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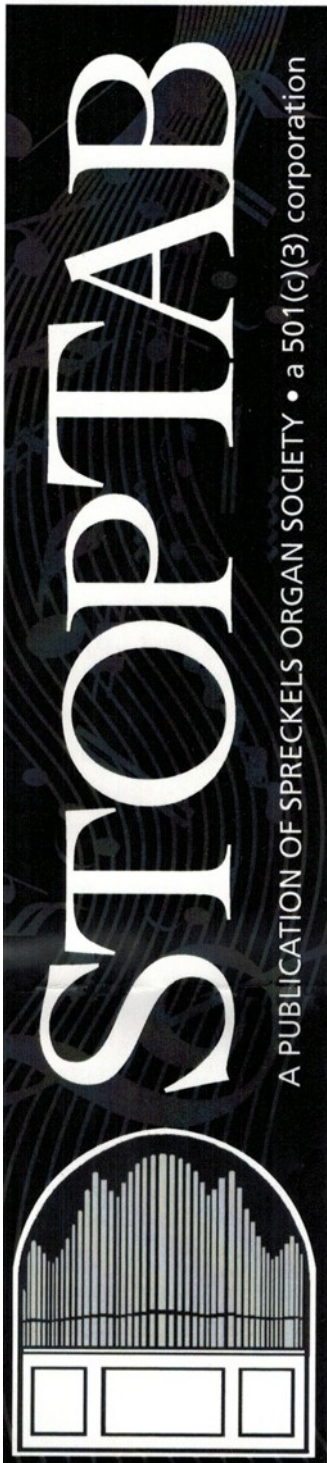


Inside: your invitation to a special brunch, concert, and Insiders Tour!

Bark in Balboa Park 7 was a hit on February 17 with 107 pets on parade before a crowd of 2000 at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion.



For 2013, Spreckels Organ Society is building to a goal of at least 1,000 current members! Right now, we are one-fourth of the way to this goal, as members like you are making their annual renewals. Join online, or pick up a membership envelope on any Sunday at the Pavilion. Please tell a friend about membership in the Society, too!



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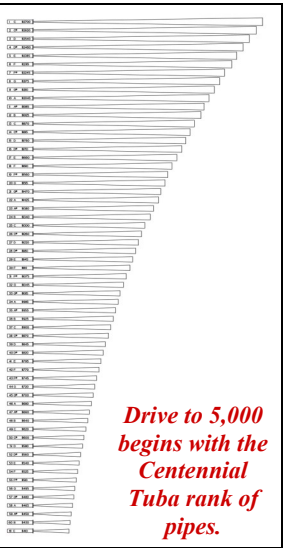
**SPECIAL BRUNCH
INVITATION**

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This is my first
StopTab as
President of the
Spreckels Organ
Society.

George Hardy



Drive to 5,000
begins with the
Centennial
Tuba rank of
pipes.

It seems impossible that it was way back in 1988 when Vivian Even-son and Bob Plimpton invited me to lunch to discuss forming a new organization, with the important mission to preserve, program and promote the great Spreckels Organ. I was one of the founding board members, and all these years later, after retiring from my “day job,” it’s time to “give back” by dedicating time and energy to all of you. It is a very exciting time for the Spreckels Organ Society.

- We are blessed with an outstanding Artistic Director and Civic Organist—Dr. Carol Williams.
- Our co-curators, Lyle Blackinton and Dale Sorenson, are peer-less.
- We have a super Executive Administrator—Ross Porter.
- The incoming Board of Trustees (a full complement of 25) is diverse, enthusiastic, and talented.
- The 2013 International Summer Organ Festival promises a won-derful assortment of new and familiar artists.
- And we are intent on reaching important financial and program-matic goals for the Centennial Celebration in 2015.

In fact, the 100th birthday party for the Spreckels Organ, will be on December 31, 2014. Before that day, we have much to accomplish.

Foremost among our challenges is the expansion of the Spreckels Organ with additional pipes, all carefully selected by our curators, in consultation with Dr. Carol. We are calling it, “The Drive to 5000”—meaning, we want to expand the organ sufficiently so that the Spreckels Organ will once again be the largest outdoor pipe or-gan in the world.

This is where you come in. Although we will be pursuing corporate sponsorships, grants, and matching funds from a variety of sources, it will be primarily from our membership that we will find the finan-cial support we need. Won’t you consider “sponsoring” a pipe, or two? Consider “sponsoring” a pipe in celebration of your wedding anniversary, or in honor of your graduating child (or grandchild), or in memory of a loved one. This truly will be a gift that keeps giving. Every time you come to a concert at the pavilion, you can say—I made this beautiful music possible.

