

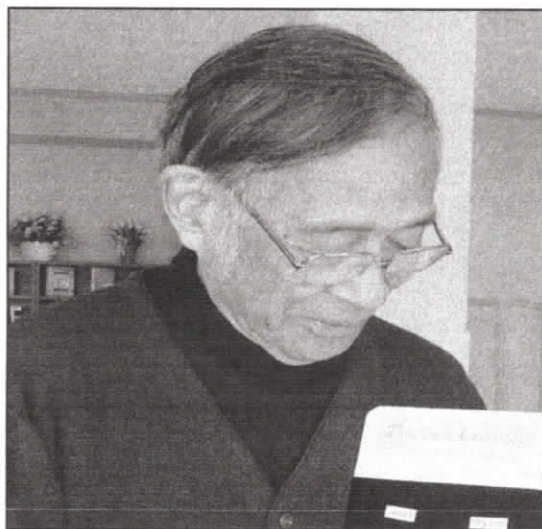
End-of-year Pacifica Party

This is a reminder that there WILL BE a joyous party at the end of our play day year on Saturday afternoon, May 31. Please note that this year the event will take place at Zion Lutheran Church, the time to be announced.

All members of VdGS/Pacifica, their families and friends (particularly necessary if you are performing) are invited to this party, which will follow the performances of those of us who wish to do so. Please let Ricardo know (either by e-mail to hofer52@google.com or by telephone at 510-428-1430) the members of your group who will play and what piece(s) you will play, so that we can organize the event. Please try to limit your performance to 5 minutes.

The deadline for receipt of this information is April 30.

This Month at Play Day



Saturday, April 12

Play day with cake and celebration for **John Mark!** John is celebrating his 39th birthday for the 41st time – come join us in wishing him another great year as well as thanking him for his many contributions to the world of music and musicians.

April 12

Farley Pearce will lead us at the upcoming play day.

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
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 Lazar Early Music: www.bill-lazar.com, jblazar.com, or (408) 734-4920.

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Bass viol, Zuchowicz, 6-string English Consort. Price forthcoming.

Treble viol, unknown. Female carved head, antiqued to look like old instrument. Instrument will be restrung, refretted and adjusted. Soft case. Price forthcoming.

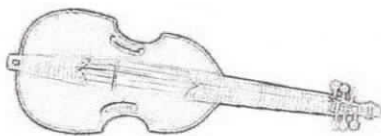
Pictures are available on www.bill-lazar.com. Contact **Bill Lazar**, jblazar@aol.com, (408) 734-4920 for more information.

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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.

Ed. Note The Gamba News apologizes for its recent hiatus during the February and March months. Youth viol outreach continues apace, however.



Frances Rachel
born February 7, 2008
to Jennifer Torresen and Julie Morrisett



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Next Board Meeting

Will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 pm at the home of Ellen Farwell: 1807 Butte Street, Richmond. All are welcome! Cookies, coffee and tea served.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, April 4

East Bay Chapter, ARS, monthly meeting. With Annette Bauer, guest conductor. Viols welcome! Please RSVP to ensure enough copies of the music: glen.shannon@k183.com.

7:30 pm -10:00 pm, Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Blvd., Oakland. \$5 payable at the door for non-EBRS members. (510) 483-8675 or (415) 472-6367

Friday, April 25

Last Friday Concert Series features **Donne di Mezzo Quartet**: "Early music duets for matched voices." Kathryn Miller and Celeste Winant, mezzo sopranos; Rebekah Ahrendt, viola da gamba; Esther Criscuola de Laix, keyboard. Presented by Pro Arts Gallery and Bay Area Classical Harmonies (BACH.)

7:30 pm Pro Arts Gallery, 550 Second Street, Oakland. \$18/\$15/\$12 510-868-0695

SFEMS presents **Hallifax and Jeffrey** (Peter Hallifax and Julie Jeffrey, viols) with guest artist Jakob Lindberg, theorbo, performing "Forquerry Rules—The World of Forquerry, Marais and de Visée.

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

Saturday, April 26

SFEMS repeats **Hallifax and Jeffrey** program of April 25.

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

Sunday, April 27

SFEMS repeats **Hallifax and Jeffrey** program of April 25.

