

GAMBA NEWS

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March Meeting

Thanks to member Gustavo Valadez-Ortiz, our March meeting will take place at **San Jose City College**, Saturday, **March 11** from 10:00 to 5:00. Coffee will be provided. There is no cafeteria, but there is a picnic area, so bring your own lunch. To get there, take the Baskin Avenue exit from 280 South. City College is immediately to the right. One of the buildings bears the name Drama Building. Park in the Faculty parking lot next to the Drama building, and congregate in the courtyard of Building F, which is adjacent to the Drama building. This will be an excellent opportunity for our peninsula and Santa Cruz county members to avoid the long trip to the East Bay!

Please fill out the enclosed reply card: *it is very important that you do this*, promptly, so that Julie Jeffrey can plan the groups and their music, to maximize the time available for playing. Send the cards to the pre-printed address.

Meeting Reports

Our January meeting (14th) was in Albany, at Peter Ballinger's home. We had an unexpectedly high attendance (21) including a few last minute arrivals (unheralded by reply cards - see reminder, above!), but all were accommodated in three acoustically separated groups. John Dornenburg coached in the morning, and gave an informal lecture demonstration on loosening up the bow arm, in the afternoon. We were pleased to welcome a visitor, Carolyn Russell, from the VdGSA / West chapter.

Our February Workshop with **Peggie Sampson** was another excellent event scheduled by our chapter, reports Lee McRae. We missed the Reno group of Natalie, Pamela, Mark and Neil, who were unable to get across the Sierra. But two others performed: a trio with Glenna Houle, Valerie Sterk and Sue Kimber

presented a Purcell Fantasia. Peter Ballinger, Lee McRae and Ralph Prince had prepared a Matthew Locke Fantasia. Peggie then introduced us to a number of Simpson divisions and explained how to go about creating one's own. Everyone then worked on a Marenzio 6-part Fantasia and a 7-part Gabrieli work. The workshop ended with a reception organized by Betty Nichols and Mary Lois Rundles. Altogether we were 16 participants and auditors. We want to thank all who contributed with donations of money and food for the party. We have a loyal, responsible membership - thank you everyone!

By-Law Approval Sought

All paid-up playing members received a copy of the proposed by-laws with their Sampson Workshop mailing: we will seek approval for these at the March meeting, so be prepared with your comments, additions and/or corrections.

VdGSA / West News

Two important announcements from our southern colleagues: (1) the **North-South Meet** will be at Marriott Courtyard, Fresno, **April 28 - 30**. Registration information will be available at our March meeting for those of you who do not receive the / West chapter's Newsletter. Call Walter Unterberg ([1]-818 760-6333 if you have questions. (2) Their annual **Summer Workshop** will be held **July 16-23** at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. Carol Herman is Music Director.

/ Pacifica Membership

Annual playing membership - \$15.00.
Newsletter only - \$5.00 (ten issues).
Send check to Lois Nisbet, 720 Waverley, Palo Alto, CA 94301.

New Committee

Our president, Lee McRae is co-chair of Early Music America's Elementary-Secundary Education Committee, and was recently added to the newly formed VdGSA Education Committee. Several of us in the Pacifica Chapter have been talking about having our own committee which would work with local teachers who want to incorporate viol instruction into their string classes. We have located two intermediate level teachers who are interested and now a Pacifica Chapter Education Committee is being formed to assist this project and to consider others. Committee members will be announced at the next Chapter meeting, along with plans for putting in playing order two viols made available to us by Ralph Prince. We will be asking for ideas on how to find additional instruments. We invite other Chapter members to join this important project.

/ Pacifica loses Teacher

Margaret Panofsky reluctantly parted from her students in the Bay Area to move to New York City. Her new address is 3 Washington Square Village Apt. 5B, New York NY 10012, phone [1]-212 228-5820. She is seeking new students, and hopes that her past students and workshop acquaintances will visit her if they find themselves in New York.

Junior Bach Concerts

Laurette Goldberg will introduce the music and the finalists in this year's Junior Bach Festival concerts, to be given March 17 - 19 in Berkeley. Concerts (all times *pm*) are at 8:00 on the Friday and 3:00 Sunday at St. John's, College and Garber; and at 1:30, 4:00 and 7:30 on Saturday in Hertz Hall. Admission \$5 (students \$3). Please call John Mark at 415 531-1471 for program and performer information. A great chance to be able to say "I heard him/her *when*..."

New Members

Welcome to Mary Elliott (playing) and Roland Hutchinson (newsletter).

Advertisements

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