



The Guilded Note

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Calendar of Events

Friday, November 13, 2015

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Meeting at the home of

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3340 Hermitage Road
Mountain Brook

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



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“Prelude to the Holidays”
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at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. John Boston
7 Pine Ridge Lane
Mountain Brook



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Meeting at the home of

Mrs. Margery Whatley
3030 Overhill Road
Mountain Brook

10:00 a.m. Coffee
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CONDUCTOR'S PODIUM: From Marsha Drennen, President

Dear Guild Members of the Birmingham Music Club,

The Guild has been running like a well-oiled machine, thanks to our hard-working and talented board and members. Our September General Membership meeting at the beautiful home of Becky Keyes was a great success, thanks to the team work of Jo Self who secured the host home, Nancy Van Wanderham who provided the outstanding performance by Cynthia MacCrae, and Hospitality Chair Judy Anderson, who assembled an array of delicious food for our enjoyment.

Our New Members Wine and Cheese Party, hosted by Membership Chair Diane Beck, was delightful. Her warm welcome made us all feel proud to be a part of an organization that provides college scholarship funds to deserving students.

We can look forward to another thoroughly enjoyable General Membership meeting on Friday, November 13 at the lovely home of Barbara Klyce (please see notice). Kim Strickland, Music Director of the Alabama School of Fine Arts and the Guild's Scholarship Auditions Co-Chair is bringing two of her top students to perform for us. What a treat!

Mark your calendar for ***Prelude to the Holidays***, on Friday, December 11, our final event of 2015! Beth Adams is putting her considerable abilities to good use to create one of our favorite Christmas parties, and Susan Boston is graciously opening her beautiful home for our enjoyment. I hope to see you there.

Blessings to you,

Marsha Drennen



PRELUDE TO THE HOLIDAYS!

***Friday, December 11
7:00 p.m.***

***at the home of
Susan and John Boston***

***7 Pine Ridge Lane
Mountain Brook***

Bring an appetizer or a bottle of wine

Prospective members welcome

Ladies, our annual fun Holiday Party will be here soon! Please make plans to attend. Spouses and dates are included. You will receive an “evite” with RSVP mid-November. Paper invitations are coming for members that do not use email addresses. Susan’s street has good parking, but 6-7 spots will be reserved near the front for members that need assistance. Dress is Holiday Festive. Questions? Call Beth Adams at (205)807-6420.

From the BMC Executive Director's Desk...



"Music gives a soul to the Universe."

Plato

*We are pleased to report the Birmingham Music Club – Young People's Concert – **Maestro Goes to Muscle Shoals** was a huge success! The concerts took place on October 14 at the Wright Center. We had a total of 2,833 students and teachers attend both performances. This is our highest attendance ever! We had nearly 2,000 students at the 10 o'clock performance and nearly 1,000 students at the 1 o'clock performance. The performances were extremely well received and we are beginning to receive fan mail from the children. We want to thank our sponsors: Servis First Bank, Bud's Best Cookies, and Regions Bank. The contribution from Regions Bank paid for the buses for Tarrant Intermediate School who would not have been able to attend otherwise. Next year's performance **Maestro Goes to Broadway** has already been scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Mark your calendar now. These are concerts you do not want to miss, to see and feel the excitement of the children.*

*Also on our calendar is **Drew Mays** at the Lyric Theater on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are not on sale yet, but will be soon. This concert is being presented by The Birmingham Music Club and The Guild of The Birmingham Music Club together! We appreciate your support. This will be the first big concert in the newly renovated Lyric Theater, so we are expecting a good crowd. We will send out a notice as soon as the tickets are available. We are also planning a special "meet the artist" reception after the concert. Details will be released soon.*

*Thanks again for all your help, and we'll see you at **Drew Mays**!*

Ron Bourdages

Executive Director, Birmingham Music Club

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PICS FROM GUILD COFFEE AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT BECKY KEYES' HOME

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11



**Marsha Drennen and
Becky Keyes**



**Charlann Anderson and
Judy Anderson**



Dr. Cynthia MacCrae



**Shirley Brown, Martha Black, Lu Moss
and Elaine Clark**



**Nancy Morrow and
Lochrane Smith**



**Audrey Cornutt, Cheree Carlton,
and Tallulah Hargrove**



Delicious refreshments enjoyed by all!



Janita Kirby and Marie Smith



**MUSIC CLUB GUILD
RHYTHM & MUSE GALA
VESTAVIA COUNTRY CLUB
JANUARY 30, 2016**

The Music Club Guild Gala is going strong. It will be at Vestavia Country Club on Saturday, January 30, 2016. We have the invitations ready, the programs are in the works, and close to 40 items in the Silent Auction.

Kay Clark has done a marvelous job filling Committees with great people. Linda Cooper and Beverly Parks are organizing donations, Lu Moss has acquired two restaurants, and Marsha Drennen and Judy Anderson are still pounding the pavement for more auction items.

