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GAMMA NEWS

Mary Lois Rundles 1916-2004

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Mary Lois Rundles, a Pacifica member for many years, died in April at age 87. In 1999, she had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and had moved from Walnut Creek to Prescott, Arizona, to be closer to her family.



Jean Sell, Betty Nichols, Mary Lois Rundles

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Pacifica Play Day Schedule, 2004-2005

Each month, as soon as you receive your Gamba News (or before), please call or email John Mark, our peerless consort arranger, to tell him you will attend the upcoming play day and what size(s) you will bring. (510) 531-1471; mark_bach8@hotmail.com.

All play days except those at Stanford are held at Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Boulevard, Oakland. The church is just west of the Park Boulevard exit off Highway 13. We meet at 9:15am for the coached session.

Sheet music, coffee and tea will be supplied. Please bring either a sack lunch for yourself or a dish or drinks to share at our customary potluck. The church has a microwave we can use. There is also a Mexican Restaurant close by.

Please bring a music stand and any consort music of your own you'd like to play. Consorts are

formed based on the information you provide to John Mark. Newcomers and rank beginners are welcome.

DATE	COACH
October 2	George Houle
November 6	Joanna Blendulf
December 4	Yayoi Isaacson
January 8, 2005	Gail Ann Schroeder (includes master class)
February 5 or 12, TBA	John Dornenburg at Stanford
March 12	Shira Kammen
April 22-24, Fresno	Elisabeth Reed and Shira Kammen
May 7	David Morris
June 11	Amy Brodo

Mary Lois Rundles, con't

She graduated with a Registered Nurse certification from the Hurley Nursing School in Flint, Michigan, in 1937. Her sister was also an R.N. and her brother an M.D. Mary Lois was practicing nursing on a neighboring Hawaiian island when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and she cared for many servicemen injured that day. She lost her own fiancé in World War II, a naval officer who was killed aboard a U.S. destroyer in the English Channel.

Mary Lois traveled all over the world and in the course of her career witnessed many changes in the medical field. She worked in polio and whooping cough wards, surgery, obstetrics and general medicine. Especially fond of infants and children, she was honored for her post-retirement volunteer service to the San Francisco Bay Area Crisis Nursery.

She also enjoyed photography and, above all, music. She sang in the Walnut Creek United Methodist Church Choir for many years. She played recorder for a few years before becoming interested in the tenor viol, and was active in the Pacifica chapter. She attended numerous workshops in this country and in England. Locally, she played weekly with a small viol group—Jean Sell, Alvin Roper, Marge (Barrington) Prindle, Joy Schaeffer, and Betty Nichols.

Mary Lois's longtime friend Betty Nichols and the Prescott, Arizona, Daily Courier kindly provided Gamba News with this information on Mary Lois's life.

For Sale

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Treble Viol by Higgins; neck replacement by him; viol in excellent condition. Early ratchet bow by Neil Hendricks and hard case "arranged" by Herb Myers. \$1,500 for viol, bow, and case. Contact **Kris Montague**, (650) 969-1668.

Bass viol, 6 string, German-made in the 1970s. With bow and hard case. \$3500. Contact **Helen Tyrrell**, (925) 253-1782; hesuome@pacbell.net.

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Website www.pacificaviols.org

Our VdGS-Pacifica chapter website is maintained and regularly updated by Helen Tyrrell. It contains the Viol Player's Calendar, along with a list of local teachers, sources for music, supplies, inexpensive viols, repairs, and travel tips. The VdGSA (national) website is www.vdgsa.org.

Rent a Viol

Pacifica has trebles, tenors and basses to rent. Donations of viols and bows to our rental program are extremely welcome—we'll accept them in any condition. Rental fees range from \$15 to \$30 per month. In charge of rentals is John Mark, 10 Holyrood Manor, Oakland, CA 94611; (510) 531-1471; mark_bach8@hotmail.com.

A Birth

Former Pacifica Board member **Annette Higuchi James** gave birth to a healthy daughter on September 16 (11pm): 7lb. 9oz. 19 inches. Name is still not settled. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

For Sale, con't

Lazar's Early Music

Moeck (recorders and early winds), Kueng, Mollenhauer, Yamaha, Aesthe, Dolmetsch Millenium Recorders, and others in the near future. Competitive prices, instruments sent on approval, personalized service and advice. **Bill Lazar**, (408) 737-8228.

