



# The Tulsa Tracker

Newsletter of the Tulsa Chapter,  
American Guild of Organists

August, 2024

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## *From the Dean:*

Dear Friends,

At the time of this writing, I am getting ready to go on Fellowship Lutheran Church's staff planning retreat at Grand Lake. We will spend time scheduling FLC's activities for the next several months and determining how we can work together to best support the church's overall mission.

As a reminder to myself I've made a list of things I need to take:

- \*Laptop - for extensive note-taking
- \*Grapes - my contribution to breakfast
- \*Hymnbooks - because I'm leading morning music
- \*Sturdy shoes - appropriate for a boat ride
- \*Sheet of Professional Goals - from my most recent employment review

If I've omitted anything from the list, it won't get to the retreat. Some of my lists are electronic and some are on paper, but either way, if I lose my list, I'm in big trouble!

For me, making effective "to do" lists requires thinking way ahead. As an example, it just came up on my list to start working on Bach Chorale Prelude BWV 720 with the hope of playing it for Reformation Sunday. If I'm successful, I'll get to check this off in late October.

I'm sure that all of us, as church musicians, spend a lot of time planning for what comes next. However you manage your planning, whether lists work for you or not, I hope the slower pace of summer has offered you some time to plan for what comes next in your ministry. Attached to this newsletter is our Chapter's schedule of programs for 2024-25. I hope you'll put these dates on your list or other organizational device and plan to attend as many of the programs as possible.

In the meantime, I hope you are all having a good summer and are finding opportunities not just for planning, but for rest and rejuvenation. I look forward to seeing you and hearing what you've been up to at Chapter events this fall!

*Ann*

Ann Boelzner, Dean, Tulsa Chapter AGO

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**Is your membership current? It's easy to find out by checking the label on your TAO magazine. The Chapter Directory should be ready by the first meeting (a party!!) on September 13. We don't want to leave out anyone – please check today!**

**If you prefer to make a Chapter Friend donation by check, a form is attached that you can use – fill it out, write a check, and send it to Mike McCrary. It's easy!!**

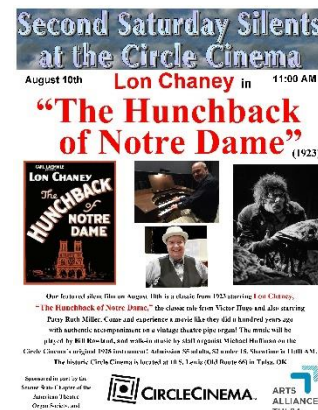
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## Calendar of Events:

### Second Saturday Silents • August 10 at 11:00am

The featured silent movie is the 1923 classic *"The Hunchback of Notre Dame"* starring Lon Chaney, accompanied by **Bill Rowland** on the 96-year-old theatre pipe organ. Walk-in music will be provided by staff organist **Michael Huffman**.

Tickets \$5 Adults/\$2 under 15 • Circle Cinema, 10 S Lewis, Tulsa



### Broadway Soiree •

Saturday, August 10 at 7:30pm

Kelly Ford and Cathy Venable present a new concert of sophisticated arrangements of classic and contemporary Broadway songs. Tickets are \$30-\$50, available at Eventbrite. Constantine Theatre, 110 W Main Street, Pawhuska

### Meet & Greet • Sunday, August 11 at 4:00pm

Council Oak Men's Chorale is hosting a meet and greet at the Tulsa Eagle. This is a great opportunity to meet the guys as well as the new director, **Whitney Lee Moeller**. Bring friends and learn about our upcoming season • 1338 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Tulsa



### August Fest • Friday, August 16 at 7:00pm

The Sooner State Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society and the German American Society of Tulsa (GAST) will present a combined program, "August Fest", which will feature a delightful evening of music provided by the talented members of the GAST Blaskapelle and the SSC chapter members on the Robert Morton theatre pipe organ and the Kimball grand piano. Conference Center, Tulsa Tech, 4000 W Florence, Broken Arrow

## Coming Events:

### It's a Party! • Friday, September 13 at 6:00pm

Join us for food and fun to welcome everyone back to a new year of chapter programs. Home of Mike McCrary and Bruce Cross, 5331 S Joplin Avenue, Tulsa

### Annual Organ Recital • Sunday, October 13 at 4:00pm

**Ron Pearson** in recital, performing music of Sigfrid Karg-Elert, J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Joseph Jongen, and Denis Bedard • Reception following • First Presbyterian Church, 709 S Boston Ave, Tulsa

### East Texas Pipe Organ Festival • October 20-24

This year, the festival will take place in Houston and Galveston. We have been overwhelmed by the gracious welcome we have received from the cathedrals, churches, temples, universities, and organ artists in these two communities. The festival honors the memory and work of Roy Perry, the Texas representative and tonal finisher for the Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ Company of Boston, Massachusetts. This marks our first time in the Houston/Galveston area, and we will present programs featuring Mr. Perry's work, also showcasing many other fine instruments in the area played by noted organists from Houston, Galveston, the organ departments of Rice University and University of Houston, and other concert organists of international acclaim.

Visit [www.easttexaspipeorganfestival.com](http://www.easttexaspipeorganfestival.com) for information and to register.