3:00 pm, St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, 1661 15th St. near Mission, San Francisco. \$25/\$22. 510-528-1725, www.sfems.org

Friday, May 2

East Bay Chapter, ARS, monthly meeting. With Glen Shannon, guest conductor. Viols welcome! Please RSVP to ensure enough copies of the music: glen.shannon@k183.com.

7:30 pm -10:00 pm, Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Blvd., Oakland. \$5 payable at the door for non-EBRS members. (510) 483-8675 or (415) 472-6367

Sunday, May 4

MusicSources presents "Clavecin en Concert: The Art of the Accompanied Harpsichord in France." With Anthony Martin, violin; **Gilbert Martinez**, harpsichord; Steve Lehning, viola da gamba; and Rita Lilly, soprano. Works of Mondonville, Corette, Duphy and Rameau.

5:00 pm, MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. \$18/\$15. 510-528-1685

Sunday, May 5

San Francisco Conservatory Baroque Ensemble, Corey Jamason and Elisabeth Reed, directors, present Chamber Music by Marin Marais, Francois Couperin, et al. First-year viol students will play several settings of Aupres de Vous.

8:00 pm, Concert Hall, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco. \$20/\$15. 415-864-7326, www.sfc.edu

May 16 - 18, 2008

Marin Headlands Workshop for Recorders and Viols, sponsored by East Bay Chapter, American Recorder Society, at Pt. Bonita YMCA. Sixteen playing sessions, featuring conductors David Barnett, Annette Bauer, Tish Berlin, Tom Bickley, Frances Blaker, Louise Carslake, Frances Feldon, Eileen Hadidian, Shira Kammen and John Tyson. Friday through Sunday, with one and two day options. Music will cover the waterfront from Machaut to Palestrina, Byrd to Handel, Celtic to the New World. Please contact Cindy Keune at cindy_keune@yahoo.com, Jody Harcourt at jodyharcourt@comcast.net, or Anna Lisa Kronman at 925-258-9442, annalisakronman@gmail.com, for further information or to be added to the mailing list.

June 15 - 21, 2008

SFEMS Baroque Music and Dance Workshop: "The World of Charles Burney and the Musical Life of 18th-century Europe." Viol instructors: David Morris and Mary Springfels (Springfels was not listed in the SFEMS brochure, but will be an instructor.) Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA. www.sfems.org. Early bird deadline May 1 (discount \$50.)

Mark Your Calendar

June 22 - 28

SFEMS Medieval/Renaissance Workshop: "The Elements: Earth, Water, Wind and Fire." Viol instructors: Rebekah Ahrendt, John Dornenburg, Margriet Tindemans. Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA. www.sfems.org. Early bird deadline May 1 (discount \$50.)

July 6 - 12

Pacific Northwest Viols Summer Workshop to be held at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. "We will be located in comfortable Trimble Hall, familiar to those who have attended Conclave there. Even though the venue has changed, the small congenial workshop size has not. Faculty includes director Margriet Tindemans, Jack Ashworth, Lee Inman, Larry Lipnik, Mary Springfels, and Craig Trompeter. Email Cathy Palmer at pnv08workshop@gmail.com to request a brochure. This workshop always fills quickly, so be sure to register promptly!"

July 27 - August 3

VdGSA Conclave. "Sing with your viol!" including composers such as Machaut, Dufay, Dowland, Isaac, Senfl, Byrd. Franklin Pearce College, Rindge, New Hampshire. www.vdgsa.org

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In Memoriam

Helga Wilking died February 29 after a long illness. She was an avid early music enthusiast, concert-goer, and workshop attendee, returning many years for the SFEMS baroque workshop.



A **Musical Tribute** to the life of **Helga Wilking**, with performances, food, and wine, will be held June 14 at 5pm at Skyline Community Church in Oakland (directions can be found at www.skylineucc.org). Bring instruments for a conducted playing of one of the modern pieces Helga loved and join in celebrating her memory. For more information, contact Susan Richardson (susanvrichardson@yahoo.com), Greta Hyciw (hryciw8@comcast.net), Kathy Cochran (curtalina@comcast.net), or Judy Linsenberg (judy1@sbcglobal.net).

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