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# The Guilded Note

the official newsletter of the The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club  
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## Calendar of Events

Friday, November 14, 2014

Guild Coffee and Membership  
Meeting at the home of

Mrs. Diane Beck  
4524 Old Leeds Road  
Mountain Brook

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



Friday, December 12, 2014

“Prelude to the Holidays”  
Cocktail Party

First Partners Bank  
2121 Highland Avenue

7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Friday, January 16, 2015

Guild Coffee and Membership  
Meeting

Alabama School of Fine Arts  
1800 Rev. Abraham Woods,  
Jr. Boulevard - Rehearsal Hall

10:00 a.m. Program

Saturday, January 31, 2015

“Rhythm and Muse” Gala

Vestavia Country Club  
400 Beaumont Drive



## CONDUCTOR’S PODIUM: from Pat Grant, President

Dear Guild Members of the Birmingham Music Club,

Welcome to the fall season for the Guild! We have some fun and fabulous plans for the 2014-15 season. Everyone has been diligently working to make sure every detail is in place for a successful year. Please note the details of our programs, locations, and performances as listed within this newsletter. ***(Specifically, please note the change of address for our November Membership meeting.)*** Thank you *all* for your devotion and efforts you have already put into the lovely year we have before us!

If you will allow me, I would like to share a bit of insight. Recently, I had someone ask me why I got involved with The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club. I simply answered, **“I love music!”** But later after I thought about it, it is so much more than a love of music that motivates me. Music feeds my spirit! Music fills a spot in my heart and soul serving to keep me in touch with the tenderness and grandeur of this life. It is a spot which can only be quenched with those melodious tones floating through the air. What a lovely escape! What great therapy! Music reminds us that there are greater things in the world than what the physical eye can conceive.

I am sure, like most well-brought-up-little-girls (*especially in the South*), we all share **the same expected exposure to music. It was a ‘given’ that music was an essential** part of my extra-curricular education. Sadly, that tradition is not necessarily maintained today in most households. Today, if children do not get a musical education in their schools, families do not always have the means, the time, or can even **make the time for a child’s music lessons. Too often it is taxing to work “one more thing” into their child’s already vast schedule of activities. I feel it is vital that** we continue to support and encourage exposure to music of all types, and to all generations. So yes, the Guild motivates me to continue a tradition of making music a priority. There is strength in our numbers as we continue in this quest for exposure. In my mind, a much needed exposure to the next generation for the pure joy that music can generate. Taking a cue from the playwright and poet William Congreve:

**“Music hath charms to soothe a savage breast,  
To soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak.”**

***The Mourning Bride, Act I sc. 1***

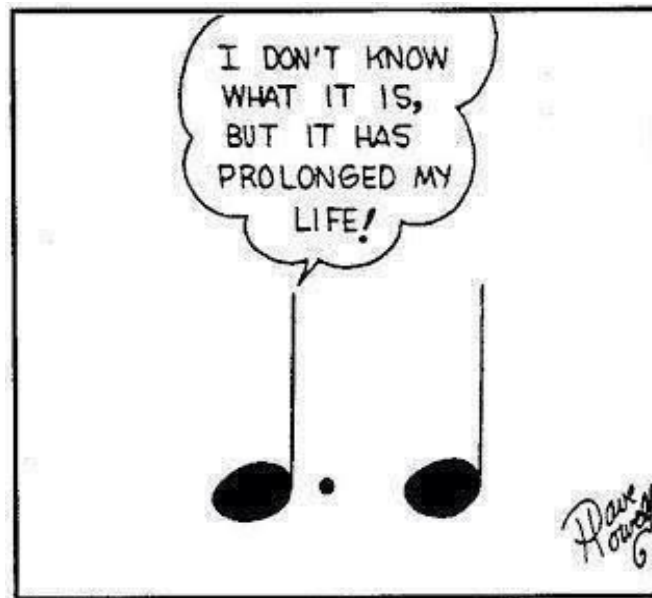
My devotion to the Guild is well-placed and proudly exhibited in how the Guild follows through with our commitments. While we have a lovely tradition of support to the Birmingham Music Club, we are so much more as our own entity. We acknowledge the musically talented with our support in their continuing education. This is done exclusively by the Guild through our scholarship programs. We want to give the talents of these young musicians to a wider audience. Highlighted by honoring our past scholarship recipients at our Gala, while raising funds for the next **year’s recipients. It** is a lovely way to see this process come full circle! So how do I sum up what motivates me to be a Guild member? ***I believe it is this needed coupling***

