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What a Wonderful Summer in San Diego!



What a wonderful Summer Organ Festival we just concluded! Thanks to Dr. Carol Williams, our Artistic Director, and Jared Jacobsen's Program Committee, we had an exceptional lineup of artists who performed admirably. Roy Attridge, assisted by Dale Sorenson, created beautiful lighting designs. Ted Struck managed our Refreshments operation for his fifteenth year, while Teddie Brown was our Head Cashier in the Gift Shop for the same tenure. Randy Ward managed the Gift Shop and brought us many new items to purchase. Linda Canon coordinated our wonderful volunteers while Frank Kozak headed our

Greeters at the gates. Our new Executive Administrator, Ross Porter, did a great job as overall Operations Manager.

To all these key people, and to all our volunteers, we offer our sincere THANK YOU for jobs well done!

Concert sponsors were vital to our festival success. They were listed in your program books. Thanks to these generous supporters, and to sales of food and gift items, and the gold box donations, we finished the season "in the black," which means we can continue to plan for future festivals. We are already at work on obtaining outstanding artists for 2012, our society's twenty fifth year celebration!

Now we have launched the fall season with our new Family Festival afternoon on October 9. Spearheaded by Ross Porter, Molly Bowman-Styles, Lizbeth Persons-Price, and Dr. Carol Williams, the Family Festival offered activities and programs especially for families and young people. See the information elsewhere in this Stop Tab. Also, special guest artists will be presented by Carol Williams on selected other Sunday afternoons.

We are all excited about our first-ever Holiday Dinner Cruise to watch the Christmas Boat Parade of Lights on San Diego Bay on December 18. It will be a great evening of food, fun, fellowship, and support for the work of our society. See the article elsewhere in this issue.

We are most appreciative of the gift of her personal deluxe automobile by our Founding President, Vivian Evenson, to benefit our new Mission Endowment, begun by the late Herb McPherson. Gifts and bequests to this endowment will keep on giving indefinitely as they grow to underwrite the work of our society in years to come. For further information about Special Gifts and Bequests, please contact our SOS office.

I look forward to greeting you at our special events and the pavilion.

Ronald De Fields

Lions Club Tour

In early August, members of the Hillcrest Lions Club enjoyed a backstage tour of the Spreckels Organ conducted by curators Lyle Blackinton and Dale Sorenson.

About 25 guests gathered on the stage for an orientation to how the organ makes music, followed by an insiders' tour of the type offered to Spreckels Organ Society members at the annual springtime brunch. ■



Photo courtesy Bob Lang

Carol's Corner

Dear Music Friends

The 2011 Summer Festival has passed so quickly and it has been a delight to hear all the fine performers. The music has been fantastic and I always enjoy hearing the great variety -- eleven totally different programs of music!

During the Summer, my husband (a professional filmmaker) and I filmed our next TourBus DVD from Disney Hall, Los Angeles. This is the story about this controversial instrument and all its glory. I had the privilege of interviewing architect Frank Gehry for the DVD. What an amazing man - such energy and vision. As I interviewed him in his palatial office (sitting in his designed chairs!) he took me through the various stages of the Disney Hall organ. Most interesting!

With the Autumn months approaching, there is still much to do! Next year's Festival "The 25th Year" will be a sparkler. A special year for us here at Spreckels so we will plan a memorable Festival of Music.

Take care, and best wishes,

Dr. Carol



SOS Membership Meeting August 1

Members of the Spreckels Organ Society met for the annual meeting prior to the August 1st Summer Organ Festival Concert.

Updates on the City's contract with the Civic Organist, plans for the Plaza de Panama and Centennial, and organizational updates were offered along with a Volunteer of the Year award for photographer Bob Lang. Many of these same members came to the City Council chambers the following day to support the renewal of San Diego's contract with Dr. Carol Williams as Civic Organist, a dramatic story with a happy ending: the City Council voted unanimously to approve the contract for a ten-year term, preserving the City's partnership commitment to programming great music on the Spreckels Organ. Membership interest in SOS is at a new high level thanks to this issue and also to new avenues of outreach such as YouTube and Facebook. During this year's special membership promotion during Silent Movie Night, 46 people joined up!

You can renew your membership online or by asking for a membership envelope at any Sunday concert. ■



Photo courtesy Dwight Gordon

Bob Lang receives VOY Award

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Volunteers Bob Lang and Ted Struck Honored

Success in bringing first-class organ music to the people of San Diego at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion is the result of thousands of hours of volunteer work each year along with generous financial support from SOS members.

Among the outstanding volunteers recognized in 2011 are photographer Bob Lang and refreshment sales captain Ted Struck.

Bob was honored Aug 1 as Volunteer of the Year at the SOS Membership meeting for his creative output and dedication in acting as the webmaster for www.sosorgan.org.

Ted will be honored Oct 25 at the Friends of Balboa Park Millennial Luncheon for his behind-the-scenes support of Spreckels retail operations, from the founding days of the Spreckels Organ Society in the 1980s.

