

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

POT LUCK / CONCERT

JUNE 2011

SATURDAY,
JUNE 18

HUNTER HALL

218 CALIFORNIA ST

RIO VISTA

SIERRA CHAPTER MEMBERS &
THEIR GUESTS, ONLY!



ABOUT THE ARTIST GREG DE SANTIS



Greg De Santis is a native of San Francisco now living in Santa Rosa. Following a four year foray into bluegrass he has joyfully found his way back to the Theatre Pipe Organ.

Early classical organ studies with Harold Mueller and Dr. Sandra Soderlund culmi-

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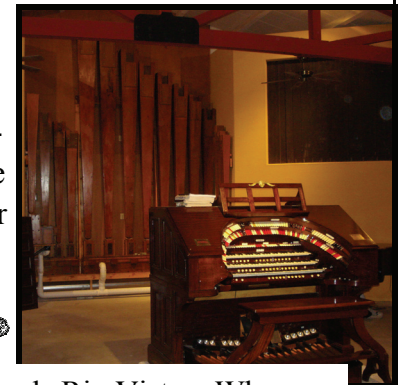
AFTER LUNCH -

CONCERT



nated in a 1st prize at the 1981 San Francisco A.G.O. Chapter Young Organist's Competition. After hearing a Theatre Pipe Organ for the first time in-theatre he contacted the late James C. Roseveare and began studies at the Oakland Paramount Theatre from 1986-1988. He has performed at Johnson's Alexander Valley Winery and also for Yamaha dealerships on his EL90 Electone. Greg was selected to participate in the ATOS Mentor program at the 2008 national convention in Indianapolis.

It's been about a year since we last heard Greg in concert. He puts many hours into meticulous preparation for his concerts, so we are pleased to be able to hear him at Hunter Hall.



Please bring a main dish and either a salad or dessert.

Also bring your own plate and eating utensils.

Drinks and napkins will be provided.

Please do not bring alcoholic beverages including wine.



Directions: Take I-5 towards Lodi and exit at Hwy 12 West towards Rio Vista. When you cross over the Rio Vista Bridge (the big drawbridge) take the first off ramp, keep to the right and go under the bridge and head south (along the river on Front Street). You will come to a 4-way stop sign (Main

St.). Keep going south two more blocks to California Street, turn right and go one block. The Hall is on the right, at the corner of California and Second Street. Hunter Hall is the L shaped building. Parking is on the street. Allow about 1 1/2 hr. from the Sacramento area.



Oroville State Theatre News

The State Theatre Organ project is moving along—albeit a bit slowly. City engineers are investigating the wall we have to cut open to provide an access door to the yet-unfinished solo chamber. This is the only structural change we have to do to the theatre to prepare it for a new, larger, organ. Meantime we are finding ourselves living in California’s “Tornado Alley!” None have hit downtown . . . so far . . .

The “Celebrate Oroville’s Museum Row” event has been postponed to November 11, 2011 (11-11-11!), so the Silents at the State event has been changed to that date too. So, mark your calendars for Friday, November 11, 2011 when we will be showing children’s matinees with silents and the evening performance of Charlie Chaplin’s “The Gold Rush” all accompanied by our own Dave Moreno on one of his “portable” Theatre Organs. More details as we finalize the event plans. By the way, we believe this will be the first time a Children’s matinee has been done with silent shorts since the advent of “talkies.” Maybe this is a way to get more young folks interested in TPOs?



Upcoming Summer Events

July 24 - Silent Movie - Grant Union High School. Paul Quarino accompanies the 1914 film “Tillie’s Punctured Romance” featuring Charlie Chaplin. This will be a joint event hosted by Sierra Chapter, and Grant Union Alumni.

July 30 - "Piano and Pipes" Ragtime Trio with Chris and Jack Bradshaw, piano duo, and Bill Coale, theatre organ at Wendell Jacob's home in Davis. Call (his number) 530-753-3916 for reservations and directions. Donations accepted jointly for the Sierra Chapter ATOS Scholarship Fund and The West Coast Ragtime Youth Program.

August 7 - Hot August Pipes returns to the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse. Join us for a concert (artist TBA) with ice cream and all of the fixin’s.

2011 ATOS Convention A New England Theatre Organ Odyssey Providence, Rhode Island:

June 30 - July 4, 2011

Have you still not decided on attending the 2011 ATOS Annual Convention? Consider this—the Early Bird rate of \$325 has been extended permanently! That’s a savings of \$50! Also, as a reminder, hotel reservations should be booked by June 10, 2011 in order to secure the ATOS rate of \$99 per night. To register for the Convention, or to make hotel reservations, please visit: <http://2011.emcatos.com>

See you in Providence!



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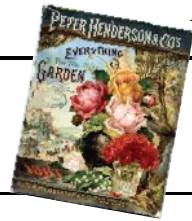
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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE – CAROL ZERBO



What to do - what to do. As we look toward summer and warmer weather, which seems to be glacially slow in coming, Sierra Chapter will be presenting a couple of new events which I hope will become regular offerings on our yearly calendar. The first one is at Hunter Hall with member **Greg De Santis** at the console. Those of you who were in attendance at the Fair Oaks Hot August Pipes a few of years ago and then at **Pete and Diane McCluer's** home for our annual picnic, will remember Greg's highly entertaining musical offerings. He can still be seen on our website so, to refresh your memory, or for those who have not yet had the privilege of hearing Greg play, please visit our website and then make the pleasant drive to Rio Vista to **Jan and Bill Hunter's** very nice venue for an afternoon of quality organ playing courtesy of Greg De Santis.

