



# The Guilded Note

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## Calendar of Events

Friday, November 18, 2016

Guild Coffee and Membership

Home of Ms. Debra  
Gilbreath  
929 Cove Circle  
Birmingham, AL 35244

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



Friday, December 9, 2016

“Prelude to the Holidays”

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

7:00 – 9:30 p.m.



Friday, January 13, 2017

Guild Coffee and Membership

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

10:00 a.m. Coffee  
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Program



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

Dear Guild Members,

The 2016-2017 Guild year got off to a great start with our September General Meeting held at Regency Summit Condominiums. Nancy VanWanderham graciously hosted the meeting and arranged for an outstanding program. Those of us in attendance enjoyed beautiful music composed for harp performed by Judith Sullivan Hicks. Thanks to the Hospitality Committee Chair, Judy Anderson, and her Committee and to all the members who provided our delicious refreshments.

Our first “Just Let It Go” Party was a great idea from our Gala Committee. Nancy Morrow’s home was the perfect gathering spot for the donations brought for our Gala Silent Auction. Thank you to all who participated.

Cheree Carlton hosted our New Member Wine and Cheese Party in her beautiful home. Several new members and board members enjoyed a couple of hours of getting to know each other and partaking of the refreshments provided by Cheree and other board members.

Our next General Meeting will be held Friday, November 18, at the home of Debra Gilbreath. We will be entertained by a classical guitar student from the Alabama School of Fine Arts, Darby Jack Gustafson.

I hope you are looking forward to our “Prelude to the Holidays” party on December 9. Carmen Morrow will be hosting this festive event in her wonderful home. Beth Adams and Susan Boston are busy planning this holiday event for all of us to enjoy.

I hope to see you at the General Meeting on November 18 and again at the “Prelude to the Holidays” party on December 9.

Linda Griggs



Thank you to these members for hosting our September and October events. We really appreciate you sharing your homes with us.

General Meeting

“Just Let It Go”

New Member Wine and Cheese

Nancy VanWanderham

Nancy Morrow

Cheree Carlton



The Guild extends its deepest sympathy to Judy Anderson, Linda Israel, Powell Owens, and Charlann Anderson upon the death of their father and grandfather, Mr. Carl Wittichen.

**Please join us for our next General Meeting.**



**Friday, November 18, 2016**

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

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

**Hostess: Debra Gilbreath  
929 Cove Circle  
Birmingham, AL 35244**

**Program: Darby Jack Gustafson  
Guitarist from the Alabama School of Fine Arts**

**Darby Jack Gustafson is a senior music major at the Alabama School of Fine Arts. Darby is a classical, jazz, blues, folk, and rock guitarist from Birmingham, Alabama. As well as being a musician, Darby Jack Gustafson is host of his own radio show, "Darby Jack's Music Shack" that airs on Sunday nights on Substrate Radio. He will perform works by J. S. Bach, Hector Villalobos, and Leo Brower. He is a student of Maria Bitran.**

**Directions to 929 Cove Circle**

**From 65 South:**

Exit onto Hwy 17 – Valleydale Road; Turn left at exit for .5 miles  
Turn left onto Southlake Parkway for .8 miles  
Turn right onto South Lakeridge Drive for .04 miles  
Take 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Southlake Cove for .3 miles  
Take 1<sup>st</sup> left onto Cove Circle for .05 miles – House is on the right

**From 280 South:**

Turn right onto Valleydale Road for 6.4 miles  
Turn right onto Southlake Parkway for .8 miles  
Turn right onto South Lakeridge Drive for .04 miles  
Take 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Southlake Cove for .3 miles  
Take 1<sup>st</sup> left onto Cove Circle for .05 miles – House is on the right



**“PRELUDE TO THE HOLIDAYS” PARTY**

**DECEMBER 9, 2016**

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

**7:00 – 9:30 p.m.**

**Look for your e-invitations!  
RSVP: 807-6420**



***RHYTHM & MUSE GALA  
COUNTRY CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM  
EAST ROOM  
JANUARY 21, 2017  
6:30 p.m.***

Our annual Rhythm & Muse Guild Gala is going to be another grand event due to the many Guild members who are working hard on its success. The Gala has been moved to the beautiful East Room of the Country Club of Birmingham and will have a glamorous, more formal flair this year, with black tie optional. The Sounds of Music is our theme, and Martha Ann Doyal and her talented Decorations Committee will transform the room into a magical, musical space.

Kim Strickland, our Scholarship Audition Co-Chair, has chosen our honoree, William Taylor Davis, clarinet (2014 2<sup>nd</sup> place Winner-Stuart Mims Scholarship, Instrumental Category). William will be a graduate of the University of North Alabama with a degree in Music Education.

The evening will include a performance from William, an exciting Silent Auction and dancing to the music of Ray Reach and his band. A beautiful display of delicious small plate selections will be scattered about the room for our enjoyment. Anne Lamkin has done a marvelous job choosing the menu and working with the special events staff at the Club.

