

Newsletter

Fall 2019

**Hudson Mohawk
Recorder Society**

www.hudsonmohawkrecorder.com

Save Date for HMRS Workshop Next Spring!!!

Save the date for HMRS
workshop: Saturday, April 4th, 2020
Leader: Deborah Booth

<http://flute-recorder-deborahbooth.com/>



President's Message *Welcome recorder players!*

Greetings!! Hope everyone had a restful and fun summer!! HMRS starts the year with new officers: Linda Botimer, president; Janith Mason, secretary and Gail Robinson, treasurer. Rounding out our board is Judy Pardee, Mike Kuhrt and Kathy Kuhrt. Judy will work on our website and the workshop this year. Mike will continue as our librarian and Kathy will focus on programs for our monthly meetings: developing the music and leaders. Long-time member Lee Danielson has volunteered to assist Kathy.

Judy has already been busy planning our spring workshop; and Kathy has been busy planning a year of interesting monthly musical programs. I hope that if you have questions or suggestions that you will “corner” one of us at a meeting or send an email.

All our meetings this year will be at Lynnwood Reformed Church in Guilderland. I hope that you will donate to the Food Bank supported by the church—just leave your donations inside the door when you come to a meeting.

Here's to a great musical year!!

Linda



Pine Bush Players Sew it Up!

The Pine Bush Players provided background music for the opening reception “Artistry in Stitches” for The Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA) New York Capital District Chapter this past May. The reception was at the Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham.

Pictured above: Mike Kuhrt, Kathy Kuhrt, Janith Mason, Linda Botimer and Judy Pardee.

Play as an Ensemble--- Play as a Team!!

A recorder group is a shared musical experience — a community that requires common effort. It doesn't mean that everyone needs to be at the exact same level emotionally, intellectually or technically. But rather that everyone does need to feel some level of responsibility for themselves and for one another.

BLEND--- Be a "team player". This is not some gobbledygook borrowed from sports or business jargon. You are there to serve the music, not your own ego.

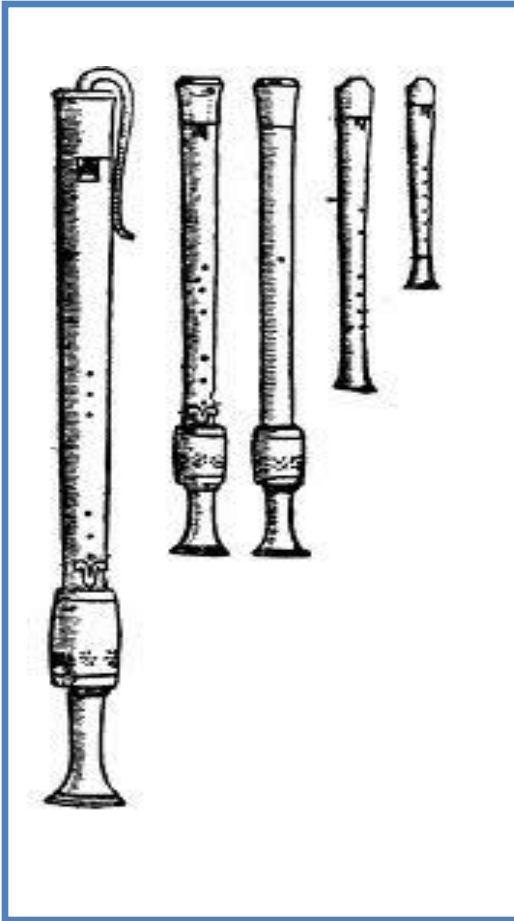
TUNE--- Nothing improves a group more than playing in tune. If you don't have perfect pitch, it's OK. Use a tuner. Just keep trying and listening all the time to others.

- 1. Have a tuner with you.** Check it often.
- 2. Use your natural breath.** Don't overblow to try and “match” your instrument to the tuner.
- 3. Have your instrument head warmed-up.** (tucked under the arm or waist, hot water bottle, hand warmers)
- 4. Listen to the group---** especially on landing notes.

