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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

So many fun things to experience and mostly outdoors. We look forward to the many visitors to our community with whom to share our countless events.

Soon we will open our twenty second International Summer Organ Festival. You are going to love the artists we have scheduled for you. The variety is exciting. The talent is amazing. The beautiful setting is "under the stars. And the price is right!

We are grateful for the many sponsors who have come forward to defray the considerable expenses involved in such a festival, the largest outdoor event of its kind in the world. Their gifts and the donations we receive at each of the Monday night concerts are what make it happen.

The "Bach's Supper", a catered event prior to opening night on June 22nd, is such a nice way in which to open the festival season. We hope you can join us. See the flyer inside this Stop Tab.

Many thanks to Dr. Carol Williams, our Artistic Director, Jack Lasher and the Program Committee for arranging this terrific array of artists. And thanks, in advance, to the dozens of trustees and other volunteers who will host and serve you on these Monday evenings. We also very much appreciate the countless hours devoted to the details of producing the festival by Joseph Rodriguez, our dedicated Director of Operations.

So everything is ready. All we need now is your presence. Invite your family and friends to join you at the pavilion, perhaps over a picnic dinner. You will meet a lot of nice people, just like you. Ronald De Fields

JUN 22 - JARED JACOBSEN

AUG 31 - CAROL WILLIAMS

## SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL



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THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL

Jacobsen



Williams



Olivera



Wickerham



Hell



Bowyer



Trenney



Weaver



James



Ennis



Cornilus

Experience the magic of one of the great concert organs in the world--outdoors in the heart of San Diego's beautiful Balboa Park.

JUL 27 - TOM TRENNEY

AUG 3 - JOHN WEAVER

MONDAY EVENINGS 7:30PM  
JUNE 22 - AUGUST 31, 2009  
SPRECKELS ORGAN PAVILION

JUL 20 - KEVIN BOWYER JUL 13 - FELIX HELL JUL 6 - DAVE WICKERHAM JUN 29 - HECTOR OLIVERA

AUG 24 - DENNIS JAMES MOVIE NITE AUG 17 - CATHERINE ENNIS AUG 10 - RAY CORNILUS

## From the Civic Organist

Dear Music Friends

The Summer approaches fast and we are all getting ready for our Organ Festival. It looks like it will be a truly great year. I hope that you can join us for a few concerts.

On May 4th, we had a belated birthday celebration for Jared Jacobsen's 60th Birthday. My he looks good! You can see from the photo that we organists had a fine time. It was lovely that Douglas Duncan could join us – he is such a wonderful person and has so many interesting stories to tell about the Spreckels organ.

After that, I went to beautiful Beaufort, SC, to play at St. Helena's Church. The Church dates back to 1712 and has such history. The organ is by Taylor & Boody and was a joy to play. Magnificent houses grace this community and it was a feast for the eyes.

The third DVD in the "TourBus" series will be released on opening night of the organ festival. This is a special DVD as it features our great Spreckels Organ.

Take care

Carol

Dr. Carol Williams



Douglas, friend, Jared, Bob, Carol, & Kerry

## Spreckels Scholarship News

Each year the Spreckels Organ Society awards three scholarships to outstanding organ students and the awards are presented on the closing night of the organ festival which will be August 31 this year.



**The 2009 winners are:**  
**Katlyn Graves – First place**  
**Suzy Webster – Second place**  
**Peter Bullard – Third place**



You can hear these students perform with other excellent young organists on June 21 at 2pm.

photo by Bob Lang



People around the organ after a Sunday concert

## **PROFILE**

**FRANK KOZAK, TRUSTEE**

**By Julie Hudson**

photo by Robert Harrington



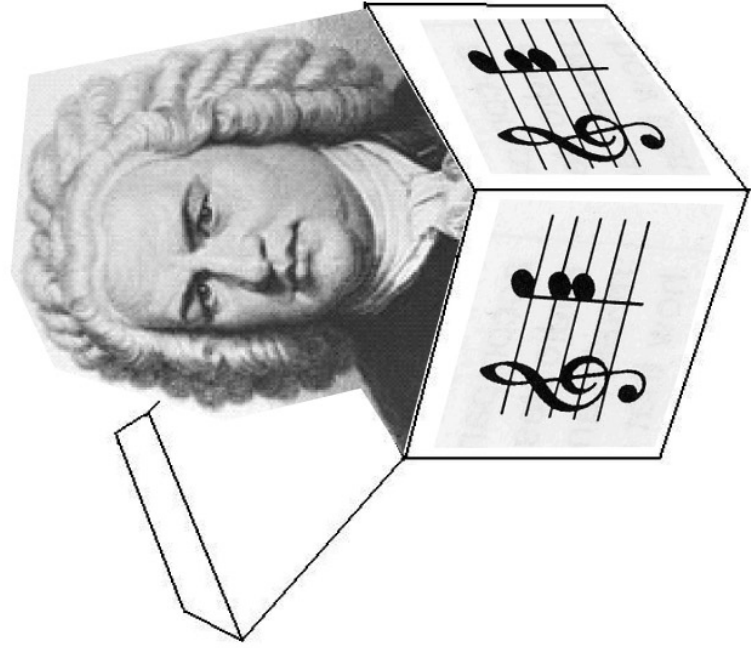
Frank Kozak has been involved in music and music programming since a teen-ager. While still in high school, Frank was a paid pianist in dance bands. The time was the Depression, place Chicago; yet Frank's income exceeded the wages of many employed people. It was the era of the Big Bands and Frank was actively involved.

Along with others, Frank played for dances several times a week. Many churches and neighborhoods had dance halls. Frank and friends might play in more than one church, then a tea dance as a fund raiser. Some hotels had live music for dancing. When the regular orchestra in a hotel had a night "off", Frank's group would play. The Big Band era lasted until '45 when the D.J.'s brought in recorded music. According to Frank, they "gave the music away" and the group disbanded.

