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New England Regional Newsletter

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A note from your Regional Director

Dear Harpist!

From Hurricane Irene's blustery visit in August, to the snow capped Jack -o'-lanterns of our late October blizzard, Mother Nature has sent us some unseasonable weather and lots of inconveniences! I hope everyone has weathered the storms well and that you are all settled back to your normal routines.

I am looking forward to our being together in New York for the AHS 40th National Conference and 50th Anniversary. You won't want to miss this!

I encourage all harpists, students, professionals, and harp enthusiasts to enroll in the American Harp Society and enjoy the many benefits available to members. I urge you to become involved in both the National and local chapters, to ensure the Society continues to move in a positive and progressive direction.

Annual dues to both the American Harp Society and your local chapter are important to keep the organization strong. You can now pay your dues online at www.harpsociety.org.

Please email the new Executive Secretary, Ashanti Pretlow, at execsecretary@harpsociety.org or call 205.795.7130 with questions about National dues. Check with your local officers for information about your chapter dues.

The AHS Directory is a great resource to connect with harpists from all over the world. Remember to check your listing in the AHS Directory for accuracy. Any changes can be submitted to our new Executive Secretary, Ashanti Pretlow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Felice Pomeranz
New England Regional Director

National News

American Harp Society 40th Conference and 50th Anniversary
 June 30 to July 3, 2012
 Marriott Marquis Hotel, Times Square, New York, NY

The Anne Adams Awards Auditions

June 28-29, 2012, Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey. The winners will perform at the 40th National AHS Conference.

Required Repertoire

Impromptu, Op. 86, Gabriel Faure

Sonata in C Minor, Giovanni Battista Pescetti, trans. Salzedo

Orchestral Excerpt, *Scottish Fantasy*, Max Bruch

Contact Sally Maxwell at sarahemax@earthlink.net for more information.

Scholarships offered in 2012

- Anderson Group AHS Conference Scholarships
- Anne Adams Awards
- Kids for Camp Award (Two awards will be given this year toward attending the 40th National Conference in New York)
- Wickersham Award

Boston Chapter

A moving celebration of the life of Carol Baum Shisler was held on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church. The chapel was filled with individuals from many facets of Carol's rich musical life. Her lifelong best friend, Joan Harrison Ceo, beautifully played one of Carol's favorites--the Thaïs Meditation--with her husband, violinist Joseph Ceo. Boston Symphony cellist Martha Babcock played The Swan, with John Finney, who also played both the prelude and postlude. There were readings by Joan Ceo and Maxine Glassman and many touching reflections shared. James David Christie officiated. Both John Finney and James David Christie were conductors with whom Carol had performed many times during the Boston years of her distinguished career. Gorgeous floral arrangements from Joan Ceo and Stella Castellucci graced the altar area. A lovely reception followed, during which a famous video of Carol leading The Angelaires performing on the Ed Sullivan Show was shown while guests shared further reflections about Carol and her storied life. New England has lost a cherished musician and great harpist who leaves a legacy of enriched harp repertoire with many works composed especially for her.

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The Boston-based Distinguished Harpist Series will present the French harpist Marie-Pierre Langlamet in concert with violinist Lara St. John (**February 28, 2012**) For more information, contact Judy Kogan (617-527-0818 or judithkogan@earthlink.net).

On **November 13th** the Chapter presented a student recital at the Dana Hall School, 45 Dana Rd Wellesley, MA 02482-7043 (781) 235-3010

Carrie Kourkoumelis, harpist with Jenny Stirling, violist (*Handel & Haydn Society, Sarasa Ensemble*) in Recital, **November 17, 2011** at Boston University Academy. Works include Handel, Telemann, Salzedo, Britten, Saint -Saens.

Membership Renewal

Please remember to renew your AHS-Boston 2009-2010 membership: \$30/adults, \$15/students.

The form can be downloaded from our website

<http://www.ahsboston.org/membership-form>

Please mail your form to Marilinda Garcia, 23 School St, Salem, NH 03079

Website Classifieds

Harp for sale or for rent listings can be now included on your new website.

Please submit your information to ahs.boston@gmail.com

Website Teachers Directory

Listing fee: \$20. Teachers, to have your information listed, please send us your contact information and position to ahs.boston@gmail.com and make sure to mail the fee to Rebecca Bogers.

SHORELINE CHAPTER NEWS

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The Shoreline Chapter started its new year on August 16, 2011 at the Cranston Public Library in Cranston, Rhode Island with a meeting of the Officers. There was some initial confusion about the status of the Chapter after the departure of former officers, but we happy to announce that the Shoreline Chapter is indeed active and ready to go forward with a new slate of officers. Our membership is up with the renewal of many members plus the addition of some new members! Our first Chapter members' meeting was held on October 4th at the Cranston Public Library, and many exciting events were discussed and planned.

The first of these events was a wonderful concert held on October 23rd at the Hampton Inn in Coventry, Rhode Island. Our Chapter hosted Wendy Kerner Lucas who provided an outstanding concert that was enjoyed by all. After the concert, Wendy was kind enough to give us a lecture on how to make a living as a harpist which was interesting and informative. We had such a positive response to Wendy's performance that we would love to have her return sometime in the future.

Our next Chapter event is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th at the East Greenwich Public Library in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. The program will include holiday music and music with a "wintery" theme. Shoreline Chapter is very grateful to the East Greenwich Public Library who has given us unprecedented support by arranging this concert performance for us, inviting the public to attend and providing publicity for our Chapter and the American Harp Society. They have also offered their facility to us for Chapter meetings and future events! It's a beautiful venue, and we appreciate this opportunity.

Our next Chapter members' meeting is planned for January, 2012; exact date and time TBD. We are planning to have a workshop in the spring, a music festival in June, and many of us are planning to attend the National Conference in NYC in July. For further information, please contact:

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Connecticut Chapter News

Connecticut Chapter Officers

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A Holiday performance opportunity is scheduled on Sunday, December 3rd at 3:00 at the Marvin Gardens Nursing Home in Norwalk, CT. Please plan to participate! This is a wonderful, non-judgmental audience! Students wishing to play should contact Emily Oppenheimer at 203-838-5972.

We plan to have a master-class in the Spring and a student recital in late May or early June.

For more information, please contact Wendy Kerner Lucas (wklharp@gmail.com)