Don't miss the website: www.birminghammusicclubguild.org

The Patron's Party is a new addition for anyone who pays their tickets at the \$175 level. It is from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. During this time, there will be a violinist playing, an open bar, and hors d-oeuvres. Also, you have a chance to bid early on any auction items you have been eyeing. Hope to see you at the Patron's Party! Don't miss it!

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

Elected Officers

President: Marsha Drennen, mwdrennen@aol.com

Executive VP: Linda Griggs, lvgriggs@gmail.com

1st VP - Project: Team: Kay Clark, kaywclark@aol.com; Marsha Drennen, mwdrennen@aol.com; Judy Anderson, wittichen51@gmail.com; Beverly Parks, bbethanyparks@gmail.com; Lu Moss, mosslock@bellsouth.net; Linda Cooper, elcoopers@bellsouth.net.

2nd VP - Placement: Vicki Lukens, v.lukens@gmail.com

3rd VP - Programs: Nancy Van Wanderham, nancyvw@bellsouth.net; Co-Chair Lucy DeSa

4th VP – Locations: Jo Self, jorebel205@aol.com

5th VP – Membership: Diane Beck, dianebeck@gmail.net

6th VP – Scholarship: Elaine Clark, emoclark3129@bellsouth.net; Co Chair Kim Scott Strickland, kstrickland@asfa.k12al.us

Recording Secretary: Ellen Tucker, tuckere4@bellsouth.net

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Historian: Catherine Rogers, catrogers@earthlink.net

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Investments Trustee, 2015-2018 Kay Clark, kaywclark@aol.com; Sandra Holley, sandraholley@yahoo.com;

Elise Warren, elise@technicalko.net

Appointed Committee Chairmen

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Spring Luncheon: Susan Boston, susanboston@att.net

Christmas Party: Beth Adams, dsadams301@aol.com

*The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club
2015-2016 Calendar*

Friday, November 13, 2015 Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting

Home of Mrs. Robert Klyce (Barbara)
3340 Hermitage Road, Mountain Brook

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

Program: Alabama School of Fine Arts Students

Friday, December 11, 2015 "Prelude to the Holidays" Christmas Party

Home of Mr. and Mrs. John Boston (Susan)
7 Pine Ridge Lane, Mountain Brook

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Prospective members welcome

Friday, January 8, 2016 Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting

Home of Dr. and Mrs. Terry Whatley (Margery)
3030 Overhill Road, Mountain Brook

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

Program: Margery Whatley, Pianist

Saturday, January 30, 2016 The Guild Gala "Rhythm and Muse" Winter Fundraiser

Music, Cocktail Supper
Vestavia Country Club
400 Beaumont Drive

Time: 6:00 p.m. Patron's Party
6:45 p.m. Gala

Saturday, March 5, 2016 Scholarship Competition

Hill Hall, Birmingham-Southern College

Friday, April 8, 2016 Spring Luncheon and Presentation of Scholarship Winners

Mountain Brook Club
19 Beechwood Road, Mountain Brook

Time: 11:00 a.m. Arrival
11:30 a.m. Luncheon and Program

Program: Performance by Scholarship Winners

Friday, May 20, 2016 Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting, Installation of Officers

Home of Mrs. Scott Adams (Beth)
3124 Pine Ridge Road, Mountain Brook

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

Program: Installation of New Officers



2015-16 Membership Dues

There is still time to join the Guild this year to enjoy our upcoming activities! Dues are \$35 per active member and \$45 per support member. 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: morrowtwo@gmail.com.*



Nancy Morrow, Kim Scott Strickland, and Judy Anderson
at the Wine and Cheese Party at Diane Beck's home

GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM MUSIC CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

A wine and cheese party at the Mountain Brook home of Diane and Reb Beck honored new members of the Guild of the Birmingham Music Club (BMC) on Oct. 22. The fall décor of gourds, multi-colored pumpkins, mums, and pansies set the scene for this congenial annual event.

As the sun set, members gathered on the patio to enjoy the fall leaves, then settled into the Beck's newly renovated kitchen/breakfast area for more conversation. Served on an island in the kitchen was a feast of Conecuh sausages, meatballs, fruit, quiches, and raspberry chipotle brie tarts, to mention just a few of the treats provided by Judy Anderson's hospitality committee.

Party honorees were new members Becky Keyes, Laura Bryan, Lucy DeSa, Martha Torsch, Cynthia Watts, Katherine Robinson, and Barbara Klyce. In addition to Membership Vice President Diane Beck, among members there to welcome them were Guild President Marsha Drennen, Pat Grant, Judy Anderson, Nancy Morrow, Kim Scott Strickland, Martha Ann Doyal, and Vicki Lukens.

The next Guild meeting will be a coffee on Nov. 13 at the home of Barbara Klyce. Dr. Lucy DeSa and Alabama High School of Fine Arts students will present the program.

**BIRMINGHAM MUSIC CLUB GUILD
BOARD MEETINGS 2015-2016**

**AT THE HOME OF NANCY MORROW
10 NORMAN DRIVE, 35213**

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

November 17

January 19

February 16

March 15

April 19

May – Joint Board Meeting