

# Stop & Reed

August 2020  
San Joaquin Valley Chapter American Guild of Organists

## Dean's Message

### *In spite of everything else!*

Well folks, it doesn't look like things are letting up anytime soon, so our AGO chapter is moving full force into the 21st century and embracing this virtual reality for a bit!

We are excited to launch our very first Virtual Members Recital we are calling "Favorites From Home". This is your opportunity to participate, no matter where you might be located! We are asking our members to film themselves playing one of their favorite pieces that we will compile into a recital video. You are welcome to play whatever tickles your fancy, from organ to...ahem...accordion. If you are unable to record yourself and would like some help, please reach out to me. Our wonderful webmaster Drew Maddox and myself are willing to come to you to record, masked and at a distance. Video submissions can be uploaded to this google drive folder ([https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X3u\\_yStSnaT6iKTkuoA1MvqFk9CWtljg?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X3u_yStSnaT6iKTkuoA1MvqFk9CWtljg?usp=sharing)). Please have them in by September 18th. Our recital will premiere on Facebook and Youtube on Friday, October 2nd.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, or need help. Let's celebrate and share our talents!

-Dean Cactus  
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# Chapter News

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME!



***Wurlitzer Model 4500  
Theatre Organ  
circa 1969***

***Contact Becky Hedrick at  
(360) 271-7917***

***The organ is located in Fresno.***



**NEXT SJVAGO BOARD  
MEETING:**

**Tuesday, August 25th at  
10:30 AM**

**Virtual meeting on Zoom. An  
invitation will be emailed on  
August 26th with instructions  
for joining the meeting.**

**Proposed Officer and Board Member Slate  
of the San Joaquin Valley AGO Chapter  
for 2020 Election**

**Second Posting of the Nominating Committee's  
Proposed Slate of Officers and Board Members:**

**Officers Terms expiring in 2022**

**Dean Cactus Harris**

**Sub-Dean Michael Varlas**

**Recording Secretary Catherine Walker,  
CAGO**

**Treasurer Michal Hembd**

**Member-At-Large (Term expiring in 2023)**

**Sharon Massingill and Jean Hays**

A second posting of this slate is hereby published in the August 2020 edition of the Stop & Reed. If there are no additional nominations the slate as it stands will be elected. Procedures for making additional nominations are:

1. The nominee must agree in advance of the nomination
2. The nomination must be signed by five (5) chapter voting members in good standing
3. The nomination must be submitted in writing to Michael Varlas 1701 Riverview Drive, Madera, CA 93637 no later than September 1, 2020

If there are additional nominations a ballot will be prepared and voting members will vote for their choice.

# Chapter Events



*American Guild of*  
**ORGANISTS**

*Premiering October 2nd!*

**THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER**

## "FAVORITES FROM HOME" A VIRTUAL MEMBER RECITAL

Take part in our first ever virtual member recital! All members are invited to participate by playing a favorite piece. It may be on organ, piano, accordion, or ...? If you are unable to record yourself (audio and video) we can help! Contact Cactus Harris at [cactus@upcfresno.org](mailto:cactus@upcfresno.org).

Please upload videos by September 18th to the following link-  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X3u\\_yStSnaT6iKTkuoAlMvqFk9CWtljg?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X3u_yStSnaT6iKTkuoAlMvqFk9CWtljg?usp=sharing).

