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GAMBA NEWS

Membership Dues Now Due

If you have not already done so, please take the time to renew your membership in VdGSA-Pacifica. Your dues help support our splendid play day programs, music library, youth viol and outreach programs. A newsletter-only membership is also available for \$10.

Please use the printable form on the last page, and remember that all checks should be made to VdGS-Pacifica.

~ Thank you ~

Put Away Your Wrenches

Linda Shortridge offering new pegheads

Linda Shortridge will be in the Bay Area this winter and is offering to install pegheads. These have received rave review from all quarters! Prices are \$35 per peg, and \$40 for bass pegs with ivory buttons. She will be here sometime in December or January. If you would like to get your viol on the list, contact Heather Irons, who will be coordinating with Linda. Heather may be reached at hgirons@aol.com.

New Tenor Viol Duet Book

Duets for Tenor Viols, Volume 4, edited by Patrice Connelly, is now available from Saraband Music. Subtitled "A Renaissance and Baroque Miscellany," this newest volume follows *French Duets* (volume 3) and *English Duets* (volumes 1 and 2.)

Volume 4 contains more than a dozen pieces of varying standards, with composers including Morley, Lassus, Philidor, Montclair, Withy and the ubiquitous Anon!

You may purchase direct from Saraband Music, www.saraband.com.au, or, you can inquire at Boulder Early Music about purchasing Saraband editions through them.

November 10: Play Day

Joanna Blendulf will lead us.

Please contact John Mark (mark_bach8@hotmail.com or 510-531-1471) as soon as possible to let him know you will attend. Newcomers and rank beginners are always welcome.

Zion Lutheran Church
5201 Park Blvd., Oakland

Start Time 9:15 am

Sheet music, coffee, and tea supplied

2007-2008 Schedule

DATE	COACH
November 10	Joanna Blendulf
December 8	William Skeen
January 12	Julie Jeffrey
February 9	John Dornenburg leads new Stanford Workshop
March 8	Roy Whelden
April 12	Farley Pearce
May 10	Shira Kammen

For Sale

Ask Miss Fret-Knot: A guide to consort manners, by Prudence Fret-Knot and Lyle York, is available for \$14.95 plus shipping from the Boulder Early Music Shop, PO Box 900, Ouray, CO, 81427. www.bems.com.

Visit Your Local Viol Builder! 7-string bass, Bertrand model, rich sound. 6-string bass, Jaye model, bright and delightful to play. Treble, Hoskins model. Tenors and other bass models also available. Soft and hard cases custom-fitted to your instrument. Repairs. Come by to try an instrument, take a shop tour and learn about building viols, or for idle chit-chat. **Alexandra Saur**, (510) 558-6927; (510) 559-9563, in Albany.

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

Lazar's Early Music

Moeck (recorders and early winds), Kueng, Mollenhauer, Yamaha, Aesthe, Dolmetsch Millenium Recorders, and others in the near future. Viols, used and new. Competitive prices, instruments sent on approval, personalized service and advice. **Bill Lazar**, (408) 734-4920.

Pictures are available on www.bill-lazar.com. Contact **Bill Lazar**, jblazar@aol.com, (408) 734-4920 for more information.

Ruby Instruments

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 Leong**, (510) 317-0834 or (510) 332-0834 (24-hour message); gambaguy@msn.com.

Treble Viol Available to Rent

Treble viol by Michael Plant available for rent at reasonable price. Contact **Lee McRae**, (510) 848-5591, LmcR@aol.com.

Bass Viola da Gamba for Sale

Bass viol, Wolfgang Uebel, Germany, 1967. Good condition. 65cm string length. A division viol, nice and small. Comes with hard case and/or padded soft case. \$1,900. May be viewed and played in Berkeley. Contact Joan (707) 546-8505



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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.

This Month



Saturday, November 10
Play day with
Joanna Blendulf



Membership Updates

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Mark Your Calendar

Friday, November 9

Alice's Renaissance String Band presents *Dido and Aeneas*, by Henry Purcell. Fully staged, with musicians, singers and dancers.

8:00 pm, Parish Hall, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington, Albany. Free, donations accepted.

Saturday, November 10

Alice's Renaissance String Band repeats program of November 9.

8:00 pm, Parish Hall, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington, Albany. Free, donations accepted

Friday, November 16

SFEMS presents La Monica performing "The Amorous Lyre-Virtuoso Sonatas and Cantatas of 17th Century Italy." Featuring music by Merula, Castello and Marini. La Monica is: Phoebe Jevtovic, soprano; Tekla Cunningham and Susan Feldman, violins; Ondine Young, viola; William Skeen, viol and cello; Daniel Zuluaga, chitarrone and guitar; Avi Stein, harpsichord.

