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The Newsletter of the Tallahassee Symphony Society

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WELCOME TO THE NEW THANKS TO THE TRUE



Two Industrious Ladies – Amanda Padgett and Mandy Sauer

Photograph by Penny Gilmer

As we begin our new 2014 – 2015 season, we recognize the value of increasing our membership, and of each of you who help achieve our great successes each year.

But first, thank you a millions times Amanda "Mandy" Stringer Sauer, TSO Executive Director, and Amanda Padgett, TSO Director of Patron Services, who go above and beyond to help TSS achieve its goal, when they have more than enough to do in their roles for TSO.

Welcome and many thanks for your commitment new TSS Board Members, Dorrece Lisenby, Third Vice President; Abbie Sirmans, Treasurer; Sue Mancuso, Historian; and Fenn Cawthon, Member-at-Large.

Thank you ever-so-much retiring tried and true TSS Board Members, Betty Jensen, Charles Milsted, Connie Sauer-Adams, and Penny Gilmer.

Dr. Tawainga Katsvairo, whose charge is TSS membership, thanks you for timely renewing your membership. We encourage you to invite your friends to join TSS.

Please seek out and welcome new TSS members who joined TSS after we printed our Directory, if you've not already welcomed them:

Daniel and Fran Buie
Lee Kitchen and Pat Tuthill
Ralph and Sue Mancuso
Linda and James Stamatoff
Haydn and Elizabeth Trechsel
Barbara and Dennis Williams
Josefina Dognac Thompson and
Manuel Zimmerman

Seek out and welcome first-time members, or possibly returning members from before 2013, for the 2014 - 2015 season:

Lois Friedman
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A POTPOURRI OF MUSICAL AND CULINARY DELIGHTS

Where can you find a variety of epicurean ethnicities to match a variety of international composers in the same location? How about in the stunning home of Chris and Susanne Dudley on Sunday, September 14, 2014, beginning with a luncheon around 12:30 PM and with a musical performance at 2 PM.

The Tallahassee Symphony Society is well under way planning its 2014 Tour of Homes. But, this soiree in the Dudley mansion will be like an appetizer preceding the Tour. Their gorgeous home is huge, architecturally interesting on the outside, and beautifully decorated on the inside. After you see it, you'll count the days to the Tour, for more of such beauty.

A truly delicious international menu is planned. Members will be further pleased by the lineup of musical performances that will be as varied as the menu. Guest artists are FSU vocal students, many of whom will be

appearing in Mozart's *Don Giovanni* October 30 through November 2.

Doug Fisher, Professor and Director of FSU's Opera Activities, will provide witty commentary and masterful orchestral reductions at the piano. According to Dr. Ruth Akers, "He alone is worth the price of admission! Anyone who has ever heard his pre-opera lectures will agree."

This is the first TSS event for the 2014 – 2015 Symphony Season. Besides attending each one for your own pleasure, support one of Tallahassee's greatest assets, our Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra. Your participation is well worth the cost of \$45 for non-members and \$40 for members – for TSO and for yourself.

If you do not receive an invitation either by e:mail or snail mail, or if you have any questions, contact Dr. Ruth Akers at rakers@fsu.edu.



Donna Heald, Abbie Sirmans, Patty Draper, Fenn Cawthon, Betty Jensen, Tawainga Katsvairo, Bob Parker, Thelma Nolan, and Connie Sauer-Adams, "dancing to the music" at the Blues soiree. TSS members love their soirees! Watch out, Chris and Suzanne!

Photograph by Dr. Amy Sang

LUNCH WITH DARKO



Lois Griffin, Mary Ann (Mikey) Besetbruertje, Maestro Darko Butorac, and Jamie Siegmeister at the Tallahassee Symphony Society "Meet the Maestro" luncheon.

