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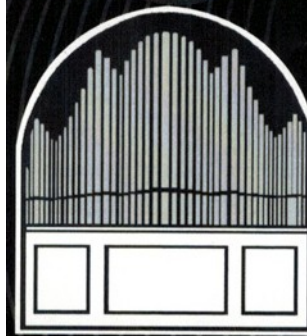
Holiday Schedule

In and Near the Organ Pavilion:

Sat. Dec 1 - Official Christmas Tree Lighting (dusk)
Sun. Dec 2 - 2 p.m. concert with SD Childrens Choir, plus
Wiener Wonderland with San Diego Dachshund Club
Fri. Dec 7 - Dr. Carol plays 5 to 5:30 pm to launch
December Nights at the Pavilion
Sun. Dec 16 - 2 p.m. concert with SD Harmony Ringers
Sun. Dec 23 - 2 p.m. concert with Christmas carol singalong
Sun. Dec 30 - 2 p.m. concert with House of Scotland bagpipes
Tues. Jan 1, 2013 - special 2 p.m. New Years Day concert
will benefit Hurricane Sandy relief

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Winter 2012

**See Inside for an
invitation to the
Dinner Cruise
Fundraiser aboard
the yacht High
Spirits on Sunday,
December 16, to
see the Parade of
Lights in San
Diego Harbor!**



Home for the Holidays



Plaza de Panama Construction Update

Don't cue the backhoes yet. While the City is planning construction on the extensive Plaza de Panama project that will prepare Balboa Park for its 2015 Centennial Celebration, actual groundbreaking has been postponed till **February 2013** to allow for resolution of legal challenges under the California Environmental Quality Act.

If construction proceeds as now scheduled, the parking lot behind the Organ Pavilion would close in **April 2013**. At that time, free tram service into the Plaza de Panama would begin with pickups at the **Inspiration Point** parking lot. This lot is on the east side of Park Boulevard, near the old Naval Hospital building.

New tram vehicles featuring easy low-step-up access and greater passenger capacity are expected to be in service by then.



Young organists play for Thanksgiving Nov 25

On Sunday, November 25, the regular 2 p.m. concert at the Organ Pavilion will feature young organists performing together with Dr. Carol Williams.

The 2012 scholarship winners who will be playing are, from left, Shane Cowell, Nicholas Halbert, and Sam Buse.

We can all be thankful that these talented students of the organ are keeping the great tradiiton of pipe organ music alive for future generations!

In partnership with the American Guild of Organists, San Diego Chapter, the Spreckels Organ Society holds a springtime scholarship competition, with outstanding students invited to perform on the Spreckels Organ during a regularly scheduled concert.



Dear Friends,

This year is certainly going fast - we must be having a good time here in San Diego! My husband, Kerry, and I adopted a rescue Airedale puppy. He is adorable and loves his name: Dietrich Buxtehude Bell. He enjoys music and particularly organ music so is a great addition to our family. He will be at the organ pavilion many times, so do come by and give him a cuddle. Biscuits also are appreciated!

This Christmas season we have much lined up for you—the San Diego Children's Choir, San Diego Harmony Ringers and much else. Visit the website SOSorgan.org for a full line up of events. On January 1, I shall be doing an extra concert and at this concert, all donations will go to a charity. More details will appear on the website.

Plans are well underway for next year’s festival. It will be another year of fine organists visiting us and performing on our Spreckels Organ.

With all good wishes for the holiday season,
Dr. Carol

From the President

Happy Holidays! In this issue you will find an array of weekly Christmas Season programs at the pavilion to delight and entertain you. We hope you will join us for as many of them as you are able.

The Christmas Parade of Lights Dinner Cruise is around the corner. We hope as many of you as possible can join us for this fun-filled evening. The fundraiser will produce support for the many programs we are planning for you in 2013.

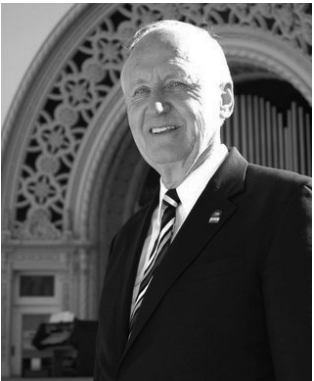
We are grateful to all of our faithful members who have supported us during our 2012 Silver Anniversary year with their gifts of time and treasure. We are again experiencing record numbers of members, including those from outside the U.S. We now send newsletters all over Europe and Canada to organ music lovers who visited the pavilion on their vacations and chose to “join the family” of SOS. We are truly international in our outreach.

We have received some generous individual gifts and much-appreciated pledges for Legacy Gifts in the future through bequests. The latter assure us that our future financial sustainability will be strengthened by their generosity and thoughtfulness. We are grateful. Year-end gifts can be received until December 31 for tax purposes.

On a personal note, this will be my last letter as your President. My six-year term will end on January 31 and it has been a great experience. Leading our Board of Trustees has been rewarding. My wife, Ann, and I have enjoyed meeting so many of you and sharing great musical experiences. Your support and encouragement have been very much appreciated. I will continue to support our society as Past President from “behind the scenes” as much as possible.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah! May 2013 be a wonderful year for us all.

Ronald De Fields



In 2012 the Spreckels Organ Society received gifts in memory of:

John Eitzen
Isabelle Jackson
Claire Louise McLagan Lynch Lawrence
Polly Whigham

Remember that you can also leave a legacy gift of music by naming the Spreckels Organ Society in your will or estate plan.

Please share this holiday edition of the StopTab with someone else who loves music too.

Speaking of music, great Christmas CDs are on sale at the Spreckels Organ gift shop during Sunday concerts along with unique gifts for the holidays.

Special thanks to Bob Lang for taking most of the photos in this special “greeting card” edition. More of his excellent work can be seen in color online at www.SOSorgan.org.



Blast from the Past:
Electriquette rebuilt for Centennial

What's old is new again! Architect and preservationist David Marshall unveiled a re-constructed "Electriquette" (top speed 3.5 mph) at the San Diego History Center on November 15, crediting investor Sandor Shapery with financing the project to build as many as 100 of the electric-powered vehicles for the 2015 celebration in Balboa Park.

The Electriquette was first created for the 1915 Exposition by San Diego attorney Clyde Osborn. The honor of being the first passenger went to Betty Peabody, guiding light of the Friends of Balboa Park.



Plan for live webcasting
of Sunday concerts

Fans of great pipe organ music may soon be able to view the Sunday afternoon concerts at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion from their I-Pads, Desktops, or other Wi-Fi connected devices.

A plan approved by the Spreckels Organ Society Board of Trustees to video the live Sunday performances by Dr. Carol and upload the signal to a webcasting portal is mere months and only a few thousand dollars away from reality.

The missing link is a stronger Wi-Fi connection in the Organ Pavilion, which could be funded and built sometime soon, according to Heather Hart, IT coordinator at the Balboa Park Online Collaborative, now implementing Wi-Fi connections throughout Balboa Park.

Along with enabling remote viewers to watch concerts, a stonger Wi-Fi connection in the Pavilion would enable lots more use of the space as a "hot spot" for digital interaction.

As BPOC seeks the approximately \$10,000 needed to funds to improve the Pavilion's Wi-Fi connection, the Spreckels Organ Society has budgeted for the expense involved in producing a video signal of the concerts and licensing the rights to webcast.