




# Alabama Federation of Music Clubs



## Music News

Marsha Harrow, President

September 2014

To: AFMC Officers and Chairmen, District Junior Counselors, Senior Club Presidents, Life Members, and all other interested Federation members. 

**The AFMC Fall Board meeting is called for Saturday, October 11, 2014  
at the First United Methodist Church (1414 Main Street)  
in Greensboro, Alabama.**

Donna Jackson is the chairman.

**Registration: Deadline is October 1, 2014**

Send your \$15 check, made payable to the Greensboro Music Study Club, to Frances Ferguson, 71 Erwin Woods, Greensboro, AL 36744 (334-624-7242). With your check include a note with your name as you wish it to appear on your name tag and the name of your Club. Indicate if you are the President and/or any AFMC or Chairmanship you hold.



9:00	Registration, welcome refreshments
9:30	Meeting
	Musical program
noon	Lunch

**AFMC Officers** should be prepared to give a brief report.  
**Division and Department Chairmen** who wish to make a report should notify President Marsha Harrow [[marshaharrow@gmail.com](mailto:marshaharrow@gmail.com) 334/624-4213] a few days before the meeting in order to be put on the agenda.



### DIRECTIONS



Take 69 South out of Tuscaloosa to Greensboro. At the first traffic light turn right and you will have arrived at the church.

Music enriches, energizes, inspires all people.

## CERTIFIABLE

Congratulations to the AFMC Clubs who garnered the following awards in recognition of work done in the 2013-2014 club year. These awards were presented in prescribed NFMC divisions and Special AFMC and Local Club categories. Certificates were presented at the 2014 Senior Convention hosted by the Montgomery Music Study Club in April.

### SPECIAL CATEGORIES

#### Hosted AFMC Meeting (3)

Bessemer  
Gadsden  
Wedowee

#### Members Attended AFMC Meeting (16)

Allegro  
Bessemer  
Bush Hills  
Decatur  
Fayette  
Florence  
Gadsden  
Greensboro  
Huntsville  
Melodia  
Monroeville  
Montgomery  
Shades Valley  
Troy  
Tuscaloosa  
Wedowee

#### Sponsored a Junior Festival (9)

BMTA  
Cullman  
Decatur  
Fayette  
Florence  
Gadsden  
Huntsville  
Montgomery  
Tuscaloosa

#### Contributed to Assist Summer Music Camp Student (2)

Gadsden  
Montgomery

#### Federated New Junior Club (3)

BMTA  
Huntsville  
Montgomery

#### Contributed to AFMC



##### Scholarship (12)

Allegro  
BMTA  
Bush Hills  
Fayette  
Florence  
Gadsden  
Huntsville  
Melodia  
Monroeville  
Shades Mountain  
Shades Valley  
Troy

##### Awarded Club Scholarship (16)

Allegro  
Bessemer  
BMTA  
Bush Hills  
Decatur  
Enterprise  
Fayette  
Florence  
Gadsden  
Huntsville  
Melodia  
Montgomery  
Shades Valley  
Troy  
Tuscaloosa  
Wedowee

##### Student in AFMC Auditions (4)

BMTA   
Bush Hills   
Huntsville  
Tuscaloosa

##### Entered Students in Junior Composers Contest (3)

BMTA  
Huntsville  
Montgomery

#### State/Community Projects (8)

Bessemer   
BMTA  
Bush Hills  
Gadsden  
Greensboro  
Huntsville  
Monroeville  
Shades Valley

#### Volunteers/Contributions to AFMC Auditions (13)

Allegro  
BMTA  
Bush Hills  
Decatur  
Florence  
Gadsden  
Greensboro  
Huntsville  
Melodia  
Mobile-Schumann  
Shades Valley  
Tuscaloosa


#### Material to Historian/State Scrapbook (2)

Allegro  
Huntsville

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Members Served as AFMC

 Officers/Chairmen (14)

- Allegro
- Bessemer
- BMTA
- Bush Hills
- Decatur
- Fayette
- Florence
- Gadsden
- Greensboro
- Huntsville
- Melodia
- Monroeville
- Shades Valley
- Tuscaloosa

President Report to AFMC

 Convention (13)

- Allegro
- Bessemer
- Bush Hills
- Decatur
- Enterprise
- Fayette
- Florence
- Gadsden
- Huntsville
- Melodia
- Monroeville
- Troy
- Tuscaloosa



