

**Pikes Peak Opera League
Invites you to a Fundraising Party**

Join us for a fun evening of wine, delicious appetizers, art, music, and socializing.

"ART IN THE GARDEN"

Friday, July 19th, 2013

5:00 to 8:00 pm

**Chapel of Our Saviour
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**Stroll through the Garden to view works
of art for sale and enjoy strolling singers.**

**\$25 (\$10 deductible) per person includes
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**Please mail your check made out to PPOL
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**Proceeds from ticket sales and a portion of
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**DUES ARE DUE NOW!! Please check the back of this newsletter for the
renewal form and submit it soon. If your dues are not received by July 31st, your
information cannot be included in the 2013-2014 membership booklet and that
would be a shame.**

Pikes Peak Opera League Board Members for 2013-2014

Officers for 2014, President Gloria Wendt, Vice-president Deanna Lyons, Secretary Mary Ann Siehr, Treasurer Nancy Daly and two-year-Board-members Bob Littrell and Cindy Crater were elected during the June luncheon. Tom Leucht and Jan Jaquith will serve the second year of their board term. Susan Loring as Past-president and Susanne Wheeler as Opera Theatre of the Rockies Liaison also serve as board members. Thanks to Victoria Boswell, Susan Loring, and Kay MacEnulty Cynthia, Evelyn and Dennis and Carole retire from the PPOL Board

Photos by Charlie Warren



for serving as Nominating Committee. Retiring board members, Carole Harper and Evelyn Kwaak and chairs Cynthia Zapel and Dennis Jackson were introduced and appreciated as well. A turn-over of responsibilities for officers, board members and committee chairs took place at a brunch at the home of Victoria Boswell. The 2013-2014 Committee chairs are Membership- Deanna Lyons, Marketing/publicity and web administrator- Robert Littrell, Hospitality- Lu Benning, Newsletter, Mary Koepp, Directory/newsletter ads- Victoria Boswell, Historian and Corresponding secretary- Judy Greist, Parliamentarian- Rhea Woltman and Programs- Susan Loring.



Preview of PPOL 2013-2014 Meeting Programs

Susan Loring

September 4, 2013

The Colorado Springs Conservatory

October 2, 2013

Dan Fosha, Jennifer DiDominici

November 6, 2013 TBD

December 4, 2013

Martile Rowland: Season of Joy

January 8, 2014

Valerie Nicolosi Niemerg: The Audition

February 5, 2014

Opera Theatre of the Rockies

March 5, 2014

Victoria Hansen

April 2, 2014

Sandy Rohr, Sweet Betsy From Pike

May 7, 2014

Josep Caballe Domenech ,

Young Voice Competition Winners

June 4, 2014

End of year luncheon

and scholarship recipients



IT WAS DE-LOVELY

The *De-Lovely Evening with Cole Porter* was a sold out fundraiser at the beautiful Mining Exchange Hotel in downtown Colorado Springs. The successful event starred Marcia Ragonetti, Steven Taylor, and Travis Yamamoto who entertained us with the popular Cole Porter songs of the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's. Rather than sing a string of songs, Marcia and Steven creatively impersonated the characters that touched the life of Cole Porter. They sang *Night and Day, I've got you Under My Skin* and many

others accompanied by Travis on piano. It was a fun night and the ambiance was perfect for the show at the Mining Exchange Hotel, a European-styled, restored, historic building- elegant and reminiscent of a bygone era.

The Opera League is grateful to Marcia, Steven and Travis for donating the concert to benefit Opera Theatre of the Rockies. We are also grateful to The Mining Exchange, a Wyndham Grand Hotel, for co-sponsoring this wonderful evening.

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President's Corner, June, 2013

I hope this note finds you all cooling off after such a hot June. A good way to cool off is to join in on the fun on July 19 for the Art in the Garden party. It will be in the cool evening hours and you can stroll the grounds, socialize with friends and see beautiful art work, enjoy great food, and drinks.



Your Board of Directors is meeting over the summer to plan a great membership year for you. Speaking of membership- bring a friend to the first meeting of the year in September. You can tell them about the benefits of membership such as musical performances at each meeting with professional and aspiring singers, great food, no charge for each meeting, low annual dues, discounted tickets to Opera Theatre of the Rockies major opera, meeting new friends, newsletters, cultural foreign tours available, opportunity to use skills and abilities for an important cause, dinners, parties and fun fundraising events.

Musically Yours, Gloria

\$\$\$ Financial Summary for June 2013 \$\$\$

Current **Main Account** available funds is \$4,436.72. **A \$4000 donation** was given to Opera Theatre in June **Raffle Account** has \$1,129.94and the **Fundraiser Account** \$839.08.....**Expenditures, thus far, for Art in the Garden** are \$910. Fewer than 50% of **membership renewal dues** have been submitted.
Nancy Daly, Treasurer.....

