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## President's Prose

Dear members,

I know many of you have been snowed under way too long and the cold weather seems like it will never end, have hope! Here is something to look forward to – this summer we have 2 wonderful opportunities to attend Brevard Music Center. The first opportunity will be Sunday, July 6 at 3:00 pm on stage at the Brevard Music Center, Brevard, North Carolina. I hope you will join me along with other NFMC friends and members to welcome our 2012 Young Artist Tavi Ungerleider as the featured performer with the Brevard Sinfonia, Danail Rachev, conductor. The featured performance will be *Shostakovich Cello Concerto No. 1 in E flat major, Op. 107*. Also on the program will be *Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 2 in C minor, Op. 17, "Little Russian"*. Tavi will also be our featured Young Artist performer Friday, May 16, 2014 at our VFMC Convention. Everyone is invited to this concert at 8:00 pm Holiday Inn Quantico Center, Dumfries, Virginia.

But wait!!! I did say TWO opportunities to look forward too. The second is the **Southeastern Regional Federation Weekend in Brevard, North Carolina July 18, 19, 2014**. Here is the schedule:

**July 18 - Friday at 4:30** Join us for a wine reception to welcome our National Guest – Sandra Anderson. Come greet your fellow Southeast NFMC Members for a social hour before our Banquet.

**July 18 - Friday at 7:30 pm** - The Friday evening concert will be one you don't want to miss. Vadym Kholodenko, 2013 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition winner, will perform *Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 2* with the Brevard Orchestra.

**July 19 - Saturday morning** – Virginia will host the Southeastern Regional Meeting and luncheon. Join in the discussion of our present and future. Here our student winners perform and enjoy lunch with friends. **2:00 pm** - At the Scott Concert Hall, the opera *Don Giovanni* will be performed. **5:30 pm** -Dinner Saturday night will be with other members. And as if you haven't had enough delightful entertainment- **7:30 pm** - *Cinderella* will be performed at Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium. Can summer get any better??? – of course it can...

Join us for the **VFMC Annual Convention May 14 – 17, 2014** at the Holiday Inn Quantico Center, Dumfries, Virginia. Beginning Thursday May 15, we will have our Formal Opening followed by celebratory meals, music, much enjoyment and fun. Visit with your VFMC friends and celebrate the 20 Clubs in Virginia and learn about their accomplishments. Conclude the convention by attending the Mary Smart Finals Concert Saturday morning. This is a concert of the best of VFMC juniors. I look forward to seeing you in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Marcia B. Chaplin, President

The VFMC web site will post information for Brevard Music Center Concerts and VFMC Convention soon.

Visit your web site [www.vfmc-music.org](http://www.vfmc-music.org)

## Membership

GET A LIFE!

It's so easy to do. Just a one-time fee of \$200 is the price of LIFE Membership in the National and Virginia Federations. \$125 is sent to NFMC and \$75 remains in the VFMC treasury. A subscription to the *Music Clubs Magazine* comes with the first year and the VFMC pays the renewal after that. Now, for the LIFE of me I can't imagine why you don't do it. A portion of the Senior Club dues includes National and State dues and those can be waived for all LIFE members. You can bet your LIFE on that. LIFE'S too short to pass up this opportunity. \$75 dollars will again be awarded at the 2014 VFMC Convention to the Senior Club with the most new LIFE members since the last convention. Now that's the LIFE! The LIFE Membership form can be found on the VFMC website and is available from all Senior Club Presidents or from this Chairman. Give a LIFE! What a great way to honor a special someone's LIFE.

Linda D. Lind  
Individual Membership Chairman  
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## National Music Week

I hope many clubs are planning for National Music Week. What a wonderful way to highlight all the talent in your clubs. The theme this year is: "**Music...The Dance of Life.**"

If you haven't started planning it is not too late. Start simply this year with one event. Have a children's recital with a couple teachers. Or invite a High School Choir to sing in the Library or local church. The main objective is to begin this year.

I look forward in hearing from many more clubs this year. Your brochure and information is found on-line under publications. Have a great musical year!