8:00 pm, First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer at Webster, Palo Alto. \$25/\$22. (510) 528-1725; www.sfems.org

"Multum in Parvo: The Music of Bach & Gnarly Computation," an illustrated concert by **Rudy Rucker & the Galax Quartet** with triple harp. Science fiction writer and mathematician Rudy Rucker will present images of cellular automata, visually beautiful examples of multum in parvo, alongside the music of Bach. The Galax Quartet is: David Wilson and Kati Kyme, violins; Roy Whelden, viola da gamba; Paul Hale, 'cello; with Cheryl Ann Fulton, triple harp.

7:30 pm, College Avenue Presbyterian Church, 5951 College Avenue at Claremont, Oakland. Free, donations accepted.

Saturday, November 17

La Monica repeats program of November 16.

8:00 pm, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College at Garber, Berkeley. \$25/\$22. (510) 528-1725; www.sfems.org

Sunday, November 18

La Monica repeats program of November 16.

3:30 pm, St. Gregory's of Nyssa Episcopal Church, 500 De Haro at Mariposa, San Francisco. \$25/\$22. (510) 528-1725; www.sfems.org

Saturday, December 1

Ensemble Vermillian-CD Release Concert and Reception

Ensemble Vermillian (Frances Blaker, recorder; Elisabeth Reed, viola da gamba; Barbara Blaker Krumdieck, baroque cello and Katherine Heater, harpsichord) will celebrate the release of their second CD with a concert and reception. The program will feature 17th century chamber music by Buxtehude, Biber, Schop and others.

Viol players will be interested to hear obbligato viol parts in several pieces as well as Buxtehude's solo viol sonata.

In the spirit of Ensemble Vermillian's name, all who wear red will be entered in a drawing to win a special door prize.

12:00 noon, St. Mary Magdalen Parish, 2005 Berryman at Milvia, Berkeley. \$18/\$12. For reservations call (510) 559-4670

Friday, December 7

East Bay Chapter, ARS, monthly meeting. Collegium evening with Cindy Beitman, guest conductor. Viols welcome!

7:30 pm -10:00 pm, Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Blvd., Oakland. (510) 483-8675 or (415) 472-6367

Tuesday, January 8

Noontime Concerts presents **John Dornenburg and Farley Pearce**, violas da gamba, and **Katherine Heater**, harpsichord, in a program of French Baroque Music.

12:30 pm, Old St. Mary's Cathedral, 660 California St. (on the California St. cable car line at Grant Street,) San Francisco. \$5 donation. (415) 777-3211

Thursday, January 17

Music at Stanford presents **John Dornenburg**, viola da gamba, and **Yuko Tanaka**, harpsichord, performing the 1st Suite of Antoine Forqueray, Sonata #7 by August Kühnel, Sonata in A minor by Johann Schenk, and Marais' Tombeau de Lully.

8:00 pm, Memorial Church, Stanford University, Stanford. \$10/\$9/\$5. (650) 725-2787, www.music.stanford.edu

Saturday, February 9

Viola da Gamba Workshop at Stanford University! John Dornenburg, Julie Jeffrey, David Morris and Rebekah Ahrendt will lead a one-day workshop from 9am-5pm. Class topics and tuition fee to be announced shortly. Mark your calendars for this great new event!

July 27 - August 3, 2008

VdGSA Conclave will be held at Franklin Pearce College, Rindge, New Hampshire.

La Vie Musicale

Musings from Heather Irons

I am delighted to be back in the Bay Area, specifically in the Rockridge section of Oakland—a fine neighborhood.

Since June, I've been making music and enjoying life in Muskoka, Ontario—land of water and sun and boats and friends. I had the pleasure of playing with a mixed consort in Orillia, Ontario. We played together weekly and performed for an outdoor wedding at lakeside, as well as for a couple of town events. I also met with viol playing friends in Toronto.

I had the good fortune to be contacted by Martin Bonham who was vacationing nearby (he's from Victoria, B.C., and a very fine musician.) I found him a bass viol to play and we spent a most enjoyable evening together at the cottage. It was a summer highlight for both of us.

Our household is in process of moving, as I write, from Texas to the Denver area. What next? And while I wait to see what opportunities present themselves from that area of the country, I am happily playing with friends here in the East Bay. Some of us have started a mixed consort with renaissance flute, renaissance harp and viols—lovely.

I look forward to many more months of music. My door is always open to welcome friends. My new phone number is (510) 735-9547.

More musings to come.

Heather



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