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION


Arts Advocacy (8)

- Bessemer
- BTMA 
- Gadsden
- Enterprise
- Huntsville
- Shades Valley
- Troy
- Tuscaloosa

 ARTS DIVISION


Chamber Music (5)

- Bessemer
- Decatur
- Huntsville
- Troy
- Tuscaloosa

 Folk/Traditional Music (5)

- Bessemer
- Enterprise
- Gadsden
- Huntsville
- Melodia

AMERICAN MUSIC DIVISION

Alabama Day (2) 


- Florence
- Huntsville

Choral Music (7)


- Bessemer 
- Bush Hills
- Florence
- Gadsden
- Huntsville
- Monroeville
- Troy

 International Music Relations (6)


- Allegro
- Bush Hills
- Florence
- Gadsden
- Huntsville
- Monroeville

 American Women Composers (2)

- Bessemer
- Huntsville

 Crusade for Strings (11)


- Bessemer
- Bush Hills
- Decatur
- Enterprise
- Florence
- Gadsden
- Huntsville
- Monroeville
- Shades Valley
- Troy
- Tuscaloosa

Music Outreach (8) 

- Allegro
- BMTA
- Bush Hills
- Decatur
- Enterprise
- Gadsden
- Huntsville
- Tuscaloosa

Parade of American Music (10)

- Allegro 
- Bessemer
- Enterprise
- Florence
- Gadsden
- Huntsville
- Melodia
- Monroeville
- Troy
- Tuscaloosa

 Music in Schools and Colleges (2)

- Gadsden
- Huntsville

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 **ARTS DIVISION (continued)**

National Music Week (1)

Huntsville

 Opera (4)

Bush Hills  
Gadsden  
Huntsville  
Troy

Poetry (7) 

Bessemer  
Fayette  
Gadsden  
Greensboro  
Huntsville  
Monroeville  
Tuscaloosa

Sacred Music/Hymn of Month (14)

Allegro   
Bessemer  
BMTA  
Bush Hills  
Decatur  
Enterprise  
Florence  
Gadsden  
Huntsville  
Melodia  
Monroeville  
Shades Valley  
Troy  
Tuscaloosa

 **FINANCE DIVISION**

Founders Day (19)

Allegro  
Bessemer  
Bush Hills  
Decatur  
Enterprise  
Fayette  
Florence  
Gadsden  
Greensboro  
Huntsville  
Melodia  
Mobile-Schumann  
Monroeville  
Montgomery  
Shades Mountain  
Shades Valley  
Troy  
Tuscaloosa  
Wedowee

 PNP Contribution (20)

Allegro  
Bessemer  
Bush Hills  
Decatur  
Enterprise  
Fayette  
Florence  
Gadsden  
Greensboro  
Huntsville  
Melodia  
Mobile-Schumann  
Monroeville  
Montgomery  
Scottsboro  
Shades Mountain  
Shades Valley  
Troy  
Tuscaloosa  
Wedowee

 PPA Contributions (12)

Bush Hills  
Decatur  
Fayette  
Florence  
Gadsden  
Greensboro  
Huntsville  
Melodia  
Scottsboro  
Troy  
Tuscaloosa  
Wedowee

 **MEMBERSHIP/EDUCATION**

Membership Extension (19)

Allegro  
Bessemer    Shades Mountain  
BMTA        Shades Valley  
Bush Hills    Tuscaloosa  
Decatur        Wedowee  
Enterprise  
Fayette  
Florence  
Gadsden  
Huntsville  
Melodia  
Mobile - Schumann  
Monroeville  
Montgomery  
Scottsboro

Achievement Record Book (12)

Allegro  
Bessemer  
Bush Hills  
Decatur   
Florence  
Gadsden  
Huntsville  
Monroeville  
Montgomery  
Shades Mountain  
Troy  
Wedowee

 Orientation and Leadership (4)

Gadsden  
Huntsville  
Mobile - Schumann  
Wedowee

Senior Club Report (10)

Bessemer   
BMTA  
Bush Hills  
Enterprise  
Florence  
Gadsden  
Huntsville  
Shades Valley  
Troy  
Tuscaloosa

 Club Yearbook (20)

Allegro  
Bessemer  
BMTA  
Bush Hills  
Decatur  
Enterprise  
Fayette  
Florence  
Gadsden  
Greensboro  
Huntsville  
Melodia  
Mobile - Schumann  
Monroeville  
Montgomery  
Shades Mountain  
Shades Valley  
Troy  
Tuscaloosa  
Wedowee

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 PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION

Publicity (7)

Decatur

Enterprise

Gadsden

Huntsville

Monroeville

Scottsboro

Troy

Using the clip art, can you come up with 3 or 5 words that characterize the Federation?



