



NJGMS Newsflyer

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Monthly Meetings in the 2008-2009 Season!

Here is a recap of the events that took place during the meeting we held this season:

September: The new season started off with guest artist Tom Doyle who wowed the members with his fingerstyle guitar technique and stories of working with Les Paul for the past 40+ years. Tom also builds guitars, so the members were able to learn about guitar constructions, repair and maintenance.

October: Professor Christopher Kenniff presented a program with soprano Kathleen Harris as part of *Duo Cantiga*. They performed a wide range of music from Brahms to a newly commissioned work based on poems by Edgar Allen Poe. The duo discussed performing guitar (or accompanying) a vocalist. Christopher also performed a small set of solo works for guitar solo.



November: Our *Player's Circle*. Here, NJGMS members sat in a large circle and took turns performing for the group, followed by comments from the membership. Here is the evening's playlist:

Nick- Giuliani, Sonata, Op. 15
Gary and Jeffrey (guitar duo)- Le Rossignol
Max- Everly Brothers medley, Here There and Everywhere
Rob- Ain't Misbehavin (Waller), One Fine Day
Carla- Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah, Manpans (self)
Joe (harp guitar)- Sticks and Stones (self)
Tito (10-string)- Las Campanas, Prelude in C (Bach)
Bob- My Lady Hudson's Puff (Dowland), As a Little Child
Jeffrey- Adios Ocumare (arr. Lauro)

December: Mandolinists Todd Collins and John Skehan demonstrated the versatility of the instrument- from blues to Brazilian to bluegrass. They also discussed details of purchasing and performing on the mandolin as well as sharing entertaining stories about their professional experiences. www.toddcollinsmusic.com.

January: luthier Gary Lee gave a stimulating lecture/demonstration about guitar building techniques, tap tuning, resonance and more. His demonstration table was covered with wood samples and he went through the details of building guitars and revealed what were previously mysteries to the average consumer. www.leeguitarworks.com

February: Our second *Player's Circle*. It was the largest turnout yet! Here is the evening's playlist:

Bob- Etude #2 (Villa Lobos), In His Arms (Standeford)
Frank- Blackberry Winter (Wilder)
Jeffrey and Gary (guitar duo)- Tango (Albeniz)
Max- Jack's Song (self) Still Love me Tomorrow (King)
Rob- You Do Something to Me (Porter), Sweet Georgia Brown (Bernie).
Mike- Bunny Island (self)
Paul- Let it Be (Beatles)
Tony- Romance (anon)
Patrick- Lagrima (Tarrega), Etude #3 (Carcassi)
Tito (10-string guitar)- Nostalia, How Are You (self)
Sergio- Sounds of Bells (Pernambuco), Tristeza
John- Prelude in dmi (Bach)
Jeffrey- Tango (tarrega)
Gary- Passacaglia (Weiss)

March: Vicki Genfan "wowed" the membership with her percussive technique as well as her musical and artistic thoughts about music. New to the society, we were flattered to have her as a guest. A clip of Vicki performing at the meeting is available on our website. www.vickigenfan.com.

April: Our last meeting of the season featured jazz guitarist Vic Juris. Vic expressed deep understanding of tone and technique while haring his insights about music, guitar construction, and traveling with the instrument. www.vicjuris.com.

May: *Guitar Night 2009* will be on May 12 at Trumpets Jazz Club in Montclair (7:00-9:15). The event features young, up-and-coming musicians paired with seasoned talent- John Sheehan and Tom Doyle. Trumpets has a menu for dinner, dessert or just a drink. A \$12 music fee will be added to your check- funds go to NJGMS.



New Jersey Guitar & Mandolin Society

MEMBERSHIP: Our next season is already being planned and will include 2 Players Circles, an Ensemble Reading Session, lecture, as well as 4 guest artist presentations. Since our season ends in April, we have included membership renewal forms for the 2009-2010 season. Our new season will begin in September! Please introduce the society to your friends and neighbors who have an interest in music- bring them to a meeting! The membership fee of \$30 is less than \$4 per concert/meeting... the best deal found anywhere! So, please don't hesitate to include a tax deductible donation with your membership renewal.

NJ Council on the Arts Grant for 2009

NJGMS received a second grant for \$924.00! The funds are to be used to get the word out about the society through advertising, specifically Guitar Night. When you see the following quote you know some of the grant funds have been applied to the specific event: *"Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, through grant funds administered by the Bergen County Department of Parks, Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs."*



Board of Advisors

We have new board members serving a five-year term. **Gary Lee** (Passaic County) joined NJGMS at the beginning of 2008 after having lived in Philadelphia and St. Louis where he participated in the classical guitar societies in those cities. A former biochemist in the biotechnology industry, he has built acoustic guitars since 1999. He now owns and operates Lee Guitar Works in Wayne, NJ. He is a member of the Guild of American Luthiers and the Association of Stringed Instrument Artisans. **Jeffrey Wilt** has been a guitar enthusiast for more than 40 years and has been an active member of the New Jersey Guitar & Mandolin Society since 2003. He frequently attends classical guitar concerts and festivals in the greater New York area. In his professional life, Jeffrey is Field Vice President in the NY-NJ metropolitan area for the Pacific Life Insurance Company and President of the North Jersey

Chapter of the Society of Financial Services Professionals. Jeffrey lives in Sussex County with his wife and two children, three cats and one Golden Retriever. Another daughter attends Rutgers University.

3 New Items for 2009-2010 Season

Next season, our sessions will begin at 6:30pm and run until 8:00 in order to accommodate more people. That means the presentations or guest artist portions will **begin at 7:00pm**, but doors will open at 6:30.

NJGMS will be going **all digital**- that means we will no longer be using ground mail- all our communications, membership forms, newsfliers will be sent electronically unless you call and ask us to mail you a specific item. This new system is not only environmentally friendly, but also more efficient.

Our **website** continues to be revised with an easier to read calendar. A new archive section will be in place this summer with info and music clips from past meetings and an archive of past NJGMS Newsfliers. Make sure you have been receiving emails from us. If not, please contact us to be placed on our email list- we never share personal information. Log on to www.bergen.org/njgms

Budget for Fiscal Year 2008

(January 1 – December 31, 2008)

<u>Income</u>	
Membership fees	920.00
Donations	155.00
T-shirt sales	80.00
Guitar Night	390.00
NJSCOA Grant	619.00
Income total	2164.00
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Artist honorariums	1090.00
Government form fees	25.00
T-shirt order	368.40
Advertising	395.00
Expenditure total	1878.40
Total at beginning of fiscal year	797.35
+ Income	2164.00
- Expenditures	1878.40
Total at end of fiscal year =	1082.95

NOTE: funds for food served at meetings is taken from the donation jar. The average total of the donation jar per meeting is \$30.00. Remaining funds from the jar are deposited as a donation or given to the guest artist to supplement travel.