SPECIAL FEATURE-----In response to several inquiries from you all, Martile has taken the time to write about what's going on with *"Divas on the Run."* *Take a look at some of the fabulous things that are happening to some of our Divas - quite impressive. THANK YOU ALL!!!* **Annamarie Zmolek** -was a recent Guest Artist with the Summer Music Festival at Colorado College on June 9th: preparing for performances of Mimi in "La Boheme" with a company near Houston this summer: sang and covered Desdemona in "Othello" and Countess in "Marriage of Figaro" with Wichita Grand Opera before coming to Colorado Springs to sing Rosalinda in "Die Fledermaus"; won a grant from The Bel Canto Foundation; won the Southwest Texas Region of the Metropolitan Opera Auditions and sang on the Met Stage for the Semi-Finals and was given the chance for career advancement grants from the Met for several years to come; sang Violetta in Laramie, Wyoming in May.

Brittany Robinson - Was the Second Place \$5,000. prize winner for Denver Lyric Opera Guild Auditions in March; was the Grand Prize Winner for Florida Grand Opera's YPO auditions in April (\$8,000.); spent 2 years in the Young Artist's Program of Florida Grand Opera; was a Young Artist and then a main stage Artist for Chautauqua Opera where she sang Queen of the Night; Sang Queen of the Night for Crested Butte Opera Festival; sang Queen of the Night opposite Samuel Ramey's Sarastro for South Dakota Opera; is now living in New York City and is scheduled to perform on a concert with Winton Marsales, world-renowned trumpeter; and of course was Adele in "Die Fledermaus" for Opera Theatre.

Judeth Shay Burns - Judeth lived in Berlin for some 7 months - performed with the Nikolescu Quartet in Leipzig, Vienna, and Berlin; Recital Artist at the Chateau Vieux in Geneva, Switzerland; Central City Opera Tours throughout Colorado and Wyoming, including a concert and masterclass at the University of Wyoming and a concert at the governor's mansion; soprano soloist with the Santa Fe Symphony; Guest Artist with the Crested Butte Music Festival; Guest Artist with the Music Festival de St. Barthelemy in French West Indies; Charlotte in "A Little Night Music" which led her to an Excellence in Theatre Award by the Pikes Peak Council for the Arts. Judeth will be a guest artist and faculty member for this summer's Vocal Arts Festival, singing the role of Abigail Williams in ACT III of "The Crucible" and also being guest soloist for POPERA in the Quad on August 7th. She will also teach voice and direct a scene from "The Magic Flute".

Desiree Dodson - is headed to Italy where she will be a Performing Artist for the Ezio Pinza Festival and will sing in 15 to 20 public concerts and also work with renowned Italian conductors and coaches on preparing Italian opera roles - this is a return invitation after her successful first trip where she was a participant in the EPCASO training program in Oderzo - this time she is invited back as a guest artist; Desiree sang Mimi in France for 3 months following her successful performances with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic; has given numerous concerts and recitals and manages a full studio of performers in Denver.

Jennifer DeDominici - Aldonza in "Man of La Mancha", Arvada Center, spring, 2013; National Repertory Orchestra soloist for 3 concerts, 2012, 2013; sang Siebel in "Faust" with Indianapolis Opera; was the vivacious Petra in "A Little Night Music" with Opera Theatre; featured soloist for Boulder MahlerFest Gala Concert; will perform Carmen with Arapahoe Philharmonic, 2014; Alto Soloist for First United Methodist Church Messiah, 2013; sang Frauenliebe und Leben as guest for Daniel Fosha's faculty recital, 2013; was featured Guest Artist for Bruce Fithian's retirement concert, Gorham, Maine, 2013; returns to Breckenridge at the end of June as soloist with the National Repertory Orchestra; Guest Soloist in Savannah with Keith Miller and Greg Gerbrandt for a benefit concert for the Savannah Children's Choir; Guest Soloist along with Daniel Fosha with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra; will portray Maria in "The Sound of Music" for the Vocal Arts Festival on August 2-4, in Armstrong Theater and will be guest soloist for POPERA in the Quad on August 7th as well as presenting 2 voice workshops for VAF participants.

Opera Theatre News by Susanne Wheeler
What a wonderful year this has been with Pikes Peak Opera League and Opera Theatre of the Rockies' dedicated "families" working tirelessly to bring such glorious music to southern Colorado.



And it's not over yet! The **2013 Vocal Arts Festival** is about to begin adding even more wonderful memories to this 15th Crystal Anniversary Season. Set to run July 10–August 7, this renowned program is presented in collaboration with the Summer Music Festival at Colorado College. Thirty-six participants, ranging in ages from elementary school through post college level are registered for this year's Young Artists Intensive Training Program. These talented singers, along with our exceptional faculty and guest artists, are featured in four major performances.