Photograph by Dotty McPherson

The Tallahassee Symphony Society sponsored four exciting luncheons last season at the Governors Club, giving patrons an opportunity to meet TSO's new conductor and music director, Darko Butorac. Each luncheon was on the Wednesday before one of the classical concerts. Maestro Butorac gave a short discussion about the music to be played during the next concert. An added treat was the presentation by Yaniv Dinur, one of the five finalists for the position of the TSO's music director, who filled in for Darko for the March luncheon and concert.

"Lunch with Darko" at The Governors Club, 202 1/2 South Adams Street, resumes this season, with Darko again giving us the inside "scoop" on the wonderful music he has chosen for the orchestra to perform for us. The luncheons will be held on October 15, 2014, and January 7, March 4, and April 29, 2015. The cost remains \$20, or \$25 with valet parking. Paid reservations are required no later than 48 hours prior to each luncheon. Call Glenn Hosken at 850-893-5860 or e:mail Glenn at glenn.hosken09@comcast.net.

– Glenn Hosken, Contributor

NO TRICKS, BUT PLENTY OF TREATS!

Are you ready for **OCTOOBEERRR!**? (Yell this the way they yell it in the commercial that asks about being "ready for some footbaalllll".) TSS members should REALLY be ready for October -- with all the activities planned by our TSS and TSO members, our Tour of Homes committees, and our Board.

Just look at our TSS October Calendar! ... Party, Party, Lunch with Darko!, Open Rehearsal, Pre-Concert Music and Refreshments, Pre-Concert Lecture by Darko, and THEN the CONCERT, followed by a Post-Concert Reception! WHEW! I'm tired just typing it.

Did I say we'll have four homes on the Tour and one *appetizer* in the form of the stunning Dudley home September 14? Well, FORGIVE ME. But I am wrong. We'll have TWO stunning homes for *appetizers*. Our second *appetizer* is David and Jane Watson's home.

David and Jane are hosting the Wine and Cheese Get-together on October 11, 2014, between 4 and 6 PM. October will be perfect weather for "getting together" on their patio and in their spacious and beautiful home.

You don't have to wear a costume. All you must wear is a smile...and your clothes, of course. So, see you at Jane and David's, too, October 11. RSVP by October 1, 2014.

TALLAHASSEE SYMPHONY SOCIETY ENDOWMENT FUND

Under the Bylaws of TSS, an Endowment Fund is established as an interest-bearing cushion in support of the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra (TSO) when needed. These funds may only come from voluntary contributions and bequests. The funds may not come from fund-raising events and direct solicitation.

The Endowment Fund shall accumulate without disbursal until the principal shall reach a sum of \$50,000. Thereafter, any combined principal and interest over the \$50,000 may be withdrawn in one year and shall only be paid to the TSO for its legitimate purposes.

TSS Past President, Doris Pollock, and her husband, Arnold H. Pollock, Esq., who, himself, was a big-time volunteer for TSS and especially for Doris when she was President, founded the Endowment Fund.

Contributing to our Endowment Fund is an act of generosity and goodness for which we always will be grateful. One may contribute in honor or memory of a loved one. Please consider our Endowment Fund when you want to help the TSO in a lasting way.



Doris Pollock

Photograph by Dr. Penny Gilmer

THE 2014 DONNA O'MEARA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Dr. Thelma Nolan and Mary Lama Cordero

Photograph by Len Adams

Volunteering! Wow, what a service to be rendered. Donna O'Meara, who died in September 2002, was a tireless volunteer who was enthusiastic, cheerful, and always ready to lend a helping hand. Because of her jubilant personality, the Donna O'Meara Volunteer of the year Award was established in her honor.

TSS members have the opportunity to nominate an individual who most exhibits the spirit of volunteerism. As recipients of the 2014 Donna O'Meara Volunteer of the Year Award, we express our sincere thanks to all TSS Members and the Board for their thoughtful nominations and votes.

As we continue our work in TSS, we are forever humbled and thankful for this prestigious award. We will continue to remain dedicated and devoted to rendering our volunteer service.

