

NJGMS Newsflyer

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Monthly Sessions of the 2013-2014 Season!

Our annual review of activities and events this season:

September: The new season began with jazz guitarist Ed Laub. Ed had appeared last season with Bucky Pizzarelli at our annual Guitar night but this time presented a solo session with his 7-string guitar, including its history and application to performing contemporary music. Ed is a local guitarist with a long history of performing and studying with Mr. Pizzarelli. www.edlaub.com

October: This session presented a great musician from NY State who is spreading the word about the lute and similar instruments. As an early music Ph.D candidate, Chris was able to relate to the guitarists in the audience when explaining the fine nuances of historic instruments such as the Baroque lute.



www.christopherwilke.com

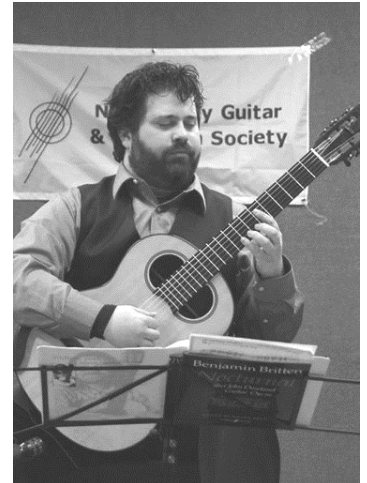
November: This session was sponsored by D'Addario Strings. Here, we had an instrument tune up and string changing session. Members were given a complimentary set of strings as well as tools/advice for completing basic repairs and changing strings. Thank you member Gary Lee for assisting the members with hands-on repairs, advice and adjustments on their instruments!

December: *NJGMS Members Player's Circle* includes musicians of all levels: beginners, duos, and professionals trying out new music. All NJGMS are encouraged to perform at these sessions. December proved a great time for the circle because it gave the opportunity to perform holiday music.

January: January is our lecture month. This month we featured local luthier and repairman Chris Ivory of Ivory Lutherie. Chris gave an in-depth presentation on common guitar repairs, facts vs. myths and demonstrated his points on real instruments or projected images. A couple members had even brought in their instruments to ask Chris directly. www.ivorylutherie.com

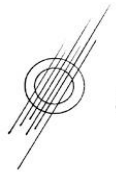
February: Andrew Schulman was our featured guest. Unfortunately, due to rescheduling snow days and other complications we had to cancel this month's gathering. However, we will be featuring Andrew next season, so come learn about Andrew's performing career and work as an Artist-in-Residence at Beth Israel Medical Center! www.abacaproductions.com

March: We continued reaching out to the community by working with local libraries. This month's meeting was held at Fort Lee Public Library on a Sunday afternoon and featured NJ native Nick Cutroneo. www.nickcutroneo.com. We had a standing room only crowd and look forward to providing even more free community events next season. Thank you to member Jim Tosone for the pre-concert lecture about the development of the guitar!



April: This month we tried something new: *NJGMS Member Showcase*, held at Just Grapes Wine Lounge in Elmwood Park. www.justgrapeslounge.com. Members had a chance to perform mini sets of music in a beautiful café setting. We had a strong showing of 12 performers and many friends- everybody loved the event and we are looking forward to adding one more, perhaps as a special event over the summer! Thanks to member Dave Graessle for coordinating this event with the venue.

Guitar Night 2014 will take place May 29, 2014 at Trumpets Jazz Club in Montclair (7:00-9:30). The event gives young talent the chance to share the stage with some of the best musicians in the region. We begin with college students performing mini sets of jazz and classical guitar. The NJGMS Guitar Quartet has become a favorite of the audience. Our professional guests includes mandolinist Barry Mitterhoff in a duo with guitarist Joe Selly. The closing act is flamenco virtuoso Hernan Romero. Trumpets has a full bar and dinner menu. \$20 music charge and \$10 minimum.



New Jersey Guitar & Mandolin Society

MEMBERSHIP: Now is the time to begin or renew your membership. Since 2002, NJGMS has been providing music activities that are community based and inclusive. Membership renewal forms are available from our website: www.bergen.org/njgms. 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 session! Want to make a donation? NJGMS is recognized by the federal government as a non-profit 501c3 organization.

Facebook

Our Facebook page has frequent updates, news and photos of society members and activities. We thank Li Foo for maintaining the page for the society. For updates, photos and more visit: www.facebook.com/njgms



Grants for 2014

NJGMS received its seventh 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 fourth grant from Novartis and our second grant from Pacific Life. Thanks to: *Gary Lee, Candice Wang, and Jeff Wilt*- NJGMS members who are making a difference in our community!

Budget for Fiscal Year 2013

(January 1 – December 31, 2013)

| <u>Income</u> | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Membership fees | 510.00 |
| Donations | 275.00 |
| Pacific Life Grant | 100.00 |
| Guitar Night | 300.00 |
| NJSCOA Grant | 665.00 |
| Order credit (shirts) | 10.00 |
| Income total | 1860.00 |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | |
| Artist honorariums | 960.00 |
| NJGMS shirts and pens orders | 617.45 |
| Expenditure total | 1577.45 |

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| Total at beginning of fiscal year | 5653.32 |
| + Income | 1860.00 |
| - Expenditures | 1577.45 |
| Total at end of fiscal year = | 5935.87 |

NOTE: The average total of the donation jar per meeting is 20.00. 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 recognized by the federal government as a 501c3 organization. NJGMS is designated by the NJ State Department of Education as a professional development provider (#5001) for educators. 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 13th season!

Founder and Director

Michael Lemma

Board of Advisors (2013-2018)

Gary Lee, Jim Tosone



Keith Fanella and friend perform at the April NJGMS Member Showcase