During **Vocal Arts Idol**, Tuesday, July 16 at 7 pm, Packard Hall, Training Program participants introduce themselves to the audience. **Let's Make a Scene** is Sunday, July 21 at 3 pm, Packard Hall. Singers present staged/costumed scenes from opera and music theater. **Tickets** for both concerts are \$15 for adults and \$7 for students, 18 and under. A fully-staged production (with orchestra) of Rodgers and Hammerstein's beloved **Sound of Music** will be offered Friday, August 2 & Saturday, August 3 at 7 pm and Sunday, August 4 at 3 pm, at Armstrong Theater. Adult single **tickets** are \$30 for main floor and \$25 for balcony. Family packages are \$70 for main floor and \$60 for balcony (must have at least one adult). Kids are \$10 and students over 18 are \$15. Special group ticket prices are also available. **Buy tickets:** Online at www.operatheatreoftherockies.org or you can also get them at the Worner Center, Colorado College (NW corner Cache La Poudre & Cascade Ave.) Ticket questions? Call 719-389-6606.

The last Summer Season performance is FREE and celebrates the legacies of Charles Ansbacher and Bee Vradenburg. **POPERA in the Quad** features Vocal Arts participants along with a cast of professional stars in a concert with orchestra, highlighted by a special salute to our military. It is Wednesday, August 7, on the Quad north of Armstrong Theater. Lawn opens at 5 pm. Concert is at 6:30 pm. **We look forward to seeing you.**

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Prague, Vienna Tour

Spring (specifically May 20- June 4, 2014) is a wonderful time to go to Prague and Vienna. The flowers are in bloom and the famous white asparagus is available in every restaurant.

The tour will include concerts, followed by critiques at the hotel, as well as visits to major art galleries. Join a small group of travelers to explore this area of Central Europe for an educational and fun trip. Beginning in the beautiful city of **Prague**, we then journey to **Vienna**, the capitol of the historic Hapsburg empire. Included are side trips to the beautiful medieval UNESCO-preserved city of **Cesky Krumlov** in the Czech Republic and the wonderful **Melk Abbey** and the city of **Duernstein** in the Danube Valley. Hotels are 4 star and located in the city centers within walking distance of major attractions. Concert/opera performances and personalized sightseeing are all included in the land arrangements as well as wonderful food. There will be plenty of free time to explore according to your own wishes. Dennis Jackson, who has led tours for over 25 years, is offering this tour to persons interested in combining music and art. This is also a fundraiser for PPOL. Contact Dennis Jackson [719-579-6999](tel:719-579-6999) or djackson_3@man.com for complete information.



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Something fun to do. PPOL has started new traditions with two projects-- Art in the Garden and the Young Voice Competition. Nancy Daly's son Nels has designed a perfect logo for the Art in the Garden. We still need a logo for Young Voice to be used in years to come to readily identify the events in marketing and publicity. If you have an inclination towards design and feel the creative juices flowing, please present your design to Gloria

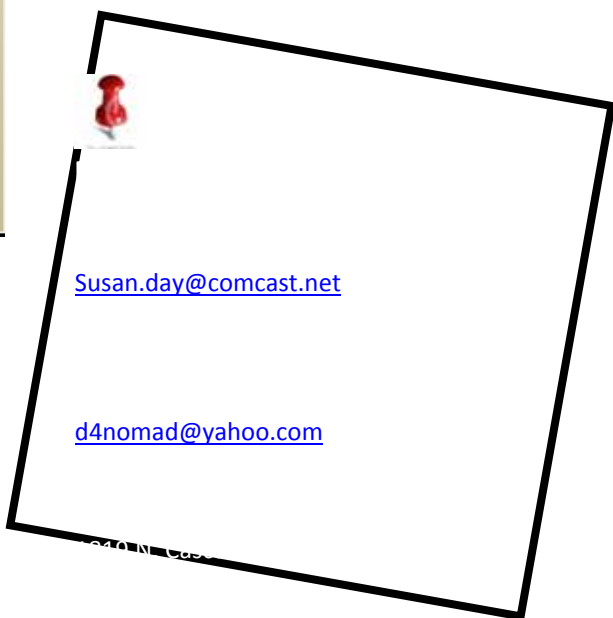


Martile

Rowland with Valerie Nicolosi after Valerie's stunning performance at the May membership meeting."

ART IN THE GARDEN

We are asking for all PPOL members to assist with this fundraiser. We hope you are attending as this will be an awesome party. To ensure that for our guests, we need each of you to either bring a platter of finger food attractively arranged for a gala table or please make a cash donation so we can purchase what food will still be needed. Please call Victoria to discuss how you can best help. 632-5049.




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