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From the Chair:



There is a lot going on in Area 11! Last Saturday, January 26th, about 160 ringers participated in *Area 11's Ring in the New Year*, held in 8 cities around our Area. It was a fun morning of ringing several newly released pieces and meeting new people.

During March and April there will be five Spring Ringing events, one in each state. You are not limited to attending only the event in your state. You may attend any or all of the Spring Rings. There are some wonderful clinicians lined up. Utah leads off the Spring

Rings on March 9th, with Cathy Moglebust as the clinician. Jason Krug will be the clinician for New Mexico, Stephanie Rhoades in Colorado, Tim Waugh in Wyoming, and Michael Mazzatenta in Arizona. The music repertoire for each event also looks like fun! For more information, please visit the Area 11 website:

<http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/events-4/ring-in-spring/>.

The Young Ringers' Camp will be held in July in Durango, Colorado. Please take a minute to read Jessie Sume's article in this newsletter. Jessie is the Area 11 Youth Representative to the Board.

The Area 11 Board is currently working on lining up events for the 2013/14 year. Please let us know what type of events you would like to see:

Spring Rings
Read and Rings
Directors' Workshops
Ringer workshops
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Please send me an e-mail with your ideas!

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Check out our Calendar to see what's planned in Area 11.



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Spring Ring Events Coming to Every State

More information about each event can be found on our Area 11 website at
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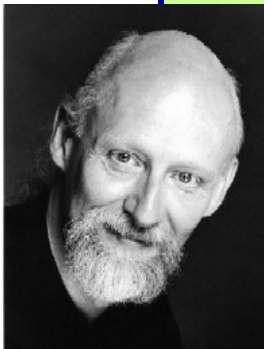
Utah Spring Ring 2013

Saturday, March 9
Kaysville, Utah
Clinician: Cathy Moglebust
Contact: Mary Moffett at
Mary_moffett@comcast.net



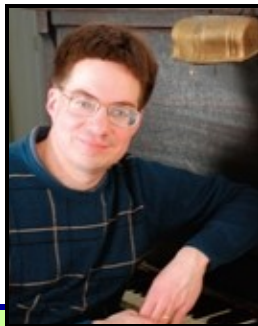
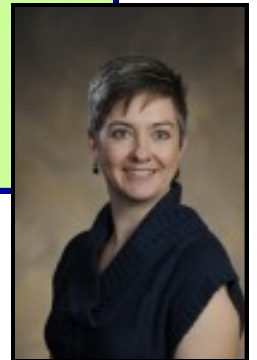
Wyoming Spring Ring

Friday-Saturday, April 5-6
Casper, Wyoming
Clinician: Tim Waugh
Contact: Carolyn Dewel at
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Ring in Spring in Colorado

Friday-Saturday, April 13-14
Centennial, Colorado
Clinician: Stephanie Rhoades
Contact: Bev Curtiss at
Bevercruise@hotmail.com



New Mexico Spring Ring - 2013

Friday-Saturday, April 26-27
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Clinician: Jason Krug
Contact: Lois Cook at
Lcook1@comcast.net

Spring Ring 2013 - Arizona Style

Saturday, April 20
Sun City, Arizona
Clinician: Michael Mazzatenta
Contact: Marcy Hontz at
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New Area 11 Board Appointments

Our New Communications Chair Hopes to Keep Everyone *In the Loop*

The Area 11 Board members recently added a new position to the board — a Communications Chair that would oversee all the communications within Area 11. Mary Moffett, who has been serving as our Mountain Sub-area chair, has agreed to take on this new challenge and begin serving as our new Area 11 Communications Chair. By adding this new position, we hope to increase everyone's awareness of the wonderful things going on in Area 11.

*I am so excited to take on this new role to help improve the communications effort in our Area! Last year, we collected several email addresses at our Spring Ring events and we plan to update that list by collecting more at this year's spring events. However, I would be happy to receive an email at any time throughout the year with names and email addresses of anyone who would like to be sure they receive our e-newsletter and email announcements. You can contact me at Communications.area11@handbellmusicians.org We want **everyone** to be “in the loop”!*

Did you know that Area 11 also has a Facebook page? If you are a member of Facebook, this is another wonderful way to keep in contact with each other and share our thoughts, ideas, and pictures of our handbell events with everyone. We'll be updating the page frequently, so plan to join the group if you haven't already! The name of our group is Handbell Musicians of America—Area 11. Look for us! If you do not already have a Facebook account, you will need to create one in order to join the group. Log onto <https://www.facebook.com/> to create your free account.

