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RINGERS CAMP
June 13-16, 2021
YMCA
Estes Park
Colorado

ESTES PARK CENTER
YMCA of the Rockies

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Area 11 Website

area11.handbellmusicians.org

National Office Website

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Upcoming Area 11 Board Meetings

Sat, May 15, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Sat, July 10, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Sat, Aug 7, 2021 9:00 a.m.

If you would like to suggest a topic for us to discuss at our board meeting or have a question, you may submit those by [clicking here](#).

***Our first Area 11 All Ages Handbell Camp
is just around the corner!
We're so excited to spend a few days in the
mountains with Monica McGowan!***

From the Chair:



Dear Area 11 Ringing Friends,

April Showers, Bring May Flowers

We certainly have gotten our share of weird weather lately, but then the sun comes out and it's time to go outside again!

Our board has been working hard this spring on all the details for our summer bell camp. We have been almost fifty people attending in Estes Park. I have been working with our clinician, Monica McGowan on the music selection and hope to publish that soon. Sue Hahn Boorman and Lorrie Hart are hard at work with the ringing assignments and schedule details.

My choirs were able to ring in person for Holy Week. My middle and high school youth memorized a quick hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" to use as a Palm Sunday processional. Then our combined youth and adult bell choir rang "Easter Bells" by Michael Ryan for Easter morning. It was so glorious to be back in church, rather than recording all our music. I am blessed by very supportive staff and handbell families that have adapted and risen to each different way we tried. I'd love to hear about your spring ringing and how you rang at your church or school.

In May, my daughter will graduate and then will be off to college in out-of-state. Then in July we will both attend the National Seminar in Phoenix just before she heads off to school. Gwen and two of my other youth ringers will be participating in "Distinctly Teen". It's a special opportunity for the youth to learn in an advanced setting from Barbara Walsh!

National Seminar is being offered in-person and virtual! I highly encourage you to partake in this annual event. It's a wonderful learning opportunity and always great to connect with bell friends! Plus you will get to meet some of those composers and arrangers that you always see on your music. The music is amazing and concerts are superb! You can see more information: <https://handbellmusicians.org/national-events-learning-opportunities/>

Please share your questions, thoughts, and ideas for Area 11 events for 2021-2022! We are already tentatively planning our fall Ringers' Roundup, Super Bell Saturday, and Spring Rings. Please email me at: chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org or call/text 303-898-7056. We would love to connect with you!

Happy Ringing,
Anne

Area 11 Board Members

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Handchime Loan

Even though school music classes have looked different this year, it's great to hear that the chimes from our Area 11 Handchime loan are being used.



Here's what one of our chime loan recipients had to say.

"We have been using the chimes since the first of the year in rotations. This is mainly for the 4th, 5th and 6th graders at Lomond View. We have been able to teach them different instruments including the ukulele, djembe drum and the hand chimes.

They have learned about chord structure when playing the chimes and even taught them a little bit of science when we explained how vibration works with pitch! They thought it was pretty cool! We use posters to help us teach songs and have even found some great resources on YouTube for chime play-alongs.

I have found that sometimes learning how to play an instrument can be overwhelming to students. Some kids just give up and get frustrated. But the chimes have been such a blessing at our school since every kid can play them and they always get excited when they see me bring them into the classroom for music!

We have also have a Lomond View Bell Choir that practices before school and we have been able to add the chimes to our program this year to give us some great diversity in the songs we are playing. The chimes are definitely getting used and we are so grateful that we have them this year. There are quite a few things that we have been limited doing in Music Class because of Covid-19, but we have found a safe way to play the chimes so we can keep music in the classroom as much as possible. It has been wonderful!

So thank you so much for giving our school this opportunity to have these chimes. We will be so sad to have to give them back when the time comes.

Thanks again!