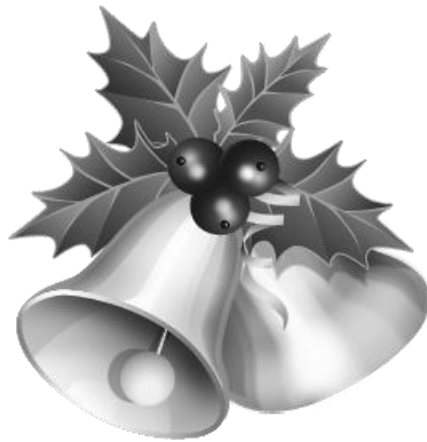
*of both the exposure to music and a musical education. The Guild helps me support that goal!*

We all know that not everyone can be a gifted performer. However, appreciating the performer's talent and personal discipline is a gift in itself! *(I may not be a gifted and knowledgeable performer, but I can certainly be a gifted and knowledgeable audience member!)* How could I appreciate the art of music without knowing the "language" of music? Fellow Guild members, I say thank you! Thank you for continuing to move forward in our unified support of music education and scholarship. It such a lovely musical exposure for future generations!

All the best!

Pat Grant





***PRELUDE TO THE HOLIDAYS!***

***Friday, December 12  
7:00 – 9:30 p.m.***

***2121 Highland Avenue  
First Partners Bank***

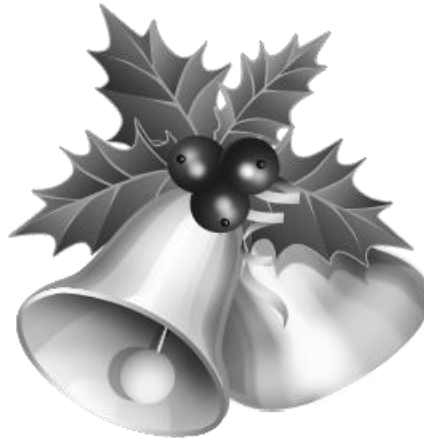
***Hosted by Sandra and  
Elam Holley***

***Bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre  
or a bottle of wine to share***

***Prospective members welcome***

**Note: Secure Parking in rear of building and behind BP  
Station**

**Contact Fran Howard 960-5950 [franhoward01@gmail.com](mailto:franhoward01@gmail.com),  
or Nancy Jones 253-8125 [nancyvjones@yahoo.com](mailto:nancyvjones@yahoo.com)  
to give address information for guest invitations**



## ***PRELUDE TO THE HOLIDAYS! OPPORTUNITY DRAWING ITEMS***

### ***1. Joy of Cooking Gift Package***

*Oversized, vintage, fluted metal pie pan brimming with unique cooking items to include a Joy of Cooking cookbook signed by the author Ethan Becker; a set of 4 Randall's Adventure Esee Knives, also signed by author Ethan Becker; Cutting Board; Collander; Grater; Vegetable Cleaning Brush; 2 Dish Towels; White Battenburg Iac Apron; Oven Mitt and Hot Pad Set; Set of Decorative Spatulas; 2 Wooden Spoons; Toast Spatula and Boyajian Fine Oils.  
Generously donated by Judy Anderson.*

### ***2. Fine Dining Package***

*Dinner for 2 at The Summit Club, Chez Fon Fon and Highlands Bar and Grill. This package includes 3 dinners for 2 – The Summit Club located in a sumptuous setting atop the Regions Harbert Plaza, one of the finest private dining clubs in town; and Chez Fon Fon and Highlands Bar and Grill, located in the heart of Five Points South, owned by nationally acclaimed and award winning chef Frank Stitt and his wife Pardis.  
Generously donated by The Summit Club and Frank and Pardis Stitt.*

