

# VIOLA DA GAMBA SOCIETY PACIFICA GAMBA NEWS

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## **Pacifica Play Day, 10-10-2015**

Please join us for the second Play Day of our 2015-2016 season on Saturday, October 10th at Hillside Swedenborgian Community Church, 1422 Navellier Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The Church's website is [hillsideswedenborg.org](http://hillsideswedenborg.org). We will meet in the Sanctuary. Please try to arrive by 9:00 am for coffee/tea and conversation until about 9:15, to be followed by morning playing events beginning at 9:30 until lunch around 12:30. After lunch, there will be an uncoached afternoon playing session until about 3:00 pm.



We are extremely pleased to have Marie Szuts coaching us for this play day. The theme for her group coaching presentation will be as follows.

Marie is planning on using some American hymn tunes to work on ensemble skills ("Africa" by Billings and the classic "Wondrous Love" from the sacred harp tradition); then we'll play a 5-part variation on Wondrous Love that is spectacular on viols!

Our early morning group session with Marie will be followed by (mostly one-on-a-part) consort playing sessions in assigned groups using Pacifica Library music selected by each group until about 12:30 pm. Coaching will be provided by Marie on a time-shared basis depending on how many groups we have. If you can, please plan to stay for un-coached consort playing in the afternoon after lunch, beginning about 1:00 pm until about 3:00 pm.

Please respond to Dalton Cantey, if you plan to attend the morning and/or afternoon sessions. For the morning sessions, tell him what size gamba(s) you will bring. If you would prefer to double a part in our normal "one on a part" consort playing please indicate that. Please respond before Friday (October 9th) at about 4:00 PM to expedite formation of assigned groups for the following Saturday morning. Note that merely replying to this email will not deliver an email to Dalton. Use this email address – [dcantey@att.net](mailto:dcantey@att.net) - to send him a message.

**Another Date Switch for Pacifica's 2015 – 2016 Season!**

Please update your calendars now for November 14th 2015 and April 9th 2016!

September 12	David Morris	.
October 10	Marie Szuts	.
November 14	David Morris (Voices and Viols)	.
December 12	Frances Blaker	.
January 9, 2016	Shira Kammen	.
February 6	Stanford Workshop with John Dornenburg and others	.
March 12	Bill Skeen	.
April 9	Pat O'Scannell	.
May 14	Peter Hallifax and Julie Jeffrey	.
June 4	Pacifica Chapter Party & Concert for Friends/Family	.
July-August	2016 VdGSA Conclave in Forest Grove, Oregon	.

**Local Viol Group Playing at the New Home of John Mark**

Alice Benedict, Ellen Farwell, Ellen Fisher, Julie Jeffrey, Robin Easterbrook and John Mark enjoying an a6 viol consort session at the new home of John Mark at **Oakmont of Mariner Park**, #225, 2400 Mariner Square Dr., Alameda CA 94501. John's email address is unchanged.



## **Elisabeth Reed Doing Much Better After She Had to Cancel Her September Play Day Coaching Due to a Car Accident**

Message from Elisabeth: "Please thank the membership for the lovely card I received in the mail. I appreciate it so much. After a worrying couple of weeks, I am doing much better."

## **Registration is Now Open for the VdGSA Southern Arizona, Early Music Workshop, "Viols in a Desert Oasis", October 22-26, 2015 in Rio Rico, AZ**

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**Viola da gamba**  
Julie Jeffrey

**Faculty November 8-14**  
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**Viola da gamba, Voice, Recorder**  
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**Strings and Early Repertoire**  
Shira Kammen  
**Renaissance Reeds**  
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## **Dues for the Pacifica Chapter's New 2015-2016 Season are due!!!!**

If you have not done so already, please visit our great, recently updated Pacifica Chapter web site at <http://pacificaviols.org> for instructions on how to join or renew your membership in our Chapter for the 2015-2016 Season. Many thanks again to Alexandra Saur for keeping us updated! Click on "Join the Chapter" at the left of the first screen for instructions on how to join, renew, or update information for your membership in Pacifica for the season. Please fill out and mail in the membership form. This information is very important to us for keeping our membership records up to date. Also, please consider making a donation to VdGS/Pacifica to support viol playing in the Bay Area, to help us buy new music for us all to enjoy, to acquire and maintain rental instruments for new viol players, and to grow our scholarship fund for local viol players.

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