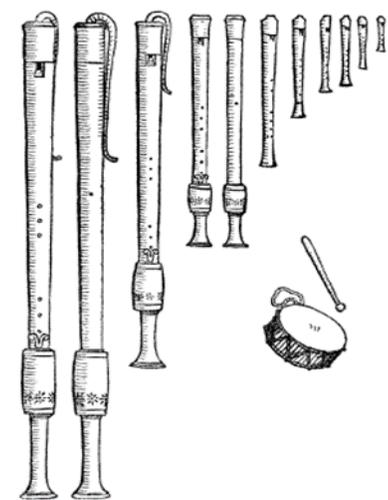


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From the Music Director (Vicki Boeckman)



Dear Members,

I hope with all my heart that you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy and finding creative ways to wrestle with all the restrictions and changes surrounding us. We will continue to be in uncharted waters for a while yet, but as I said in last month's newsletter, please feel free to reach out to me or any of our dedicated board members; we are here for you. I am finding tremendous solace in my yard and garden and loving the opportunity to take long walks in my neighborhood and

talk with neighbors from a safe distance. I am thankful every day for the stunning beauty here in the Pacific Northwest, and the cleverness of musicians and artists around the globe providing us with uplifting videos on social media! Feel free to email me directly (vickiboeckman@comcast.net) if you would like me to share some of my favorites!

I am personally finding that teaching online lessons and classes is surprisingly rewarding, with rather remarkable results. It is not the way of the future, but it is a way to stay sane in the present. There can never be a substitution for actually making music *together* or the joy that comes from the sharing process in person, but until the time comes when we can safely do so again, I encourage you to take advantage of the many incredible offerings of online classes through SFEMS or Amherst:

<https://sfems.org/sfems-workshops/virtual-sessions/>

<https://amherstearlymusic.org/>

Also, a warm and resounding welcome to Virginia Felton as our next president-elect. I look forward to having her on the team. Huge heartfelt thanks to Nancy Gorbman for her three years of service, and to returning secretary Kathleen Arends and treasurer Richard Ginnis. We are so lucky to have you all.

Virtual Members' Night

It will come as no surprise that we need to cancel our Members' Night that had been postponed to June 5. However, with the help of our very own tech whizzes Charles Coldwell and Isabella Pagel, we are almost 100% sure that we can provide a Virtual Members' Night on a private SRS YouTube channel!!! It will only be viewable by a link; it will not be out there for the entire world to see. So, rather than *yet another* disappointment and cancellation, I am really excited to be able to offer our members something to look forward to and work toward. Obviously we cannot rehearse with our groups, but consider learning a sweet little solo, or reciting some poetry, or singing a song, or doing body percussion, or a dance, or ANY kind of collaboration with your families or housemates. I've heard that some of you have played duets outside while physically distancing. Perfect! This is the time to be creative. Anything goes. Anyone with a smart phone, tablet or video option on a digital camera will be able to record themselves. So blow the dust off your instruments or your vocal chords and start preparing something to share! I promise that another message will be coming with explicit instructions on how to send your gems of creativity, but for now suffice it to say that you have an entire month to prepare. Videos need not be sent until May 25, but more about that later.

I am really excited about our Virtual Members' Night!

Take care and 'see' you soon!

Let's Stay Connected. Request for Member Introductions!

Last season, when ROPS performed at the Ida Culver House, one of the residents asked if the players could briefly introduce themselves and tell their occupation. It was a lovely and informative way to connect and respect the diversity among us. In that regard, I would like to invite members to share their own brief stories in upcoming newsletters. If you are willing, please send a paragraph to me (vickiboeckman@comcast.net) describing whatever you would like about yourself—your occupation, where you grew up, your family, and *most importantly* (!) how you came to play the recorder, and how long you have been an SRS member. I look forward to getting to know you.

Concerts and Events Calendar

All upcoming concerts and events by all local early music organizations through June 2020 have been postponed or cancelled. One of the more prolific local early music organizations, Pacific MusicWorks, has created an "Online Season" lasting from April to July of 2020, in which they are streaming video of concerts from the past 12 years to the public for free. [Details Here](#)

SRS Meeting

The remaining meeting of the season, **Members' Night**, will be replaced with a **compilation of members' recorded performances**. See Vicki's message and upcoming emails for more details.

Newsletter Deadline for Summer Issue:

**Sunday
June 14**

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