However, Frank continued to play and sing. Study of both piano and opera gave Frank a solid background for performing. Moving to San Diego in the '60s, Frank continued to perform for about a decade. He still plays each day on the Gulbranson 6 foot grand piano bought for him as he began serious studies. The Hammond organ in his home also is played regularly.

Frank is serving a second term as a Trustee. He "loves the sound" of the organ and arranges his schedule so he will not miss an organ concert. Frank, a dependable trustee, is often at the West station of the Pavilion as a greeter. His regular presence and welcoming manner are easily noticed. He encourages people to sit even for a few minutes for you will "hear sounds you have never heard before". He finds people interesting and enlivens the interests of the casual visitor as he brings "the organ message".

Frank has a long range view for Spreckels and expressed a concern for the ongoing support from the City. He strongly supports city funding of the arts, including the Great Spreckels Organ.



## Johann Says: "Bach to Basics"

Spreckels Organ Society Members and Guests - Help us launch the 22nd Annual International Organ Festival with the traditional "Bach's Supper" at the Pavilion! - \$30 per person

### Monday, June 22 - Spreckels Organ Pavilion

5:45 p.m. Begin wine and hors d'oeuvres service

6:30 p.m. Box Supper at the Organ Pavilion

7:30 p.m. Concert - "Lights, Camera, Music!"

Jared Jacobsen, Organ, with La Jolla Symphony Chorus.

### No on-site registration accepted.

For more information contact Jack Lasher:

JLasher@san.rr.com or (tel) 858-483-1326

## Registration deadline June 17. Complete this form and mail back with your payment to:

Spreckels Organ Society - c/o Jack Lasher - 2756 Ariane Dr. #131 - San Diego, CA 92117

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners at \$30 each.  
I cannot attend, but here is my tax-deductible  
donation to the Spreckels Organ Society \_\_\_\_\_  
Renew \_\_\_\_\_ memberships (\$30 minimum) \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Special Events: August & September!

## High Summer Harbor Cruise!

**Friday, August 21**

Enjoy an elegant occasion to support the Spreckels Organ Society aboard the Spirit of San Diego for \$125 per person.

Board at 7 p.m. and cruise San Diego Harbor from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Enjoy a complimentary "welcome aboard" drink, along with a no-host bar and your choice of a mouth-watering meal.

DJ music and dancing, opportunity drawing and fun!

Look for your invitation in the mail. (Nautical attire optional.)



## Brunch, Concert, & Private Tour!

**Saturday, September 12**

Watch for Invitations at Organ Concerts in August

BRUNCH catered by the Prado Restaurant at the Prado Ballroom in the House of Hospitality.

ORGAN CONCERT - on the stage of the Spreckels Organ Pavilion with Carol Williams, Civic Organist, and a . . .

### BACKSTAGE TOUR --

Go inside the air chest and see other restricted zones inside the great Spreckels Organ, in a tour led by Lyle Blackinton and Dale Sorenson, while the organ is being played!      \$40 adults / \$20 children



# FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN.....

## LEATHER IN THE SPRECKELS ORGAN

by Lyle Blackinton, Curator

From earliest instruments, leather has always been an important ingredient in organ building. This is true in the case of the Spreckels organ as well. Leather is used in the construction of the large bellows, for valve facings, for gaskets and for the many small air-motors and pouches that operate the pipe valves.

Organ leathers come from various animals including sheep, goats, cows and even kangaroos. Cowhide approximately .040 inch thick is used for large bellows that require a great deal of strength. Most leather used for smaller valve motors and pouches comes from the hides of hair-sheep that are split and shaved to a thickness of approximately .010 of an inch. Such leather must be strong yet very supple to insure that valves can open and close with great rapidity.

The life-span of leather has always been a concern for organ builders. The leather in the Spreckels has lasted between twenty-five and thirty-five years and the organ had most of its leather parts most recently replaced in 2004. The life expectancy is subject to a number of factors including the tanning process, the amount of use the organ gets and the air quality where it is installed.

Leather tanned before the 1940's tended to last longer than skins tanned today as the process then used natural vegetable solutions derived from tree bark and other various plants. Tanning today has replaced these time tested products with other chemicals.

Modern day air pollution has also definitely reduced the durability of leather

Organ builders have in the past experimented with various man-made leather substitutes, but all have been abandoned. There is no substitute for the characteristics found in the natural protein fibers found in genuine leather.

Lyle Blackinton  
Curator

Small  
leather  
bellows  
found  
inside  
the  
Spreckels  
Organ.



THANK YOU to all who have sent in your Membership Renewals and Summer Festival Sponsorships. You make the music happen, and we so appreciate it. If you have not made your 2009 gifts yet, we encourage you to do it now. Every gift is important, especially this year.

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

We are building an e-mail News Flash List to keep you informed about important happenings between Stop Tab mailings. We do not share our list with anyone else. We invite you to e-mail us at [sosorgan@aol.com](mailto:sosorgan@aol.com) and register your e-mail address now.

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**TODAY**

*Calendar*  
LOOKING AHEAD  
SUNDAYS at 2

JUN 7 - Dr. Carol Williams  
San Diego Civic Organist

JUN 14 - Robert Plimpton  
Civic Organist Emeritus  
Tommy Phillips, trombone

JUN 21 - The Young Organist

JUN 22 - Summer Organ Festival  
*Opening Night*  
Jared Jacobsen / LJ Symphony Chorus

JUN 28 - Dr. Carol Williams  
San Diego Civic Organist

JUN 29 - Summer Organ Festival  
Hector Olivera

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