*Breaking Sound Barriers With Music*

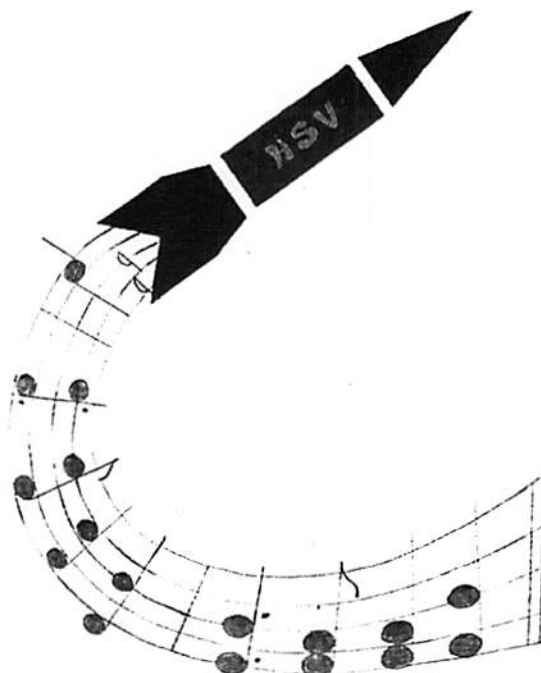


The Huntsville Music Study Club is anxiously awaiting the opportunity to host the 2015 AFMC State Convention April 17-18 at the Hilton Garden Inn (Huntsville South/Redstone Arsenal), 301 Boulevard South, Huntsville, AL 35802. Our theme is "*Breaking Sound Barriers With Music*" and we will include musical experiences that will transport you to another galaxy! The HMSC members are joining their creative ideas to make this a convention that will be talked about for years to come. You won't want to miss it, so mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend the 2015 AFMC Convention in Huntsville.

Go to the [AFMC-music.org](http://AFMC-music.org) website for more information about the upcoming state convention. You will want to check it frequently, as we plan to use this technology to keep you updated and informed.

Looking forward to seeing and making new friends at the convention!

Co-chairman, Cindy Durst



## CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES, MEETINGS



**NFMC Convention  
Portland, Oregon  
June, 2014  
by Carol Larkins**

We gathered at the Sheraton Portland Oregon Airport Hotel which sits on the bank of the Columbia River with the majestic Mount Hood standing guard like a sentinel over the 2014 NFMC Convention. The theme of this year's convention was "Music . . . The Dance of Life." Aaron Bloom, convention chairman, with the assistance of his committee, directed a well-honed meeting.

The opening session was called to order by Carolyn Nelson, NFMC President. The invocation, led by Carole Flatau, was followed by the presentation of The Colors by the Portland Air National Guard. The President then led the pledge of allegiance and Steven Varney directed the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner."

Opening remarks were given by Aaron Bloom and Ellen Leapaldt, Vice-President of the Western Division. Greetings from Past National Presidents Dr. Ouida Keck (1999-2003) and Elizabeth Paris (2003-2007) were followed by the presentation of the official program by Jill Foster, a report from the Credentials Committee, and introduction of Christine Scott, Sheraton Hotel administrator and her staff.

The General Session began with a presentation by Jill Timmons, author of the book The Musician's Journey which gives advice on how to achieve your musical goals. The musical interlude which followed her presentation as a real treat. We were entertained by The von Trapps, who are the great-grandchildren of Captain and Maria von Trapp. These four siblings – Sofi (25), Melanie (23), Amanda (22) and August (19) – have been singing on stages around the world to critical acclaim and packed houses for the last twelve years. Talent Plus! They now make their home in Portland.

The tables for the regional lunches were decorated with wild flowers, chocolate bars, and cheeses from the northwest area. The menu offered a choice of house smoked salmon or Northwest Caesar salad with chicken. Certificates were presented to clubs that have been in existence for 100 years.

At one of our breakout sessions Mr. Ron Craig gave a film presentation on "Team Lewis and Clark" which covered their expedition from beginning to end.