Judy Barger Edgell, Chair of National Music Week

## Founders Day

"Another year, another request to all Club Presidents, from this Founders' Day Chair: PLEASE send me your report (Form FI 3-2) or just email me how many members you have, and amount contributed. Deadline for my report to National is **April 1!!!!**

Thanks.. Agnes Downie

## Student Scholarships

Please let any students (age 19-26) who are majoring in music know about the NFMC Scholarships. Or if you contact me at nancy.turner@southside.edu, 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

## Student Scholarships for Summer Camps

The VFMC offers scholarship assistance to young high-school age musicians for intensive music study in a summer camp setting. Such an experience can be life-changing for a young musician, and indeed it was for me. Five weeks of intensive study of music in a setting away from the normal cares of a 15-year old, and I was hooked! That summer determined much of the course of my life.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to administer this scholarship and help provide the same depth of musical experience for some of our high school students.

We have up to \$3500 available in scholarship funds this summer. Please notify any of your students who might be interested. Application deadline is April 21. Contact me at: [elizabethblakeslee@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethblakeslee@gmail.com) if you would like the forms to apply.

Elizabeth Blakeslee

## 2014 VFMC Convention



We are looking forward to our wonderful State Convention to be held May 14 - 17, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Express in Dumfries, Virginia. Look for your Convention Call and make sure you register right away for this great event filled with great performances, meetings, dinners, and the Mary Smart Finals on Saturday, May 17.

The theme for this year's Convention is: "Connecting Through Music". We connect with each other in the VFMC through our interest and love of music. This convention allows us to come together and discuss ways to support our organization as well as music throughout our communities and our state. We connect to others by sharing our music and promoting good music. We connect to our students by teaching them to love music and develop the skills needed to share their music with all those around them. Music is a way for us to connect with others as we share the emotions that can only be expressed through music. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once said, "Music is the Universal Language of Mankind".

If you would like to enjoy more of the local area before or after the convention, there is a wealth of historic sites and other interesting places to visit. Here are some ideas:

**Weems-Bott Museum** - Once the home of Mason Locke Weems, the first biographer of George Washington including curious anecdotes about Washington as a youth barking his father's cherry tree "I cannot tell a lie" and throwing a stone across the Rappahannock. These stories helped to make George Washington a national hero for all time. More info at: [www.historicdumfries.com](http://www.historicdumfries.com)

**The National Museum of the Marine Corps** is a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines—past, present, and future. Situated on a 135-acre site adjacent to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, and under the command of Marine Corps University, the Museum's soaring design evokes the image of the flag-raisers of Iwo Jima and beckons visitors to this 120,000-square-foot structure. World-class interactive exhibits using the most innovative technology surround visitors with irreplaceable artifacts and immerse them in the

sights and sounds of Marines in action. More info at:  
[www.usmcmuseum.org](http://www.usmcmuseum.org)

**Prince William National Forest Park** - Experience a place where history and nature unite! Prince William Forest Park is an oasis of natural beauty and human history located only 35 miles south of Washington, DC. 37 miles of hiking trails and 21 miles of bicycle-accessible roads and trails traverse this 15,000 acre piedmont forest. Beneath its canopy lies evidence of human history reaching back to 8,000 B.C. Prince William Forest Park is the largest forest in the Metropolitan Washington Region. More info at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/prwi/index.htm>

**Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens** - Visit the historic home of George Washington in Alexandria, Virginia. This is one of the most famous homes in America. The extensive grounds and the home are beautiful in the springtime. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more information.

**Washington D.C.** - Just up I-95 from the convention hotel is Washington D.C. with countless museums, monuments, and attractions. If you choose to make a longer trip and visit this great city while in the Northern Virginia Area, you can get more info at: [www.washington.org](http://www.washington.org). All of the Smithsonian Museums and the memorials are free of charge.

### *Mary Smart Preliminaries*

The Mary Smart Final Auditions will be held the last day of the state convention on Saturday, May 17. Winners of the 3 districts will be selected to compete on that day starting at 8:30 a.m. At the completion of the auditions, the winners will be selected, announced, and then will perform in a recital. The following are the District Preliminary auditions:

District I - April 12  
District II - May 3  
District III - April 26

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to compete and even earn prize money at the state level. This competition honors Mary Smart, a long time supporter and promoter of music in our state and in her community.

