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September Meeting

Our first meeting of the new academic (and fiscal! — see below) year will be held on Saturday, September 11th at Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Boulevard, Oakland. Coffee and comparisons of summer activities begin at 9:30 AM. As usual, please send in your return cards as soon as possible to enable the groups to be put together.

Calendar for the Year

In general, our meetings will be held on the second Saturday of the month, with some exceptions. There are still a few uncertainties about our workshops, and in October the usual meeting will be replaced by the Recorders, Voices and Viols Workshop at Marin Headlands, October 1-3, of which more later. The November and December meetings will be at Zion Lutheran Church on the 13th and 12th respectively. We are still hoping to hold a workshop on the December date. January 8th will also be at Zion. We hope to confirm the remaining dates by the next Newsletter.

New Treasurer needs Dues

As you can see from our revised masthead, Mary Prout, who served nobly as treasurer until June, when she departed for a year in France, has been replaced by one of our stalwart members, Al Roper. We are very pleased that he allowed his arm to be twisted to this extent, although judging by the excellent performance he and his consort gave in a student concert at the Conclave in August, the arm twisting caused no permanent damage. To keep him happy, please complete the enclosed form and send a check for this fiscal year. The second copy of the form can be used to enroll a friend.

Headlands Workshop

You should have received by now a flyer for this workshop, entitled *Venetian Celebration: Music for Palace and Chapel*. Eileen Hadidian, Shira Kammen and David Morris will be the recorder, viol and and voice faculty. This is an ambitious and enthralling program: if you need the flyer and application form, please call Mark Miller at (510) 533-8783. Enrolment is limited, so register early!

SFEMS Evening Classes

The autumn term begins September 22: classes, held Wednesday evenings at 7 and 8:30, continue through November 10th. UI to Advanced viol players will enjoy the 7 PM class, *Cries of City and Country*, given by Shira Kammen and John Dornenburg. It requires five viols and five voices. Less experienced viols should consider John's 8:30 consort class. Both classes last 90 minutes and cost \$136 (two for \$230: SFEMS members \$128 and \$210). As usual, classes will be given at MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. Call (510) 530-3202 to enrol or for more information.

Contributions Welcome

Not cash, but stories, photographs, announcements, advertisements, letters of commendation or denigration, whatever — send 'em in!

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