

# Suffolk Soundings

*The Newsletter of the Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists*

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## A Message from the Dean

I hope that this newsletter finds you rested and in good spirits. I am thrilled to serve as your Dean for the 2014-2016 term.

As we move ahead the 2014-2015 programming year, **please be sure to renew your membership with both national and the Suffolk Chapter, online at <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>. If you have not renewed by this point, your membership is out-of-date, and you will be removed from the Suffolk Directory and email list if you do not take action soon.** The ONCARD renewal system has proven to be a simple and effective interface. A helpful step-by-step guide to online renewal is included in this newsletter. Should you have any further questions on this, please contact our chapter Registrar, Eleanor Gould, (631) 234-2242 or at [elegould@verizon.net](mailto:elegould@verizon.net).

We have a number of exciting and enriching events already planned, including a masterclass at St. Kilian's, Farmingdale, with member Katie Meloan, DMA, entitled "Organ Technique for Pianists;" a workshop in modern hymnody at the Congregational Church in Manhasset (which features a newly refurbished III/69 Aeolian-Skinner); an East End organ crawl; and an end-of-the-season recital with perennial favorite Scott Montgomery.

Our annual Potluck Supper will be hosted by Treasurer Janet Pinto and her husband Tom, with Dr. Martin Tel of Princeton Theological Seminary as our after-dinner guest speaker, discussing resources for psalms. This is a lovely evening out with good company, and I would highly encourage new, returning and even *prospective* members to join us! Spread the word, bring a friend!

Best wishes, and see you soon,

Matthew Koraus

### Next Chapter Meeting:

**Friday, September 19th at 6pm**

**ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER**

**at the home of Janet and Tom Pinto**

**7 Daremy Court, Melville, NY 11747,**

**RSVP to Janet by September 15th.**

**phone: (631) 547-1317; email: [janetsuepinto@gmail.com](mailto:janetsuepinto@gmail.com)**

**See inside for more information and food assignments.**





## Chapter Programs at a Glance

Fri., 9/19, 6pm:

### Potluck Supper

Tues., 10/14, 7pm:

### Organ Technique for Pianists

Katie Meloan, DMA, presenter  
St. Kilian RC Church, Farmingdale

Sun., 10/26, 3:30pm:

### Organ Expo - an introduction to

the organ for children and adults  
St. Patrick RC Church, Huntington

Nov., Dates TBA:

### Chant Workshop

Presenter TBA  
Location TBA

Mon, 1/19, 1pm:

### Hymn Workshop

Presenter TBA  
Congregational Church, Manhasset

Feb., Dates and Venue TBA

### Children's Choir Festival

Mar., Dates and Venues TBA

### East End Organ Crawl

Fri., 3/20, 3pm:

### Scholarship Auditions

St. Patrick RC Church, Huntington

Sun., 5/3, 3:30pm:

### Scholarship Recital

Scott Montgomery, recitalist  
St. Patrick RC Church, Huntington

## Chapter Programs In-Depth

**Friday, September 19th, 2014, 6 pm**

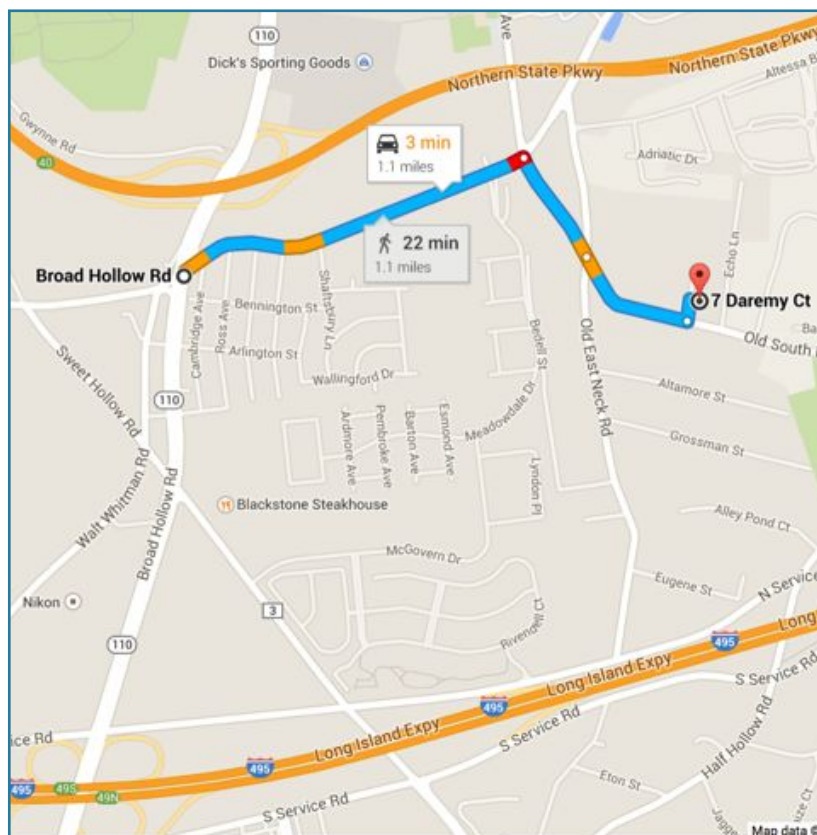
### Potluck Supper

Janet and Tom Pinto have graciously offered to host this year's potluck. Come alone or bring a guest. Food assignments by last name are listed below. Come enjoy a lovely social event with your AGO colleagues. Dr. Martin Tel of Princeton will speak briefly after dinner on resources for psalms. New members and prospective members are especially welcome.

**A-F: Appetizer; G-L: Salad, M-S: Main course; T-Z: Dessert**

The Pintos are located at: 7 Daremy Court, Melville, NY 11747-2704; phone: 547-1317 Please RSVP to Janet by September 15th. Email: [janetsuepinto@gmail.com](mailto:janetsuepinto@gmail.com).

**Annual Music Swap:** *If you have any music that you'd like to contribute to a swap, please bring it to the Potluck. Donate your music and buy someone else's: \$5 for music collections, \$1 for individual sheet music. Any funds generated from the swap will be collected added to the Scholarship Fund.*



### Directions:

Long Island Expressway to Exit 50 and go north on Bagatelle Road. Make a left turn on Half Hollow and at the second traffic light make a

right turn onto Old South Path. You will pass the "Greens" and "Echo Lane." Make the next right into Daremy Court. It is the first house on the right, Number 7.

If you are on Northern State, take the exit for 110 South. At the first traffic light make a left onto Old Country Road. At the second traffic light make a right onto Old South Path. (The King of Kings Lutheran Church is on the corner.) After the first traffic light, you will go around a bend and Daremy Court will be on your left.

If you are traveling south on Route 110, go under the overpass for Northern State and make a left onto Old Country Road at the first traffic light. Then follow the directions above.

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## **Tuesday, October 14th, 2014, 7 pm** ***Organ Technique for Pianists***

Katie Meloan, DMA will present a masterclass geared for pianists who are transitioning to the organ. This will include demonstrations on both the piano and the organ, hands-on work with select masterclass students, and discussion of different methods of study and resources. Katie's doctoral dissertation was on this very subject, and this is presentation an excellent opportunity for organists of ANY skill level.

The masterclass will be held at St. Kilian's RC Church, 485 Conklin St. Farmingdale, NY 11735. Registration forms will be distributed by email blast and in next month's newsletter.

Anyone wishing to play for the masterclass should contact dean Matthew Koraus by September 22nd: [matthewkoraus@gmail.com](mailto:matthewkoraus@gmail.com). Co-sponsored with the Rockville Centre Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.



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## **Sunday, October 26th, 2014, 3:30pm** ***ORGAN EXPO - Pedals, Pipes and Pizza***

Adults and children of all ages are welcome to learn about the King of Instruments, hear demonstrations, sit at the console for a hands-on experience. Pizza to follow the program.

Cos-sponsored with Nassau AGO and the Rockville Centre Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. At the Church of St. Patrick, 400 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743. For more info, contact the program coordinator Christopher Cusumano at (631) 271-4635 or [chapelcus@optonline.net](mailto:chapelcus@optonline.net).