### *Club Notes*

#### **Woodbridge Music Club**

The Woodbridge Music Club has had a busy and exciting Winter season. On January 18, the WMC presented a performance with soprano Nancy MacArthur Smith. This beautiful performance featured a variety of nature-inspired songs, and it was held at Westminster at Lake Ridge. The WMC held its annual Scholarship Competition on Saturday, March 1. This included the Kiki Thomaidis Piano

Competition, the WMC Instrumental Competition, and the WMC Vocal Competition. Sixty-two talented musicians participated in the exciting event. In all, sixteen winners were selected, and they performed in a Winners' Recital on Sunday, March 2 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Woodbridge. The incredible talent of these young musicians made for a wonderful program. Winners of the annual Scholarship Competition include the following young musicians:

#### **Kiki Thomaidis Piano Competition**

Level IA:           First Place- Renzo Almelor  
                          Second Place- David Choi  
                          Third Place- Julian Keophanboua

Level IB:           First Place- Joshua Boisvert  
                          Second Place- Toby Cook  
                          Third Place- Emily Yeh

Level II:            First Place- Mary Clare Madison  
                          Second Place- Ashley Starkston  
                          Third Place- Glen Soderquist

Level III:           First Place- Jared Bastien  
                          Second Place- Ileeana Johnson  
                          Third Place- Cassie Raymo

#### **WMC Instrumental Competition**

First Place- Romain-Olivier Gray  
Second Place- Ashley Starkston  
Third Place- Ariel Williams

#### **WMC Vocal Competition**

Winner- Julia Stubbs

On Saturday, March 15, the WMC is looking forward to welcoming the Simple Gifts variety ensemble, featuring Karen Hirshon and Linda Litteton. These two talented musicians will perform on 12 different instruments! They will entertain the audience with a variety of musical styles, to include Romanian, Klezmer, Greek, Irish, Scottish, Scandinavian, and Appalachian music. The performance will be held at Westminster at Lake Ridge. The club looks forward to a variety of other concerts, competitions, and workshops that will be held throughout the Spring.

Becky Crowley, Vice President, WMC

#### **Music Study Club of Chesapeake**

The Music Study Club of Chesapeake has orientated their members and completed their fund raiser for the S. Jasper Morris Scholarship. Heavenly Harmonies Trio lead by Jean Hilton performed an American Music Program for us. Our own member Bert Berry, who makes dulcimer's, also makes spoons! Wooden spoons (2x6) slightly curved wooden



slats. These are held between your first and third fingers. Bert provided a program on The Folk Music of Spoons. Bert made a set of spoons for all members and taught us how to play them. We had a wonderful time.

Faith Ewell Gutierrez, President  
Music Study Club of Chesapeake



### Bristol Music Club

The Bristol Music Club is celebrating its 100th birthday in 2014, and we want to invite our friends in the Tazewell Music Club, Thursday Morning Music Club, and the Wytheville Music Club to join us in celebrating! It is quite remarkable that this year is also the 50th anniversary of the Bristol Music Club's scholarship program. Our Scholarship Recital will be held Sunday, May 4, at 3:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Florida Avenue, Bristol, TN. Winners of the scholarship auditions, held the Saturday before, will perform. Please join us in hearing these wonderful young musicians as they sing and play in this free anniversary concert!

Nancy Estes

### *Tribute to Ulla K. Lowe*

Pictured here are the "Three Amigo's"! From the left is Margaret Ann Cummings (MAC), center-Faith Ewell Gutierrez, right-Ulla K. Lowe. These three ladies are both members of Portsmouth Music Club and Music Study Club of Chesapeake. MAC has held many Offices in both local clubs and in VFMC level. Ulla was treasurer for both clubs at the same time for many years as well as other organizations. Ulla was very dependable to bring that blueberry cake when she was on the hostess committee and even share the recipe. Anything from VFMC fall board meetings in



Charlottesville where the Three Amigo's would ride and room together, to VFMC conventions across the state, they were always together. Music for an Olde Towne Afternoon, Silent Auctions, Planning for conventions for District III, Raising money for scholarships, Planning District III meetings-The list goes on with what you could count on for Ulla to do. She was always there to help. What you may not know is how she came to Virginia. She and a friend were working at the Navy Exchange in Germany. Her friend married and US