Our evening entertainment featured a performance by Mr. Kenji Bunch and Thunder Egg Consort. Mr. Bunch studied music at the Julliard School of Music with Robert Beaser and received his bachelor and masters of music degrees in viola and composition. He composed the majority of the music that was played. Thunder Egg Consort is a group of seasoned performers who skillfully combine their individual talents – Monica Ohuche (piano), Anthea Kreston (violin), Kenji Bunch (viola), and Jason Duckles (cello). Each holds advanced degrees from some of the finest music schools in the country and have won numerous international competitions. Very entertaining and different!

A touching memorial service was held for members who have passed away. The premiere performance of a song cycle written for Liana Valente enriched the program. Titled 15 Minutes of Fame: Liana Valente, it is a collection of one minute songs for soprano and piano written for Valente by composers from around the world.

Following this activity several Division meetings were held. Curing then Membership and Education meeting a discussion arose concerning student eligibility for music scholarships. This issue will be brought up a the National Convention next year. Another concern was liability insurance for each club, i.e., needs it or not. Based on the number of incidents of accidents shared, the answer is "Yes."

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Following these meetings a concert featuring The Raphael Spiro String Quartet, which consists of four women playing cellos and violins. One of their selections was "Escalay" ("The Water Wheel") by Hamza El Din (1929-2006). WOW! In addition to formal concerts they also give educational workshops.

The Rose Fay Thomas luncheon followed their concert. Food and more food!

After more meetings we boarded three buses and were on our way for a Columbia River Gorge tour. What a lovely ride! We stopped at Multnomah Falls, a three tiered waterfall with a bridge about halfway up where we could walk across in front of the falls. What a beautiful sight! No wonder weddings are frequently performed there. Dinner was served at a quaint restaurant with, of course, lots of food and more food, plus a wide selection of desserts! We were entertained by The Whispering Roses, four sisters and their brother who for the past ten years have been playing their unique blend of Celtic, sacred, and folk music on piano, Celtic harp, bodhran, recorder, violin, mandolin, and guitar. All sang vocals as well. Amazing and awesome! Then we headed back to the hotel to rest and get ready for the next round of music, meetings, and, of course, eating!

Our musical moment during the Friday morning meeting was violinist Henry Ha (17), and pianists Emily Ogawa (17), who played her composition "Dance Under the Rain;" Bao-Chau-Tieu (13), composer of "Rebellion;" and Serenity Wade (14). Our future is secure with these young composers and musicians. Talent galore!

After lunch on our own, which included time for browsing and buying, we enjoyed a skit performed by the members of the North Dakota Club inviting Federation members to the NFMC convention in North Dakota next year. We were also entertained by our Convention Chorus, directed by Stephen Varney and accompanied by Carma Glausi.

The menu for the President's Dinner, which was a gala event, offered a choice of Pacific seared salmon or prime rib. Tasty! Our guest speaker was Forrest Kinney. He has taught music for thirty-five years and is the author of nineteen books, including the Pattern Play series on improvisation and the Chord Play series on arranging and composing. He has played twenty-one times at the home of Bill Gates.

After the speaker concluded his presentation, *President Carolyn Nelson asked if I would escort my husband John to the front. I did and he was awarded a Rose Fay Fellow, making him the third member of the Gadsden Music Club to be so honored.*

A climactic conclusion was the performance by this year's NFMC Ellis Duo winners, Tiffany Delgado and Hilary Mauler. They are graduates of Brigham Young University. Both have a degree in piano performance – Tiffany, a masters and Hilary a bachelors. Their sterling performance was followed by a reception, sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisers, honoring them.

What a fun packed, enjoyable event. Oregon, job well done!

**Montgomery Music Study Club Hosts 2014 AFMC Convention**  
by Margie Garrett



Hosted by the Montgomery Music Study Club, the 2014 Alabama Federation Senior Convention was held at the Montgomery Hilton Garden Inn, April 25-26. Convention Chairman Dr. Theresa Gordon was assisted by club officers Summer Whatley and Evaughn Balkcom; and others members of the club served in many ways, including greeting members from other areas as they entered the front door of the hotel. AFMC President Marsha Harrow presided over the meetings.

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The convention agenda included reports from the Alabama local club presidents and from AFMC members who also serve the National Federation in an official capacity. The reports from the AFMC Officers and Division Chairmen provided much information about state federation activities and projects accomplished during the year, including the junior and student scholarship auditions, the junior convention, and the festivals.