– Mary Lama Cordero and Dr. Thelma J. Nolan, Contributors

THE HOMES WILL BE “ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC”



Filippo plays for Tour of Homes
Photograph by Penny Gilmer

From the inception of the Tallahassee Symphony Society’s annual Tour of Homes, local musicians have willingly volunteered their time and talent to provide the holiday music to enhance the atmosphere while residents of the Tallahassee community tour the homes.

A variety of instrumentalists perform on orchestral string instruments, classical guitar, flutes, clarinets, harp, and piano. There will be solos, with or without accompaniment, as well as small ensembles. Young and upcoming instrumentalists usually perform on Saturday morning. Between 40 and 50 musicians traditionally perform over the 2-day period, solo, or in duos, trios, and occasionally quartets.

Throughout the years the sound of live music has added to the enjoyment of the Tour. Musicians have had much fun participating.

So, while touring our selection of gorgeous homes, take the time to stop and enjoy the music -- which certainly puts one in the Holiday spirit.

– **Olivia Ahyoung, Contributor**

TSS TOUR OF HOMES HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

How can we begin the Tour of Homes without another **PARTAAAAA!**? With all the work going into the Tour of Homes, for months, do you really believe it is work? No way! It is one BIG party!

And what better way to celebrate the day before we open the Tour to the public, than to have our wonderful former President and last year’s Tour Chair, Donna Callaway, and her husband, Jimmie, host a party for all of TSS and TSO, and for Tour volunteers who are not yet members? (Emphasis on “not yet”. We must sign up these wonderful friends!)

If you’ve read the NOTEWORTHY or ever attended our events, you’ll know ... just like Irvin Berlin,

*[We] love a piano, [we] love a piano,
[we] love to hear somebody play
Upon a piano, a grand piano
It simply carries [us] away...*

So, guess who is lined up for our listening pleasure during this Holiday Celebration at the Callaway’s. -- MARVIN GOLDSTEIN! “MARVELOUS, dahling, MARVELOUS!” OK, so I get a little melodramatic and carried away. But, how can I help it, with this exciting news?



Marvin Goldstein in Vegas
Goldstein Photo File

And, along with Marvin, expect a “prism” of instrumental, vocal, and dance performances in the Callaway’s beautiful holiday setting.

TSS Calendar 2014

Sun	Sep 14	“A Potpourri of Musical and Culinary Delights” Chris and Susanne Dudley, Hosts	12:30 PM
Wed	Oct 1	TSS Wine and Cheese RSVP Deadline	
Sat	Oct 11	TSS Wine and Cheese Get-Together Jane and David Watson, Hosts	4 PM
Wed	Oct 15	Lunch with Darko	11:30 AM
Sat	Oct 18	Open Rehearsal	Noon to 2:30 PM
Sun	Oct 19	“Power and Prowess” -- Katherine Chi, piano Pre-Concert Music/Event Pre-Concert Lecture by Darko Concert Post-Concert Reception	1:30 PM 2 PM 3 PM c. 5 PM
Fri	Nov 21	“Spaceman Visits the Symphony” Special Family Concert at Ruby Diamond	7 PM



Thu	Dec 4	Tour of Homes Holiday Celebration Jimmie and Donna Callaway, Hosts Marvin Goldstein, piano, and more	7 PM
Fri	Dec 5	“A Symphony of Homes in Holiday Colors” Tour of Homes	
Sat	Dec 6	“A Symphony of Homes in Holiday Colors” Tour of Homes	
Fri	Dec 19	“TSO Holiday Magic!” Pre-Concert Music/Event Concert	6:30 PM 8 PM
Sat	Dec 20	“TSO Holiday Magic!” (Subscribers Night) Pre-Concert Music/Event Concert	6:30 PM 8 PM