Navy officer and were transferred to Norfolk. That couple sponsored Ulla to come to America on a work Visa for one year. Within two weeks of her arrival, she had a job as a bookkeeper with a wine distributor in Norfolk. She was riding the bus to work every day. She soon had enough money to pay cash to buy a yellow VW while still sending money home to Germany! No wonder she was every organizations treasurer! Ms Ulla had never been in the hospital before. In November she had bronchitis and a very bad cough with it. She has been taking care of her husband Saul, who has Parkinson for several years and she had to stay closer to home. January 18, 2013 Ms Ulla went in the hospital - January 19, 2013 Ms Ulla passed away. She is greatly missed by many.

Faith Ewell Gutierrez  
One of Three Amigo's

### *Tribute to Mary Fisher Landrum*

**fine musician and able leader with a ready laugh!**

Mary Washburn Fisher Landrum, 87, passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, in Bristol, Virginia. Born in Indiana, Pennsylvania, she attended the Baldwin School for Girls in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, and earned her A.B. degree at Vassar College, where she was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate, before achieving a Master's degree from the Eastman School of Music.

Mrs. Landrum was a distinguished faculty member and the talented college organist of Austin College in Sherman, Texas, before her tenure on the faculty at Sullins College in Bristol, Virginia, from 1965 until 1976. From 1976 to 1999, she shared her talents with King College, where she taught music theory, church music history, music appreciation, organ, piano, and harpsichord, in addition to serving as the college organist. Mary served as organist for Reynolds Memorial United Methodist Church, Bristol, from 1964 until 1968, before becoming the organist at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Bristol for over 25 years.

Active throughout her laudable career as a recitalist and clinician, Mary Landrum served with acumen and alacrity on the faculty - in addition to serving as the astute director for two years - of the annual Sewanee Province Church Music Conference held on the campus of the University of the South. Mary was a vital part of the community and her profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which

she served as an officer on the local and state level, and the National Federation of Music Clubs.

As the Bristol Music Club celebrates its 100th Birthday in 2014, it remembers Mary fondly. Phyllis Crabtree, former President of TBMC, states that "Mary was the state chairman of the Junior Composers Contest for many years, a VFMC Life Member, and in 2000 she received the Nancy Hoback Milne VFMC Citation Award." Agnes Downie, who fills several administrative positions in the VFMC, noted that "Mary's mother was also active in the NFMC and started the 'Hymn of the Month' program." Agnes added that "Mary always had a witty saying and a beautiful laugh."

Mary Landrum was an Honorary Member of The Bristol Music Club. She was also President of The Historical Society of Washington County, Virginia and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. Somehow Mrs. Landrum found time to pursue her beloved hobbies: She developed an extensive, museum-quality collection of hymnals, some over 200-years old. And after two tours of Holland and Germany where she performed on pipe organs, Mary developed a prize collection of slides. She was well known for two slide presentations she shared with many organizations: "Good Night, Sweet Effie," which features her extensive slide collection of tombstones, and "Beautiful Bristol," which examines the unique architectural details found in the twin cities of Bristol, TN and Bristol, VA.

Mary Landrum was preceded in death by her husband of almost 40 years, Dr. Graham Gordon Landrum, who taught English for more than 20 years at King College and later became a noted author of mysteries in his retirement. She is survived by her daughter, Harriet Landrum Koscho; her son, Robert Graham Landrum; her son-in-law, Steve Koscho; and grandsons, Isaiah Graham Koscho and Job Thomas Koscho. The family received friends February 19 at Oakley-Cook Funeral Home and the funeral service was held February 20 at First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, TN, with the committal and interment followeig at Glenwood Cemetery. Donations may be made to The Graham Landrum Scholarship at King University, 1350 King College Road, Bristol, TN 37620. Condolences and memories can be shared with the family at [www.Oakley-Cook.com](http://www.Oakley-Cook.com).



