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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, September 23, 2016

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VanWanderham  
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1300 Beacon Parkway East  
35209

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& Cheese Party

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1660 Warren Lane, 35243

By Invitation



## CONDUCTOR'S PODIUM: From Linda Griggs, President

Dear Guild Members,

I hope everyone had a great summer and that you are looking forward to what the 2016-2017 Guild year holds for us. Your officers and committee chairs have been working hard over the summer, and I am excited about participating in all the events they have planned. I hope you will join me at many of these events.

The first event is our September 23 General Meeting. Our Vice President for Programs, Nancy VanWanderham, has graciously arranged for us to meet at Regency Summit Condominiums where she lives. The meeting will be on the lower level in the Regency Room. There should be plenty of level parking and easy access to the meeting room. Nancy has also planned an outstanding program featuring Judith Sullivan Hicks, Principal Harpist for the Alabama Symphony Orchestra. Please attend and enjoy the program, fellowship, and delicious refreshments provided by Hospitality Committee Chair Judy Anderson and her committee.

A new event, the “Just Let It Go” Party, has been planned for September 29 by the Gala auction committee as a fun way to encourage and receive donations for the silent auction. Many thanks to Nancy Morrow for hosting this event. Check out the invitation elsewhere in the newsletter and make plans to attend.

Our New Member Wine and Cheese Party in October will be hosted by Cheree Carlton in her beautiful home. This event will allow our newest members and our board members to get to know each other and allow our new members to learn more about the Guild.

Our Vice President for Locations, Laura Bryan, has done an outstanding job securing homes for our meetings. Our General Meeting on November 18 will be at the lovely home of new member, Debra Gilbreath. We will be entertained by vocal students from the Alabama School of Fine Arts.

The last event for 2016 will be our "Prelude to the Holidays" party on December 9. Beth Adams and Susan Boston are planning a festive event which will be held at Carmen Morrow's wonderful home. Watch for more information later in the fall.

You can see that we have plenty of events this fall for you to participate in. If you are asked to be on a committee, I hope you will use your talents to help make our year a great one.

I hope to see you at the General Meeting on September 23.

Linda Griggs



## **2016-17 Membership Dues**

*We still have several members who have not renewed for 2016-2017.*

*Each member is an important part of the Guild, so if you have not renewed, please consider sending in your dues. Your dues support the operating expenses of our organization.*

*Dues are \$35 per active member and \$45 per support member. Send your check to: The Guild, P.O. Box 530323, Birmingham, AL 35253*

*Questions? Contact Nancy Morrow, Treasurer:*  
[morrowtwo@gmail.com](mailto:morrowtwo@gmail.com).



**“PRELUDE TO THE HOLIDAYS” PARTY**

**DECEMBER 9, 2016**

**Home of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Morrow (Carmen)  
3551 Kingshill Road, 35223**

**7:00 p.m.**



**Please join us for our first General Meeting of 2016 – 2017.**

**Friday, September 23, 2016**

**10:00 a.m. Coffee**

**10:30 a.m. Meeting and Program**

**Hostess: Nancy VanWanderham**

**Regency Summit – Regency Room**

**1300 Beacon Parkway East, 35209**

**Program: Judith Sullivan Hicks, Principal Harp, ASO**

Judy has been the Principal Harpist of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra since 1981. She received her Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music, where she was a pupil of Eileen Malone. Before that, she attended the Cleveland Institute of Music where she received her Bachelor of Music degree. She has also studied privately in New York with Pearl Chertok, former Harpist with the CBS Orchestra. She is a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, Interlochen, Michigan.

She spent nine summers at the Aspen Music Festival as a scholarship student. In addition, with a professional contract, she was Principal Harpist with the Aspen Chamber Symphony.

Judy maintains a busy teaching studio here in Birmingham and has served on the faculties of Vanderbilt University, Samford University, and the University of Alabama. She has appeared as a soloist with the ASO and the Tuscaloosa Symphony.

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



**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela**

*Every October the Music Club presents a concert for school children at the Wright Center. This year's concert "Maestro Goes To Broadway" will be on Oct. 11th. These concerts are both educational and entertaining and have become very popular. This year we will have approximately 3,000 school children attending the concerts. We have a small orchestra and singers. During the course of the concert, the children meet and hear all the instruments in the orchestra and the singers. They see and hear a real violin, and saxophone, and trombone, etc..... The concerts are very well attended by Birmingham City School inner city school children, who don't often get a chance to hear music in a beautiful setting like the Wright Center. We charge the children \$5 each, for those who can pay. Those who can't afford to pay, come as a guest of the Music Club. In the past the Guild has helped sponsor whole schools, so the children would be able to have this wonderful experience. We always welcome your support. In addition, the Music Club helps pay for the buses, along with the Birmingham Board of Education, making it even more possible for the children to attend. And this year the Glen Iris and the Avondale neighborhood associations have contributed bus money as well. Continuing with our theme of "Music Across The Generations", these concerts give the children a chance to learn about music, to learn about the instruments, and to learn that energy can be released in a positive, controlled way. The support the Music Club receives from The Guild helps makes these concerts possible. We thank you.*

**Ron Bourdages**

**Executive Director, Birmingham Music Club**

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*"Music across the generations"*

# The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club

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**Christmas Party:** Beth Adams, [dsadams301@aol.com](mailto:dsadams301@aol.com); Susan Boston, [SusanBoston@att.net](mailto:SusanBoston@att.net)



The Guild extends its deepest sympathy to the Robert Denton family, Ann Bryson Easterling, and Judy Wiggins.



**MUSIC GUILD CHARITY EVENT  
SAVE THE DATE!!**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016  
1pm-5pm

TALBOT'S at The SUMMIT

10 percent of all proceeds go to our Scholarship  
Program

For more information call  
Judy Anderson  
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By Invitation

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Home of Ms. Debra Gilbreath  
929 Cove Circle, 35244

Time: 10:00 a.m. Coffee  
10:30 a.m. Meeting and Program  
Program: Classical Guitarist from Alabama School of  
Fine Arts



**Friday, December 9, 2016**

**"Prelude to the Holidays" Party**

Home of Mrs. Randall Morrow (Carmen)  
3551 Kingshill Road, 35223

Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 13, 2017**

**Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting**

Home of Mrs. Joe LaRussa (Cornelia)  
2524 Canterbury Road, 35223

Time: 10:00 a.m. Coffee

10:30 a.m. Meeting and Program

Program: Vocal Students from Alabama School of Fine Arts

**Saturday, January 21, 2017**

**The Guild Gala: "Rhythm & Muse"**

Country Club of Birmingham  
3325 Country Club Road, 35213

Music, Cocktail Supper, and Silent Auction

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

**Scholarship Auditions**

Hill Hall, Birmingham Southern College

**Friday, April 14, 2017**     **Spring Luncheon and Presentation of Scholarship**  
**Winners**

Mountain Brook Club  
19 Beechwood Road, 35213

Time: 11:00 a.m. Arrival

11:30 a.m. Luncheon and Program

Program: Performances by Scholarship Winners

**Friday, May 12, 2017**

**Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting**

Home of Mrs. Stephen Reich (Caroline)  
3634 Montevallo Road, 35213  
Parking at Mountain Brook Baptist Church

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

**The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club  
2016-2017 Board Meetings**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Vestavia Hills Baptist Church  
2600 Vestavia Drive, Vestavia Hills 35216**

**September 20**

**October 18**

**November 15**

**January 17**

**February 21**

**March 21**

**April 18**

**May TBA**