

GAMBA NEWS

VIOLA DA GAMBA SOCIETY, PACIFICA

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There Will Be No Pacifica Chapter Event at Hillside Church in June!

We completed our 2013-2014 Pacifica Chapter play day season at Hillside Church last month at the May 10th combination play day and Party/Bash with Roy Whelden's presentation of "Henry Purcell as theorist and composer for the viol." which was very interesting and well received. This was followed by coached groups during the morning. We had the annual pot-luck party and playing for each other during the afternoon. This change in our usual June party schedule was necessary this year because of the need to free-up time for participation in the Berkeley Festival and Exhibit events during June this year.

Lost Music Stand!?

Somebody left a music stand (two-piece, metal) at the Hillside Church, May 10th combination play day and party/bash. If it is yours, please notify Dalton Cantey at dcantey@att.net. It is stored with the Pacifica Music Library boxes which have been removed from the Church for the summer. They and the stand will return to the Church for Pacifica's next season which will start on September 13, 2014.

Berkeley Festival & Exhibition 2014, June 1 thru June 8

Please make time to volunteer for Pacifica Chapter service at the

festival this year. We plan to assist at an exhibition table provided by the VdGSA to answer questions about Viola da Gamba activities and opportunities for people attending the Exhibition. The VdGSA exhibition table will be open on Thursday June 5th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, on Friday June 6th from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and on Saturday June 7th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way.

Adaiha MacAdam-Somer is the point of contact for the VdGSA table at the exhibition, and she is the person who is coordinating volunteers to sit at the table and talk about the viol!

We are looking for people to sign up for two hour shifts at the VdGSA Exhibition table. Anyone who is willing to sign-up, please email Adaiha at adaihascello@gmail.com. Thank you! The shifts are:

Thursday, June 5th

2-4 pm

4-6 pm

Friday, June 6th

12-2 pm

2-4 pm

4-6 pm

Saturday, June 7th

10 am-12 pm

12-2 pm

2-4 pm

4-5 pm

Various viol-related materials will be available from the national organization (the VdGSA) for hand-outs to interested visitors at the table. Please also bring a supply of Pacifica Chapter information materials to hand-out as well. These can be obtained by printing out pages from our Chapter website <http://pacificaviols.org/> including, for example, the “Join the Chapter” form and the first page of the “About the Chapter” information.

The main festival website is: <http://berkeleyfestival.org>. Programs of special interest to viol players are, 1) Sex Chorde of Viols with Julianne Baird, Soprano, Tuesday June 3rd: http://sfems.org/bfx/?page_id=903 and 2) Hopkinson Smith, Saturday June 7th: http://sfems.org/bfx/?page_id=935. Remember, members of SFEMS and the VdGSA receive 10% off any ticket purchase.

The Second Occasional Marais-a-thon, June 5, 2014

Please support this upcoming event which will be a benefit for our Viola da Gamba Society, Pacifica Chapter. It is a six-hour celebration of the viol player's viol player: Marin Marais. Bay Area performers will take turns playing their favorite Marais pieces on Thursday, June 5th, 2014 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Our sincere thanks to all the organizers of and participants in this exciting benefit event!

Pacific Northwest Viol Workshop, July 13-19, 2014

Another great opportunity for a wonderful week of viol playing in the pacific northwest. Margriet Tendimans will again direct this fine workshop on July 13-19 at Bastyr University, Conference and

Retreat Center, Kenmore, Washington. The theme of the week will be: "In a Foreign Land", composers and performers on the move. The coaching staff will be Jack Ashworth, Joanna Blendulf, Lee Inman, Rosamund Morley, Margriet Tindemans, and Craig Trompeter. For additional information contact Jo Baim, Workshop Administrator, 4727 – 42nd Ave. S.W. #207, Seattle, WA 98116, email: jobaim@msn.com, phone:206-932-4623, Website: www.pnviols.org.

VdGSA 52nd Conclave, July 27-August 3, 2014

The Viola da Gamba Society of America will hold its 52nd Conclave this year in the mid-west at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. The theme this year is "Sounds of Mind". For information visit the VdGSA website at www.vdgsa.org. The VdGSA program provides every chapter a \$200 Conclave fee waiver for one person per year. The recipient for this Chapter must be a member of VdGSA as well as the Pacifica Chapter. If you are interested, please contact Dalton Cantey at dcantey@att.net.

Registration for Viols West 2014 in August is Now Open, August 10-16!

The brochure is now available and registration is now open for the Pacifica Chapter sponsored Viols West 2014 workshop. Viols West will again be at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA on August 10-16, 2014 with Rosamund Morley the Music Director and Melita Denny the Administrative Director. Players of all levels are welcome. The workshop will include technique, ensemble and repertoire classes, voices and viols, and much more. Evening programs will include a faculty concert. The coaching staff this year will include Rosamund Morley, Joanna Blendulf, John Dornenburg, Julie Jeffrey, Josh Lee, Lawrence Lipnick, and David

Morris. If you have not already received this information, full information and registration forms are available from Melita Denny, violswestworkshop@gmail.com; (805-835-9173). Please register now to secure a place at this great week-long summer workshop to study and enjoy the wonderful Viola da Gamba literature we all love.

Update to the Pacifica Chapter By-Laws

An annotated copy of proposed changes to the Pacifica Chapter By-Laws was circulated to the membership in a previous emailing of the Gamba News, April 2014 along with a request to optionally review, comment and provide corrections. No comments or corrections have been received from the membership, so we have proceeded with a final version of the updated Chapter By-Laws for distribution which has been attached to this email.

Dates Negotiated for Pacifica's 2014 – 2015 Season

Dates have now been negotiated with the Hillside Church again for Pacifica's 2014-2015 season of play days and events. Please mark you calendars now. In 2014 these dates include Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8 and Dec 13. In 2015 they are: Jan 10, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9 and Jun 6. These dates are all the second Saturday of the month except for Jun 6, 2015 which is the first Saturday of that month. We again are planning a one day workshop at Stanford University in February 2015 on a Saturday to be determined. Have a great summer, and we will see you next September at a Pacifica Play-Day unless we see you before then at one or more of the great summer workshop opportunities.

Play Day Facility Costs and Performance Opportunity

Our Pacifica Chapter's cost for play day rental facilities at the Hillside Church during the upcoming 2014-2015 season has increased from \$100 per day to \$125 per day for the Saturday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm time period. An opportunity has been presented to us to offset some of this cost increase by occasionally providing music performance services at Hillside Church's fourth Sunday of every month "Hour of Peace" event. A flyer from the Church which describes this monthly event is attached. Each hour that we provide "Hour of Peace" music performance service will offset the \$125 cost of one of our play days. The hour of music could consist of solos, duos, trios, or ensembles pieces in any order and combination. If you and/or your group are interested in volunteering for this public performance experience with financial benefit for our Chapter, please email Dalton Cantey at dcantey@att.net.

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We welcome you to our

❁ **HOUR OF PEACE** ❁

On the fourth Sunday of every month, Hillside Swedenborgian Community Church opens its doors and garden for an evening of quiet contemplation and relaxing live music performed by local musicians.

6:30 pm

**Doors open. Garden opens,
weather permitting.**

7:00 pm

**Hour of Peace music begins. You're invited
to quietly walk the labyrinth, or to simply sit
in one of our many peaceful spots,
inside or outside, and enjoy the music.**

8:30 pm

Church closes for the evening.



This event is free of charge. All are welcome.

Hillside Swedenborgian Community Church
1422 NAVELLIER STREET, EL CERRITO