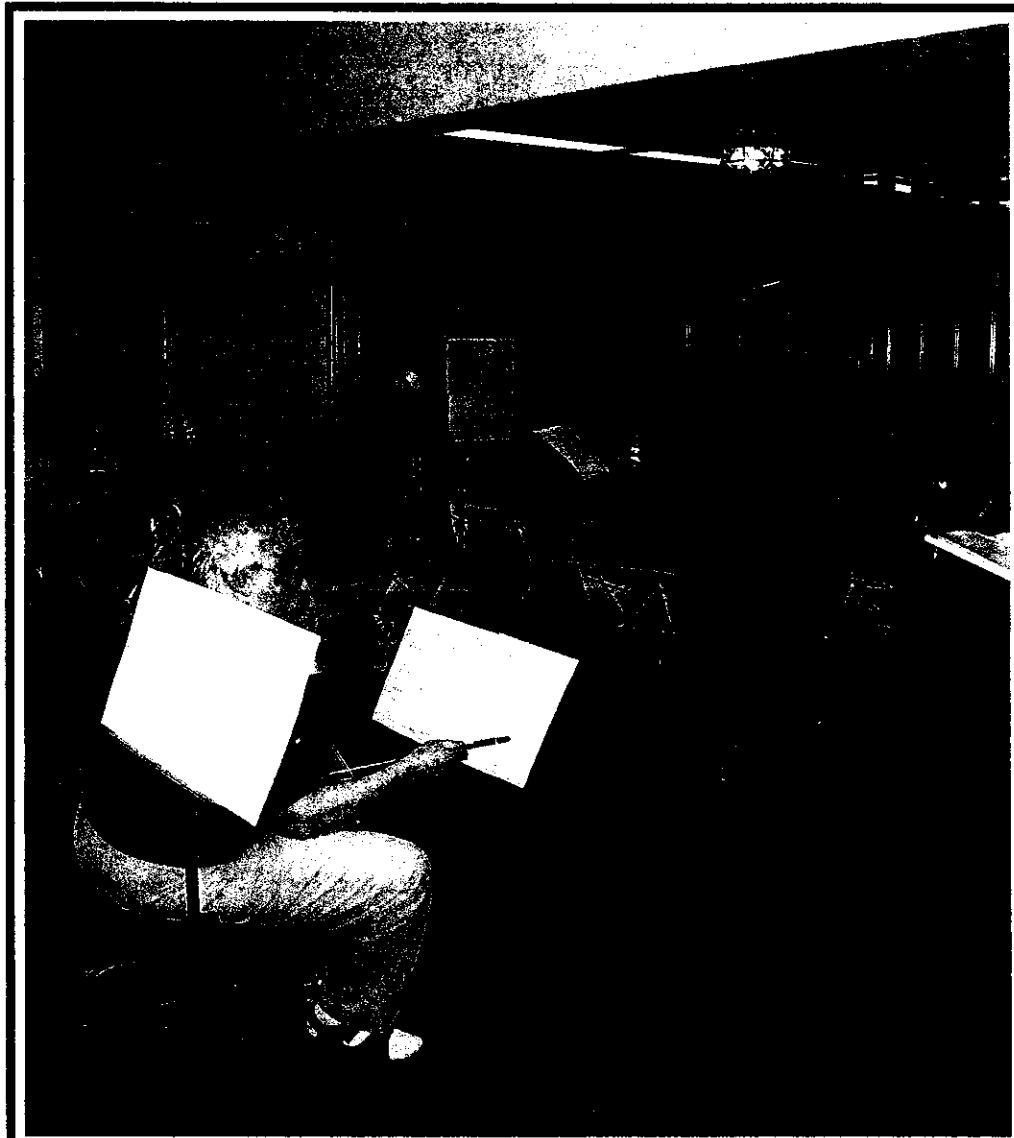


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GAMMA NEWS



Left to right: Billie Hamilton, Ellen Farwell, Gwen Rodman, Ricardo Hofer, Dorothy Orolin, Lyle York, Mark Makabe and Stu Elliot. Elisabeth Reed coaching.

