



President's Message

With the arrival of our second newsletter this year, I would like to welcome all of you. April marks the beginning of the final quarter for our fiscal year. During the past months, Vanguard has raised significant money for the symphony. Our latest endeavor was a reception following Vanguard's sponsorship of the February concert. ASO board members, our maestro David, guest performers, staff, musicians, and Vanguard members enjoyed a lovely late afternoon.

Vanguard could certainly use your input. We need to hear your voices:

- What major event should we hold, in following our mission, to raise money for the symphony next year?
- What's the best way to reach out to other organizations to have them join us?

You all have a wealth of experience behind you, and the Board would love to hear your thoughts. Please feel free to contact me at awgeis@aol.com.

See you at the Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show!



Petals and Pastels: Vanguard's Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show

The Vanguard Board warmly invites you to join us for *Petals and Pastels*, our annual spring luncheon and fashion show—a delightful celebration of the season's beauty, style, and renewal. It is on Wednesday, **May 6th at the Albany Country Club, beginning at 11:30 a.m.** This year's event will again feature a special fashion show by Chico's, showcasing fresh and stylish looks for spring.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this wonderful spring tradition. You can make your reservation on our website: <https://www.vanguard-aso.org/product/petals-and-pastels/> or download the reservation form from our previous email and send it to Kathy DeWeese. The cost for the luncheon is \$65. There will be a cash bar available while we mingle and take part in a special drawing featuring a variety of delightful items.

We look forward to sharing this special day with you!



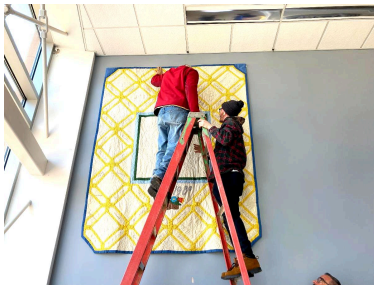
Our beautiful Anniversary Quilt had found a home!

We have been working with the County of Albany, which is in the process of moving its offices to the former College of St. Rose Campus. They felt the quilt would make a lovely addition to one of their spaces as they reimagine the use of these buildings. A wonderful location was chosen in the entrance atrium of the former Events and Activities Center at 420 Western Avenue, where a high volume of traffic will give greater viewing opportunities for the public.

It was hung on Thursday, April 9th and looks spectacular on the pale blue wall which looks like it was specially painted to complement the colors in the quilt. If you are in the area and have

the opportunity, stop by to see it. It looks really great there!

A special Thank You to Judy Ciccio for all of the time and effort she put in to finding a local venue to display our quilt.



Save the Date for Upcoming Fundraisers and Annual Luncheon

The excitement continues! Be sure to save the date for two fabulous upcoming events. *Sparkle and Shine* will dazzle at Glennpeter Jewelers – The Diamond Centres on Central Avenue, and our ever-popular Annual Jazz Brunch returns to June Farms on October 18th. Also, don't forget our Annual Luncheon on Wednesday, June 24th at the Albany Country Club. More details on all coming soon! You won't want to miss these special occasions,



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