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*"each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings"*

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## President's Prose

### **Brevard Southeastern Regional Meeting Date Has Changed**

**New Date - July 18, 19, 2014 Brevard, NC**

**Virginia will be the host.**

**Your presence and support is needed.**

Dear Members,

I am very excited to announce that the Southeastern Regional Meeting will be held July 18 & 19, 2014 in Brevard, North Carolina. This is a new date from the previously stated one. Please make a note of it. Virginia has the honor of being the guest host for this regional meeting and it is my hope that many of our members will attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet members from our Southeastern Region (13 states) and attend some exciting concerts. We will have a Young Artist Concert and Reception Friday evening. There will be some fun and important changes to this annual meeting. Now is a good chance for those of you who are just getting started in the federation to enjoy this musical weekend in the mountains of North Carolina. The Official Call will be published on the VFMC web site and all are invited.

Congratulations to Nancy Turner on her election as District III Director. I was pleased to perform the installation ceremony during the District III Meeting in Norfolk. I would like to thank Rebecca Ford for her service as District III Director for the previous term.

During this season of family and friends and rejoicing, I hope we all take time to think of the members of VFMC who are ailing or elderly and can no longer be as active in life as they once were. I have created a committee – Thinking of You - to insure that our members always know they are a part of VFMC and not forgotten. Lana Bailey has graciously agreed to chair this committee by sending cards and messages to members in nursing homes or otherwise confined due to illness or age. It is my hope that each club will make it a point to reach out to their former members who can no longer play an active role in the federation. If you are aware of any VFMC member who needs this support and would appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them, please contact Lana Bailey at [zblb@verizon.net](mailto:zblb@verizon.net).

I would like to thank the club presidents for helping with the sale of Brevard Cookbooks. Many of you have sold 5 copies

and some have asked for more books to sale. All proceeds will go towards a Summer Music Camp Scholarship for our Juniors. Make sure that all checks are mailed to me by December 31.

Coming up in January –  
Junior Composers Contest Application due January 26.  
Please use the forms found on the VFMC Web Site. Go to Club Presidents Information – Manual – Junior Division.  
Contact Nathalie Steinbach for more information.

National Music Week Essay – Due February 1

I am hoping that all of you share the blessing of family and friends and of course music during this wonderful season.

Sincerely,  
Marcia B. Chaplin, President  
Virginia Federation of Music Clubs



## Junior Composers Contest

The NFMC and the VFMC recognizes junior composers and all music students studying composition are encouraged to participate in this event. There are a few changes in the rules this year:

CD's are now required for ALL compositions in ALL classes and should be clearly marked with title, composer's name, age and class.

The total entry fee is now \$10.00. This includes NFMC and VFMC fees. Checks payable to VFMC

The new point system for earning gold cups *applies to ALL four classes:*

Superior: 8 points for a composition with 2 or more instruments

Superior: 7 points for a composition with one instrument

Excellent: 6 points

Satisfactory: 5 points

Fair: 3 points



Deadline: All entries must reach the State Chairman by January 25, 2014

The contest entry forms, rules and other info will be posted on the VFMC website. ([www.vfmc-music.org](http://www.vfmc-music.org))

Nathalie Steinbach

VFMC Junior Composers Contest Chair

[ymsfred@earthlink.net](mailto:ymsfred@earthlink.net) - 540-373-6352

## Student Scholarships

Please let any students (age 19-26) who are majoring in music know about the NFMC Scholarships. Or if you contact me, I'll send them the information they need.

Student Scholarships: [nfmc-music.org](http://nfmc-music.org), **NFMC Publications.** Anything with an **ST** prefix is for Students. There is a detailed listing at [www.nfmc-music.org](http://www.nfmc-music.org). Choose "navigate our site", then "competitions and awards" to find out some of the competitions and scholarships available from the nfmc -- there are many!