If you visit Facebook occasionally, HMRS hopes that you will add our page to your list. We are going to be posting meeting reminders—and perhaps a picture now and then.

HMRS Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/127666594023613/



Apply for Grant \$\$\$ from ABC

The Adirondack Baroque Consort (ABC) is inviting applications for the William and Jane Coffey Regional Recorder Scholarship Grant. Applicants must submit a written proposal. Any person involved in teaching recorder may apply for a grant. Grant applications must be received or postmarked by Monday, December 2, 2019. Ideas for the grant may include, but are not limited to:

- Funding for a program involving the recorder;
- Funding for K-12 teachers and educators to attend recorder workshops;
- Funding to support bringing in recorder ensembles to schools for presentations/concerts;
- Funding for the purchase of recorders for schools interested in starting a recorder ensemble;
- Funding for materials for recorder pedagogy.

Contact with questions: Dr. Joseph A. Loux, Jr., Artistic Director, Adirondack Baroque Consort, at 518-756-2273.

End-of-Year Recital this Past June

Two ensembles played at the HMRS annual end-of-the-year recital and dessert reception in June. Later everyone joined in to play music. Crow Hill went crazy with canzones playing "*a collection-- a consortium--a chorale*" of canzones: two by Banchieri and one by Rossi.

Crow Hill- *Melanie Axel-Lute, Marie Luise Carreno Maass, Lee Danielson, Carolyn Hermes, Linda Botimer and Tanya Hotelen*

Pine Bush Players- *Kathy Kuhrt, Judy Pardee, Linda Botimer, Mike Kuhrt and Janith Mason*

Forgot HMRS meeting date or place?

Go to our website www.hudsonmohawkrecorder.com



Lee Danielson tries out Mike Kuhrt's Paetzold Contra Bass at a meeting for low recorders held last summer. The contra bass plays an octave lower than the regular bass recorder.



Long-time recorder players and HMRS members: Carolyn Hermes and Marie Luise Carreno Maass

Regular meeting place for HMRS

Our organization found a wonderful place for our meetings last year. It is the Lynnwood Reformed Church in Guilderland. The advantages of Lynnwood Church include:

1. no stairs,
2. easy access to bathrooms,
3. handicap-accessible,
4. ample parking and
5. large, well-lit community room.

HMRS secretary, Janith Mason, facilitates the details of our use. How can we recorder players show our appreciation, and how can we do good???

The church supports a local Food Pantry and has asked HMRS members to donate. In the meeting reminder emails that HMRS sends, we will ask that you bring an item or two to put in the bin to the left as you enter the church.

Address:

Lynnwood Reformed Church
3714 Carman Road
Schenectady, NY 12303

When you come to the HMRS meetings, please bring something for the Food Pantry. Thank you.

Your Dues are Due

*HMRS Annual Dues of \$40 help support our organization. Please send a check made out to: Hudson Mohawk Recorder Society and send to: Gail Robinson
101 Edgecomb Street
Albany, NY 12209*

Fall Calendar—

Go to the HMRS website for more info:

www.hudsonmohawkrecorder.com

All meetings are in Guilderland at:

Lynnwood Reformed Church

3714 Carman Road, Schenectady, NY 12303

Thursdays at 7pm

Thursday, Sept 5th

Thursday, Oct 3rd

Thursday, Nov 7th

Thursday, Dec 5th

Sundays at 1:30pm

Sunday, Sept 22nd

Sunday, Oct 20th

Sunday, Nov 18th

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Recorder Resources:

- The Recorder Shop www.therecordershop.com
- Courtly Music
www.courtlymusicunlimited.com
- Von Huene Workshop www.vonhuene.com
- American Recorder Society
www.americanrecorder.org

Music Library:

- Chapter members may check out music.
- Info and Questions: Mike Kuhrt at birdman329@gmail.com

Newsletter:

- Published occasionally and posted at www.hudsonmohawkrecorder.com
- Newsletter items to: Linda Botimer at linda.botimer@gmail.com

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Treasurer: Gail Robinson

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Tanya Hotalen and Janith Mason play tenors at the meeting for Low Recorders at Lynnwood Reformed Church last summer.