### ***3. Bridal Basket***

*Vintage silver plated, footed basket, circa 1920, with a vintage yellow glass fluted bowl, with hand-painted pink and blue flowers. Perfect for a bride-to-be or a decorative piece in the home.  
Generously donated by Judy Anderson.*

### ***4. Cranberry Glass Collection, 13 pieces***

*Vintage, Cranberry Red Glass Collection – 4 Plates; 2 Demitasse Glasses; 4 Juice Glasses; 3 Tumbler Water Glasses and a Candy Dish.  
Generously donated by Judy Anderson.*

## 5. **Beauty Basket**

*An array of beauty and body items for the discerning woman perfectly packaged in a washed grey woven basket. Basket includes Spa Slippers; Archipelago Botanicals; Shower Gel; hand Cream; Body Lotion; Molton Brown Loofah Mitt; Pecksniff's Talcum Powder; Kevin Murphy Hair Lotions; Fresh Brand Lip Gloss; Gilchrist & Soames Bath Crystals; Pre de Provence Bath Soaps; Chanel #5 Eau Premiere; Sephora Portable Mirror; Royal Apothic Hand Wash and Hand Lotion Set; The Hair Group Gift Certificate – One Cut & Style; Deepstep Argan Oil Sugar Scrub; One of a Kind Lavender Sachet w/ Vintage Button; and a \$50 Gift Certificate to the Skin Wellness Center.*

*Donated by Judy Anderson, Marsha Drennen, The Hair Group, Chelsea Lane and Belk at the Summit.*

## 6. **Travel Case**

*Decorative Travel Case, complete with easy-to-pack items to maintain your beauty while traveling. Case includes Trocadero Gift Certificate – cut & style; for pre-trip beauty preparation; Sleep Mask; Skin Lab Cleansing Towelettes; Fresh Lip Treatment; Gilchrist & Soames Mending Kit, Vanity Kit, 2 Shoe Mittens, Mouth Wash and Bath Crystals; Spa Slippers; Mokara Oatmeal Soap; Chanel Lipstick Sampler Kit; Boscia Facial Blotting Cloths; Sephora Travel Mirror; One-of-Kind Lavender Sachet with Vintage Button; Colgate Travel Toothbrush and Toothpaste; Miss Dior Blooming Bouquet Scent by Christian Dior; Shower Sponge; Manicure Set and Kate Spade Nail Polish.*

*Generously donated by Judy Anderson, Marsha Drennen and Trocadero.*

## 7. **Coach Vince Dooley's Gardener's Box**

*A vintage, wooden tool/garden box brimming with a gardener's wish list. Box includes Coach Vince Dooley's Garden Book, autographed by Coach Dooley; An Original Custom-Made Gardener's Apron; Garden Goddess 3-Piece Garden Tool Set; Pink Garden Gloves; 2 Green Flower Pots & 2 Floral Notepads; 1 Pack of Seeds; 2 Hand Sanitizers & 1 Green Umbrella; Max Block Sun Screen and After Sun Aloe Vera Lotion; \$25 Gift Certificate to Hanna's Garden Shop and \$150 Landscape Consultation by Lisa Elliott of Hanna's Garden Shop.*

*Generously donated by Judy Anderson, Marsha Drennen, first fruits, Lisa Elliott and Hanna's Garden Shop.*

## 8. **Original Stained Glass Mosaic Art Piece by Gerda Carmichael**

*Generously donated by Gerda Carmichael.*

## 9. **Seascape Oil Painting**

*Original Oil painting, beautiful seascape*

*Generously donated by Ann Lamkin.*

## 10. **Framed European Map circa 1800s**

*Generously donated by Arcenceaux Art Gallery.*

**11. Jewelry**

*Generously donated by Wallace Burke Fine Jewelers.*

**12. MomenTakers Photography Package valued at \$675**

*Capture the memories of a lifetime taken by one of the best photographers in town, our own Angie Holder.*

