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The Golden Cipher

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Greater Greensboro AGO New Season's Programs

Our Chapter has planned a variety of fine programs for the fall season that will broaden our experience as organists and church musicians. We hope that at least one will capture your interest.

We begin in September with a Clergy-Musician Potluck Dinner. David Partington will lead a seminar about the clergy-musician relationship. David, now retired, was Parish Associate for Pastoral Care at First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro. He is a graduate of the Spiritual Guidance Program of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. He holds a MSM from Union Seminary and served as Organist-Choir Master at First Presbyterian, Winston-Salem before being ordained. Invite your favorite (or not so favorite) clergy; bring a dish to share and a mind for open discussion.

October's program is a member recital given by Dr. Homer Ferguson, III. Homer is Organist-Choirmaster at Emmanuel Episcopal in Southern Pines. The program will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, Greensboro on Schoenstein, op. 132, a lovely example of the type of small instrument that firm does so well.

In November, we have a special treat...field trip! GGAGO member Tom Lewtak is opening his organ shop for a tour and a viewing of an opus in progress. He will also treat us to luncheon on the premises. The visit will be made on a Saturday morning, the date subject to the firm's progress on the instrument he is currently building. His shop is in Mocksville so, depending on the number interested, we may van pool. Stay tuned for further information.

Look to our website for more information about these and other programs as each approaches. www.ggago.org



Support the work of your Chapter by promoting and attending these fine programs

Dobson, op. 76, Kimmel Center, Philadelphia

Michael Vance Hill Scholarship Announced

Michael Vance Hill was an organist, church musician, and active member of the Greater Greensboro Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Mike worked tirelessly for the Chapter, serving in many capacities. During his tenure as Dean, he was the instigator and organizer of ten annual AGO concerts designed to raise funds for Hospice chapters in the Triad. These concerts usually involved other area instrumentalists, which served to expand the community interest in the concerts.

In 2005, the GGAGO Board voted to create a scholarship in Mike's memory. To establish an endowment, the Board began a summer recital series. This summer's series was a great success with recitalists Joby Bell, Susan Bates, John Alexander, and Adam Ward giving excellent performances, and over \$1,000 raised. To date, through private giving and donations made at the summer recitals, our Chapter has raised over \$15,500 for the fund.

In early August, the Hill Scholarship Committee (Bill Allred, Bill Carroll, Wayne Leupold, Judith Millar, Susan Stanley) met to develope guidelines for the administration of the fund. These guidelines will be available online at <u>www.ggago.org</u> by September.

2014 Fall Program Calendar

September 19, 6pm Clergy-Musician Potluck Dinner First Presbyterian, Greensboro 617 North Elm Street

October 11, 7:30pm Member Recital by Homer Ferguson Grace United Methodist Church 438 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro

November TBD (Saturday), 10am Tour and Luncheon, Lewtak Pipe Organ Builders 211 Parsley Lane Mocksville, NC 27028

Hill Scholarship continued.

The scholarship is established to encourage organ study in students, grades 6-12. The amount of award will vary from year to year, depending on the amount of money available, and on the number of recipients chosen. Auditions will be announced each year in January and held in May. Students must reside within the Chapter.

This scholarship has been a dream of many in our chapter and the Board is pleased and excited to finally make these funds available to talented, area youth. If you know of any potential organ students or have questions about the scholarhsip, please contact Bill Allred, Dean at <u>ballred@guilfordpark.org</u>.

Have you renewed your AGO membership? There's still time. Renewals are now made on-line at www.agohq.org