TSS Calendar 2015

Wed	Jan 7	Lunch with Darko	11:30 AM
Sat	Jan 10	“Elegance and Elation” – Lisa Smirnova, piano Open Rehearsal Pre-Concert Music/Event Pre-Concert Lecture by Darko Concert	10 AM to 12:30 PM 6:30 PM 7 PM 8 PM
TBA	Feb or Mar	Spring Soiree Quartet Glenn Hosken, Host	TBA
Wed	Mar 4	Lunch with Darko	11:30 AM
Sat	Mar 7	“Orient Express” – Amit Peled, cello Open Rehearsal Pre-Concert Music/Event Pre-Concert Lecture by Darko Concert	10 AM to 12:30 PM 6:30 PM 7 PM 8 PM
Sun	Apr 12	Word of South Festival of Literature and Music Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Appomattox Capital City Amphitheatre, Cascades Park Copland “Lincoln Portrait” Spirituals Music from Ken Burns’ “Civil War” documentary Gershwin “Porgy and Bess” Suite	TBA
Wed	Apr 29	Lunch with Darko	11:30 AM
Fri	May 1	Open Rehearsal	Noon to 2:30 PM
Sat	May 2	“Three Titans” -- Jennifer Frautschi, violin Pre-Concert Music/Event Pre-Concert Lecture by Darko Concert	6:30 PM 7 PM 8 PM



TSS WANTS YOU! Why? DARKO! for One



Join in all the Society’s wonderful and fun events for the coming year. Renew as a member of the TSS today. Get your friends to join. The TSS Calendar is proof that we have one of the best deals in town.

But remember that our purpose is to support the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra. This year, TSS presented TSO a check for \$12,500, and contributed another \$1915 to TSO. \$14,415 for TSO because of what you do and what our community does to help keep our premier Orchestra and our world-renowned Conductor, Maestro Darko Butorac.

Go to our TSS website and renew AND Volunteer.

“The Clock is Ticking”

The Clock is ticking and “Oh!” What a surprise is in store for us all! Planning has begun for “A Symphony of Homes in Holiday Colors”, the 2014 Tallahassee Symphony Society Tour of Homes, December 5 and 6.

Fancy Funk and her Tour committee chairs, house captains, and docents, our photographer, and yours truly, have had the ultimate pleasure of pre-touring the homes to learn what we must do to ensure meeting the expectations of each guest on the tour. The above-featured clock, in one of the homes, may be a copy, or the real deal. We shan’t say. It is gorgeous and draws the eye right to it upon entering the room where it graces a table top.

Of course, as we took the pre-tour, we did not get to see the four fabulous homes fully decorated for the holidays. But from what we saw, we know each and every home has at least one special feature most folks have never seen and that will compete with the holiday decor for “oohs and aahs”.

Although we didn’t hear the music that will be played in each home during the Tour, our Music Chair, Olivia Ahyoung, and Glenn Hosken, both accomplished pianists who play for the Tour and our soirees, delighted us by tickling the ivory of the pianos in the homes. Just the “tickling” sounded great! One piano has an interesting past. Find it!



19th C German gilt bronze clock with porcelain painting signed by Loucini
Photograph by Penny Gilmer



Fancy Funk, Tour of Homes Chair
Photograph by Penny Gilmer

Homes on our tours may attract more women than men and children. The homes on our Tour are glitzy, and will thrill any woman. And we have something really special for children.

This year though, no man wants to miss our Tour! Count on it! All I shall say now, is, “Watch the newspaper for hints.” Our homes will have historical memorabilia, works of art, antiques, architectural masterpieces, and formal and informal gardens, and more. I’m giving fair warning by repeating, “No man wants to miss this Tour!”



1st Hint: Man Cave? Mom's Retreat? Children's Dream Come True? Come and see.
Photograph by Lisa Perry

The Tallahassee Symphony Society Tour of Homes is one of the BIG events in Tallahassee. It takes countless hours of preparation; hundreds of volunteers; and the generosity of the homeowners, contributing businesses, musicians, and our wonderful supporters who return year after year. Our 2014 Chair, Dr. Fanchon "Fancy" Funk hit the ground running in May.