## From Sheryl Sebo, Southwest Regional Ambassador:

Thanks to all of those who were able to attend our National Convention in San Francisco last month. I will share with our regional chapter leaders the outline of our regional meeting on July 3, but ALL Tulsa Chapter members were feted at that meeting, as I once again thanked the whole chapter for such a wonderful regional convention in 2023! Memories keep floating through my mind of so many highlights from last summer. I hope you all have had time to recoup by now, but the efforts were well worth it! I look forward to seeing you next year in Ft. Worth, June 30-July 3!

Based on the past four years' Strategic Plan efforts, some well-planned changes have already been put into place, with more to come. One change now in place is that the AGO position title I hold, (Regional Councillor) will henceforth be "Regional Ambassador," using more familiar present-day language. My email, moving forward will reflect that change: [southwestra@agohq.org](mailto:southwestra@agohq.org).

Thanks for all the Tulsa Chapter does to move AGO forward in such dynamic ways into a great future! Have a great new season - I look forward to following along with photos and posts of your exciting programs to come!

Blessings!  
*Sheryl*



**Congratulations to Paul Pinkosky, who retired Church, Tulsa, after 35**

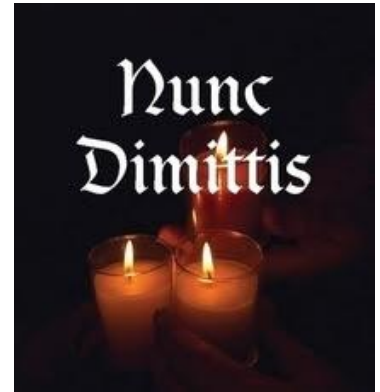


**from First Christian years of service.**

**Pictured are Paul, his daughters, and grandson.**

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**Betty Jean Kirk**, long-time member of the Tulsa Chapter of the AGO, died July 11, 2024 in Tulsa. She was the organist at Southminster Presbyterian Church for 56 years, retiring at the age of 90. She taught at ORU and served as the chairman of the keyboard department, retiring in 1988. At the age of 16, Betty performed on the Spreckels organ in Balboa Park, San Diego. She was the first student at OU to receive a Master's degree in organ performance. A memorial service was held on August 3 at Southminster Presbyterian Church.



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**To Hank Carrillo, recently appointed Principal Organist at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa!**

Hank earned an undergraduate degree in organ performance at Baylor University, studying with Isabelle Demers. He earned a Masters Degree at Rice University, studying with Ken Cowan. He has served

in Catholic, Methodist, and Episcopal churches across Texas and Oklahoma.



**Welcome back to Michele Cowen**, former Tulsa Chapter member who has returned to Oklahoma and moved her membership to Tulsa.



**Welcome to Caleb Klinzing**, Organist and Assistant Choirmaster at St. Phillip the Apostle Episcopal Church in Joplin, MO. His undergraduate degree is from Ripon College. Caleb is currently a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Pittsburg State University and studying organ with Dr. Susan Marchant.



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## Help Wanted

**Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church, Broken Arrow** is seeking an interim choir/handbell director for a period of six to twelve months, while we are searching for a permanent rector. Responsibilities will include leading the vocal and handbell choirs – rehearsals on Thursday evening and performing at the 10:30 service. A brief practice is held on

Sunday morning at 9:30am. Vocal choir offers an anthem twice a month, and the handbell choir will offer a piece once a month. We are looking for someone who is fun, enthusiastic and good with people. Interested applicants should contact Suzanne Shepherd at [suzanne@saint-patricks.com](mailto:suzanne@saint-patricks.com).

**Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church** is also searching for an organist to play in regular Sunday worship services (8:30 and 10:30) and all special services throughout the year. The organist will select music to be included in each service, will accompany choir and handbells when scheduled and will be present at choir practice at 5:30pm on Thursdays. All service music used is from the 1982 Hymnal. Prelude and postlude music selections are at your discretion. The organ is a II/16 Austin/McCrary. Interested candidates should contact Suzanne Shepherd at [suzanne@saint-patricks.com](mailto:suzanne@saint-patricks.com).

**Bixby First Methodist Church** is seeking an organist/accompanist to play for the Traditional Worship Service at 11:00am on Sundays, rehearse with the Chancel Choir on Wednesday evening, accompany the Chancel Choir and Children's Choirs. The organ is a Rodgers Trillium Classic. For more information and a complete job description, please contact 918.366.4463 or email the Rev. Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor, at [revtrevor@gmail.com](mailto:revtrevor@gmail.com)



## *Friends of the Tulsa Chapter AGO*

### *BOMBARDE (\$200 and above)*

Michael Bedford  
Fred Elder  
Gerry Frank  
Tom and Shelia Harrington  
Karen Rich  
Bruce Wilkin  
Nick Wilson



### *GREAT (\$100 - \$199)*

Ann Boelzner  
Mike Gibson  
Marjoleine Gravley  
Julia Leifeste  
Mike McCrary  
Cathy Venable  
Steven Wright (in honor of Julia Leifeste)

### *SWELL (\$50 - \$99)*

Joe Fincher  
Joyce Hatchett  
Lyndon Meyer  
Teresa Petray  
Paul Pinkosky  
Richard and Peggy Ziglar

### *CHOIR (Up to \$49)*

Casey Cantwell  
Steve Fischer  
Khadija Goz  
Jon Grigson  
Rocky Kollmeyer  
Cheryl Melvin  
Lynda Ramsey  
William Schlueter  
Rebecca te Velde  
Chris Winston

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