



# The Guilded Note

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## Calendar of Events

Friday, September 11, 2015

Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting

Home of Mrs. Greg Keyes  
(Becky)  
3016 Briarcliff Road  
Mountain Brook  
967-3812

10:00 a.m. Coffee  
10:30 a.m. Meeting  
and Program

Friday, November 13, 2015

Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting

Home of Mrs. Robert Klyce  
(Barbara)  
3340 Hermitage Road  
Mountain Brook  
967-658

10:00 a.m. Coffee  
10:30 a.m. Meeting  
and Program



## 2015 BIRMINGHAM MUSIC CLUB GUILD SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Scholarship Winners: Conrad Shaw (Samford University), Grace Elbert (University of Alabama), and Evan Gunter (Samford University)

The 2015 Scholarship Competition was held March 7<sup>th</sup> at Birmingham-Southern College. There were 35 entrants from seven Alabama Colleges and Universities participating. Scholarships were awarded for three categories, Piano, Voice, and Instrumental. \$1,500 is given for First Place winners, and \$1,000 for Second Place. One of the First Place winners is selected each year by the judges for an additional \$1,000 Walter Sechrist Best Performance Award.

Guild members were entertained by the three First Place winners at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Spring Scholarship Luncheon at the Country Club of Birmingham. First in Piano was Grace Elbert, a freshman at the University of Alabama who studies with Dr. Kevin Chance. First in Voice was Evan Gunter, a junior at Samford who studies with Dr. Sharon Lawhon. First in Instrumental and the Best Overall winner was Conrad Shaw, a junior at Samford who studies Tuba with Dr. Demondrae Thurman. Guild members were very impressed with the exceptional talents of all three students, and the students enjoyed the opportunity to perform for us!

We are also proud of the students selected as Second Place winners. They are: Voice, Lauren Jones, from the University of Montevallo; Piano, Brianna Ware, from Samford University; and Instrumental, cellist, Marilyn Lieu, from the University of Alabama.

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Many thanks to to the Scholarship Committee members who provided valuable assistance the day of the competition. Guild members helping that day were Pat Grant, Kay Clark, Nancy Morrow, Martha McSwain, and Marsha Drennen. We also thank Birmingham-Southern for the use of Hill Recital Hall for the auditions. A special thank you to all Guild members who supported the Scholarship program through the Gala, personal donations, and the Prelude to the Holidays event.

Elaine Clark, Scholarship Chairman



## 2015-16 Membership Dues

*Dues are \$35 per active member and \$45 per support member. Please consider joining The Guild this year and send your check to: The Guild, P.O. Box 530323, Birmingham, AL 35253*

*Your dues are an important part of our operating budget.*

*Questions? Contact Nancy Morrow, Treasurer: [morrow2@charter.net](mailto:morrow2@charter.net)  
Or 870-8784*



***MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT,  
MARSHA DRENNEN***

I am honored to serve as your President this year. We have a talented board of directors who are already hard at work to make this next year even better than last. We are on a firm foundation, with strong membership and a healthy reserve for our scholarship fund, thanks to last year's President, Pat Grant, and her capable Board of Directors.

Our joint board meeting of immediate past and newly elected board members went very well, with a smooth transition of information and experience. We are fortunate to have a good mix of both seasoned and new board members, with five former presidents serving this year.

Plans are already underway for our general membership meetings. It is really a team effort to provide the special touches that make our meetings so worthwhile and delightful. Not only do we enjoy each other's company, we are also treated to a delicious assortment of refreshments provided by the Hospitality Committee chaired by Judy Anderson. Our meetings also include outstanding musical performances coordinated by Nancy Van Wanderham. Jo Self has done a wonderful job securing beautiful host homes for our enjoyment. Becky Keyes, Barbara Klyce and Margery Whatley have graciously opened their homes to us this year and we thank them for their hospitality.

The Gala Committee is working this summer to build on the success of last year's event, with plans to make it more exciting and fun. This is our major fund raiser of the year for our scholarship program. If you would like to help, please contact Judy Anderson at 913-1049 or [wittichen51@gmail.com](mailto:wittichen51@gmail.com).

