

Lilies and Langlais



Our NH Chapter AGO event for the summer will be at the home of the Becker's on **Sunday, July 17th**. It will be a garden party unless we have rain in which case it will be inside with food. We hope to renew acquaintances among the members, especially the new members from the former Monadnock chapter.

We will hear a talk by our former Dean, Susan Ferre', about studying with famous French organist and composer Jean Langlais. As many of you know, Langlais was blind from 2 years old. Nevertheless he still became a great musician. Susan helped him get around during the years she studied with him.

Here is her bio.

Susan Ferré directs a non-profit, Music in the Great North Woods, sponsoring concerts such as the Big Moose Bach Fest, free of charge, in the North Country, and creating scholarships for young organists. She is Organist/ Director of Music at St. Barnabas Episcopal in Berlin, NH. Numerous performances have included concerts at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, more than 50 concerts in Europe, others in Scandinavia, Brazil, Canada, and throughout the United States. She has served the faculties of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA, University of North Texas and the University of Paris at Vincennes.

For 25 years, Ferré directed the Texas Baroque Ensemble, and for 14 years the Early Music Weekend of concerts and lectures at the Festival-Institute at Round Top, Texas. Ferré holds degrees from Texas Christian

University, the Eastman School of Music, is a Fulbright Scholar, recipient of the Diplome d'Orgue et Improvisation from the Schola Cantorum in Paris, and received the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from University of North Texas, where she was honored with a Distinguished Alumna award in 2001.

In 2015 Ferré was made an Honorary Alumna of the Perkins School of Theology for her many years' coaching early music in the Master of Sacred Music program. Ferré studied with Jean Langlais between 1964 and 1974, serving as his guide in 1967. She also studied with Marcel Dupré in the summer of 1969 and with Maurice Duruflé, preparing concerts for Notre Dame Cathedral.

We will start with **hors d'oeuvres** at 2:30pm for those that left before lunch with lunch at 3:30. The talk will start at 4:00pm. So, it could serve as an early supper as well.

The address for the Becker's is 3 Old Evergreen Rd, Bedford, NH and we have never known GPS to fail to find that address. For those more comfortable with low-tech; from the west, take Rte 101 around Milford. As you cross over into Amherst, where there is some road construction, turn left onto Joppa Hill Rd after the Animal Rescue League building. In about 300 yards, take the 2nd left onto Old Evergreen Rd. It is the first house right on the corner. You may park on the road or in the driveway.

From the east and north, take Rte 101 or I293 to 101 west to the first traffic light and turn left continuing on 101. Go through Bedford past a Mobile station on the left. Take a right on Joppa Hill Rd, which is well marked. If you pass road construction you have gone too far. Then take the 2nd left onto Old Evergreen. Becker's is the house to the right on the corner.

Hope to see you there. Phone 603-472-5551.