More than 40 Silent Auction items will be available for sale to the highest bidder. We have a great selection of items that will spark fierce competitive bidding so be sure to bring your checkbook or credit card. If you would like to contribute to the

Silent Auction, please call or contact Marsha Drennen at 612-8544 or [mwdrennen@aol.com](mailto:mwdrennen@aol.com).

Tickets to the event are \$125 per person, \$250 per couple, \$500 for a Patron's Couple and \$1,000 for a table of 8. Invitations will be mailed after the holidays. Extra invitations will be available at the January meeting for those inviting guests. Table Captain lists are also being accepted at this time. So please make plans to join us for the major fundraiser of the year on January 21<sup>st</sup>! See you there!



## Scholarship Thank You!

We want to thank Judy and Charles Anderson for making a very generous scholarship donation to the Guild. The Board has recognized this gift by naming the second place piano scholarship for them, the **Charles C. and Julia W. Anderson Piano Scholarship**. Please express our appreciation to the Andersons for their support of our scholarships.

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



***The Young People's concert was a huge success. We had approximately 3,000 school children attend. A 14-piece orchestra, 8 singers including Won Cho from UAB and 2 dancers. The kids and teachers loved it! We'll do it again next year.***

***Our upcoming schedule is below.***

***1. Love At The Lyric - The Warblers***

***Feb. 12th 2:30 pm \$25***

***The Lyric Theatre***

***2. Parlor Concert - Ron Shinn (piano) and Brian Viliunas (clarinet)***

***April 23rd 2:30 pm \$20 (limited to 88 people)***

***The Clubhouse on Highland***

***3. Naughty Marietta***

***June 9th - 7:30 pm***

***June 11th - 2:30 pm***

***\$35***

***Alys Stephens Center - Sirote Theatre***

***Season Tickets are \$50 each, 2 for \$100. This includes Love at The Lyric and Naughty Marietta but does not include the Parlor Concert. Those tickets will be sold separately.***

***Tickets will be available soon on the Music Club web site [www.bhammusicclub.org](http://www.bhammusicclub.org) or you can make your reservations in advance by calling the Music Club Help Desk - 757-1100.***

***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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# ***The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club***

## ***2016-2017 Calendar (remaining)***

### **Friday, November 18, 2016      Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting**

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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

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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



**Get Well Soon! Jim Drennen (Marsha Drennen's husband) and Elise Warren!**



The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club  
Friday, September 23, 2016  
Regency Summit - Regency Room

Linda Griggs called the meeting to order at 10:30 and welcomed everyone. She thanked Nancy Van Wanderham for hosting the meeting. New members Ann Vaughan and Robin Davis were welcomed. Linda thanked Judy Anderson, Becky Keyes, and Martha Ann Doyal for the delicious refreshments.

Nancy Van Wanderham introduced Judy Sullivan Hicks, harpist with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, who played a beautiful harp program for us. Judy played selections that were all written by harpists including John Thomas, Marcel Granjancy, and Alphonse Hasselmans. It was interesting to learn more about the harp as Judy answered questions from members.

Following the program, Linda made a few announcements. She called members attention to the blue calendar card and noted that the programs for November and January are reversed. The Christmas party will be at the home of Carmen Morrow on December 9. She thanked Michelle Rushing for sending out the *Gilded Note* Newsletter that everyone who has email should have received. Linda reminded everyone to pay dues if they have not already done so. Dues are \$35 for active members and \$45 for support members. Please let Roberta Atkinson, Corresponding Secretary, know of any correspondence that needs to be sent to members.

Judy Anderson told everyone about the Charity Sales Event at Talbot's at the Summit on Sunday, October 30, 2016. Talbot's will donate 10% of their sales for that day to the Guild Scholarship Program.

Marsha Drennen told everyone about the "Just Let It Go" Wine and Cheese Party on Thursday September 29, from 4:30 - 7:00 at Nancy Morrow's home. Members are asked to bring an item for the Gala silent auction or a cash/check donation.

The New Member Wine and Cheese Party will be on Thursday, October 20, at Cheree Carlton's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ellen Tucker  
Recording Secretary

# **PICS OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2016**



**Judy Sullivan Hicks, Principal  
Harpist, Alabama Symphony Orchestra**



**Cheree Carlton, Martha Ann  
Doyal, Ellen Tucker**



**Laura Bryan, Lochrane Coleman Smith,  
Elise Warren**



**Roxanne Given, Robin Davis, Jeannie  
Bradford, Jane Ellis**



**Marsha Drennen, Claire Goodhew, Beth Miller,  
Joy Schuffert, Margery Whatley**



**Janis Zeanah, Jane Ellis, Roberta Atkinson,  
Judy Hicks, Nancy VanWanderham**



**Barbara Klyce, Judy Anderson, Marsha Drennen,  
Judy Hicks, Linda Griggs, Becky Keyes**



## **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).*