Convention attendees were treated to beautiful music performed by first place winners from the AFMC junior and student/collegiate scholarship auditions held in Birmingham (January) and Tuscaloosa (early March). The recital which followed the Friday night banquet featured collegiate winners Katherine Vest, piano; Andrew Nalley, voice - baritone; Daniel Haddock, trumpet; and Madeline Cawley, flute. The Saturday morning session featured collegiate winner, Johnny Mok, cello; and junior voice winner Anna Willis, soprano. At this meeting Miss Willis was announced as a National Federation winner, also.

The National Guest for the convention was Harriet Coker, NFMC CODA. Ms. Coker, whose banquet address delighted the audience, serves the National Federation as the Coordinator of Division Activities, an assignment which includes producing the official NFMC Manual. She is well-informed concerning the Federation's history and current activities, and her presentation was both entertaining and enlightening. Her obvious desire to learn more about the Alabama Federation and its activities was encouraging to all of the AFMC members.

At the closing luncheon session AFMC Citations Chairman Gayle Baker presented the club citations, awarding each club a certificate recognizing its various activities during the year. Huntsville Music Study Club President Jenny Jacks issued the official invitation to the 2015 AFMC Convention which will be hosted by the Huntsville Club April 17-18, 2015. (See the convention announcement elsewhere in this issue and watch the AFMC website for more information. [www.afmc-music.org](http://www.afmc-music.org).)

### *ABOUT THE JUNIOR CONVENTION* *by Renee Richardson and Marilyn Cash*



In 2013, 109 juniors enjoyed the vibrant convention theme "Music – the Colors of Life. This year 163 juniors participated in "Music – the Dance of Life," which was the National Federation theme for the Junior Division – and dance they did!

But before they "went to the dance" they met and tended to business. The Juniors were responsible for the meeting. President Eldred Duncan, Jr., of Birmingham, presided with assurance – from his opening rap of the gavel as he called the 163 Juniors, teachers, counselors, and parents to order to the last of the day's activities. Vice-President Emily Smith, of Millport, with her quiet efficiency helped to hold things together and keep them running smoothly. Secretary Dylan Hitchcock, of Huntsville, made sure the 2013 minutes were complete and accurate before he presented them, and Newsgatherer Erin Chism, of Tuscaloosa, presented a report on her duties and responsibilities in providing information to The Junior Keynotes, the National Junior magazine.



The Junior Convention agenda parallels that of the Senior convention. Thus, the Juniors can handle welcomes, responses to welcomes, pledges, the Junior Collect, invocations, directing and accompanying singing, introductions of guests, and gracious recognition of and congratulations on achievements.

Selected Junior musicians presented an Honors Recital and winners of the Junior Composition Contest displayed their talents. The chairman of the contest, Marche Altom, has compiled their compositions into a book and other Juniors had an opportunity to participate by providing music-themed art work for the book. Two members of the RichSchool Junior Music Club (Fayette), Sarah Fields and Hallie Richardson, tied for second place and their art work is on the cover of the book of compositions.

President Duncan introduced Alabama's National Music Week Essay Contest winner, Briahna Pena, who shared her essay with the audience. Briahana is a member of the Magic Fingers Junior Music Club (Talladega) which is sponsored by Mrs. Pamela Thomson.

Adults did get to participate – dealing with situations that Juniors could not because of lack of information, experience, or authority. One example is transportation to the convention. Parental support is so important to the program. Another is securing a place that would accommodate the activities of the event. Bobbye Guyton, Immediate Past-President of the AFMC, did this – among many other things – and Bluff Park United Methodist Church (Hoover) again opened its doors to us.

Renee Richardson, AFMC 4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President (State Junior Counselor) and also this year's Convention Chairman, spoke about "Things Junior." Margie Garrett (Huntsville), AFMC Treasurer, had the awards checks ready for presentation and also gave the report on the Junior Scholarship Auditions which were held on January 25, 2014 at Birmingham-Southern College.

One of the highlights of the day was the presentation of the Gold Cups earned by the students through participation in designated musical activities during the year. AFMC Gold Cup Chairman Mary Ellen Sanford (Tuscaloosa) made the presentations and also gave the accompanying report. This was a special year in Alabama's Gold Cup history in that a President's Cup was awarded for the first time, and Alabama had two students to achieve this highest recognition! Congratulations are due Emily Smith, a member of the Bass JMC (Fayette), and Joseph Summerlin, a member of the Upbeats JMC (Tuscaloosa). They invested years of participation and perseverance to fulfill the rather stringent requirements, before their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, to earn this most prestigious award.

