

PRELUDE



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Mission Statement: The Eugene Symphony Guild supports the Eugene Symphony Association through fundraising, community education, and volunteer services.

READY FOR THE NEW YEAR! THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS IN PLACE

In normal times, the Guild would have had their Annual Meeting and all Members would have been invited to vote for and watch the installation of our new Board. We would have had a luncheon, said goodbye to Suzanne Shapiro as President, watched the giving of gifts of appreciation to her, and welcomed our new President, Sandra Weingarten.



But these weren't normal times due to the Pandemic, and with no Annual Luncheon, we used our usual July Board Meeting to partake of some of those traditions. Old and New Members of the Board met at Sally Robinson's garden to exchange annual reports and notebooks and then to celebrate with food, gifts and a Happy Birthday cake for Suzanne. We also thanked her for three years of dedicated service as President and gave her gift cards for a flower nursery and massage spa. We talked about our hopes and plans for next year and breathed a sign of relief that it looks like life will return to a somewhat normal status.

Members in attendance at the above Board Meeting on July 14 were: Suzanne Shapiro, Sandra Weingarten, Carolyn Abbott, Sally Robinson, Sue Ashton, Ginger Fifield, Karalyn Walker, Melva Boles, and Kam Chan. Carolyn Abbott

SEPTEMBER GUILD MEETINGS

Board meeting: Wednesday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m., via ZOOM, and connection information will be sent to board members.

General meeting: *Thursday*, September 16 – *one time only*, regular Wednesday schedule to be announced in September Prelude

New place – *Quail Run Clubhouse* – one time only, at our regular time: **10:00 am**

****See page six for more information ***** No membership meetings in August except committees, and notice will be by individual need only.

President's Message



Welcome back!

I've missed you! At last, we are going to be able to meet in person at our meetings, on our committees and social events. Be prepared for hugs!

To start we will have our first *General Meeting* of the season

on Thursday, September 16. Please note the one-time change in date. The meeting will take place in the clubhouse at *Quail Run*. Again, please note the one-time and place change. There will be plenty of time to greet, catch up, socialize and enjoy refreshments – coffee, tea, pastries and to toast the new season with mimosas. We will formally install our elected officers, have a brief overview of plans for the year, a quick update on the year past, and musical entertainment.

Our wonderful Symphony is planning on a full season back in Silva Hall. See the proposed schedule in this issue of the Prelude and on their website. Let's make Opening Night a special occasion – get dressed up, greet friends and fellow music lovers, and applaud our musicians extra heartily.

As the new year begins, I would like to connect with each of you and get to know you better. Our meeting times are often busy, and I can't always manage to greet everyone. Please don't hesitate to come over and say hi or call or email me. You don't have to wait for me to make the first move – I am interested in all of you and want to make your membership in the Guild as fulfilling as possible. I want to make being a member of the Guild a happy experience for you.

I look forward to working with each of you this year and building on previous successes as well as creating new ones. We are starting with Musical Chairs parties and of course it's never too early to start planning for Music in the Garden. What else can we plan? Please bring Sally and me your ideas for supporting our Symphony financially.

Carolyn oversees Membership this year, but she is not supposed to do it alone. We can all help by inviting friends and neighbors to our meetings and events. Please spread the word in any way you can – the more members the more fun, and more involvement – thus spreading out the work. If you have suggestions to reach out to potential members, please tell Carolyn and/or me.

We have several interest groups that are purely social and often educational. Information about times and places is always in the Prelude. If there is an activity that you feel is lacking, contact Melva about starting one, write a short article for the Prelude, announce it at a meeting. We encourage having fun.

Judy has been doing a phenomenal job with the Prelude, bringing in new and creative ideas. She would love to have everyone contribute by sending in a photo or a paragraph about a personal experience or Guild activity. She is providing a great way for us to get to know each other as well as keeping up to date with Guild news.

For several years I have been in charge of recruiting volunteer ushers for the Symphony's Youth Concerts. These events, which have been a cornerstone and source of pride of the Guild, ask that everyone participate. I hope you all will respond with a resounding yes when called to help. The time commitment is small, the rewards are huge.

We try to provide you with many opportunities to participate in Guild activities, and remind you of our purpose – supporting our Symphony. My hope is that you will take advantage of our offerings and bring your passion, abilities and enthusiasm with you.

And now, as the golden oldie song says, **"See you in September."**

Sandra

Guild Groups and Activities

Weekly Walking Hour will continue during the summer. In August, walking is scheduled for these Tuesday mornings on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and the 31st from 9:30-10:30 a.m. If you are new to the group, please call Nancy Holloman to be added to the email notification of the starting point. Walks begin in different places each week and are usually on level ground. The group is currently alternating city street walks with nature walks.

August **Book Club** will meet at Edna Dehaven's residence at 455 Alexander Loop on Monday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. The featured book is *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. If you are a Guild Book Club regular, please notify Edna if you cannot attend. If you do not regularly participate, but are interested, please contact Carolyn Abbott or Sue Ashton for information.