Bass viol, Peter Tourin, Jericho, VT. English division bass after Henry Jaye; no. 49, 1983. With decorated fingerboard and tailpiece, carved rose. 67.3 cm free string length. Very nice condition with a few chips to the finish on the edges. It sold in 1983 for \$3225 for the decorative work. The viol would sell now for about \$9-10,000, according to Peter Tourin. Comes with a nice custom-fitted hard case and bow. Asking \$7000.

Bass viol, Wolfgang Uebel, Celle, Germany, 1977. With carved rose on sound board; 64 cm free string length. Very nice condition. Asking \$6000 with unpadded soft case. Bows available separately.

Treble viol, Neil Hendricks, Reno, CA, 1973. With gear tuning machines. Suitable for a beginner. Asking \$450, with Hendricks 'ratchet' bow, no case.

Bows (4): Chris English, octagonal/round stick, 60 cm free hair length, 74 gms., asking \$1000; **Harry Grabenstein/Tourin bow** (1983), ebony frog/nut, 60 cm free hair length, 68 gms., new hair, asking \$1000; **William Monical**, octagonal stick, ebony frog/nut, 60.5 cm free hair length, 59 gms., new hair, asking \$800; **H.R. Pfretzschner**, 61 cm free hair length, 59 gms., new hair, asking \$700.

Pictures of all are available on my website (www.bill-lazar.com) on the 'used instruments' page. Contact **Bill Lazar**, jblazar@aol.com, (408) 730-2238 for more information.

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The world's first production model of a 7-string solid body electric viola da gamba! Play traditional and crossover music on one instrument! To hear and play the Ruby, contact **Kirby**, (510) 317-0834 or (510) 332-0834 (24-hour message); gambaguy@msn.com.



Mark Your Calendar

September 29; October 6, 20; November 3, 17; December 2; January 5, 19; February 2, 16; March 2, 9, 23; April 6, 20; May 4, 18; June 1

Meeting dates of the mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra, which welcomes early strings and winds. Please bring a music stand. Music will be provided at the meeting. Bass viols are especially welcome on September 29. For information call Fred-eric Palmer, (650) 591-3648, or visit the orchestra website at www.sfems.org/mpro.

8:00 pm, Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School Music Room 050, 480 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto

SRS Fall Workshop: October At San Marcos, Venice, Italy

Conducted by Hanneke van Proosdij

Saturday, October 2, 9-4

Friends Meeting House, 890 57th Street, between J and H Streets, Sacramento

This workshop welcomes recorder players as well as viols, lutes, violin, cello, low double reeds early brass. Pitch is A= 440. Registration form can be downloaded at: <http://www.sacrecorders.org/>

Original notation workshops! Directed by Annette Bauer

Play your favorite music from facsimile: learn how to read, sing, and play 15th and 16th century mensural notation!

Introduction to mensural notation:
Saturday, October 9, 10am-5pm

Intermediate/Advanced:
Saturday, October 16, 10am-5pm

Saturday, October 23, 10am-5pm

Workshops will take place in the East Bay, location TBA. All instrumentalists and singers welcome. Enrollment is limited. Tuition (including copy costs): \$40/day, \$70/2 days, \$90/all 3 days. Please email Annette Bauer krokodilus@hotmail.com or call (510) 847-7023 for more info and to reserve your spot.

The Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra Fall Workshop

Reading Between the Notes

Directed by Tom Bickley

Saturday, October 23, 2004

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Hope Lutheran Church

600 W. 42nd Avenue in San Mateo

For those who play recorders, soft early double reeds, and Renaissance bowed and plucked strings.

MPRO is an Affiliate of the San Francisco Early Music Society. For information about this workshop or MPRO membership phone Mary at (415) 664-9050 or visit www.sfems.org/mpro.

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6th Workshop for Viols and Voices

October 29 - November 1, 2004

Tucson, AZ

Presented by VdGS-Southern Arizona

Faculty includes Wendy Gillespie, John Dornenburg, Elisabeth Reed, and John Mark Rozendaal.

For information phone Jean Iverson at

Sunday, November 21

Wildcat Viols: Joanna Blendulf, Julie Jeffrey, and Elisabeth Reed, violas da gamba. Madrigals, songs and fantasies from England and Italy: Music of Wilbye, Dowland, Purcell, Marenzio and others. \$18/\$15.

5:00 pm, MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. (510) 528-1685

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_____ Donation to VdGS-Pacifica will help us buy sheet music and rental instruments and fatten our scholarship fund.

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