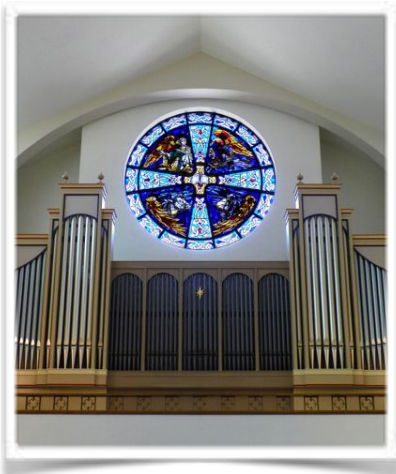
**IMPORTANT NOTE:** To meet the needs of our host church, this event this season will take place in October and not in March as it has in years past. There will be no Organ Expo in March of 2015.

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***More info on our other chapter programs to come in next month's issue!***



## Other Events of Note...



### **Sunday, Sept. 14th at 3 pm. *Dedication Recital***

Matthew Koraus (FAGO) will play a recital for the blessing and dedication of the two new Gluck organs at the Church of St. Patrick, Huntington. Featuring music by Bach, Praetorius, Widor, as well as new works by Koraus, with the premiere of a newly composed piece for two organs and two organists. With Walter Hilse (FAGO), organ and Debra Koraus, flute. The Church of St. Patrick is located at 400 Main Street, Huntington NY 11743. (631) 385-3311, ext. 365. Free admission. More info at <http://stpatrickhuntingtonmusic.weebly.com>

### **Sunday, Sept. 21st at 3 pm. *Re-dedication Recital***

Ken Cowan is performing a rededication organ recital on the new 4 manual console for the Aeolian-Skinner at Congregational Church of Manhasset, 1845 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset NY 11030. (516) 627-4911. Free admission.



### **Sunday, Sept. 21st at 3 pm. *Organ Recital***

Nigel Potts will play the opening recital in the concert series, "Concerts by the Pond" at St. John's Church in Cold Spring Harbor, 1670 Rte. 25A (behind the fish hatchery). Suggested donation: \$20; students and children free.



### **Sunday, Sept. 28th at 3 pm. *Dedication Recital***

Deanna Muro will play the dedicatory recital on the new Elsener organ, with choir and brass, at St. James Lutheran Church, Woodlawn and Second Avenues, St. James NY. Call Don Reinertsen for more info, (631) 682-7210.

### **Sun, Oct. 5th at 4:00 pm. *Organ Recital***

Mark Engelhardt, organist, with music by Langlais, Saint-Saens, Philips, Woodland, Reuchsel and Widor. At St. Peter's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 500 South Country Road, Bayshore NY. \$20; \$15 for students and AGO members.

### **Weds, Oct. 8th at 12:30 pm. *Organ Recital***

Deanna Muro, organist. At First Presbyterian Church, 330 Main St. Northport. Free-will offering.

### **Fri, Sat, Sun; Oct. 17, 18, 19 *Annual Choral Festival***

Led by Gabriel Couch, guest conductor from Princeton University. Concert, Sun. Oct. 19th at 4pm, First Presbyterian Church, 330 Main St. Northport. For more info, please email [musicministry@gmail.com](mailto:musicministry@gmail.com). You must pre-register to sing in the Festival Choir. Free-will offering.

### ***Membership Directory and Substitute List, 2014-2015***

The 2014-2015 Members' Directory will be published in late October. All current members as of October 1 will be included. Please be sure to renew your membership as soon as possible so that the Directory will be accurate. Please also consider supporting your chapter by purchasing an ad in the Directory. Forms will be available in next month's Suffolk Soundings. • The 2014-2015 Substitute List will be published in next month's issue of *Suffolk Soundings*. If you would like to be included on this list, be sure to indicate this on your ONCARD renewal form, or call Eleanor Gould at [elegould@verizon.net](mailto:elegould@verizon.net) or (631) 234-3342.

## Member News

### Welcome! / Renewals Help

A special welcome to our new and returning members:

Veronica Barker, Bradley Burgess, Den Collins, and Bill Margiotta.