In addition to improving our email communications and keeping our Area 11 Facebook page up-to-date, we will continue to keep the Area 11 website current with events, registration information, and a calendar of upcoming events. I will always be thinking of ways to help our handbell musicians in Area 11 stay connected and know what's going on. My ultimate goal as the communications chair is to never hear anyone say, “I haven't heard anything about that.” OR “I didn't know that was coming up.” OR “I wish I would have known about that. I would have gone!” I am hopeful that with an increased effort in our communications, everyone will be aware of what is happening in the area and be able to participate more fully in our wonderful events!



Meet Jane Wolfarth — Our new Area 11 Mountain Sub-area Chair

We are very fortunate that Jane Wolfarth has eagerly accepted the invitation to serve on the Area 11 Board as our new Mountain Sub-area Chair.

Although I have played the piano since childhood and was a French horn major in college, I had never touched a handbell until my family and I moved to Utah and I joined the Bells of Joyful Sound. Over the past eight years, I've learned to four-in-hand, written off pieces for handbells, and even designed a presentation for six ringers (intended to introduce kids to handbells) that we performed at local elementary schools. Handbells still feel novel to me, and I like the physicality of playing them. It's hard to groove to the music when you're glued to a French horn.

When I'm not ringing, I teach American English pronunciation to international students at the University of Utah. I also try to keep up my 1893 Victorian house and take care of my family — husband Robert, daughter Melody, son Gabriel, and cats Iris and Persephone. I also enjoy gardening, hiking the Wasatch mountains, and meeting curious people.



2013 Young Ringers Bell Camp Set For July

"One of the most awesome experiences you can have as a bell ringer"

A Letter from our Area 11 Youth Representative:

Dear Area 11 Youth,

Hi friends! I just wanted to let you guys know about Area 11's Youth Bell Camp this summer!!!! The theme is Christmas in July! Bell camp is one of the most awesome experiences you can have as a bell ringer. You'll get to spend July 20-24 at Ft. Lewis College in Durango Colorado ringing bells, playing games, making friends, and other great adventures! You'll get to spend the weekend staying on a beautiful college campus- you'll even get to stay in their dorms!

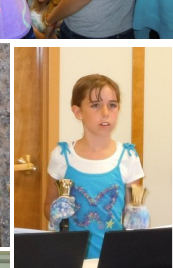
At Bell Camp, we do a lot of ringing together as an ensemble, but we also get to break up into smaller ensembles or solos. We learn about music theory, new ringing techniques, and how to make the notes on the page into true music. All our hard work pays off with a final concert at the end of camp. It's not all ringing though- we'll get to do lots of fun crafts and activities like maybe a climbing wall, swimming, or hiking. We might even get to go white water rafting down the Animas River! The best parts of Bell Camp, though, are the friendships that you make. If you've been before, you'll get to see some old friends again. If this is your first time, you'll get to meet a whole group of awesome, friendly people who love to ring bells, too!! Bell camp is great because you get to bond not only with your choir, but with other choirs from all over Area 11! You guys can come by yourselves, or you can bring your whole choir! You can register for Bell Camp any time before April 1, 2013. Bell camp costs \$340, with a \$50 deposit due when you register. Now is a great time to start fundraising! I know my choir is getting started! If you have any questions about bell camp, talk to your directors, or feel free to contact me at 13jsune@davis.k12.ut.us. I hope to see all of you guys there!

Love,

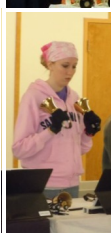
Jessie Sune

Area 11 Youth Representative

Fun at our 2011 Young Ringers Bell Camp!



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much fun
as we did in
2011!**



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Area 11 Rang in the New Year at our Area-wide Read and Ring on January 26!

About 160 ringers from all around Area 11 gathered in 8 cities across our area and celebrated the arrival of 2013 by ringing in the new year 'together'! They sight read 15 new releases and had a wonderful time being with old friends and making new ones!

Ringling in the New Year in Brigham City, UT



Ringling in the New Year in Sun City, AZ



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Tell your friends!

PLEASE

Be sure to keep your e-mail address up-to-date to receive the latest news.



Area 11 Rang in the New Year continued...



Ring in the New Year in Scottsdale, AZ



Salt Lake City, UT, Colorado Springs, CO, and Cheyenne, WY also hosted the Read and Ring. No pictures are available, but they had a wonderful time too!

Ring in the New Year in Grand Junction, CO



Ring in the New Year in Casper, WY



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Email submissions to Mary Moffett at
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