A committee judged the National Music Week Poster Contest which was based on the year's theme, "Music, the Dance of Life." Winners were Samantha Strunk of Magic Fingers JMC (Talladega), third place, and Laci Howell of Intervals JMC (Wetumpka), second place. The first place winner is Thurston Hamby IV, a member of Young Musical Geniuses (Birmingham). His unique, detailed creation presented a powerful message.

Lunch was served – a tasty meal, a delightful presentation. A bucket lunch was prepared for each person. Amid the bandana napkin was a BBQ, chips, dessert, drink.

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and rhythm sticks (not to eat but for program participation!). The clustered buckets served as a (temporary) centerpiece. Scattered on the walls of the eating area were hand drawn posters honoring dance music, e.g., "Singin' In the Rain," "The Tennessee Waltz," and "Boot Scootin' Boogie."

The program was presented by TJ and Wendy, owners of Rhythm 'n Motion Dance Studio (Hoover). They wove the history of music through their demonstrations of various movements and dance styles. Juniors participated by answering questions directed to them and asking questions themselves, using the rhythm sticks – and they danced!

Another highlight was the presentation of Club and Individual Awards. This included the awarding of the two highly respected "Outstanding Junior" awards. The Most Outstanding Junior Award (age 6-12), the Tomasine McGehee Award, was presented to Ariel Zhou of Betty's Young Musicians JMC (Birmingham). The Most Outstanding Junior Award (age 13-18), the Madel Pearson Award, was presented to Jenna Gietl of the Intervals JMC (Wetumpka). The resumes of these two girls reveal an amazing diversity of talents, activities, and achievements.

AFMC President Marsha Harrow (Greensboro) installed next year's officers:

President – Madison Williams, from the Winston County Piano Artists  
(Double Springs)

Vice-President – Nikki Nandwe, from Betty's Young Musicians (Birmingham)

Secretary – Katie Humphries also from the Winston County Piano Artists  
(Double Springs)

Newsgatherer – Samantha Strunk, from Magic Fingers JMC (Talladega)

Amid the departure hustle and bustle, one of the parents commented, "This was a day well spent."

Plans are already being made for "another day well spent" – at next year's Junior convention. The 2015 theme will be "Music: The Heartbeat of the Soul."



**NFMC Southeastern Region Meeting**  
**Held at Brevard Music Camp**  
by Margie Garrett

The annual meeting of the NFMC Southeastern Region was held July 17-18, 2014 at the Brevard Music Camp in Brevard NC. The Virginia Federation of Music Clubs hosted the event, with Virginia president Marcia Chaplin serving as the chairman. NFMC SE Region Vice President Elaine Knight presided over the meetings. Marcia Chaplin was elected to a three-year term on the SE Region Advisory Council. Sandra Anderson and Sara Helen Moore will continue to serve on the Council.

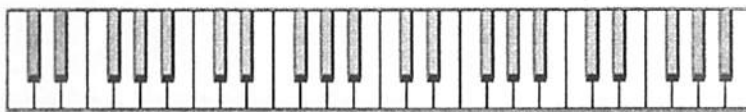
At the business meeting it was announced that a continuing agreement has been reached for the regional meeting to be held annually at the Brevard Music Camp on either the second or third Friday and Saturday of July. The Hinda Honigman Concert,

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featuring one of the NFMC Young Artists if scheduling permits, will be scheduled during the specified weekend. It has also been agreed on that voting on actions discussed and recommended at the regional business meeting will be deferred until the SE Region meeting held during the next NFMC meeting following the regional meeting. This procedure should allow participation by a greater number of region members. Items approved this past summer will be voted on at the NFMC Biennial Convention in Fargo ND in June of 2015.

The SE Region Scholarship Fund principal has reached \$50,000.00, and the amount recommended for the annual scholarship is \$2,500.00. This award is to be given to a student chosen by the Brevard Music Camp from among the students attending from the specified NFMC SE Region.

According to the established rotation of the host state responsibility, the Georgia Federation of Music Clubs is scheduled to host the 2015 SE Region meeting. Watch the winter issue of this newsletter and/or the AFMC website for the announcement of the specific weekend.