Photos from Juliet Bender's amazing garden:

- *Black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia*) in full bloom, bottom left.
- *Hydrangea macrophylla 'Midori', top left
- *Asiatic lilies (yellow) and red hot pokers (*Kniphofia*), middle right

We are pleased to announce:
OUR FIRST MUSICAL CHAIR PARTY SINCE AUGUST 2019!!

Historic Brownsville

Saturday August 28th 2021, For 30 Guests, \$45 each

Meet at 11:15 am at the Pavilion in Pioneer Park for a delicious Picnic Lunch. Then explore the Linn County Historical Museum and take a guided tour of the beautifully restored historic Moyer House. And don't miss a stroll around the historic downtown area!

Brownsville is one of the oldest towns in Oregon, having been settled in 1846. It was originally known as Kirk's Ferry, after the ferry across the Calapooia River, operated by Alexander and Sarah Kirk. The town was named after Hugh Brown, the first Mayor, who settled here in 1846 and operated the first store. The Moyer House was built by John Moyer, Hugh Brown's son-in-law, who had become a prominent citizen of Brownsville.

In the mid 80's, Brownsville was the location of the film Stand by Me, and as a result, has become a tourist attraction, drawing visitors from around the world.

Reserve your place now!

Send your check, payable to the Eugene Symphony Guild, to:

Sandra Weingarten, Fawnridge, 25590 Gap Road, Brownsville OR 97327, OR

Call or email Sandra for more information:

541-466-3247; swfawnridgeor@yahoo.com

Please reserve your spot by August 20th!

Invite a friend or family member to join you!

We have many more fun Musical Chairs Parties coming soon starting in September, and continuing throughout the year. Watch your mail box and inbox for details!

Our Virtual Music in the Garden 2021 continues to be a huge success!

Hopefully by now you have all seen this beautiful video portrayal of our six gorgeous Eugene Gardens. If not, just go to the Symphony Guild website – eugenesymphonyguild.org, click on the "WATCH" button, and prepare to be amazed at, and proud of, what your Eugene Symphony Guild has accomplished! Do keep reminding your friends, neighbors and family to watch – and donate - also.

We are delighted to have received many donations from the local community (and further afield!) so far. Remember, all these donation dollars support our terrific Eugene Symphony and its many community education and outreach programs.

Again, many, many thanks to all who have helped with this one-of-a-kind project – our gracious Garden Owners, fabulous Eugene Symphony Musicians, generous Sponsors, Advertisers and Donors, our wonderful Videographer, and of course our dedicated and hard-working Music in the Garden Committee.

Thank you all!

Sally Robinson, co-chair Music in the Garden 2021

2021 Wrap Party for Music In The Garden Tours!





At left, our happy, outgoing President, Suzanne Shapiro, as she celebrated the end of her term with the Board, and her birthday in Sally Robinson's lovely garden.



Eugene Symphony Guild

WE'RE BACK!!!! LET'S CELEBRATE!

REUNITE – long time no see, how've you been

REFRESH – coffee, pastries, mimosas

RENEW – what's ahead

New date – **Thursday, September 16** – this month only

New place – **Quail Run Clubhouse** – this month only

Same time – **10:00 AM**

We'll have time to catch up, then formally install our new Board. We'll let you in on the plans for the coming year. We'll have some music, too. Let's get together!

*“The Eugene Symphony Guild Board President Sandra Weingarten stopped by to present the Guild's donation to the Eugene Symphony!
THANK YOU Eugene Symphony Guild!*

With their generous support, we are able to host our Annual Young Artist Competition, Youth Concerts, Concert Previews, and more!

*Thank You Eugene Symphony Guild!”***

**Posted on the Eugene Symphony Association Facebook page.

**Received by the always gracious, Mr. Scott Freck, Executive Director of E.S.A. [ed. Note: As posted on the ESA website, and other media.]



Behind the Curtain — Symphony News



Save our 2021/22 *concert dates!*

At the Hult Center for the Performing Arts

September 23, 2021 - Opening Night & Welcome Back!

October 21, 2021 - Orchestra Dance Remix

November 18, 2021 - Brahms & Bartók

December 9, 2021 - Winter Dreams

January 20, 2022 - C3: Creativity / Rachmaninov's Second

February 17, 2022 - C3: Connection / Beethoven's Fifth

March 17, 2022 - New World Symphony

April 21, 2022 - *Tristan und Isolde*, Act I

April 24, 2022 - Family Concert: Peter & the Wolf

May 19, 2022 - C3: Community / Bolero

June 4, 2022 - Prefontaine

More info about how to purchase tickets soon.

Sign up for our enews and follow us on social media to be the first to know about our upcoming events!

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Feel free to print a copy of the Prelude when it is delivered to your email for future reference. Current and past issues of the Prelude can be found on the Guild website, <https://eugenesymphonyguild.org/membership/newsletter> Editor: Judy England



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“Music in the soul can be heard by
the universe.” — Lao Tzu