

VIOLA DA GAMBA SOCIETY PACIFICA GAMBA NEWS

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Pacifica Play Day, 3-12-2016

Please join us for the seventh event of our 2015-2016 season which will be a play day on Saturday, March 12th at Hillside Swedenborgian Community Church, 1422 Navellier Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The Church's website is <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 un-coached afternoon playing sessions from about 1:30 pm until about 2:30 pm.



We are extremely pleased to once again have Amy Brodo coaching us for this play day. We are very grateful to Amy for jumping in to replace Bill Skeen who found out at the last minute that he could not be with us for the coming play day! Amy has not had time yet to select music for her presentation but we feel sure that whatever she chooses will be enjoyed by all!

Our early morning group session with Amy will be followed by a coffee/tea break at about 10:30 am. After the break, consort playing sessions (mostly one-on-a-part) in assigned groups using Pacifica Library music selected by each group will continue until the lunch break at about 12:30 pm. Coaching will be provided by Amy on a time-shared basis depending on how many groups we have. You may go out for lunch or bring a lunch to eat in the beautiful Hillside Church Sanctuary view. If you can, please plan to stay for un-coached consort playing in the afternoon after lunch, beginning about 1:30 pm until about 2:30 pm.

Please respond to our consort coordinator, 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. The un-coached consort sessions in the afternoon will include a group in the Sanctuary where part doubling is encouraged. Sign-up sheets will be provided in the morning for those who would prefer to organize one-on-a-part consorts on their own in the two downstairs playing spaces for the afternoon. Please respond before the end of the day on Thursday (March 10th) 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 – <mailto:dcantey@att.net> - to send him a message. If the hyperlink in this file

does not work on your system, please email Dalton using your own email procedure at the email address above.

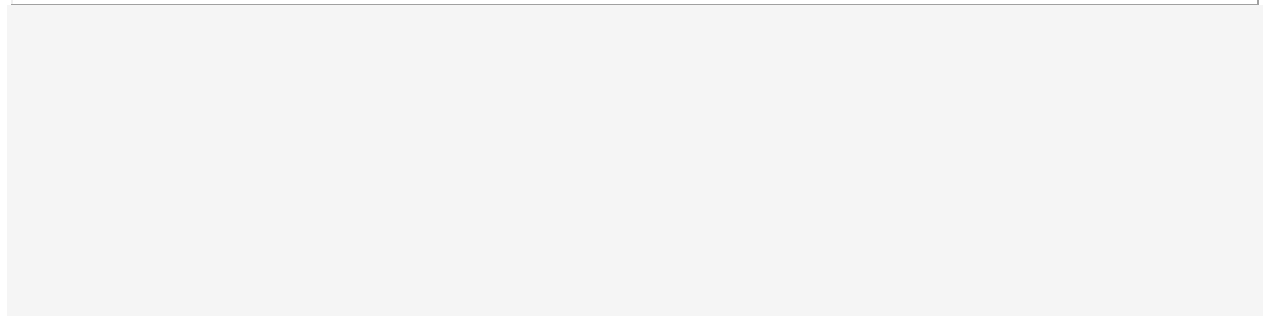
PACIFICA CHAPTER ELECTIONS COMING

The Pacifica Chapter board has appointed a nominating committee consisting of Julie Jeffrey, Lynn Lipetzky and Ellen Farwell to handle the forthcoming election of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary in May for four-year terms. Dalton Cantey is retiring as president, and Carolyn Butler and Betsy St. Aubin are retiring as co-secretaries. We thank them for their excellent service. Ricardo Hofer is willing to continue serving as vice president, and Ellen Fisher is willing to continue as treasurer. Cindi Kazarian Olwell has graciously agreed to run for secretary. The nominating committee is engaged in discussions with possible candidates for the office of president. If you have suggestions, please contact Julie Jeffrey at <mailto:jjeffrey@library.berkeley.edu>, or Lynn Lipetzky at <mailto:lynnlipetzky@sbcglobal.net>, or Ellen Farwell at <mailto:Leonardfarwell@comcast.net>. We will be presenting a slate of candidates for these offices to our members in April for approval.

Here is an Updated List of Pacifica’s 2015 – 2016 Season Play Day Dates and Coaches!

If you have not already done so, update your calendars now

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: Director John Dornenburg, Mary Springfels, Julie Jeffrey and David Morris	.
March 12	Amy Brodo	.
April 9	Pat O’Scannell	.
May 14	Peter Hallifax and Julie Jeffrey	.
June 4	Pacifica Chapter Party & Concert for Friends/Family	.
July 24-31	2016 VdGSA Conclave at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon	.



Tenor Viol Crafted by Lyn Elder for Sale:



Large Jaye model tenor viol made by Lyn Elder in 1997. Curly maple with purfling around the front and back edges; dark rosewood fingerboard and pegs; open scroll.: \$5000. Email mary.elliott@pineground.com. Excellent instrument with even sound throughout its range. Price with Kingham MTM hard case.

Opportunity for Viol Playing in Ashland Oregon:

Pat O'Scannell, gambist, Pacifica coach for our April 2016 Play Day and former Early Music director at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, will, together with the *Rogue Consort of Viols*, sponsor a monthly Play Day for gambists on the final Saturday of each month, beginning in January. You are cordially invited to attend if you are coming through Ashland, or to schedule your theatre-going to align with the "Salon du Viol" event. Each month will highlight renaissance music from a different country, and each session will begin with a half-hour coaching session before the group forms consorts and reads. There will be a morning and afternoon reading session with luncheon served in between. The cost is \$20 per 'Salon', lunch included. Contact Pat for more information, or to reserve your space. All levels are welcome, with guided sessions for beginners. Music will be provided, but your additions are welcome! Add this new event to your calendar. All sessions will be held at a private home in the scenic hills of Ashland, Oregon. Contact: (541) 482-9757 / pato@opendoor.com. For more information on Ms. O'Scannell, visit patoscannell.weebly.com. See Flyer below:



Salon du Viol 2016

Hosted by Pat O'Scannell and the *Rogue Consort of Viols*
A structured Play Day on the last Saturday in each month.

Music provided, or bring something to share!

All levels welcome. Guided session for beginners.
Intermediate & advanced players form consorts and read.

All events in Ashland, Oregon \$20 per session
10:00am-1pm and 2-5pm Luncheon included

January 30: England February 27: France March 26: Spain

April 30: Germany May 28: Italy June 25: Wildcard!

for reservations contact: pato@opendoor.com (541) 482-9757

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