#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

<b>October 11, 2014</b>	<b>AFMC Fall Board meeting First United Methodist Church Greensboro, AL</b>
<b>January 17, 2015</b>	<b>AFMC Winter Board meeting Place TBA</b>
<b>January 24, 2015</b>	<b>Junior Scholarship Auditions Birmingham-Southern College Birmingham, AL</b>
<b>February 28, 2015</b>	<b>Mary Vick Student/Collegiate Auditions University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa</b>
<b>February 28, 2015</b>	<b>AFMC Junior Convention Southside Baptist Church Fayette, AL</b>
<b>April 17-18, 2015</b>	<b>AFMC Convention Huntsville, AL</b>
<b>May 3-10, 2015</b>	<b>NFMC Music Week Theme: "Music – Heartbeat of the Soul"</b>
<b>July, 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and Saturday</b>	<b>Southeastern Regional Meeting Brevard Music Center Brevard, NC</b>

## AUDITIONS by Margie Garrett



**Two Junior Winners  
Become "Firsts"**



Anna Willis, first place female voice winner at the 2014 AFMC Junior Auditions, has also won the newly established NFMC Martha Marcks Mack Junior Vocal Award. This is the first vocal award made available by NFMC for Junior Division vocalists; and as the 2014 winner and first recipient of the MMM Award, Anna becomes the first winner of an NFMC junior vocal award. Martha Marcks Mack, in whose honor the award was established, was a professional singer and a voice teacher for fifty years.

Those attending the Saturday morning session of the AFMC convention in April were privileged to hear Anna perform and to hear the announcement of her national win. Her sister, Zoe, also a singer, accompanied her at the convention performance. Anna is from Birmingham and a voice student of Laura Doss. Her win will be reported in the upcoming issue of *AFMC Junior Keynotes*.

A second junior auditions winner has also become a "first." At the 2014 auditions Amy Zhao won awards in both piano (3<sup>rd</sup> place) and violin (2<sup>nd</sup> place strings). So far as indicated by any records currently available, she is the first entrant to win in two different disciplines in the same year. Amy is from Vestavia Hills and attends Vestavia Hills High School. She studies piano with Delores Howard and violin with Ai-Yi Bao.

The AFMC officers and members congratulate these two outstanding young musicians and wish for them good success in their continuing studies in music.



## **2014 AFMC Mary Vick Student/Collegiate Scholarship Auditions**

The AFMC Mary Vick Student/Collegiate Scholarship Auditions were held on the University of Alabama campus in Tuscaloosa on March 8, 2014. The auditions are a project of the federation's Student/Collegiate Division, which is chaired by the AFMC Third Vice President Mary Margaret Yeilding; Alice Singleton and Pat Campbell served as co-chairmen of the auditions, with former scholarship chairman Lois Pyle serving as consultant. Volunteers from various AFMC clubs were on hand to help with the audition-day activities, serving as hostesses, registrars, time keepers and door keepers, and hospitality room helpers. Greensboro club member Rachel Parker was in charge of hospitality, and a number of AFMC local clubs contributed funds for purchasing the food.

Cash awards totaling \$10,400.00 were earned by winners in piano, organ, male and female voice, strings, winds, and brass. Funds for the awards are provided by the AFMC General Scholarship Fund and by individuals and local clubs who sponsor specific awards. The first place winners provided the music programs for the annual AFMC Senior Convention, held in Montgomery in April.

The 2015 auditions have been scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> and will be held in the Moody Building of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. For more information on these auditions, contact Alice Singleton ([abscu68@aol.com](mailto:abscu68@aol.com)) or Pat Campbell ([finpaperwork@bellsouth.net](mailto:finpaperwork@bellsouth.net)).