Nancy Turner

## Founders' Day

"Founders' Day -- It would be great to receive a Founders' Day Report from each Club this year!!!

Deadline March 15, 2014 to this State Chair.....Form FI 3-2"

"To each dear friend in VFMC - Happy Holidays - and to each one my wish for a Healthy and Happy New Year!!....I love you! Agnes"

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## Club Notes

### Rappahannock Music Club

A snapshot of the Rappahannock Music Study Club would show probably the smallest club by membership in the VFMC, but the one that includes maybe the largest geographic area. Our 27 members are spread over the four counties of the historic Northern Neck, located between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers from the Chesapeake Bay to US 301. Our programs this fall have taken us from Heathsville, Northumberland County, to Kilmarnock, Lancaster County, and by November 18, west to Farnham, in Richmond County. We try to car pool a lot!

Almost all of our current membership are retired (from paid employment only!). Some had been involved in music education professionally; now members perform in community choral groups, the up and coming Northern Neck Symphony, and direct the music programs of local churches. While few, we are growing.

This 2013-2014 season, the RMSC is especially interested in learning about talented students of music in our area (see above) who may be taking private lessons, and want to expand their musical horizons. We have scholarships available, and want to increase our contact with middle- and high-school-age musicians. Currently, our Dunton Fund sponsors two college students with \$1,000/year stipends. We'd like to help more students.

Joan Blatterman, President  
Rappahannock Music Study Club

### Bristol Music Club

The Bristol Music Club began its fall season with a meeting at the home of Beth McCoy outside of Abingdon, Virginia, with its wonderful views of the mountains. After welcoming three new members, the program was presented by club President Steve Fey. He serves on the national committee of the Presbyterian Church (USA) which has just produced a new denominational hymnal, *Glory to God*. He told of the process to create a new hymnal, and shared several selections which the members sang, showing some the new and old songs that have been included.

The October meeting was held at our regular meeting location, State Street United Methodist Church of Bristol, Virginia. Club member Bill Campbell shared several videos of scenes from great operas, recorded in live performances. Information on the composers, stories, and performers added to the enjoyment of the program.

In November, the club hosted its annual Scholarship Fundraiser/Fashion Show at Central Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Virginia. This is the biggest undertaking of the chapter all year, and the planning and production takes all year to accomplish. Members do a myriad number of tasks, including ticket sales, publicity, food preparation, coordination of models and fashions provided by a local merchant, securing former student winners to perform, securing a grand piano for the performances, and many other tasks. Virtually every member of the club participates in some manner, and this year's event was another successful day. Final tallies have not yet been made, but it is assured that over \$5,000 was raised.

### Piedmont Music Club

On October 1, we hosted, along with Woodbridge Music Club, a festival music workshop, presenting music from the piano solo section of the new NFMC festival bulletin at levels Pre-Primary through Difficult II. We have a synergetic relationship with Woodbridge Music Club, to share resources and events. This worked out very well last year and we look forward to another successful year. This year we will be providing refreshments for 2 concerts in the fall that they are sponsoring and inviting us to.

Valerie Harris, President, Piedmont Music Club

## Woodbridge Music Club

The Woodbridge Music Club always has a very busy and varied season. In our planning, we incorporate different types of events to meet the needs of our diverse membership (teachers, performers, and music lovers). For the teachers we offer workshops, panel discussions, and round table discussions. We also sponsor student recitals and competitions throughout the year to provide the teachers with performance opportunities for their students. For the performers we offer opportunities to perform in our concert series—more formal concerts open to the community – and opportunities to perform in our house concerts. The house concerts are designed for members who prefer to perform in more relaxed settings or want to try out new pieces. For the music lovers we offer many concerts each year and an opportunity to get involved and to support music in the community through membership in our club.