*Generously donated by Angie Holder.*

**13. Painting by Suzanne Chenoweth**

*Generously donated by Suzanne Chenoweth.*

**14. Jewelry by Amy Morse**

*Generously donated by Amy Morse.*

**15. 2 Vintage Botanicals**

*Circa 1930s, these 2 botanicals would grace any walls with beauty and character.*

*Generously donated by Marsha Drennen.*

**16. 2 Wrought Iron Lamps**

*Indoor, vintage-styled, brass-washed look, Wrought Iron Lamps with Linen Shades*

*Generously donated by Marsha Drennen.*

*Photographs of most of the items are available on our website, [www.birminghammusicclubguild.org](http://www.birminghammusicclubguild.org).*

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



*"Help"*

*John Lennon/Paul McCartney*

*Just as the Beatles needed help, the Music Club needs your help. We need a few people to help out on the day of the concerts. We particularly need someone, or perhaps a team to help in the "Green Room". The Green Room is where we keep refreshments and sometimes food for the artists. It is a fun job, and you get a chance to meet the performers. We also need everyone to buy a season ticket. Once again, season tickets are only \$50 each or two for \$100. Get your tickets by calling the Samford Box Office at 726-2853, or ordering online at*

*[www.BirminghamMusicClub.org](http://www.BirminghamMusicClub.org). There is a link on the website to order tickets.*

*Speaking of help, the Music Club has an intern this year. Her name is Jennifer Warren, a Samford University student. She is helping maintain our website, Facebook page, and has started a Twitter account for us. The Music Club has moved into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century! We recently met with a consultant, Jackie Lyle, who had some ideas to help the Music Club become more relevant in the community. We thank Buddy Palmer at the Cultural Alliance for connecting us with Jackie. As always, we appreciate all the help from The Guild. Without you, the Music Club would not have survived. With your help, we are becoming strong again.*

*Thank you,*

*Ron Bourdages*

*Executive Director, Birmingham Music Club*

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## **Terrance Brown & Tiffany Bostic-Brown with the members of The Red Mountain Chamber Orchestra**

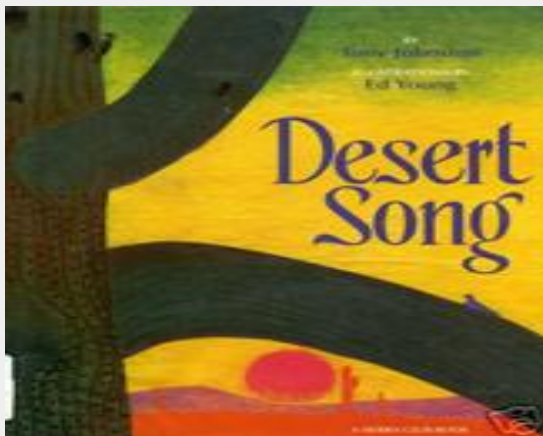
Saturday, February 28, 7:40 p.m.

The Clubhouse on Highland

What a special evening! The Music Club returns to the intimate and elegant Clubhouse on Highland with a special presentation of a husband and wife opera singing team. Both Terrance & Tiffany have powerful, exciting voices!

Seating is limited to 100, so order your tickets today!

\$25 per ticket





# The Desert Song

## Directed by Kristin Kenning

Friday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, May 24 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: Dorothy Jemison Day Theater, Alabama School of Fine Arts

The Birmingham Music Club, in conjunction with Patty McDonald, continues its return to Light Opera with this classic production. It will be directed by Kristin Kenning, who is part of the faculty at Samford University and is a National Award Winner in the field of directing Light Operas. She will be assembling an all-star cast with a live orchestra! After the success of *The Merry Widow*, there is much anticipation about this stellar production. Not to be missed by anyone who loves Light Opera! The performance will also include a special tribute to Edith and Robert Bouman.