Fresno 2005: "We came, we saw, we played"

Co-coaches Elisabeth Reed and Shira Kammen led the North/South Viol Meet April 20-22 in Fresno. The weekend at the Piccadilly Inn consisted mainly of coached small-group sessions, and also featured a delightful mini-concert by Elisabeth and Shira, and dinner at an Armenian restaurant. All were shared with friends from the Viols West (Southern California) Chapter, plus contingents from Sacramento and Reno. -*Ellen Farwell*

For Sale

Bass Viola da Gamba bow by Ralph Ashmead; \$1,500 or best offer. Contact **Elisabeth Reed**, (510) 482-1684.

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Bow Repair Alexandra Saur is now offering rehairing for both modern and early bows. Top quality hair and quick turnaround! 510-559-9563, bowrehair@alexandrasaur.com.

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.

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 tail-piece, 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.

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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.

Donating to VdGS-Pacifica

The Pacifica Chapter is an affiliate of the San Francisco Early Music Society (SFEMS), and along with other privileges this affiliation confers, we can receive tax-deductible donations. These include not only cash but viols, bows, musical scores, method books, tuners, stands and other viol paraphernalia. Especially since we now have a Youth Project working to teach young people the viol, please remember the chapter when you are cleaning out your music room.

Cash donations can be used for new rental instruments and bows, new music for the chapter playing library, the Pacifica Youth Project, or our scholarship fund.

To ensure that your donation will be tax-deductible, please make out the check to SFEMS with a note on the lower left corner: "for VdGS-Pacifica." Then send your donation check to Penni Savage, Treasurer, VdGS-Pacifica, 436 Hudson Street, Oakland, CA 94618. She will forward your check to SFEMS.

SFEMS will accept and record the donation, then transfer the funds to us. You will receive an acknowledgment letter from SFEMS for your tax records.

When you donate a viol or other materials, you will receive a letter citing the estimated value of the instrument or materials for your tax records.

Viol Talk

All Are Invited!

The next board meeting will be held in early June, exact date TBA.

Off and On

Colin Shipman is leaving the board for (happy) personal reasons; Roy Whelden has just joined the board as Membership List Coordinator.

Corrections

In the April issue of *Gamba News*, the name of Mary Elliott was misspelled on the final page.

Also in April, correspondents Calvin, LaRue, Snoopy, Flossy, Polly Ann, Lucky and Julie Morrisett contributed to the article "Ecole de Viole pour de Bons Chiens."

May Play Day

The amazing (yet rarely photographed) David Morris will coach our upcoming play day on Saturday, May 7. This will be the penultimate play day of the season, so dust off your instrument before the summer exodus begins.

For Sale, cont'd

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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Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Playing Opportunities, Concerts and Workshops

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. For information call Frederic 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*

May 20-22

Marin Headlands Workshop for Recorders and Viols, classes, large-group playing sessions, and impromptu playing sessions. Faculty includes Cindy Beitmen, Letitia Berlin, Louise Carslake, Frances Feldon, Shira Kammen, Judith Linsenberg, Fred Palmer, Hanneke van Proosdij, Tom Bickley, and Adam Gilbert.

Point Bonita YMCA, Marin. Information: Susan Richardson (510) 526-7861, susanvrichardson@yahoo.com, or Britt Ascher (915) 283-7134, brittascher@comcast.net.

Saturday, May 28

"Forqueray Rules at St. Albans," Peter Hallifax, Julie Jeffrey; violas da gamba.

8:00 pm, *St. Alban's Church Parish Hall, Berkeley. \$15/\$10 suggested donation. forquerayrules@earthlink.net*

Friday, June 3

Consort Music for Strings and Voice, The Galax Quartet (David Wilson, violin; Cynthia Miller, violin; Roy Whelden, viola da gamba; David Morris, cello) with Karen Clark, contralto. Consort music of John Dowland and contemporary music of Roy Whelden, presented by the Hillside Club of Berkeley.

