



## Newsletter of the Pacifica Chapter of the Viola da Gamba Society of America

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### October Meeting

Please send in the enclosed reply cards if you are coming to this meeting, to be held at St. Mark's Church, Bancroft at Ellsworth, Berkeley, on Saturday, October 13. Try to arrive at 9:30: because of security arrangements, our hosts do not want us to leave the exterior door open and unattended. Brown bag, or nearby restaurant for lunch. Coffee and cookies will be provided by **Betty Nichols**: thanks, again Betty, for your services at the two September meetings! **IMPORTANT**: please bring a few dollar bills to pay for parking, as we no longer have free parking privileges. Arriving by car, drive up Durant Avenue, which is one way, entering the St. Mark's lot just after Ellsworth. You can also enter the lot from Bancroft via Ellsworth.

### November Meeting

**John Dornenburg's Workshop** will be held at Stanford on November 10. His theme will be Viol Calisthenics: bowing and left hand exercises to help you get more out of your practice time. More information in the next Newsletter.

### Schedule Update

Our January 12th meeting will be a workshop with **Wendy Gillespie**. Theme to be announced, but you can help in the planning by communicating your wishes on the reply cards between now and the December meeting! The February 9th meeting has been pre-empted by a SFEMS-sponsored Workshop at MusicSources. **Mary Springfels** will be the viol teacher, and we encourage your attendance. We may re-schedule the Chapter

meeting in February. The December meeting (8th) will be a seasonal celebration, held at Peter Ballinger's home in Albany. All details to be announced in future Newsletters.

### Other Possibilities

Wieland Kuijken will be in the area around November 18th, and it is possible that he might give one or two lessons. If you are interested, please call Lee McRae (415 848-5591) for the latest information.

### Forthcoming Events

#### Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra:

**Saturday, October 20**, Workshop with **Gloria Ramsey** devoted to early Hispanic Music of the New World. Duveneck School, 9:00 AM—4:00PM \$15.00. Information: Mary Ashley (415-494-1829).

#### Gamba-Related Activities:

**October 3—November 28** (9 evenings): SFEMS Evening Class in viol consort playing, given by **John Dornenburg**. Sight reading as well as polishing of the ensemble. MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. 7:00 PM (possibly another class at 8:30). Call John for details (415-530-3202).

**November 3-4**: Weekend Workshop for Recorders, Viols and Voices (details in included Flyer).

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## September Meetings

Our first meeting, at St. Mark's, was attended by fourteen members: we divided into three groups and enjoyed ourselves. The following weekend twelve members assembled at Church of the Wayfarer, Carmel where we played during the morning and early afternoon. After an hour or so in town or on the beach, we were royally entertained at the home of Corliss and Herb Myers, where we had dinner. On the Sunday morning, nine of us played pavaues and allemandes for the church, repeating the performance at the later service. After lunch and some more large group playing, we departed for home, having had a stimulating and recreational weekend. Many thanks to Herb and Corliss for inviting us to their church, which has rooms with excellent acoustics, and for their delightful hospitality.

## New Members

We are especially glad to welcome several new Newsletter members from more distant parts of the West Coast. As soon as all dues are received by our Treasurer, Dalton Cantey (*hint*), we'll publish a complete list. Please send \$15.00 for full membership (\$25.00 family) or \$5.00 for Newsletter membership to Dalton at 10462 Noel Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014.

## Treasurer's Report

We enter the 1990-91 fiscal and playing year with a balance of \$918, Dalton reports. This tidy surplus is the sum of \$340 for the past year added to \$578 accumulated from the previous two years.

## Quotation of the Month

'The function of music is to release us from the tyranny of conscious thought' — *Sir Thomas Beecham*.

## Department of Corrections

I apologise to **Luciana Lombardi** for unintentionally announcing one of her concerts

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from 1989 as a forthcoming event. Among the *new* season's concerts of the **Santa Cruz Chamber Players** of interest to our members are programs of German Baroque, Medieval/Renaissance Christmas Music, and French Baroque music, played on original instruments. Dates: November 2 & 4; December 7 & 9; and March 8, 9 & 10 respectively. Luciana will perform on baryton in the first mentioned of these concerts. Info: 408 426-3238. Secondly, it was brought to my attention that Jordi Savall's lecture at the Berkeley Festival, slighted by me in the September Newsletter, was unsatisfactory because of a number of crass interruptions from the audience, rather than any shortcomings in the presentation. Cecilia Doris pointed this out to me.

## Advertisement

For Sale: Praetorius Bass Viol, made in Celle, Germany in 1963. Excellent condition, canvas case. Appraised value \$2800, asking \$2000. Also bass bow, \$400, made in England by Vincent Betty Nichols 415 798-5335.

## News from Viols West

This is the new name of our Southern California sister chapter, formerly VdGS/West. Their new president is Jean Iverson. Membership is \$20, (Newsletter only, \$5), payable to Eileen Cusimano, 1317 La Paz Drive, Ojai, CA 93023. If you are in the San Diego area on October 28, "The Whole Noyse" will be playing Italian Renaissance music at 8:00 PM in La Jolla (Info: 619 291-8246).



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