**AFMC Mary Vick Student/Collegiate Scholarship Winners - 2014**

**Piano**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Annie Lou Ellis Award	Katherine Vest	Samford University
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Annie Lou Ellis Award	Christian McGee	University of Alabama
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Garrett-Himmel Award	John David Thompson	University of Alabama
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Allegro Music Club Award	David Mach	University of Alabama

**Organ**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Troy Music Club Award (IMO Charles Calkins) Judy Hicks Award	Adam Cobb	Samford University
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**Voice - Female**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Shades Valley Music Club	Lauren Marino	Birmingham
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Shades Mountain Music Club	Gabrielle Fuqua	Florence

**Voice - Male**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Catherine Howard Award	Andrew Nalley	University of Alabama
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Catherine Howard Award	Bryant Bush	University of Alabama

**Strings**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Hubbs Award (IMO Lamar & Louise Hubbs)	Johnny Mok (cello)	University of Alabama
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Allegro Music Club Award	Drew Sarette (violin)	Huntsville

**Woodwinds**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Lois Pyle Award (IMO Ann Baughman)	Madeline Cawley (flute)	University of Alabama
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Marilyn Cash Award (IMO Mary Vick)	Olivia Brown (flute)	Jacksonville State Univ

**Brass**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Bill Peoples Award	Daniel Haddock (trumpet)	Auburn University
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**DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS - 9/7/14**

- p. 13 Correct award name: Martha Marcks Mack Junior Vocal Award
- p. 14 Music Therapy: Delete: Mabs Holland Add: Bobbye Guyton
- p. 15 Add: Carol Larkins, Rose Fay Thomas Fellow  
John Larkins, Rose Fay Thomas Fellow
- p. 17 Change Club Name: Enterprise Music Club (1936)  
Montgomery President: Delete: Summer Whatley Add: Mark Eastwold
- p. 19 Birmingham Southern Delete: Lester Seigel Add: Jeff Kensmore  
Shelton State Community Delete: Syble Coats Add: Glinda Blackshear
- p. 22 Change: Anniston Gold Cup chairman to Robin Thompson  
Delete: Wendi Trapp  
Karolyn Rice
- p. 23 Delete: Matthew Weaver
- p. 26 Delete: Carol Brock  
Greta Champlin  
Jan Queen  
Rhonda Bentley  
Jim Christensen  
Dot Fuller  
Gwen Glass
- p. 29 Add: Alabama Rose Fay Thomas Fellows Carol and John Larkins
- p. 31 Change address: Mrs. Betty Ann Hudson No address  
Delete: Mrs. Estelle Popejoy Perry (deceased)
- p. 32 Corrections: Cut out enclosed Audition Awards corrections section – paste in  
directory
- p. 35 Correct Zip: Evaughn Balkcom 36116
- p. 36 Delete: Rhonda Bentley
- p. 37 Add: Glinda Blackshear, Shelton State Community College  
PO Box 109, 9500 Old Greensboro Rd., Tuscaloosa AL 35405  
gblackshear@sheltonstate.edu  
Change e-mail: Jenny Bowen rmbowen@bellsouth.net  
Correct address: Elizabeth Boyd , 3011 Mobile Dr.
- p. 38 Delete: Carol Brock
- p. 39 Correct address: Virginia Chambers, 3850 Galleria Woods Dr., Apt. 306  
Hoover, AL 35244



p. 40 Delete: Greta Champlin  
Jim Christensen  
Syble Coats

p. 42 Add: Mark Eastwold, 3069 Pine Hills Rd., Montgomery AL 36109  
Phone: 334-274-0577 EastwoldScoping@gmail.com  
Correct Address: Kristin Dunn, 257 Ray Lane  
Correct Address: Cheri Endicott, 1010 Renfro Ave., Opelika AL 36801, no e-mail

p. 43 Correct Address: Dr. Corine Free, 632 South Union Street  
Delete: Susan Fisher

p. 44 Delete: Dot Fuller  
Gwen Glass

p. 45 Delete: Marcille Gray

p. 46 Change e-mail: JoAnn Hadaway jahadaway@comcast.net

p. 48 Delete: Mabs Holland

p. 49 Delete: Betty Ann Hudson  
Change e-mail: Mimi Jackson m.jackson1016@att.net

p. 50 Correct e-mail: Yean Kim yh1004@gmail.com  
Add: Jeff Kinsmore Birmingham Southern College  
Box 549033, Birmingham AL 35254

p. 51 Add: RFT to Carol and John Larkins

p. 55 Delete: Estelle Perry  
Correct e-mail: Elizabeth Paris cjims9@gmail.com  
Add: LM to Bill Peoples

p. 56 Delete: Jan Queen

p. 57 Delete: Karolyn Rice

p. 58 Delete: Lester Seigel

p. 61 Delete: Wendi Trappett

p. 62 Delete: Southside/Weaver  
Correct Address: Mary Margaret Yeilding, 2584 Mountainwoods Dr.