

By the time this arrives in your mail box or on your lap top, Gayle McCormick and Sue Brown will have orchestrated a dinner for our musicians between rehearsals for the Olga

Kern concerts. Thank you to those who assisted in supporting our office staff, chorus and orchestra members this year. Gayle and Sue always make entertaining large groups look so easy!

May 4th will be "Opening Day" for 4th grade concerts at the new Rio Rancho performance center. Sam Sherman is coordinating this event. Please contact her at 265-7306 or sdsherman7@msn.com to volunteer. Concerts for Young People at Popejoy May 6th and 7th are being coordinated by Leslie Kim, who may be reached at 296-4761 or dan-dlkim@comcast.net.

This spring, Peter and the Wolf is being presented to the fourth and final quadrant. Thanks to Megan McCormick for coordinating volunteers. Thanks to Leslie Kim and all of the volunteers who will have reached over 10,000 first graders by year's end.

Revisit page 1 for details on the first (hopefully annual) BBQ on the Bosque. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to an informal event to support the Guild and ALL proceeds will go to support the NMSO.

Please watch your mail boxes for the updated bylaws. A very big thank you to Sam Sherman and her committee (Marian Ciepiela, Teri Fahs, Margie Hlava, Heather Kotula, and Kathy Preonas) for their hard work and the many hours they spent in rewriting our NMSG bylaws to make them current with state and federal laws regarding how non-profit organizations operate.

Since this is our last newsletter of the year, I would like to acknowledge Judy Gilman for the amazing job she has done organizing the newsletter this year. Each issue of the *Intermezzo* and *Keynotes* has been entertaining, informative and beautiful. Thanks also to Ann Mulhern for completing the publication process! Judy plans on increasing her travel time this year, so we are looking for a newsletter editor. Anyone with a desire to dust off their quill, thesaurus and editing skills? Training will be provided.

I am also so very grateful for the support I have received throughout this "year for the books." The Guild has taken tremendous strides towards establishing itself as a vibrant and well-organized association that will support our musical community for years to come.

I am at a loss for words to say "thank you" to everyone who has helped and supported me in my role as Guild president. Truly my request for many hands to make light work has been answered! I would be remiss if I did not specifically thank the Board for everything they have done for me, the Guild and the NMSO. Most of all I need to thank my husband, Dennis, who has supported our journey this year. Without his support I could not have given the numerous hours that were required.

Thanks a million (or two or three),

Teri Fahs 293-5686

A Spectacular Evening!

Fun was had by all at the Symphony Ball

A sold-out event! What a magical evening for our beautiful Señoritas. The evening started with a cocktail hour on the patio at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort



where guests mingled and enjoyed the spectacular views, the beautiful setting, and the awesome auction. Our wonderful New Mexico Symphony played as our Señoritas were presented by Maestro Guillermo Figueroa. A delicious meal and stunning chocolate raspberry bombe dessert was followed by the live auction that was very lively, and we had several bidding wars that kept the crowd engaged and laughing. The Birds of Paradise played a fabulous assortment of music to entertain us, and the dance floor was packed with all age groups. When the bells chimed at midnight we still had people dancing and mingling...and not just the Señoritas!



The final numbers aren't available yet, but we feel that we made a nice profit of about \$60,000.

When you are out and about please patronize and say thank you the Ball donors and sponsors

(see the list of sponsors). Without them the Ball would not have been so successful.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in making this event so special. The committee that put this evening together was amazing and truly dedicated to our Orchestra; many, many thanks to all involved. The Ball Committee consisted of the following chairs and many committee members without whom it would not have been such a great success:

Dana Wilson & JiSan Lopez, Auction
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Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney McClain-Foltz, 899-0063,
 Symphony Guild Ball Chair 2010



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Don't Miss the Upcoming Luncheon May 20th

The Guild's final Luncheon and Business meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, May 20th, at Yanni's on Central. Social hour will commence at 11:30 and lunch will be served at noon. Yanni's is very solicitous of our business and support the NMSO and the community. We had a lovely time there last year and they have a piano, as we are hoping one of our Young Artist Competition winners will be available to play for us. Also on tap will be the installation of officers for the 2010-2011 year. We will also vote on the new set of by-laws that the committee has been working feverishly on since our incorporation. As you can see, there is a lot to be accomplished at this event, so please plan on attending. (We hope no one's check gets lost this time!) See you there!

Teresa Edens, 821-9587



Butterfield Jewelers Gold Rush

A fundraiser for the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra

Bring in your old, unused and unwanted gold and donate it at Butterfield Jewelers between April 26 and April 30. Butterfield's will collect the gold and send it to a refinery for processing. Butterfield's will donate \$30 per pennyweight of all of the gold collected to the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra. The gold buyers who advertise on the radio and so on are paying about \$10 - 12 per pennyweight (there are 20 pennyweights in one ounce of gold.)

