

Newsletter

Hudson Mohawk Chapter of the ARS

Early Fall Edition 2010

A note from the Editor's desk:

Welcome to the beginning of the 2010/2011 season at the Pruyn House! There was an impressive array of member activities over the summer: informal Chapter get-togethers, consort rehearsals and performances, and workshop attendance, to name a few. According to regular members, the level of playing of the HMRS members has increased dramatically as a result of the workshops, activities, and group leaders – what a great thing to be able to report!

Yearly Schedule:

Heartfelt appreciation is extended to Lee Danielson and Jutta von Schwerin for coordinating this year's conductors and rehearsal dates (attached).

Scholarships:

. **The Adirondack Baroque** Consort supports a national Scholarship and also the *William and Jane Coffey Regional Recorder Scholarship* through our Hudson-Mohawk ARS Chapter.

http://abconsort.org/abconsort/who_we_are.html

Dues (Pruyn House Fee is due!!!):

Carol Turner is the Chapter Treasurer. Dues (form attached) can be paid at the first meeting, or may be sent directed to her at: 1478 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. For the first time in many years, we will be recommending a modest increase in dues to \$20 (vote at first meeting). Please make checks payable to the Hudson Mohawk Recorder Chapter of the ARS. National ARS dues are an additional \$45 (optional). Members may also individually renew national membership.

Music Library:

Use of the (extensive!) music library for personal or consort use is encouraged. Current rules of library use are as follows:

- 1- Only members of the Chapter may check out music and other materials.
- 2- Music must be signed out on the sign out form.
- 3- Duration of loan is 2-3 months.
- 4- Music should be returned to Nancy Crowther at any meeting.

Please direct your questions to Nancy Crowther at

nancy@crowther.org .



Summer Workshop News:

- **Amherst Early Music Festival.** (From Marie-Luise Carreno and Linda Botimer): This year, four members of our chapter of the ARS attended the second week of the Amherst Early Music festival. These included Linda Botimer, Marie-Luise Carreno, Laura Lane, and John Wilson (Laura and John commuting daily). Participants enjoyed excellent instruction and music making in their respective classes and consorts. "Musica meditaranea" attended by Linda and Marie-Luise generated good ideas and provided unique literature. Linda studied beginning harp with Judith Kadar. Marie-Luise and Laura learned some of the intricate principles of playing the frame drum with Glen Velez. John Wilson participated in a consort using Renaissance instruments and coached by Frances Blaker. John's ensemble performed for all workshop participants at the end of the week. Linda sang with the Collegium and participated in the Collegium performance that also ends the week, singing religious works in Latin by Josquin and Brumel. Superb recitals were given by the faculty, notably Anne Azema and Swedish recorder soloist Dan Laurin and his accomplished wife (harpsichord and piano) Anna Paradiso. Linda, John and Marie-Luise participated in the student recital and returned from the picture-perfect Arboretum Campus of the Connecticut College with rich impressions and great memories of a harmonious week.



In addition, **Sue Wright** attended the Lute Society of America summer Seminar/Workshop for a week at Case Western Reserve. She was pleasantly surprised to find that Herbert Sanderson was there too and they are learning to play some duets together.

Laura Hagen successfully completed her post-graduate Performance Diploma Recital at the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University – *congratulations!!* She is back at IU finishing up her masters.

Linda Botimer is participating in a harp circle at the Scottish Games at Altamont Fairgrounds on Sat., Sept 4th. There will be 4 performances during the day.

Consort News: (mark your calendars!)

- The **Adirondack Baroque Consort** recently completed a grant application for proposed school and community outreach activities, as well as in anticipation of their 50th anniversary. Joseph Loux and Laura Lane did the bulk of the planning and the writing – congratulations!

- The ABC will play at the Medieval Faire at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany, NY on October 23rd and on December 5th for the Festival of the Trees, 2-4 PM, Ballston Spa Government Center, and December 31st for the Saratoga First Night.

- The **Blecker Consort** will perform at the Cathedral of All Saints' Medieval Faire on Sat Oct 23 from 12:30 to 1:15. In a pooling of talents and resources, the **Helderberg Madrigal Singers** and the **Blecker Consort** will combine forces in a program entitled, *Shakespeare and Love*, April 15th at the Boght's Fine Arts Center in Colonie, New York. This is one of the concerts in official celebration of Early Music America's 25th anniversary.

- **Lycæides** performed two concerts this summer: one for the McAuley Residence and Sisters of Mercy at their Motherhouse Chapel on New Scotland Avenue and the second for the Women's Heritage Center in Schenectady, NY.