We have a wonderful opportunity,

courtesy of the Grant Union High School Alumni Association, to present a silent movie in July with **Paul Quarino** at the organ we traditionally only hear in November for the annual George Wright concert. Movies in July were impossible in the past due to the auto museum's lack of air conditioning so we are hoping this will also become a tradition - a wonderful way to utilize the Grant organ more than once a year. More about that in the next Spiel.

Of course, the ATOS Convention cranks up from the end of June through the 4th of July and I just know a whole raft of you will be making the journey to Providence, RI for all the fun and good music. Having never been in the New England area before, I'm looking forward to a bit of sightseeing and history. It would probably be a good time to relax and prepare for all the work we can look forward to when it comes time to remove the Mendenhall organ from the CAM (sheesh - I just got used to the new name).

Speaking of which, the Board has been busy following up on suggestions and leads provided by all of you and a couple of very promising venues are currently being considered. The ideal situation would be one in which the organ could be removed and relocated to the venue in which it will be installed with an area set aside suitable for doing the necessary repair and restoration work. This is, obviously, a tall order but, such a place may just be available. In any event, the organ must be out of CAM by September 2nd and our most pressing issue is obtaining crates, wrapping materials, vehicles and manpower to get the job done. The next couple of newsletters may consist of requests for the above items and, of course, funds would be a huge help. Heads-up - the print may get larger as the urgency arises.

See y'all in
Rio Vista,
Carol



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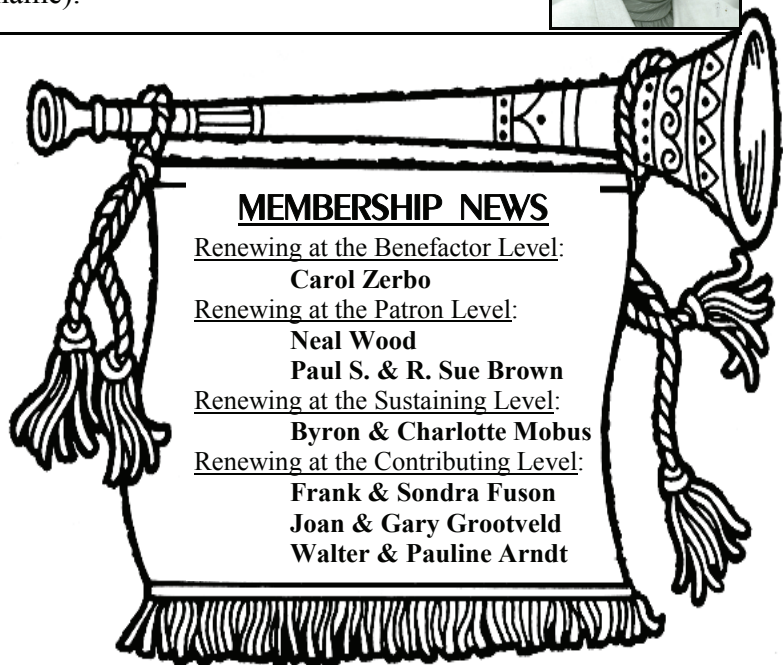
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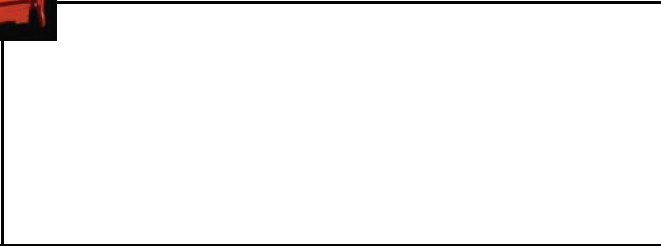





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Hunter Hall

Saturday June 18th 11:00 AM

218 California St - Rio Vista



Potluck - Concert

Greg De Santis

PIANO & PIPES EVENT

Saturday July 30th 2:00

Home of Wendell Jacob

48 College Park - Davis

Ragtime Trio:

Chris & Jack Bradshaw - Piano duo
Bill Coale - Theatre Organ



Fundraiser for:

Sierra Chapter Scholarship Fund and
West Coast Ragtime Youth Program

SIERRA CHAPTER/ GRANT UNION ALUMNI EVENT

1400 Grand Avenue
Sacramento

Sunday July 24th 2:00PM

***Tillie's Punctured Romance -
1914***

Silent Film



With

Paul Quarino

\$10/General

\$8/Members

Students

Free



STOCKTON FOX EVENT

The Paleface

Friday June 10

6:30PM

\$8/Adults

Featuring

Tom Thompson

On the Mighty Morton



IN IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA

At the Trabucco Ranch
Nevada City



Saturday July 16 2:00PM

LARISA MIGACHYOV

At the Double French

Harpsichord

RSVP to Billtrabucco@saber.net

\$20 Suggested donation at the door

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