Did someone say "CLOCK"? Fenn Cawthon, Dorrece Lisenby, Jessie Lovano-Kerr, Connie Sauer-Adams, Marjorie Turnbull, Bev Ewald, Glenn Hosken, Judy Goodwin, Fancy Funk, and Olivia Ahyoung stand in the entryway of a home they pre-toured for the fast-approaching TSS Tour of Homes.
Photograph by Dotty McPherson

Many thanks to the Committee Chairs for their contributions of time and talent to the 2014 Tour of Homes: Fenn, Cawthon, Homes Selection; Thelma Nolan and Donna Callaway, Co-Chairs, Tickets; Olivia Ahyoung, Music in the Homes and for the Woman's Club luncheon; Dorrece Lisenby, House Captains and Docents; Mary Cordero, Luncheon Venue; Fenn Cawthon and Abbie Sirmans, Co-Chairs, Silent Auction; Donna Callaway, Thelma Nolan, and Bobbie Frye-MacDonald, Holiday Gala; Doris Pollock with Rosemary Ferguson, Watercolor Paintings of Homes; Abbie Sirmans, Finance; Joanne Taylor, Wine and Cheese event; Dotty McPherson, Publicity and Marketing; Dr. Penny Gilmer, Photographer; Mandy Sauer, Executive Director, TSO, Printing; Linda J. Smith, Designer, and Fred Boska, Graphics and Formatting, Theme and Logo. Please contact any of them to volunteer your time and talent.

ARTISTS VALUED DURING TOUR OF HOMES

For each home featured in the Annual Tallahassee Symphony Society Tour of Homes, a gorgeous original watercolor of the home is presented to the homeowner. This year, instead of one artist painting all the watercolors, each home will be painted by a different artist. The value of their contributions is inestimable.

We are so blessed for our 2014 Tour. The artists are Gale Poteat, William H. (Bill) McKeown, Susan Allen, and Sue Ellen Knowles.

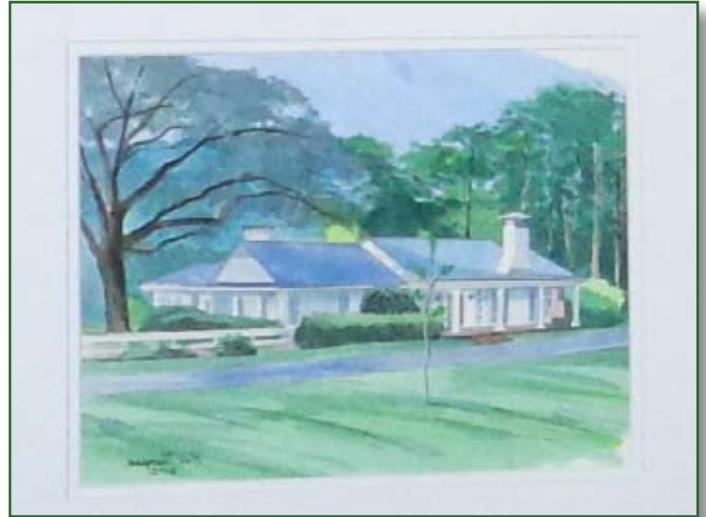
About her paintings, Gale Poteat says she "...fell in love with the luminosity and fluidity of watercolor." She describes herself as developing "an impressionistic style of [her] own using watercolor.

Bill McKeown, a fifth generation North Floridian, primarily works in transparent watercolor, but may stray into oil or pastel. He says he tries "...to paint realistically in such a way as to encourage the viewer to share [his] appreciation of the history, inhabitants and natural beauty of our area and others to which [he has] traveled.

Susan Allen says "Watercolors are mystical magic for me. I delight in the clarity of the individual colors and the transformation that happens when they meet each other on the paper or the palette. I do believe that the energy of the universe often lends a hand and I'm just an apprentice to the paint, the paper, and the process."

Sue Ellen Knowles has achieved Signature status with the Tallahassee Watercolor Society, has been accepted in many shows, and has won awards for her paintings. According to Sue Ellen, "watercolor is magical and I can't imagine my life without it."

Now who would not want a gorgeous watercolor from any of these most generous and talented artists? TSS is so fortunate to have them and their magnificent talents.