Suffolk AGO also thanks the following colleagues who **have renewed** their memberships as of 8/15:

John Anzalone Elizabeth Bailey Russell Brand William Brosnan Mike Buonaspina Hugh Carroll Chris Cusumano Joan Daly-Lewis Carol Dort Carol Doyna	Paul Eschenauer Joseph Elliffe Paul Elsener Mark Engelhardt Steven Frank Eleanor Gould Carl Gescheidle Helen Gescheidle Ray Henderson Maureen Husig	Claire Klein Matthew Koras Carol Landis Susan Lindsay Brian Manzo George Moravek Janet Pinto Joseph Roenbeck James Sheridan	Sheila Silvetti Kevin Warnken Carol Weitner Jennifer Wells Thomas Wilkinson Joan Wingerter Joseph Woo Rossina Zacarias Thomas Zatorski
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**For those who have yet to renew, please do so immediately so that your membership does not lapse.** Those who have used the new ONCARD system have found it very easy to navigate. Give it a try! And if you have any questions or problems with the process, please contact our membership chairperson/registrar, Eleanor Gould at [elegould@verizon.net](mailto:elegould@verizon.net) or 234-3342. She is our chapter guru on the process! **Here are the instructions as presented by AGO HQ:**

It's time to renew your membership in the American Guild of Organists, the leading national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields.

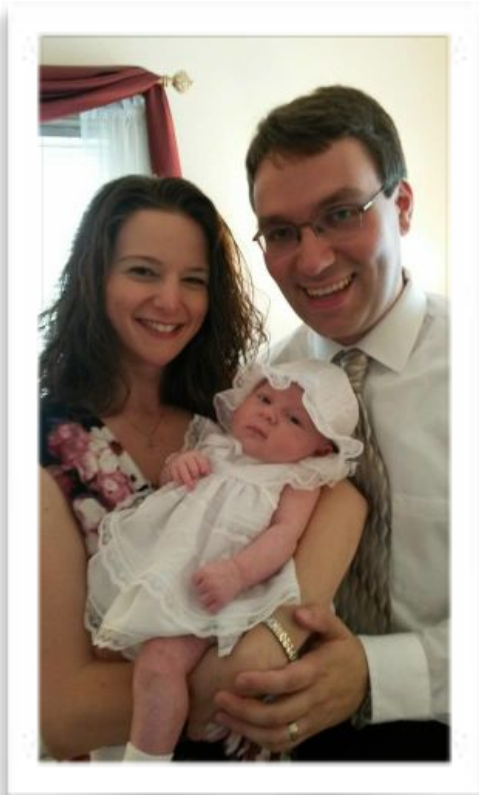
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After logging in, you will go through a three-step process: 1) review/update personal information; 2) review/update membership type and chapter affiliation; and 3) pay membership dues (with optional contributions to chapter and national funds).

We will accept checks, made out to the American Guild of Organists, as payment. (Our address is at the bottom of this email). You will still need to go through the process outlined above to ensure that your data in our system is correct and to make any contributions to national and chapter funds. When you reach the payment screen, please click on your invoice number so you can print it out and include it with your check.

If your employer pays your dues, please give him or her a copy of your invoice to be returned with a check.

## A happy story...



As some of you know, our dean Mathew Koraus was competing in the National Competition in Organ Improvisation (NCOI) at the AGO Convention in Boston in June, chosen as one of five semifinalists in the whole country. The semi-finals were held on Monday, June 23rd, Matt performed admirably, and was selected out of the five to advance as one of the top three finalists. The final competition was to be held on Thursday, June 26th.

Matt and his wife Debbie were also expecting the birth of their first child, who was due to arrive the coming Sunday, June 29th. As fate had it, Matt got the call from his wife on Tuesday, June 24th, with the message that "she was not feeling well". Matt immediately drove home and withdrew from the competition.

On Wednesday, June 25th, at 1:17 am, proud parents, Matthew and Debra Koraus welcomed Samantha Rose Koraus, weighing in at 6 lbs., 15 oz. and measuring 21".

Mom, dad and daughter are all doing very well. As Matt has said, "There will be other competitions, but there's no second chances for the birth of your first child!" Matt indeed has found another competition opportunity, and will compete as a finalist in the University of Michigan Organ Improvisation Competition on Sept. 30th of this year.

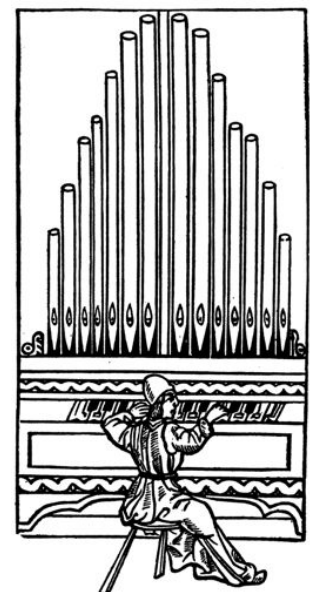
Congratulations to Matt and Debbie on the birth of Samantha Rose, and good luck!