This season we planned seven Saturday Evening Concerts of which three have already taken place. Some of these are held at retirement centers and all are free and open to the community. We opened the season in September with our annual members' concert - a "variety show" of performances by our members. In October we brought in the amazing Tempest Trio and in November we featured pianist Sejoon Park in recital. Our "Christmas in Occoquan" Concerts, supported by Quinn's Jewelers of Occoquan, are outdoor programs held four Saturday afternoons before Christmas. The first will take place this coming Saturday, November 23, from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. outside Quinn's Jewelers in Occoquan. We look forward to our holiday celebration in December with a house concert and potluck social for our members. Looking forward to 2014, we have four more Saturday Evening Concerts and a workshop on the calendar.

We have our first student recital scheduled for November 24, followed in February by another -- just before Festival time. The WMC Piano, Vocal and Instrumental Competitions will take place in March, followed in April by our Senior Scholarship Competition and a final student "Gold Cup" Recital in May. Busy, busy busy!

We have had much success pairing with the Piedmont Music Club last year and this year. We look forward to a continued relationship in the future.

Our membership continues to hover between 45 and 60 members. Our web site and our Facebook page continue to be tremendous assets to our club. Our website is: [WoodbridgeMusicClub.org](http://WoodbridgeMusicClub.org)

Elaine Brady, D.M.A  
President, Woodbridge Music

## Thursday Morning Music Club

Thursday Morning Music Club, Inc., [TMMC] commenced its 2013-2014 year on October 6th with Olga Krayterman,

2013 NFMC Young Artist Winner, for a resounding and outstanding performance for our members. Marcia Chaplin was in attendance for the meeting giving Olga a chance to meet our state president.

November 10th we had Scott Williamson, Director of Opera Roanoke, and Amy Cofield Williamson, Co-Director of Opera Roanoke, with their Apprentice Artists performed excerpts from different operas for our Parade of American Music Program. What a fine group of young artists! November 10th also was the 60th anniversary celebration of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra [RSO] which was organized through Thursday Morning Music Club, Inc. Nancy Akers and Janice Humphreys manned the table for our Club prior to the concert answering questions about our Club, and handing out applications and a tri-fold information card to prospective members. Judy Barger Edgell and Jean Frazier manned the Club's table on November 11th prior to the celebration concert.

November 16th at Hidden Valley Country Club, Salem, Virginia, we had our annual Bingo/Silent Auction/Vendors Day with a delicious buffet lunch. There were many vendors you could choose from to purchase jewelry, key rings, Christmas decorations, paintings, note cards, Pampered Chef items, scarves [Esther Owen's daughter, Shelley, was a scarf vendor], and Tastefully Simple food products. The silent auction items were RSO tickets, Mill Mountain Theatre tickets, Southwest Ballet tickets, clothing, household items, jewelry, decorating items, etc. We earned approximately \$700.00 for our Scholarship Fund. These proceeds have been added to our present scholarship fund to be presented to our 3 junior clubs members as cash awards and scholarships at Hidden Valley Country Club with a buffet lunch on April 26, 2014. The senior club members will be entertained by the 3 junior clubs members.

December 5th we will have our Annual White Breakfast and Memorial Service at Hidden Valley Country Club with a buffet breakfast to start the Christmas Season for our members. The TMMC Chorus will sing Sacred and Secular Christmas music. Justin Hall, Cellist, a member of our Virtuoso junior club, will perform Christmas music for us. February 9, 2014, Seung-Won Cho, organist, pianist, director, and soloist, a TMMC senior club member, will perform an Organ and Piano recital for us.

March 6, 2014, Wallace Easter will perform a Horn recital. March 15, 2014, is our Annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast fund raiser for our Scholarship Fund at Grandin Court Baptist Church.

April 26, 2014, is our Annual Student Program at Hidden Valley Country Club.

May 1, 2014, Julee Hickcox, Flute, and Michael Havens, Guitar, will perform a recital.

We continue to recruit new members for our Club to make us the Best Club in the State.

Jean Frazier  
President, Thursday Morning Music Club, Inc.