*Bill Thompson, Watercolor Artist volunteered this watercolor of the Marshall Home 2012.
Photograph by Betty Jensen*

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR IS A THANKLESS JOB VOLUNTEER TO HELP HER AND OUR PRESIDENT REACH OUR GOAL

As Third Vice President of the TSS 2011 - 2013, my charge has been to organize volunteers from among the membership and the community at-large for mailings and other group efforts, including procuring 22 persons to take tickets, usher, and give out programs at every Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra concert; recruiting TSS members to provide food for some of our soirees; bringing food for a meal following a Sunday afternoon concert; handling the labeling, stamping, and mailing of invitations to TSS events. From 2011 through 2012, I organized and trained all of the House Captains for our annual Tour of Homes, and recruited docents for the House Captains if they needed assistance.

– Joanne Taylor, Contributor

VOLUNTEERS MAKE TSS THE MONEY-MAKING, HAPPY-TIME-MAKING ORGANIZATION IT IS!

TSS Open Rehearsal Coffee Break with “Cookie Monsters” -- One of the most enjoyable service activities of the TSS is providing treats for the orchestra’s coffee break during open rehearsals. Refreshments usually consist of fruit, granola bars, and cookies, the most popular being Connie Sauer-Adams’ home-baked oatmeal raisin cookies. TSS President Bobbie Frye-MacDonald calls us the “cookie monsters” because of the delicious cookies.

At each open rehearsal break-time given by Maestro Butorac, two or three TSS members set up and serve refreshments backstage. This service is a great opportunity to show our appreciation to the musicians.

The open rehearsals are usually held on Saturday morning before a Saturday evening concert. They have proven very popular with those who do not like to come out at night, who wish to bring children to experience the symphony, or who just can’t get enough of live orchestra music in a primo setting. Patrons may come and go as needed during rehearsal.

Open Rehearsals are a great way to see how a performance comes together and how the conductor and musicians interact as they prepare for the evening’s concert. You might not hear the entire program, but if you like what you hear, tickets to the evening’s concert are available online at the TSO website! <http://www.tallahasseesymphony.org/concertsandtickets/> Warning: They do sell out.

Tallahassee Symphony Society Concierge Services -- The TSS Concierge Services in the lobby of Ruby Diamond Concert Hall preceding a concert include providing information about upcoming soirees and other fundraising events of interest, as well as providing TSS membership information and forms. TSS members may pick up such items as Tour of Homes tickets, the Membership Directory and Handbook, and even candy for anyone needing a soothing mint, courtesy of the TSS. – **Donna Heald, Contributor**



*“Welcome! Sign In. Take a NOTEWORTHY.”
Donna Heald and Glenn Hosken.
Photograph by Penny Gilmer*

VOLUNTEER NOW

Dorrece Lisenby is our new Third Vice President. She will depend on TSS members to volunteer for all our wonderful works as the support group for our Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra.

Following are the activities in which TSS Volunteers may be involved. Our website describes the activities, so you may know which are best suited for you.

- a. Ushers at Concerts
- b. TSO Office Help
- c. Food Team
- d. Membership Team
- e. Volunteer Team
- f. Decoration Team
- g. Board Member
- h. Tour of Homes Docents, Captains, et al
- i. Open Rehearsal Assistance/“Cookie Monsters”
- j. Concierge Services at Concerts

You can find our Volunteer Form online at <http://www.tallahasseesymphony.org/volunteer/>

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Hello all TSS members,

Just a little note to tell you we have a great new season coming up for 2014 - 2015.

Sign up for a committee and join in the fun we have "raising money" for our wonderful Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra.

Watch the Tallahassee Democrat and other media for articles about what we are doing.

Check out our website within the TSO website to read past and present articles about all our soirees and other parties, our Tour of Homes and Tour of Homes holiday celebration, our "Lunch with Darko", and all our activities.
<http://www.tallahasseesympphony.org/volunteer/>

Call me with ideas or suggestions about what you want through TSS. I will love hearing from you.

BOBBIE

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