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From the Chair:



May is always a bittersweet time for me. I *love* the warmer weather and longer days. I *love* getting out my bicycle and going out for a ride. I *love* working in my garden. I *love* going to end of year bell concerts. However, with May comes the end of the ringing season. It means polishing the bells and putting them away for the summer and saying goodbye to ringing friends for a few months.

May is also a time of reflection for me, as I look back on the year. As an Area,

when I reflect back, many wonderful events have happened in Area 11. We had a first-ever fall ringing event in Wyoming, the WyoRing. We hosted 9 Read and Rings around the Area in January. There were Spring Rings in all five states in March and April. Our Young Ringers Camp is coming up this July.

Your Area Board has also been busy working on event planning for next year. We are working on putting together a "Fall Tune-up" in many locations around the Area. Our Read and Ring date for next year will be February 1st, 2014. Spring Rings for 2014 are in the planning stages. Our Area 11 Festival will be June 19-22, 2014 in Loveland, CO.

Please check the Area 11 website, <http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/>, regularly for updated information regarding these events and more.

I wish you all a great end to your ringing season, and good luck with your concerts!

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Area 11 Spring Ringing Events

Area 11 hosted four Spring Ringing events during the month of April. Wyoming kicked off the month, followed by Colorado, then Arizona, and finally New Mexico. The participants at each event had a wonderful time as they came together and spent one or two days ringing under the direction of their guest clinicians. Take a few moments and read about each of these fabulous events on the following pages.

Wyoming Spring Ring ~ April 5-6



The annual WYOMING SPRING RING took place on Apr. 5-6, 2013, at the Parkway Plaza Ballrooms with the concert on the 6th at 2:00 p.m. Nationally known clinician and composer Tim Waugh was a wonderful conductor, mentor, and motivator in the mass rehearsals and we learned much from his clinic. We had our largest registration yet with 127 ringers from Casper, Cheyenne, Sundance, Upton, Torrington, Lingle, Riverton, and Yoder, Wyoming as well as Loveland, Windsor, Broomfield, Severance, Longmont, Denver, and Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mountain Sub-Area Chair Jane Wolfarth from Utah represented Area 11.

Bells Of The Rockies, under the direction of Michael Kastner, played two solo pieces, including Kastner's composition "Katse," and

Casper's Phoenix Ringers played Wagner's arrangement of "Over the Rainbow" and invited the audience to sing along. The five mass numbers included Cynthia Dobrinski's "Rondo Passacaglia" and arrangement of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" with brass accompaniment. Linda Lamb's "Celtic Farewell" with oboe, and Waugh's "Festal Dance" with flute and percussion and "Selvaggio."

The next Wyoming Spring Ring will be April 4-5, 2014 with JD Frizzell as Guest Director. For information, contact Carolyn Deuel, ARTCOREWY@aol.com.

~Carolyn Deuel



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“Ring in Spring” in Colorado ~ April 12-13



Wow! What fun we had with 140 Ringers from Area 11 participating in the 1 ½ day event held at Smoky Hill United Methodist Church . There was Massed Ringing with our Clinician Stephanie Rhoades, along with workshops on 4- in hand, Weaving, Bass Bells and Bell Tree. We had a concert concluding the Festival with about 140 in attendance, which included 3 Massed Ringing pieces, solo choirs, as well as a piece each for Coppers and Bronze Ringers. Thanks so much to the rest of my committee who helped out a lot—Linda Larson, Becky Stevens and Marta Neill.



~Bev Curtiss
Chair of “Ring in Spring”
in Colorado.



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Arizona Spring Ring 2013 ~ April 20

78 ringers from all over the State of Arizona met at the Fairway Recreation Center in Sun City, AZ on Saturday, April 20. We had beginning ringers to the very best auditioned groups that came and rang together. We had full choirs and orphans all ringing together. It was SOOO much fun! Dr. Michael Mazzatenta, from the Scottsdale area, was the clinician. We worked on music from composers that were all Area 11 people, two of which are Ring of Fame recipients, Doug Benton and Bill Wood. Our 3:00 pm concert hosted 80 in the audience. "Mazz" was wonderful, we all learned a lot and his patience and sense of humor made the day...relaxing(?) most of the times, and definitely fun. The ringers came from Desert Bells International, Phoenix, Gold Canyon UMC, Scottsdale, Handbell Ringers of Sun City, Sun City, Faith Presbyterian Church, Sun City, Gilbert Presbyterian Church, Gilbert, La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, Sonoran Bells, Tucson, and New Covenant Lutheran Church, Scottsdale. If you

have never been to a festival, it's not too late! More are in the planning! Check out the website for the events already on the calendar, or call your sub-area person for things that might be in the works....and mark your calendar for the 2014 Area 11 Festival in Loveland, CO. Debbie Rice will be the lead clinician and she is spectacular! BELL RINGING IS SOOOO MUCH FUN!!!