*Brittany Bennett
Lomond View Music Teacher"*



Applications are now open for the chime loans for the 2021-22 school year. We loan the 3 octave sets to church groups, school classes, and music groups, and it's FREE. Could your group benefit by adding hand chimes? Check out the application at <https://area11.hanbellmusicians.org/education/handchime-grant-program/>

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RING AROUND THE WORLD



I am so looking forward to our trip around the world. After our extended absences from rehearsals, worship, concerts and just being together for ringing events, I am thrilled to gather with handbell musicians from Area 11 to share in the mountain air, breath-taking vistas and music making experiences we will create from handbell compositions that represent the world. We will truly unite through our musical art.

I know the Area 11 Board has been working hard behind the scenes to re-imagine this ringing event. Congratulations to Area 11 for being one of the first to host an in-person ringing event in the United States. There will be

certain protocols we must follow but the important aspects remain: meeting new friends, renewing acquaintances and sharing the journey to create long lasting and perhaps even life-changing musical memories.

Through my years as a ringer and director, I educate through example and experience, never asking more of you than I would give. I look forward to guiding you and learning from you. Our art is a reciprocal journey: through your attention, diligence and execution partnered with my study, experience, empathy, insistence, and passion for our musical art, I look forward to each and every moment as we gather to "Ring Around the World."

Monica S. McGowan



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National Seminar 2021



Handbell Musicians of America is coming to Glendale, AZ! From July 13-17, approximately 400 handbell directors, ringers, composers, educators, and industry representatives will be at Phoenix/Glendale Renaissance Hotel and Spa for our annual National Seminar.

Registrants will participate in numerous classes and workshops, hear concert performances by some of the best handbell ensembles in the U.S., and enjoy opportunities for networking and fellowship.

To make this event a success, we need your help. We strive to provide an active, hands-on experience in our classes and workshops. This requires approximately 30 sets of handbells and additional sets of handchimes, as well as foam padding and other miscellaneous equipment. We are asking you to help us by loaning your handbells or handchimes to the Guild for the event.

All equipment is covered for loss or damage under the Handbell Musicians of America Inland Marine Insurance policy while it is in the care, custody, and control of a Guild representative or volunteer. In addition, any organization or individual that loans a full set of handbells or handchimes for this event will receive a one-year membership (or extension of their current membership) in Handbell Musicians of America. Also, each organization or individual will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to one of the concerts during Seminar.

If you are able to assist us by loaning equipment, please contact our Local Liaison and Area 11 Desert Chair for the event, Katie Gant, desert.area11@handbellmusicians.org

We deeply appreciate your support of Handbell Musicians of America and National Seminar and hope to see you in Glendale in July!

Katie Gant
Desert Sub Area Chair
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NATIONAL SEMINAR

National Seminar is coming to
Phoenix, Arizona this summer!
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Unity is Strength

What kinds of things have you been involved in lately? Chances are any big projects you have taken on were shared with someone else. Our strength often comes by association with someone like a colleague, family member, associate, student, teacher, or another human being.

Poet Mattie Stephanek once said, "Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

I doubt any of us has developed our artistic abilities with handbells and music in isolation. We have shared ideas and mentored each other. Wonderful things are happening with our skills and with our personal relationships in our handbell choirs.

The strength of Handbell Musicians of America is in its members. Reach out to those you are ringing with and encourage them to join. The dues and donations help further the mission of Handbell Musicians of America. That is to further the art of ringing through education, community, and communication. As your Area 11 leadership, we are providing events that join us together to serve this same mission. With each event we attend, we are building unity and strength in Area 11 and Handbell Musicians of America.



LeAnna Willmore
Area 11 Chair-elect

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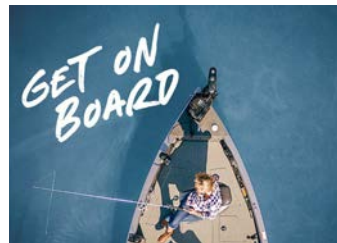
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and join our **wild bunch**



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