## Scholarship News

### *Suffolk AGO Expands Scholarship Program*

Suffolk AGO is delighted to announce its 2015 Scholarship Program. Through the generosity of Sebastian M. Glück, Artistic and Tonal Director of Glück Pipe Organs, we will be offering one or more awards totaling \$1,000, for college students who are majoring or minoring in organ studies. Additionally, we will be offering \$1,000 in funding for secondary school students in grades 6 through 12, and a third scholarship of up to \$1,000 for keyboard players who are new to the organ, or who have studied for less than two year.

Detailed information will soon be posted on our web page, and in this newsletter. Please note: applications must be received no later than February 23, 2015, quite a bit earlier than in past years. Auditions will take place on Friday, March 20, 2015, and scholarship winners will be honored at the Annual Scholarship Recital on May 3. The Scholarship Recitalist will be Scott Montgomery, performing on the new Glück organs at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Huntington, NY. Contact Dr. Joan Daly-Lewis, Scholarship Chair, at (631) 928-5669 or [jdalylew@optonline.net](mailto:jdalylew@optonline.net) for additional information.



## Placement

All job seekers are encouraged to speak with the previous organist prior to accepting a long-term engagement.

### **St. Margaret's Episcopal Church**

1000 Washington Ave., Plainview, NY 11803

Position: Organist/Choirmaster

Salary: approx. \$14,000, commensurate with experience

One Sunday service with volunteer choir; additional services holy days. One weekly rehearsal with choir during program year; day negotiable. Approx. 5-7 funerals per year; weddings rare. Organ is a 3-year old, 2 manual Allen. Contact: The Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly, 516-692-5268 x102, [stmargrector@optonline.net](mailto:stmargrector@optonline.net)

### **Church in the Garden Baptist Church**

68 Osborne Road, Garden City, NY 11530

Position: Part-Time Organist/Choir Director

Salary: \$9,000

One Sunday service at 10 a.m. and one choir rehearsal, plus Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday. 4 weeks vacation. Contact Barbara Wieder, [wieder@mricg.com](mailto:wieder@mricg.com), (516) 223-3122.

### **Setauket Presbyterian Church**

5 Caroline Ave, Setauket, NY 11733

Position: Minister of Music

Salary: \$23,000 negotiable, commensurate with experience  
Organist for all regular and special services. Direct adult, children's, and bell choirs in both rehearsal and services. Participate in meetings of the worship and music committee. Liaison with clergy and other staff. Contact The Rev. Mary Barrett Speers, Pastor, [setauketpresbyterian@verizon.net](mailto:setauketpresbyterian@verizon.net), (631) 941-4271.

## Certification News

This year our certification exam center administered one FAGO exam on May 29-30, 2014. Congratulations to the successful candidate, **Eric Burke**, an NYC chapter member and Executive Assistant on the AGO Headquarters staff. Special thanks to our Exam Coordinator, Deanna Muro, and to Mark Engelhardt, Director of Music, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bayshore for hosting the exam site.

The Suffolk Chapter is very supportive of the educational mission of the AGO. For many years Suffolk AGO has administered the Service Playing and Colleague exams. In 2008, Suffolk AGO was designated as an exam center for the upper level exams, and since then, has been administering the AAGO, FAGO and ChM exams in addition to the CAGO and SPC tests.

As an exam center, the Suffolk Chapter relies on the support of local AGO members. Deanna must recruit judges, proctors and, for the Choir Master exam, singers. Venues must be obtained, practice- and exam-times scheduled, music scores and exam documents distributed, and in some cases, recording equipment must be set up and operated. Suffolk AGO thanks Deanna for serving so ably.

Anyone who is interested in preparing and taking an exam can find information on exam dates, eligibility, requirements, literature, application procedures and fees on the AGO national website, [www.agohq.org/education](http://www.agohq.org/education), under Professional Certification. There are also preparation materials and resources available from the national headquarters on-line store, which can be accessed from the same page. Contact Deanna Muro for further information at [deanna8980@yahoo.com](mailto:deanna8980@yahoo.com).



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