## Junior Composers Contest

The winners of the 2014 Virginia Federation of Music Clubs Junior Composers Contest have been announced. They are listed below. This year we had 124 entries representing the studios of 16 teachers. To give each student an equal chance the judges did not know the names of the teachers or in which part of the state the students lived. They only had the scores and the CD's to use to make their decisions. Certificates were awarded to the participants. The monetary winners were sent checks. Students & teachers received a list of the winners.

Reminder: the new point system applies to all four classes. This will be reflected in the gold cup lists when they are returned to the teachers.

Superior: 8 pts. for a composition with 2 instruments or more

Superior: 7 points for a composition with one instrument

Excellent: 6 points

Satisfactory: 5 points

Fair: 3 points

Additionally the state of Virginia had two winners in the Southeastern Regional competition (see below). These entries have been sent on to the National competition.

### **Class I:**

First: (\$125) Hannah Tse

*Hannah was also a winner in the Southeastern Regional Competition (\$50)*

Second: (100) Cassandra Urann

Third: (\$75) William Payne

Incentive Award (\$50): Ethan Corbin

Incentive Award (\$50): Giancarlo Santiago

Incentive Award (\$50): Ethan Skees

### **Class II:**

First: (\$125) Abby Geron

*Abby was also a winner in the Southeastern Regional Competition (\$50)*

Second: (\$100) Katie Le

Third: (\$75) Evelyn Fields

Incentive Award (\$50): Isaac Chase

Incentive Award (\$50): Ethan Fields

Incentive Award (\$50): Susan Webb

### **Class III:**

First: (\$175) Amalee Bouy

Second: (\$150) Lourdes de la Pena

Third: (\$100) Katherine Settle

Incentive Award (\$50): Lindsay Pett

Incentive Award (\$50): Arden Titus

Incentive Award (\$50): Kendall Weinfeld

### **Class IV:**

First: (\$200) Katherine Nolte

Second: (\$175) Matthew Zisi

Third: (\$150) Harrison Weinfeld

Incentive Award (\$50): Brianna DiSanza

Incentive Award (\$50): Katherine Chase

Incentive Award (\$50): Alicia Paulose

Congratulations to our winners! Thank you to all the teachers and students who entered. Next year's contest deadline will be in January.

- Nathalie Steinbach, Jr. Composers' Chair

## 2014 Nancy Hoback Milne Citation

It is now time to be thinking about nominations for the 2014 Nancy Hoback Milne Citation for Distinguished Service to be presented at the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs State Convention to be held in Dumfries. This Citation will be presented at the Awards Luncheon on May 16.

Nominees for the 2014 must be members of a Senior Club in District II. Any member of the VFMC can make nominations. A committee comprised of a member from each of the Districts will make the final decision.

This is your opportunity to honor a member who has contributed time and talent for the betterment of the VFMC. Applications can be found on the VFMC Website (NHM-1[2009] and NHM-2[2009]) or by contacting this chairman, Susan Tury (email preferred [stury@earthlink.net](mailto:stury@earthlink.net)). These applications contain the information about the qualifications of the nominee and what must be included in the application. All applications are accepted even if the applicant was nominated at a previous time but did not receive the citation.

The nominations must be received by May 1 in order to be considered and may be submitted to Susan Tury, 900 Aldridh Place, Woodbridge, VA 22191 (email preferred [stury@earthlink.net](mailto:stury@earthlink.net)).

Thank you, Susan

**NANCY HOBACK MILNE CITATION**

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**Name of Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Club/Person making nomination** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **District** \_\_\_\_\_

In a concise and creative essay, with a maximum of one hundred fifty words, state the overall qualifications of the nominee and any pertinent information as it relates to his/her consideration for this award. State the nominee’s involvement on the local level as well as the state or national federation level. In addition, submit in a warm and simplistic manner any personal attributes that deem this candidate worthy of consideration. Showcase his/her personal distinction.

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<p>Complete the following information on a 2<sup>nd</sup> page</p> <p><u>Name of Nominee</u></p> <p><u>Complete Address</u></p> <p><u>Background of Nominee</u></p> <p><u>Accomplishments and offices held</u></p> <p>National</p> <p>State</p> <p>District</p> <p>Local</p> <p><u>Activities</u></p>
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