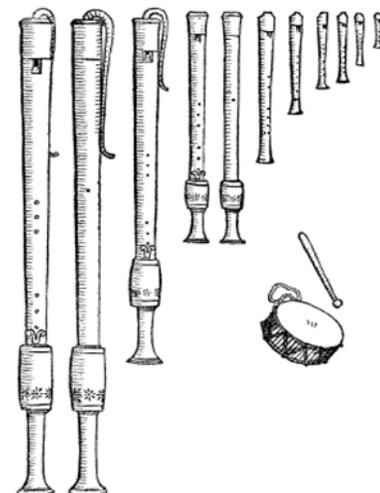


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From the Music Director (Vicki Boeckman)



Greetings everyone,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe as Washington and the rest of the country starts to transition into the next phases of the pandemic. We are in the midst of tremendous upheaval, chaos, and uncertainty; the human spirit needs nourishment and affirmation now more than ever. Life is precious no matter what form it takes, and we have been forced to take a hard look at and respond to many unpleasant things in a very short time. Everyone's system is on overload, and understandably so. My solace, apart from playing music, is spending a lot of time outside connecting with nature. Sitting next to trees and/or water is so very calming for the spirit. I hope that you give yourselves plenty of opportunities to find places that nourish and ground you—where you can reset and find your own unique rhythm and way of responding to everything that is going on.

I wish I could give you all a clear message about when we can resume our playing sessions, but the very nature of our wind instrument will continue to restrict us from gathering in groups of any size presumably even longer than say a string or percussion group. However, Miyo and I and our wonderful new president and president-elect will be putting our heads together and brainstorming ways that we can reach out to our members in the months to come. In the meantime, I will continue to highly encourage you to explore all the many options for "Playing it Safe".

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https://americanrecorder.org/playing_it_safe_social_distan.php

Which easily segues to tooting my and Miyo's horn for our upcoming classes through the SFEMS virtual sessions! Check them out!

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

<https://mailchi.mp/sfems/subscribe>

Our friends at the Portland Recorder Society have many wonderful suggestions as well [here](#).

SRS Meeting

Due to the continuing uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 restrictions, there are as yet no scheduled meetings for the upcoming 2020/21 season. We will provide updates to members as we learn more.

Meetings are usually (but not always) held on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm, September to May at Maple Leaf Lutheran Church, 10005—32nd NE in Seattle.

Meetings include ensemble playing for all levels of recorder players, a beginning recorder ensemble, and often a short performance of interest to recorder or viol players.

A \$5 donation is requested for non-members.

**Newsletter Deadline
for September Issue:**

**Saturday
August 15**

Recorder Happenings

Join your SRS friends for a "Sherry Hour" on Zoom, Friday, 6-7pm June 26

Find out what your recorder-playing friends have been up to since you last saw them in early March by tuning into a Zoom "Sherry Hour" on Friday, June 26. Trade tips on solo recorder practicing, pieces you have been working on, and ways you have been staying sane with music and other things.

This opportunity to chat together and see each other's smiling faces will run from 6 pm until 7 pm or a little later. You can enter the meeting any time after 5:45 pm. The link to access the Zoom session will be sent to the members via email.

Virginia Felton will "host" our Zoom "Sherry Hour" on her Zoom account. If you have not used Zoom before or would like some tutoring in it ahead of time, give Virginia a call at 206-979-7539. She will set up a "trial" Zoom conversation with you and walk you through what you need to know.

Changing of the Guard

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Nancy Gorbman for her three years of dedicated service on our board. Nancy took on the huge task of updating and revising the SRS Handbook, which was no small feat! Special thanks also go to Michael Bancroft for his "active" term of presidency, and a warm welcome to our new President-elect Virginia Felton, and to our now President Janice Klain. You are each a very important part of our organization and I am honored to have you on the team. They have both agreed to provide us with a little of their background here...



Virginia Felton joined SRS in 2017 and has enjoyed meeting new players, getting acquainted with new music and participating in workshops. She is mostly retired and appreciates finally having more time to practice!

She had a varied career in public service and nonprofit management, focused on communication. When she's not hunkered down practicing her recorders you can find her walking neighborhood streets, hiking in the mountains, playing with her two grandchildren or traveling with her husband, Jeff Hancock.



From Janice, photo by Andrew Donovan/Linet Henry: My introduction to recorders actually started with a very brief stint in grade school; though that was it until college, singing in a Renaissance group, I truly revisited the recorder when they needed an extra person to play with their merry band. I said sure ... and was handed all the music, the recorder, and a fingering chart. A year later, was approached again - but for the buzzie. I again

said sure ... and again was handed all the music, the cornamuse, and the fingering chart. I loved performing that music so much! That was it for another umpteen years. About eight years ago, I started singing again and someone in the choir noted I should look up the Seattle Recorder Society. It took me a while to gain the courage, but around four and a half years ago, I jumped back in joining SRS (and beginning with the back room gang and working with Laura Faber), and being part of the Lake City Waites. I'm so happy to be playing recorder again, and enjoy the continual learning and camaraderie.

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Virtual Members Night—Vicki Boeckman

Our virtual members night was a huge success and I want to thank each and every one of you who rose to the challenge to record yourselves. Kudos to all!! If you haven't had time to view the videos yet, here is the link. Feel free to share it with friends and family but please no sharing on social media!! Thank you.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0FsRDo62vxXZ58n7-aKOJKaVpUQ3-F-6>

Here are a few comments from some happy viewers.

"This was wonderful! I'm so glad you and others were able to put it together. I listened to the whole program and thoroughly enjoyed, and honor those who participated. A real example of turning lemons into lemonade..." Nancy Lewis

"I sat outside on my deck last evening with my Bluetooth speaker and a nice glass of wine, and listened to the entire program. What a delightful mix of skill, musicality and enthusiasm." Virginia Felton

"I viewed the You Tube videos yesterday and loved watching each and every video. It was so nice to see all those familiar faces. The number of entries reflects the strength of the Seattle Recorder Society and is a tribute to Vicki's leadership. Holding a virtual members night was a great idea." Richard Ginnis

"What a wonderful event! Sure enjoyed it. Thank you, Vicki for inspiring so many people." Gerrity Shupe

"Dear Isabella, Vicki, and Laura, Members Night was wonderful. We have you three to thank for its success. Thank you, Isabella for working out the technology. Thanks to Vicki and Laura for their continual encouragement and support for all recorder players. I loved your own performances - Vicki with both the young player and the experienced saxophonist, Isabella's mesmerizing modern piece. While I was watching and listening to Laura and Mike, a dark cloud appeared overhead. I saw a flash of light and heard thunder close by. It was applause from the sky! Thanks for all you do". Betsy Darrah