

SARASOTA OPERA GUILD



Upcoming Sarasota Opera Guild Events

The Summer Salons series feature lovely luncheons, wonderful musical programs, fun socializing, and so much more at the Bird Key Yacht Club, all Wednesdays, starting at 11:30am.

June 15 - Joe Holt and Lee Dougherty Ross, dueling piano
July 13 - Olivia Swaan, harp and vocal
August 24 - Eirinn Abu, soprano saxophone

Check your email for flyers.

Tickets are \$50 per salon per person. Please make checks payable to Sarasota Opera Guild and mail to Janet Bell, 505 Pennyroyal Place, Venice FL 34293.
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NewsLetter - May 2022

President's Message

by Ann Waller



Dear Friends,
As my term as president comes to a close, I am pleased that we were able to keep things rolling despite the many challenges. My sincere appreciation to a wonderful, hard-working board, all our supportive members,

and the SOG staff who were there to guide us along the way.

We had some outstanding educational and fun events this year, and I hope next year will allow for even more!

For now, enjoy our Summer Salons, step up to help with our planning committees, and become an active member of a very vibrant, lively group of opera lovers.

My best to each of you and particularly best wishes to our new president, Meryl Gale, who I am sure will lead admirably.



Thanks to all who have made my time on the board so memorable.

Acknowledge a special occasion, thank someone for their help, or recognize a friend with a contribution to the Thinking of You Scholarship Fund. Your gift of \$20 or more is tax-deductible. Your notes are published in this newsletter, and the recognized individual or persons are sent a card.

Please send your *Thinking of You* tribute and check, made payable to SOG, to:

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Welcome New Members!

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining Sarasota Opera Guild, please contact Membership VP Richard Schworm at coveside@comcast.net.

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A Peek Behind the Scenes at the Costume Warehouse

What a treasure trove Sarasota Opera has secured in its acquisition of a Canadian firm's costume collection! Sarasota Opera Guild members were treated to a glimpse of the thousands of costumes with a rich legacy in a tour on April 21, followed by a reception at Terry Brennan-Davis' home.



Each costume comes complete with a production history, designer, period, sizes, and who wore it and how much it either had to be let out or taken in. You can imagine the monumental task of cataloging the entire collection and making it easily accessible.

Renting out the costumes will provide another revenue stream for Sarasota Opera.

Send us your photos!



We want to see your smiling faces in the SOG NewsLetter! Please send your photos from SO performances and Guild events to [Diane Efthimides](mailto:Diane.Efthimides@sog.org).

Our mailing address: SOGNotes@gmail.com

Our Web site: <http://www.sarasotaopera.org/sog.aspx>

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We're up to **156 likes** on Facebook! Add your name to the list. That way you'll never miss something important.

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If you're looking for information on the Guild, check our [Facebook page](#). Let your friends know about us, too.

The Sarasota Opera Guild was organized to foster, promote, and increase knowledge and appreciation of opera in the community in conjunction with Sarasota Opera; to be a friend-raiser for Sarasota Opera and increase opera attendance; to encourage and assist young singers; and to sponsor projects to raise funds for the opera.

If you are interested in joining or becoming more active in the Guild, please contact VP

Membership Richard Schworm, 941-475-2338, coveside@comcast.net.

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Pat Reinhart and Alina Otal pose with some of the costumes and accessories in the Costume Warehouse.

Please visit [the SOG Facebook page](#) for more pictures.

SOG Annual Picnic

The SOG annual picnic featured great food, fun, fellowship, and even a member's 100th birthday! This year's picnic was held at Oscar Scherer State Park for the first time, as we have outgrown previous locations. A great time was had by all!

Contact diane67@comcast.net with comments and suggestions.



Picnic Committee Chair Pat Dodge welcomes SOG members to the picnic, along with Jack Landgrebe.

Incoming SOG President Meryl Gale kicks off the evening's program and introduces the incoming SOG board members.





Happy 100th Birthday to Dr. Dorothy Gray! We were delighted to celebrate her very special birthday at the picnic with yummy cake. Dr. Gray is pictured here with Karen Iezzi, Carol von Allmen and Pat Reinhart.



Gerry Fickenscher and Elana Carnes pick up some tasty picnic food from Sonny's BBQ.



John Fischer, Jim Weisenborne and Sandy Frankel join Kay and David Purviance, Dennis Ciborowski and Meryl Gale.



Terry Brennan-Davis, Helen Panoyan and Pat Reinhart catch up with Karin Murphy and Mimi.

Sarasota Opera Guild 2022-2023 Executive Officers

At the picnic, the new officers for the Sarasota Opera Guild Executive Board were installed.



President--Meryl Gale
First Vice President--Pat Dodge
Second Vice President--Pat Hirt (not pictured)
VP Communication--Elizabeth Aversa (not pictured)
VP Marketing--John Fischer
VP Special Events--Terry Brennan-Davis
VP Volunteer Coordinator--Rae Frankel
VP Membership--Richard Schworm
Recording Secretary--David Chivas (not pictured)
Corresponding Secretary--Antonette Cunningham
Treasurer--Cecile Adams (not pictured)
Assistant Treasurer--Julie Planck
Parliamentarian--Peter Phillippes

Be a Part of the Event of the Year!



The Poinsettia Luncheon is the Guild's major fundraiser and social event of the year. This year's luncheon is scheduled for December 7. December seems very far away right now, but this event takes months of planning and has a role for everyone.

The first organizational meeting will take place on May 19 at a SOG member's home. If you are interested in contributing your talents to this event (and having a fun time working with a great team), please contact Meryl Gale at merylgale@aol.com or 941-260-9849 for more information.