There will be a kickoff reception on Monday, April 26, from 5 - 7 p.m. Beverages are provided by Jubilation Wine and Spirits, and appetizers by Mario's Ristorante e Pizzeria. Butterfield Jewelers is located at 2411 San Pedro NE. Questions? Call Sonia at 884.5747 or email sonia@butterfieldjewelers.com

Peter and the Wolf and Fourth Grade Concerts



It's almost the end of the school year, and the NMSG is still going strong. There are still a few volunteer opportunities for you to help our education programs.

We are now serving the SE quadrant of the city with our Peter & the Wolf program; and, we're hoping to finish up by mid-May. Please look for emails from Megan McCormick, check your calendars and respond to her inquiries with times you will be able to go out to the schools to present this wonderful program.

The fourth-grade youth concerts are also coming up quite quickly and we still need some help on May 6th and 7th. If you are available to either provide snacks or help usher kids to the front doors of Popejoy Hall on either of these mornings, please

contact Leslie Kim at dandllkim@comcast.net or Megan McCormick at mccormick.megan@rocketmail.com.

As always – many, many thanks to all you wonderful NMSG volunteers!

Leslie Kim (296-4761)

To All "Reguiling Members"

It is obvious we all share a love of music. And I would venture to say the huge majority of members love children. So I hope you will consider combining these two interests by volunteering for our educational ventures on behalf of the orchestra. There is educational training available if you have any doubts. Dates will be announced closer to "show time" in the fall.

Peter and the Wolf is an interactive, curriculum appropriate program presented by Guild docents to first graders in Rio Rancho and APS schools. Popejoy Concerts are performed by our orchestra for fourth graders in the Spring and fifth graders in the Fall. These concerts are also theme and curriculum based and quite entertaining for children and adults alike. Mark your calendar for February; the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition is a statewide concerto contest for piano and string students.

We need volunteers for all of these important events and hope that if you haven't participated, you will consider doing so in 2010-2011. Questions and/or comments may be directed to Gale Rawlings 856-9197, egpr32@hotmail.com or Karla Bressan 296-6158, bressanabq@comcast.net. Please join us!

I N M E M O R I A M

Maestro Guillermo Figueroa's mother, Luz Hernandez de Figueroa, passed away on Tuesday, April 6, in Puerto Rico. The Guild will make an appropriate donation to the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra in her name. If Guild members wish to do so, they may also make personal donations in her name. Cards may be sent to the Maestro at the NMSO, Box 30208, Albuquerque NM 87190. Donations may be sent to Ana Bencotter at NMSO, Box 30208, Albuquerque, NM 87190.

The Señoritas Say Goodbye

On March 27th, at Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort, 23 beautiful young women had a magical evening. This is how the Symphony Ball was described to me many times

over by the Señoritas and their parents. The location was intimate and beautiful, the food was wonderful, and the music had almost everyone on their feet. But nothing compared to the elegant Señoritas as they came out on stage with their handsome Acompañantes to meet their very proud fathers or grandfathers for their curtsy and walk around the dance floor. A big thank you goes out from all the Señoritas to Whitney Foltz and her committee for all of their hard work on a perfect Symphony Ball!



On April 25th this year's class of Señoritas will say their goodbyes to each other and the Señorita Committee at the Ciao event. In addition to reminiscing about this past year we will celebrate their next big accomplishment, *graduation!*

Tina Locke, 822-1829

Future Señoritas

The Spring Invitational Tea is on May 2nd. If you know a girl who is currently a junior in high school, and you would like her to receive an invitation to the Tea, please email me her contact information: tbmaxey@comcast.net. I currently have 87 girls on my invitation list. Thank you to all the Guild members for submitting names. I look forward to hearing from you!

Theresa Butterfield Maxey, 259-1983, Future Señoritas Chair



New Mexico Symphony Guild 2010 Calendar of Events

May

Tuesday the 4th, Young People's Concert in Rio Rancho (need name of location)

Thursday the 6th – Friday the 7th, Young People's Concert at Popejoy

Saturday the 8th, BBQ on the Bosque at the Rupert's home from 5:00 p.m. 'til ?

Saturday the 15th, 10:00 a.m., NMSG Board Meeting, Teri Fahs' home, 4512 Arrowhead Ave NW

Thursday the 20th, Annual Meeting/Luncheon

June

Friday the 23rd – Saturday the 24th, Classics at Legacy

Friday the 30th – Saturday, May 1st, Classics at NHCC

New Bylaws Adoption

The Guild Bylaw Committee has drafted a new set of Bylaws describing the relationships, the rights and the obligations of members, directors, and officers of the Guild. The newly written Bylaws are necessary as the Guild is now an incorporated non-profit, and as such, must follow state and federal law regarding how non-profit organizations operate. You will receive a copy of the completed Bylaws in the mail to be voted on at the May General meeting. They will also be available on the Guild's web site.

Sam Sherman, 265-7306, Bylaw Committee Chair

Committee members: Marian Ciepiela, Teri Fahs, Margie Hlava, Heather Kotula and Kathy Preonas

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