Outstanding commitment, teamwork spirit, and generosity are hallmarks of both these outstanding volunteers, qualities they share with all who support the Spreckels Organ by giving time, talent, and treasure. ■

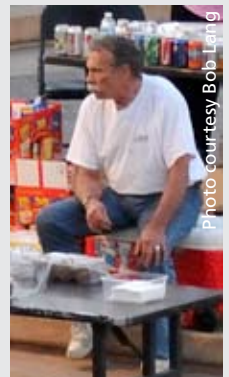


Photo courtesy Bob Lang

Volunteer Ted Struck

Plaza De Panama Update

Take a Walking Tour of the Plaza de Panama Project

The Plaza de Panama Project is a plan proposed by Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs to restore the heart of Balboa Park for the 2015 Centennial Celebration. You can learn more about the Project by taking one of the free monthly walking tours led by members of the Plaza de Panama design team. The tours are held on the third Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m., starting in front of the Museum of Man.

The Plaza de Panama Project proposes to remove all parking and traffic from the Plaza de Panama, Plaza de California, West

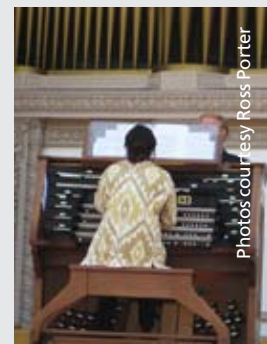
El Prado and Esplanade, restoring these spaces to pedestrian use. The Project also includes a new underground parking structure behind the Organ Pavilion for about 800 cars. It would be topped with additional park space, amounting to a total of 6 acres of new park space that is currently occupied by roads and surface parking. For more information, visit www.plazadepanama.org. ■

Couture for Carol

Among the many highlights of this year's International Summer Organ Festival were the opening and closing nights where Dr. Carol Williams performed onstage in a tasteful array of evening wear.

Taking the idea a step further with the help of local marketing team A Cause For Celebration, Dr. Carol has begun to wear specially-designed outfits at selected Sunday concerts.

On September 4, she wore a jacket (pictured right) designed by cultural impressionist Deanne Sharp of Lola Guhl. Ms. Sharp's designs are available at the Mingei International Museum Collectors' Gallery. ■



Photos courtesy Ross Porter

Mission Endowment Gets in Gear



Hal Doerr and his new ride.



Vivian Evenson

This red Mercedes coupe is a gift of longtime SOS Chairman Vivian Evenson, who has sold the car and donated the proceeds to an Endowment that will help to pay the costs to run the Spreckels Organ Society.

The "Mission Endowment" was started by a bequest from Herb McPherson. It offers a way for anyone to help make sure that the Spreckels Organ continues to be played and promoted to the people of San Diego and the world.

Congratulations to Hal Doerr, who purchased Vivian's beautiful pride and joy; and thanks to Vivian for making such a vivid symbol of this opportunity for giving.

You can share the vision of Vivian Evenson, Herb McPherson, the Nichols, and many others who have made legacy gifts to the Spreckels Organ Society by contacting the office for more information at 619-702-8138. ■

Family Festival a Big Hit

The regular Sunday afternoon concert on Oct 9 was transformed into a magical experience for kids and families who attended Festival Day at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The Pavilion housing the organ was open both before and after the 2 p.m. concert, and the shade of the colonnades hosted activities for kids conducted by the Spreckels Organ Society, Girl Scouts, TakeLessons.com, Veterans Museum, and other organizations.

Carol Williams' concert included pieces that celebrate San Diego's unique lifestyle, with special guest appearances by the San Diego Children's Choir, young organists, and District 3 City Council Member Todd Gloria.

A parade of fancy-dress Pug Dogs, courtesy Pug Rescue of San Diego County, added life and love to a fun occasion.

Thanks to volunteers who worked extra hours so that kids and families can get a stronger appreciation of the King of Instruments! ■

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PARADE OF LIGHTS DINNER CRUISE



Support Spreckels Organ Society this holiday season with a dinner cruise to watch the annual Parade of Lights!

Sunday, Dec. 18

6 to 8:45 p.m.

The merriest event of the holiday season – and you're invited!

Join Spreckels Organ Society family and friends on the deck of the ***Adventure Hornblower*** for a dinner cruise of San Diego Bay to see the annual Holiday Boat Parade of Lights. Spreckels Organ Society has obtained exclusive use of this triple-deck yacht for a festive yuletide evening you'll never forget, including Dinner and Silent Auction.

Cruise departs the Grape Street Pier at 6:00 pm sharp, returning to the dock at 8:45 p.m.

As you board, you'll be welcomed with a glass of Champagne or Sparkling Cider. Once away from the pier, we will soon be mere feet from the shimmering cavalcade of passing boats adorned with the lights of the season. Then we'll enjoy a sumptuous sit-down dinner of either Steak Au Poivre or Pacific Salmon served with a winter salad, potatoes au gratin and vegetables, followed by a decadent dessert. Vegetarian and gluten free entrees will also be available.

Book today to get in on the best 2011 holiday gift for yourself and your friends and family!

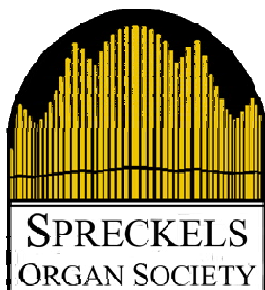
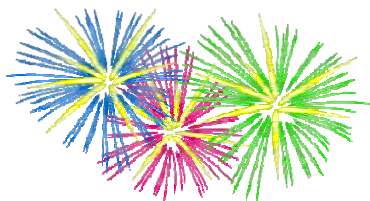
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Jack will answer your questions about this event – 858-483-1326 or email John.Lasher5@gmail.com

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