President's Corner:

Hope you could attend some of our playing sessions and/or attend a workshop this summer. We need lots of leaders for this year, so volunteer if you want to give it a try. Our finances are down, so we are considering raising our modest \$15 yearly dues to a still modest \$20. This decision takes a quorum of eight members and at least 75% yes votes, so bring your thoughts and/or email the group ahead of time. We will be discussing and maybe deciding a dues change at our first meeting. Also, the first three dates of the season are different than normal due to Pruy House conflicts, so be sure to mark them on your calendars. Hope to see you at the Pruy House on Sept. 9 when Betty kicks off our playing season! Lee Danielson

Important Chapter Information and Web Links:

HMRS Website and Yahoo Group Page:

- <http://www.hudsonmohawkrecorder.org/>
- <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/hudsonmohawkrecorder/>

Consorts:

- **Adirondack Baroque Consort**
http://abconsort.org/abconsort/who_we_are.html
- **Corelli Clash** <http://www.corelliclash.org/>
- **Sweetbriar**
- **Crow Hill Consort**
- **Lycæides**
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!group.php?gid=134837899863247&ref=ts>
- **The Blecker Consort**
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=168565940063>

Recorder Resources:

- **The Recorder Shop**
<http://www.therecordershop.com/>
- **Courtly Music**
<http://www.courtlymusicunlimited.com/>
- **Von Huene Workshop**
<http://www.vonhuene.com/>
- **Prescott Workshop**
<http://www.prescottworkshop.com/>

Annual Dues: The Pruy House payment is due...please help! ***Proposal and vote (first meeting) to increase to \$20....= \$1.00/meeting...**

Hudson-Mohawk Chapter American Recorder Society

Dues 2009-10

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Phone# _____

E-mail _____

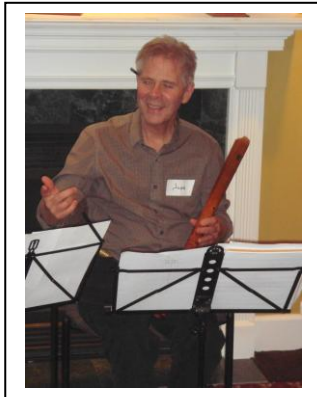
_____ **Local Chapter Dues *\$15**

_____ **National ARS Dues \$45** (includes ARS magazine) - optional

_____ **Gift to Chapter**

Return to: Carol Turner
1478 New Scotland Rd
Slingerlands, New York 12159

Spring Workshop a Success!



A near-record number of attendees took part in the Spring workshop presented by John Tyson and Tina Chancey. The concentration on Renaissance music was a delight and John and Tina received unanimous acclaim for their post-workshop concert (which also made the *Albany Times Union's* "Pick of the Week" in the Arts section). Heartfelt thanks to Ole Christensen, Allen Lescak, and Sue Wright for coordinating such a successful workshop!



Chapter Leadership (second year of two-year term):

President: Lee Danielson
Immediate Past-President: Ole Christensen
Secretary: Michael Murphy
Treasurer: Carol Turner
Facilities: Allen Lescak (we may need another)
Librarian: Nancy Crowther
Webmaster: Sandy Lawrence
Scholarship Committee: Jutta Von Schwerin, Sue Wright, Emmy Grubb
Program Committee: Jutta von Schwerin and Lee Danielson

Please note: HMRS depends on your dues and contributions to pay for the Pruyn House location as well as for Chapter expenses. Please renew your (very modest) dues ASAP using the form above. As noted, we will discuss a proposed modest dues increase at the first meeting to \$20/year. This equals ca. \$1.00/meeting and help cover increasing costs of the Pruyn House, etc.

Also, if you have a friend or student who might be interested in attending the meetings, please invite them along!

Many thanks!

**Hudson Mohawk Chapter of the American Recorder Society
2010-2011 Schedule**

All meetings are at 7:30 in the main Pruyn House unless otherwise noted.
(You might wish to place an extra copy on your refrigerator or calendar!) **If you
have suggestions for group leaders, please let Lee or Jutta know!!**

Meeting Date Conductor/Events

Thursday 9/09/10	Betty Gallagher
Wednesday 9/22/10	Joseph Loux
Wed. 10/06/10	Nancy and Will Crowther
Wed. 10/20/10	Deb Segel
Thur. 11/04/10	TBA
Wed. 11/17/10	Michael Murphy
Thurs. 12/02/10	Informal Recital
2011.....	
Thur. 1/06/11	TBA
Wed. 01/19/11	TBA
Thur. 02/03/11	TBA
Wed. 02/16/11	TBA

Meeting Date Conductor/Events

Thur. 03/03/11	TBA
Wed. 03/16/11	TBA
Thur. 04/07/11	TBA
Wed. 04/20/11	TBA
Thur. 05/05/11	TBA
Wed. 05/18/11	TBA
Thur. 06/02/10	Spring Recital
Wed. 06/15/10	Picnic 6:00PM start Joseph Loux