

NJGMS Newsflyer

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Monthly Sessions of the 2012-2013 Season!

Here is a review of the events that took place during the meetings we held this season:

September: The new season started off with Paul Meyers. Although most people associate him with jazz, Paul has delved into Brazilian music in recent years. His visit featured both styles as well as his thoughts and ideas about the crossover of classical guitar technique and its application to jazz music. www.paulmeyers.info

October: Joao Kouyoumdjian continues to hold a performance residency in the US, but is a Brazilian national (of Armenian descent). He performed an engaging historical retrospect of Brazilian music and styles- interwoven with more obscure Armenian folk music. Look for his new CD coming this spring. www.joakouyoumdjian.com

November: We had our first ever cancellation due to the recent after effects of Superstorm Sandy, so the members gathered in a circle and performed for each other, talked about new music and shared news of upcoming events. Turned out to be a casual and enjoyable gathering.

December: *NJGMS Members Player's Circle* includes musicians of all levels: father and son duets, beginners, and professionals trying out new music. December proved a great time for the circle because it gave the opportunity to perform holiday music. Here is the evening's playlist:

Bob Savino: Deck the Halls (arr. Siktberg), Silent Night (Standefer).

Robert Silver: Who Can I Turn To, Liza (Gershwin), Falling Grace.

Gary Lee: Lesley's Song (Hand), Missing Her (Hand), Son of Mary (Llobet).

Keith Fanella: Silent Night, Passacaglia (Weiss, Suite No. 13), If my Complaints Her Passions Move (Dowland).

Jack Frassa and Frank Costa (banjos): I'll See You in My Dreams, Sweet Georgia Brown, Way Down Yonder, China Boy, Sailing on the Chesapeake.

Mike Jodry: Don't Get Around Much Anymore (Ellington), Since I Met You Baby, Love Me.

Rob Lange: Mr. Guitar (Emmanuel), Learning to "Reed", Take Five (Brubeck), Luttrell (Wariner)

Max McDonnell: Silent Night, The First Noel, Can't Help Falling in Love.

January: January is our lecture month. This time we took up Andy Fuchs' on his invitation to tour his amplifier (and effects pedal) factory in Clifton. Members were fascinated to learn about boutique companies like his who offer much more individualized customer service. Thank you Andy for opening up your factory for us this evening! www.fuchsaudio.com



Andy Fuchs of Fuchs Audio discussing circuit boards with NJGMS members

February: This evening we welcomed back one of our youngest veterans, Jacquelyn Passoni. Five years ago, she was our featured young talent at Guitar Night 2008. Since then she has graduated from Hartt School of Music with a degree in guitar performance and is quickly becoming established as both performer and educator in the Connecticut area!

March: We continued reaching out to the community by working with local libraries. This month's meeting was held at Westwood Free Public Library on a Sunday afternoon and featured NJ blues guitarist Billy Hector. Billy has a 40-year track record of performing and filled the performing area beyond capacity. Billy maintains a very active performing career and has just released another CD. www.billyhector.com

April: Our last meeting of the season included our second *NJGMS Members Player's Circle*. Check our Facebook page for photos. Here is the evening's playlist:

Rob Silver: Doxy (Rollins), Some Day My Prince Will Come (from Snow White), I Wish Knew How to Feel Free (Taylor).

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Max McDonnell: *Lonesome Town* (Knight/Nelson), *If I fell* (Beatles), *Killing Me Softly* (Fox/Gimbel/Flack).

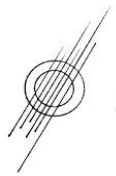
Bob Savino: *Madronas* (Torroba), *Cavatina* (Meyers), *Jean* (Abril).

Rob Lange: *Blue Moon* (Rodgers/Hart), *Amy* (Emmanuel), *Windy and Warm* (Loudermilk).

Mike Jodry: *Hucklebuck*, *Oh Baby* (Jodry), *To Sir with Love* (Black/Lulu)

Gary Lee: *Etude* (Regondi), *Always By Your Side* (Towner), *Asturias* (Albeniz)

Guitar Night 2013 will take place May 9 at Trumpets Jazz Club in Montclair (7:00-9:30). The event features young, up-and-coming jazz guitarists from New Jersey City University paired with seasoned talent. Our professional guests include Paul Meyers and a duo with Bucky Pizzarelli and Ed Laub! The NJGMS member quartet debuted last year and will return in 2013. Finally, luthier Gary Lee will present a demonstration on joining the top of an acoustic guitar! Trumpets has a full bar and dinner menu. \$20 music charge and \$10 minimum.



New Jersey Guitar & Mandolin Society

MEMBERSHIP: Our next season is already being planned and will include a great variety of music and activities including a live recording demo- so members can experience how guitarists record in a studio and watch (or participate) in the process. We will continue with two *Players Circles* (December and April).

Since our season ends in April, we ask you to renew your membership now. Membership renewal forms are available from our website. Our new season will begin in September and as always provides the community with a rich offering of activities! Please introduce the society to your friends and neighbors who have an interest in music- bring them to a meeting! The annual membership fee of \$30 amounts to less than \$4 per meeting... the best deal found anywhere! So, don't hesitate to include a tax deductible donation with your membership renewal- NJGMS is recognized by the federal government as a non-profit 501c3 organization.

Facebook

We now have an active Facebook page that has frequent updates, news and photos of society members and activities. We thank Li Foo for volunteering to create and maintain the page for the society. For photos and more visit: www.facebook.com/njgms



Grants for 2013

NJGMS received its sixth consecutive grant from the NJ State Council on the Arts! We are using the funds for Guitar Night. When you see the following statement you know that grant funds have been applied to the 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."



We also received a third grant from Novartis and one from Pacific Life. Thanks to: Gary Lee, Candice Wang, and Jeff Wilt.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2012

(January 1 – December 31, 2012)

<u>Income</u>	
Membership fees	570.00
Donations	260.00
Pacific Life Grant	100.00
Guitar Night	602.00
NJSCOA Grant	375.00
Novartis Grant	1000.00
Income total	2907.00
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Artist honorariums	1050.00
Government form and fees	100.00
Expenditure total	1150.00
Total at beginning of fiscal year	3896.32
+ Income	2907.00
- Expenditures	1150.00
Total at end of fiscal year =	5653.32

NOTE: The average total of the donation jar per meeting is \$25.00. Funds are deposited as a donation or given to the guest artist to supplement travel.

NJGMS Administration

NJ Guitar & Mandolin Society was founded in 2002 by Michael Lemma as a way to gather people together and share appreciation of plucked string music. NJGMS is designated by the NJ State Department of Education as a professional development provider (#5001). NJGMS is run entirely as a volunteer organization and prides itself on contributing to the artistic community while also running a financially responsible organization. We look forward to our 12th season!

Founder and Director

Michael Lemma

Board of Advisors (2008-2013)

Jeff Wilt, Gary Lee

Former Board of Advisors (2002-2007)

Gabe Nevola, Tim Lee, Joel Perry