Let’s make it happen!

Summer Organ Festival Artists Named

The following artists are in negotiation to appear in concert on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion for the 2013 International Summer Organ Festival:

- June 24 - Classical organist Anthony Newman, America's "High Priest of Bach"
- July 1 - Cheryl and Wayne Seppala, local duo with national reputation for great organ entertainment
- July 8 - English Organist Richard Hills, a favorite of the American Theatre Organ Society
- July 15 - Rising Star Daryl Robinson, outstanding performer at the 2012 American Guild of Organ-ists National Your Artists Competition. Daryl will be joined onstage by outstanding young violinist Annelle Gregory
- July 22 - Jane Watts, leading British concert organist
- July 29 - Barbara Dennerlein - German-born Hammond organ virtuoso who specializes in jazz
- Aug 5 - Robert Plimpton, Civic Organist Emeritus
- Aug 12 - English Organist Keith Hearnshaw
- Aug 19 - Dennis James plays for Silent Movie night
- Aug 26 - Carol Williams headlines the "Blues and Bells" finale concert featuring the unique partici-pation of the Ona May Lowe Carillon from the California Tower

For information on sponsoring a Summer Concert, please contact Past President Ron De Fields, now serving as Sponsorship Coordinator, at 619-461-5457 or rjdefields@netzero.net

Dear Music Friends,

I hope that the year is going well for you all. We are busy here in San Diego at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion with many concerts and the final plans for the Summer Organ Festival.

On February 17, we had our Bark in Balboa Park Number 7 and raised \$1000 for the Humane Society of San Diego. One lucky dog got his "forever" home and there was much fun to be had at the Pavilion.

Do check out our website for some cute photos by our photographer Bob Lang. We had much coverage from the press for this event - always one of my favorite concerts!

Recently I had the pleasure of playing at First Congregational Church, Los Angeles which is the largest Church organ in the world. (see photo) This is certainly one of the finest organs in the world because not only can it make a very loud noise it can also make some of the most beautiful sounds possible with an instrument. I spent many hours (days!) with the organ and enjoyed every moment I had with it. The concert was well attended and it was great to see members from the Society at the concert. Actually, wherever I play - be it in this country or overseas - I meet many people who know the great outdoor Spreckels Organ. If they don't know about the Spreckels organ before the concert, they certainly know about it at the end of the concert because I always speak about it during the performance! We are returning to First Congregational to do a TourBus DVD from this organ, so visit my website for more information about the video series: www.melcot.com

That all for now—Best Wishes, *Dr. Carol*



Welcome new Trustees!

As George Hardy and Randy Ward took the leadership reins from Ron De Fields and Steve Oggel, eleven new Trustees were named to the Spreckels Organ Society's volunteer leadership board in February. Returning to the board were Edward Barr, longtime historian of the Society; Jared Jacobsen, former Civic Organist and frequent guest artist; and Marion Persons, whose service on Personnel and Special Events committees has been invaluable.

Pictured here (thanks to Bob Lang's great photography) are Trustees joining the board for the first time. Please look for them when you're at the Pavilion for a concert and say hello.



Len Filomeo



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Richard Vandervoort

Photo credit Robert Lang/ Spreckels Organ Society for photos of Pamela Hartwell, Nicholas Halbert, David Nesvig, Richard Vandervoort.

Young Organists to Compete May 11

The Spreckels Organ Society is working with the American Guild of Organists / San Diego Chapter (AGO) to hold annual scholarship auditions for promising young organists. The winners will be invited by Civic Organist Carol Williams to perform on the Spreckels Organ on a Sunday afternoon concert this summer.

This scholarship support is an integral part of the Society's mission to preserve, program, and promote the incomparable Spreckels Organ as a world treasure for all people. Guidelines, rules, and application forms are available online at www.agosd.org.

This year's auditions are open to the public and will be held Saturday, May 11, at Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church, 17010 Pomerado Rd., San Diego CA 92128.

Please contact Leslie Wolf Robb, Education Committee Chair of the San Diego AGO, for more details on the audition process and its entry forms. She may be reached at (858) 272-4338 or education@agosd.org.

Dinner Cruise—Thanks to our Sponsors!

The 2012 Parade of Lights Dinner Cruise was a fine occasion, with special thanks to sponsors Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman; Hughes & Pizzuto; and Ward & Thorn, A.P.L.C.

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