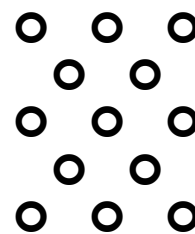


# THE DRAWKNOB

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## End of Summer Get Together and “Music Swap”

- When:** Saturday, August 19, 2023,  
come and go 11-1.
- What:** Come join friends and colleagues for  
conversation, meeting new friends,  
having lunch, and browsing treasures  
from the Music Swap.
- Where:** Linda and Ed’s shady yard,  
8421 E Oregon Place, Denver 80231

Colorado Chapter members of AGO, friends and family, are invited to enjoy a Summer outing to reconnect, talk shop, and browse the ever growing supply of wonderful music “swap” materials. This is a chance to find something “new,” or replace an old favorite. You may also bring items to contribute. Any voluntary contributions go to DRMC scholarship fund.

RSVPs are welcome, but not required. Please direct comments or questions to Linda Mack, 269-313-7593 or [lindajoymack@hotmail.com](mailto:lindajoymack@hotmail.com)

## The Dean’s Mixture

Here we are nearing the end of summer. The students are amassing school supplies and we as church musicians are planning our fall seasons! Whew, where did summer go?

Speaking of students — Owen Metz, an alumni of our Summer Organ Scholarship Program and a sophomore organ major at Oberlin has placed second in the RYCO (Regional Competition for Young Organists) at the AGO SW Regional Convention held in Tulsa. I was fortunate to hear Owen play parts of his program the week before the Convention week and excited that he is involved in this year’s RYCO! At the Denver

2019 Convention he was an active student volunteer and now is competing in RYCO.

Another of our young organists, Herbie Crisman, attended the POE in Wichita . He is thrilled to have had the opportunity and I am looking forward to seeing his photos and hear his stories.



And speaking of young organists, our summer scholars are working hard under their faculty leadership. Counting down to the Scholarship Concert in September!

Our thanks to Ricki and the Program Committee for an excellent June event. Joe Galema and Denver Brass5 presented a great concert of organ and brass music at St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch and we also enjoyed a wonderful social time with another of Linda’s lovely receptions. In attendance was Emily Brands, our newly appointed Young Organist Coordinator for the chapter.

We have had a change on our Executive Board. Ricki has resigned from the position of Sub-Dean of our chapter. It is with regret that the Board accepted her resignation. Ricki brought a remarkable level of creativity to her assignment as program lead, and she never skipped a beat when changes were required due to COVID restrictions. We will miss you, Ricki but hope to see you often at AGO events! Thankfully, Linda Mack has agreed to become Sub-Dean for the remainder of Ricki’s term. I believe that our chapter is fortunate to have two such competent leaders.

The programs for this coming year are really exciting, thanks to Ricki and her committee. Our next official event is our August social event on

Saturday, August 19, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Full details elsewhere in this issue of *The Drawknob*.

Have a great summer!  
Billie Busby Smith, Dean

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## Save the Dates

### Our Chapter Programs 2023-24

- August 2023** – Saturday, August 19 – 11am-1pm
- End of summer gathering  
Music Swap & Lunch  
Linda Mack’s home, 8421 E Oregon  
Place, Denver
- September 2023** – Monday, September 11 – 7pm
- Summer scholarship student recital & reception  
St. Paul Lutheran Church – 1600 Grant  
Street, Denver
- October 2023** – Friday, October 27 – 7:30 pm
- Alcee Chriss III concert and reception  
Bethany Lutheran Church
- December 2023** – Saturday, December 9 - 9 am
- Historic Denver Organ Tour  
Churches on Hampden/University

Calvary Baptist Church  
6500 E. Girard Avenue  
Christ Church  
2950 S. University Boulevard  
Wellshire Presbyterian Church  
2999 S. Colorado Boulevard

- December 2023** – Thursday, December 7 -7pm
- Denver Brass/Organ Christmas concert  
St. Andrew UMC – 9203 S. University  
Blvd., Highlands Ranch  
Rick Seaton, Organist
- January 2024** – Date and artist TBA
- Organ Concert and Reception  
St. John’s Cathedral
- February 2024** – Friday, February 23 – 7:30pm
- Members Lenten Organ Recital  
St. John’s Episcopal, Boulder  
Deadline for signing up Monday, January  
15, 2024
- March 2024** – no event because of Easter
- April 2024** – Friday, April 19 – 7pm
- Harpsichord Showcase  
Featuring 4 harpsichords, organ, and  
strings in collaboration with Augustana  
Arts  
Augustana Lutheran Church
- May 2024** – Monday, May 20 – 5pm
- Chapter annual meeting and dinner  
St. Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal  
Church, 6190 E. Quincy Ave., Cherry  
Hills Village