Our comprehensive calendar will be sent out in early fall. I do hope you will make time to participate in our activities. The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club is a great organization, with some of the nicest women I know. You'll be helping to raise much needed funds for deserving college music students and you'll make new friends!

Blessings to you,

Marsha Drennen, President

## *From the BMC Executive Director's Desk...*



*The Gala was fantastic! Thank you to Judy Anderson, Marsha Drennen, and everyone who took part in the organization and production of such a great event.*

*My band was auctioned off and will have played a party for the winners by the time you read this. If you were there, you know how much fun we had. And, no one knew Lochrane could sing....lol.*

*If you missed "The Desert Song", you probably know by now it was excellent. The cast was extraordinary...plus the costumes, the dancers, the lighting, the orchestra...this was not one you wanted to miss.*

*Malcolm Miller is the Senior Executive Advisor for the Music Club and we wish to thank him for keeping us on track. Thanks to Malcolm's efforts, the Music Club is completely debt free! If you see him, tell him thank you!*

*We are already working on next season which includes a concert by Drew Mays at the Lyric Theatre, and with the success of The Desert Song, another light opera.*

*If it wasn't for The Guild, we wouldn't be here now. As always....thank you!*

*Ron Bourdages*

*Executive Director, Birmingham Music Club*

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*SPRING LUNCHEON*  
*Friday, April 17*  
*Country Club of Birmingham*



Scholarship Recipients: Conrad Shaw, Marilyn Lieu, Grace Elbert, Evan Gunter, and Scholarship Chair: Elaine Clark



Certificate Recipients: Tom and Anne Lamkin



Luncheon Chairs - Susan Boston and Linda Cooper



Guild 2015/2016 Officers: 1<sup>st</sup> row – Marsha Drennen, Kim Kim Scott, Elaine Clark; 2<sup>nd</sup> row – Ellen Tucker, Catherine Rogers, Kay Clark, Beverly Parks, Linda Griggs, Pat Grant; 3<sup>rd</sup> row – Elise Warren, Diane Beck, Judy Anderson, Sandra Holley



Judy Anderson, Powell Owens, Charlann Anderson



Marsha Drennen and Ron Bourdages



*Lochrane Smith and Janis Zeanah*



*Shirley Brown, Lu Moss and Martha Black*



*Nancy Canada, Linda Cooper, Michelle Smith, Lochrane Smith, and Michelle Rushing*



*Cara Cooper and Diane Beck*



*Pat Grant and Ann Vaughan*



*Bess McCrory, Michelle Smith, Elizabeth Broughton, Michelle Rushing, and Lochrane Smith*

**The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club  
Officers and Directors for 2015-2016**

**Elected Officers**

**President:** Marsha Drennen

**Executive VP:** Linda Griggs

**1<sup>st</sup> VP - Project:** Team: Kay Clark; Marsha Drennen; Judy Anderson; Beverly Parks; Linda Cooper.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Placement:** Vicki Lukens

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP - Programs:** Nancy Van Wanderham, Co Chair Lucy DeSa

**4<sup>th</sup> VP – Locations:** Jo Self

**5<sup>th</sup> VP – Membership:** Diane Beck

**6<sup>th</sup> VP – Scholarship:** Elaine Clark, Co Chair Kim Scott

**Recording Secretary:** Ellen Tucker

**Corresponding Secretary:** Martha Ann Doyal

**Treasurer:** Nancy Morrow

**Historian:** Catherine Rogers

**Parliamentarian:** Pat Grant

**Investments Trustee, 2015-2018** Elise Warren; Serving with Kay Clark and Sandra Holley

**Appointed Committee Chairmen**

**Hospitality:** Judy Anderson

**Bylaws:** Nancy Morrow/Pat Grant

**Newsletter:** Michelle Rushing

**Yearbook - Mini Directory:** Nancy Morrow

**Publicity:** Angie Holder, Judy Anderson, Pat Grant, Janis Zeanah

**Telephone:** LaVonne Warren

**Addressing/Mailing** (mailing labels and bulk mail): Powell Owens, Deannie Gagliano, Leslie Duramus

**Spring Luncheon:** Susan Boston

**Christmas Party:** Beth Adams