8:00 pm, *The Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar Street at Arch, Berkeley. \$15. (510) 601-1370*

Saturday, June 4

The Era of Figured Bass and the Viola da Gamba. Roy Whelden will give a workshop focusing on continue playing for viola da gamba players.

10:00 am-3:00 pm, *1337 Grant Street, Berkeley. For more information, contact Roy Whelden at (510) 601-1370 or roywhelden@mac.com.*

June 19-25

The San Francisco Early Music Society 2005 Baroque Music and Dance Workshop, Phoebe Craig, director. "Fiori musicali d'Italia! – The Flowering of Music in Italy." Viol faculty includes Mary Springfels.

Dominican University, San Rafael. phebec@aol.com; (510) 525-2396, (510) 684-5177; www.sfems.org

June 26-July 2

The San Francisco Early Music Society 2005 Medieval and Renaissance Workshop, Annette Bauer, Louise Carslake, Hanneke van Proosdij, directors. "La Dolce Vita: Music from Italy, Spain and Portugal." Viol faculty includes David Morris and Gail Ann Schroeder.

Dominican University, San Rafael. medren2005@sbcglobal.net; (510) 236-9808; www.sfems.org

July 10-16

Port Townsend Early Music Workshop, Margriet Tindemans, director. Presented by the Seattle Recorder Society. Viol faculty includes Jack Ashworth, Larry Lipnik, Rosamund Morley, David Morris, Margriet Tindemans and

Brent Wissick.

Fort Worden State Park Conference Center, Port Townsend, WA. (206) 784-5518; www.seattle-recorder.org

July 24-31

The 43rd Annual VdGSA Conclave, "The Spirit of Gambo." Viol faculty too numerous to list. Registration deadline June 24.

Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts. www.vdgsa.org

August 7-13

Viols West, "The Divided Viol." Rosamund Morley, director. Registration opens April 15.

Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo, California. www.violswest.org

August 13-19

Hidden Valley Institute of the Arts Early Music Seminar, Seminar for recorder, viola da gamba, and harpsichord. Renaissance recorder consort, viol consort, continuo class for harpsichordists, baroque ensembles and collegium for all. For advanced players. Some scholarship assistance available. Faculty includes Geert Van Gele, Letitia Berlin, David Morris and Webb Wiggins.

Carmel Valley, CA. Information: Peter Meckel, General Director, Hidden Valley Institute of the Arts, Box 116, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. (831) 659-3115. Fax: (831) 659-7442; hvms@aol.com; hiddenvalleymusic.org.

Concurrent youth recorder academy seeks loan of viols for beginning viol class. Please contact Letitia Berlin at (510) 559-4670.

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 9:15 am 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. New-comers and rank beginners are welcome.

DATE	COACH
May 7	David Morris
June 11	Amy Brodo

Membership Updates

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(707) 869-2564

Sam Kiteley
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Dalton Cantey
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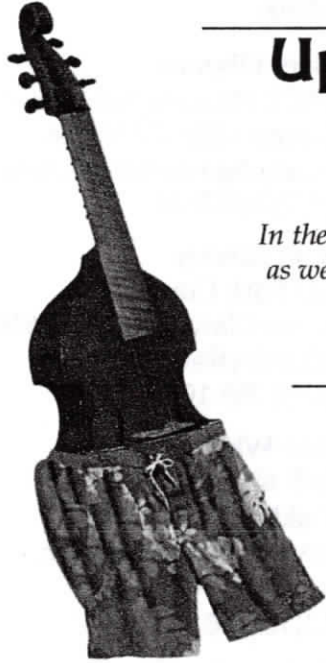
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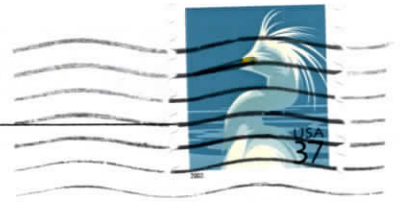
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Update on our annual swimsuit issue

*In the interest of equality, publication will be delayed
as we conduct a search for male models.*

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