~Libbie Randels



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New Mexico Spring Ring ~ April 26-27



Have you ever been to the Land of Enchantment? Many ringers were on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27, 2013, to ring with our clinician and conductor, Jason Krug. The bi-annual New Mexico Spring Ring was a resounding success. We had a great time ringing with Jason. He was demanding and exacting mixed with being humorous and approachable. He said it best, “you know it’s been a good festival when the worst thing that happened, was that lunch was two minutes late.”

We had a nice mix of ringers from beginning to advanced. Most of the participants seemed well prepared and ready to tackle the challenges of massed ringing.

One of our attendees expressed their opinion of the clinician, as being knowledgeable, yet low key with realistic expectations for the performance. Jason made the hard work fun. I think I speak for many when I declare the 2013 New Mexico Spring Ring a rousing success. We are anxious to begin preparing for the next Area 11 event!!

~Lois Cook



2013 Events



DATE: JULY 24-27, 2013

LOCATION: PORTLAND, OREGON

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Register before May 15 to guarantee early-bird pricing (a discount of \$65)**
- Pre-registration is required for all classes so register early to guarantee space in the classes you want
- All-Star Choir under the direction of Fred Gramann and Debbie Rice
- Three additional ringing tracks and one new performance track
- More new classes and faculty
- Certification classes available
- Concerts by performers from around the globe
- Handbell Industry Council Exhibits, Reading Sessions and Showcases

Visit Seminar.HandbellMusicians.org for all the details and to register today!

IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!!

Area 11 Young Ringers' Camp

Ages 10 (by July 1, 2013) - 18 years

July 20-24, 2013

Fort Lewis College, Durango CO

Arrive Saturday for Supper / Depart Wednesday Morning

REGISTRATION FEE = \$340 per registrant

Includes Lodging, Linens, Meals, Music Packet and
LOTS OF RINGING!

Also included: swimming, white water rafting, games, crafts,
and 'Christmas Morning' surprises!

**A non-refundable \$50 deposit per registrant
IS DUE APRIL 1, 2013.**

The balance is due May 1, 2013

Late Registration (Registrations received after April 1st) = \$425

Registration Forms are available at
www.area11.handbellmusicians.org

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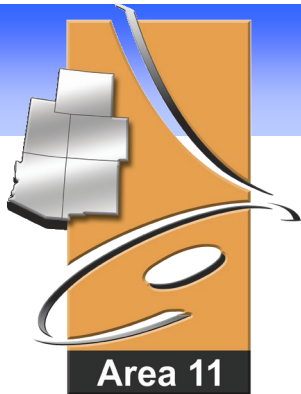


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Area 11 Concerts

The Area 11 Concerts section will feature concerts given at Area 11 sponsored and endorsed events as well as additional concerts submitted for inclusion. *If you have a concert you would like to advertise in the Area 11 newsletter, please send the following information to Mary Moffett at Communications.area11@handbellmusicians.org*

Your Name

Name of Handbell Choir/Concert Name

Handbell Musicians of America membership number

Concert Date and Time

Concert Admission Price

Concert Location

Concert Address

Contact person name and email address

Saturday, May 11

Bells of Joyful Sound Spring Concert

7:00 p.m.

Mountain Vista United Methodist Church

8931 S. 3200 W.

West Jordan, UT 84088

Admission: Free, offering accepted

Contact: Mary Moffett at Mary_moffett@comcast.net

Sunday, May 19

Spring Concert

Featuring: Children's Chime Choir, Ringers of the Light, Genesis Ringers, and Grace Notes

7:00 p.m.

Community United Methodist Church

163 West 4800 South, Ogden, UT

Admission: Free, offering accepted

Contact: Claudette Rothwell at claudette.rothwell@gmail.com

Area 11 Chime Loan Program

We have seven sets of handchimes that are available to loan to classroom teachers, school music teachers, and church musicians and music leaders within Area 11. If you are a teacher or church musician, please consider applying for one of the sets yourself. In addition, if you know anyone that may be interested, please make it a priority to mention this program to them. It is a fabulous program that offers the opportunity to introduce handchimes to children in school and church settings that do not already have access to them. The application form can be found on our website at

<http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/education/handchime-grant-program/>



E-notes is a wonderful short newsletter produced by our National staff each month. It can be found at <http://handbellmusicians.org/>. You can also sign up to receive it through email each month if you would like.

In addition to other articles of interest, beginning with their May issue, they will feature a different member's story each month. They would love to hear from you! What handbell program you are part of; how your membership in Handbell Musicians of America has helped your handbell journey; and what inspires you as a handbell musician. It would be wonderful to read about some of our Area 11 members in *E-Notes* one day! So, submit your story today to our Regional Membership Coordinator and maybe we will see you in a future issue of *E-Notes*. Members of our area should send their submissions to Ellie Hodder, ehodder@handbellmusicians.org Include your name, your home city and state, your member number, and your role in handbells. Keep your story to 300 words or less and include a photo of yourself that they can include with your story.

Deadline for June Area 11 Newsletter

May 25, 2013

Advertising deadline May 20, 2013

Email submissions to Mary Moffett at

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