



NEWSLETTER VANGUARD - ALBANY SYMPHONY, INC. MARCH 2020, NO. 166

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Vanguard Members:

So much has happened!

Our fall events were super successful and for those of you who attended the fashion show/luncheon at Normanside Country Club (83 in attendance) you saw the enthusiasm of our membership and felt the joy of reconnecting – and what great models we had for those fashions ! One of the highlights I reported on was the Tiny House concept for the Showhouse. Much planning went into that project as Kathy Ordway and Carol Whittaker initially co-chaired the project and then when they left for warmer climes, Suzie Waltz and Reese Satin filled the co-chair spots. But it was not to be. On December 16, the Upstate Tiny House Specialist, Brittany McAndrew, notified us that they would need to pull Upstate from the Showhouse citing reasons beyond their control and hoping that we might consider them next year when they might be better able to go forward.

The trip to the wine country was also lovely with kudos going to Anna Bray for her planning of a superb day including lunch at the Beekman Arms.

Looking forward, Joy Emery and Diane Davison have planned a lovely luncheon for March 15 at the Illium Café in Troy. It precedes the 3 p.m. concert in Troy, so join us for lunch and then on to the concert, although you may just join us for lunch. Invitations have gone out, via email if you have one, and postal mail for those who do not. March 8 is the deadline for reservations. The first 10 respondents will receive a free concert ticket to either this concert or the upcoming April one.

A great trip to the Crane Papermaking Museum is planned with lunch at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge. Reservations go to Anna Bray who researches and plans these great trips.

Lastly, at the board meeting on Jan. 27 we learned of a possible venue for another Showhouse and have been working diligently to have this come to fruition. Vanguard members have rallied once again and we are hopeful that we can “pull it off”! At this time, we have scheduled a walk thru with designers to see if enough of them are available to do the project. If so, we will go forward with another Showhouse! Our hopes are high! More information on this as it develops. Check out our website-Vanguard-ASO.org periodically. Marilyn Hunter keeps it updated so you can see what is happening between newsletters also. Looking forward to seeing you at these functions.

Judith Ciccio, President



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR THE STUDENTS

214 instruments have been collected and distributed to schools that need them. They go to children whose parents can't afford to rent or buy them.

Jill Rifkin, Chair

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“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States

A sincere thank you to all of the Vanguard members who have volunteered to help make our organization the success it is today.

GET READY FOR OUR NEXT VANGUARD DAY TRIP

An interesting trip is being planned for Sunday, March 22. Vanguard members and guests will have an opportunity to go to the Crane Museum of Papermaking in Dalton, MA and enjoy lunch at the Red Lion Inn. Explore the fascinating world of paper from fine stationery to Crane's involvement in making paper currency for the US government. Enjoy a tour of the history of Crane including the production of currency paper and the latest anti-counterfeiting technologies. End your tour with a chance to make and decorate your own paper. This promises to be a fun and educational trip so save the date!

Further information will be forthcoming!

Anna Bray, Chair

Once again we would like to congratulate our wonderful Maestro David Alan Miller along with our outstanding Albany Symphony Orchestra for being nominated for not one, but two Grammys. They were part of the 2019 class of GRAMMY® award nominees in two categories -- Contemporary Classical Composition and for Classical Instrumental Solo. Vanguard is so proud to be part of this spectacular organization!

Congratulations

The Vanguard Fall Luncheon and Fashion Show, titled **A Symphony of Fall Style**, returned on Friday, November 15, 2019. It was held at the Normanside Country Club and Chico's showcased their 2019 holiday line.

Eighty-three people attended the event. There was a drawing featuring donations from area potters, a gift certificate from June Farms, a wine basket, a gift certificate to John Fritze Jewelers and a beautiful Waterford votive. Normanside provided everyone with a delicious meal and an amazing dessert! The highlight of the luncheon was the fashion show. Vanguard members volunteered to model two outfits each and they were stunning! Judy Ciccio moderated, detailing each model's well thought out and put together attire.

It was a fun, fall-themed afternoon. Many thanks to our models Jeanne Bourque, Pam Burns, Joy Emery, Susan Haswell, Maureen Neil, Nina Reich, Peg Schalit and Gloria VanDerpoel. Many thanks also to Judy Ciccio for spearheading the show, her leadership and the wine and chocolate basket, Lynne Nisoff for the exquisite Waterford votive, John Fritze Jr. Jewelers for the gift certificate, potters Mary LaFleur, Mike Beiter and Jean Decker for their stunning pieces and Shirley Hunter and Marilyn Hunter for taking reservations. Thank you to Mary Kay Sawyer for handling the drawing for us, Lois Spicer and the Telephone Committee for making calls to recruit volunteer models, to Liz Gillette, our Chico's coordinator and to Dave Hostig, our host at Normanside. We are still working on a final figure, but it looks like our profit is about \$1300!

We feel it was a successful event, not only because it was a fun event but because we were able to spend quality time with each other.

Julia Smart and Kathy DeWeese, Co-Chairs