Tickets are \$25 General Admission, and \$20 for Students



## 2014-15 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 Linda Griggs, Treasurer: [lvgriggs@gmail.com](mailto:lvgriggs@gmail.com).*

*The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club*  
*2014-2015 Calendar*

**Friday, September 26, 2014**

**Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting**

Home of Mrs. Joseph LaRussa (Cornelia)  
2524 Canterbury Road, Mountain Brook

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

Program: Dr. Kevin Chance, Pianist

**Thursday, October 9, 2014**

**Guild New Member-Sponsor Wine and Cheese Party**

By Invitation

**Friday, November 14, 2014**

**Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting**

Home of Mrs. Reb Beck (Diane)  
4524 Old Leeds Road, Mountain Brook

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

Program: Dr. Luce DeSa and Smith Williams, Pianists

**Friday, December 12, 2014**

**“Prelude to the Holidays” Cocktail Party**

First Partners Bank  
2121 Highland Avenue

Time: 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Bring hors d’oeuvre or bottle of wine to share  
Prospective members welcome

Parking: Secure parking in rear of building and secure parking behind BP Station

**Friday, January 16, 2015**

**Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting**

Alabama School of Fine Arts  
1800 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd.  
Rehearsal Hall

Time: 10:00 a.m. Program

Program: Provided by ASFA students, Coffee and Meeting to follow

**Saturday, January 31, 2015      The Guild Gala “Rhythm and Muse” Winter Fundraiser**

Music, Cocktail Supper and Auction  
Vestavia Country Club  
400 Beaumont Drive

**Saturday, March 7, 2015      Scholarship Competition**

Hill Hall, Birmingham-Southern College

**Friday, April 17, 2015      Spring Luncheon and Presentation of Scholarship Winners**

Country Club of Birmingham  
3325 Country Club Road, Mountain Brook

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

Program: Performance by Scholarship Winners

**Friday, May 15, 2015      Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting Honoring New Members**

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

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

Program: Installation of New Officers



*The Guild extends its deepest sympathy to the families of Mimi Arrington, Julia Chamblee, and Lyndel Lyons on their recent deaths. All three members were dedicated to the BMC Guild, volunteering their time and talent, and will be greatly missed.*

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***MUSIC CLUB GUILD GALA  
VESTAVIA COUNTRY CLUB  
JANUARY 31, 2015***

***The Guild will host the 2015 Rhythm & Muse Gala on Saturday, January 31, 2015, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. at Vestavia Country Club to raise funds for our prestigious Music Scholarship Program and to support the Birmingham Music Club Concert Series.***

***It features cocktails, dining, and dancing to music by City Lights, a performance by our 1988 Scholarship winner, Diane Boyd Schultz, and a Live Auction by our Auctioneer, Bob Straka, with fabulous trips, tickets to local attractions, a Brewery Tour, Sports packages, Wine Collection and much more.***



## Minutes of September 26, 2014

Pianist Dr. Kevin Chance entertained the Music Guild at the home of Cornelia LaRussa. President Pat Grant called the meeting to order at 11:19 a.m.

Kay Clark announced two upcoming fundraisers. The first will be at the Prelude to Holidays Party at the First Partners Bank on December 12. The party will have an Opportunity Drawing for a number of gift baskets, small antiques, and paintings. The raffle tickets may be purchased ahead of time and mailed back if you are not able to be present. The second fundraiser will be the Gala at the Vestavia Country Club with a live auction on January 31. Some of the existing auction items are an Alabama package, an Auburn package, "A Year of Dining Out", several trips to St. Croix, Canada, and Greece, and a private dinner by Chef Mitchell.

Beth Adams (Membership) reported that the Guild will host a welcome party for the 15 new members on October 9, 2014 at the home of Lochrane Smith.

Treasurer Linda Griggs reported a checking account balance of \$26,681 and a savings account balance of almost \$3600.

Elaine Clark (VP Scholarship) reminded the Guild that the auditions for the competition will be held on March 7, 2015.

Deanie Galliano (Publicity) is busy creating a Facebook page for the Guild. Publicity photos were made of today's event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Parks,  
Recording Secretary









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