



Letter from the President

Hello Harp Friend,

The Annual WAFHS Getaway will take place Friday, November 1 - Sunday, November 3, 2024, at the Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministry Center in Sharpsburg, MD. The 2024 instructors are Martha Geouge Hill and Janet and Kevin Witman. We hope you will join us for a weekend of fun and learning.

When you decide to join us, please print, fill out and mail the registration form included in this newsletter. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail from me within 10 days, please contact me at jmschwartz65@gmail.com. When you mail your registration form, please send me an e-mail notifying me that you have mailed it. That way I will look for your registration in the mail.

The cost for food and lodging is \$211.00 per person for two or more people sharing a room and \$246.00 for a single occupancy room. The meals included in this price are breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. I can arrange dinner on Friday night at an extra cost of \$20.00 per person. I strongly recommend that if you plan to arrive on Friday in time for the concert that you reserve a space for dinner as there is nothing close and it is very easy to get lost in the dark.

I must receive your registration form no later than October 18, 2024 (or at least notification that you are attending), as I have to give a room and meal count on October 21, 2024. As of that date, the Center will release any rooms in our block. As there are a limited number of rooms, other groups may be staying overnight as well. Once you register, I will keep you up to date by sending you

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Judy Mostyn-White
- Treasurer
Barbra Bailey Bradley
- Secretary
David Crookston
- Member At Large
Sue Richards

directions and an updated schedule, which will include the available workshop choices and any other pertinent information.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Getaway,

Judith Schwartz
President WAFHS and Getaway Registrar

WAFHS Getaway November 1-3, 2024

The Annual Getaway will take place at Shepherd's Spring. I am working on securing another venue, possibly Bon Secours in northern MD <https://bonsecoursrcc.org>. The move may not happen for a couple of years.

In 2024 I have gone back to a more traditional set up with two tutors. Martha Geouge Hill is a very accomplished musician and very recently retired from her post as church organist. She is from the North Carolina Mountains! She is a lovely person and will provide some great workshops. Janet Witman is someone you know and love. I hired her for the 2020 Getaway that never happened. This time she will bring her husband for the new and improved Astral Program which will happen on Friday evening, after a set by Martha. It should be a wonderful Getaway. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Details will be on the website as soon as I receive them.

Sharon Knowles



Martha Geouge Hill



Janet Witman

Location:

Shepherds Spring
Retreat Center,
16969 Taylor's
Landing Road,
Sharpsburg, MD
21782
www.shepherdspri
ng.org

Washington Area Folk Harp Society

Getaway Weekend

November 1-3, 2024

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
October 18, 2024**

Personal Information: (please print)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Companion Name _____

A. Registration for Workshops: \$90/member \$100/non-member

A. Registration Total: \$ _____

B. Housing/Meals Package

Please check your room/meals package:

_____ Double or more occupancy \$211.00 each

_____ Single occupancy \$246.00

Room Special needs: _____

Meals included with the package are: Saturday - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, and
Sunday - Breakfast and Lunch

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

B. Weekend Package Total: \$ _____

C. Meals

You may sign up for meals on:

Friday evening Dinner - not included with Weekend package - \$20 per person: # ___

Day Attendee or Non Registered Guest Individual meals. Please specify which meal/s below:

Saturday Breakfast - \$12.00 per person # ___

Saturday lunch - \$16.00 per person # ___

Saturday dinner - \$18.00 per person # ___

Sunday Breakfast - \$12.00 per person # ___

Sunday Lunch - 16.00 per person # ___

C. Friday and/or Weekend Individual Meals Total - \$ _____

Check if appropriate:

_____ I will share a room with _____ who is registering separately.

_____ let me know if there is someone that I can share a room with.

_____ I need special accommodations. Please list reason: _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION AND HOUSING

A + B + C Total: \$ _____

D. Available activities – Go on line to www.shepherdsspring.org to see what activities are available for visitors at the Retreat Center.

Make Checks Payable to WAFHS Getaway

Mail check with your registration form to:

WAFHS Getaway

Judith Schwartz, Registrar

14104 Rockingham Pike

Elkton, VA 22827

Email jmschwartz65@gmail.com

Banrigh

WAFHS members Donna Bennett, Martha Hill, Sharon Knowles, Jen Narkevicius and Sue Richards along with harp friends Therese Honey and Kelly Stewart have combined to form the new harp group Banrigh. BANRÌGH (pronounced Bahn-ree) is an ensemble of Celtic harpers, who hail from various locales in the south and eastern United States. The name, Banrigh, is Scottish Gaelic for “Queen”. Indeed the beautiful music of Banrigh is a royal tribute to traditional Celtic music and culture. Sharing a love for this music and the Celtic harp, the members have performed and traveled throughout Scandinavia, the British Isles, and the USA together for the past decade as part of the ensemble, “Harpa”. In April, 2023 six members of Banrigh performed by invitation at the prestigious Edinburgh International Harp Festival, where they were received with high acclaim. The individual harpers of Banrigh come from diverse musical backgrounds, but their combined talents delight audiences everywhere they perform. Their first tour occurred in March in Western North Carolina, where they were requested to participate in a performance with the Hickory Choral Society on St. Patrick’s Day. In addition they performed at The White Horse Tavern, in Black Mountain; at a fundraiser for The McDowell Partnership for Substance Awareness; and the Ashe County Civic Center. Members also divided up into duos to perform at local churches on St. Patrick’s Day.



Donna Bennett, Jen Narkevicius, Sue Richards and Martha Hill at the Elgin Cathedral, Elgin Scotland.

Banrigh member, Martha Hill will be one of our tutors for the 2024 WAFHS Getaway.

Follow Banrigh on Facebook to see what they are up to next!!!



Harp Circle Corner

For the past few years I have enjoyed hosting rehearsals of both Heatherwood Harp Ensemble and Harp Happy at my home.

Harp Happy now has a permanent cellist - Dave Roos, husband of Wynne Roos. Since he retired he has taken up the cello, and Wynne has introduced him to our group. We are happy to have Carol Roman as our newest member of Harp Happy.

This year's theme for Harp Happy has been "What's Your Favorite Color?" All our songs are about colors. We even have orange and purple songs! In addition, both Wynne and Dave sing a song during the concert, and I end the concert with a dramatic narration of a Tom Lehrer song. We have performed at several locations, but not as many as before covid. We are hoping for more locations in 2024.

Harp Happy has been busy rehearsing for our next concert. Our theme is "Look to the Heavens." We will be playing six songs about the moon, six songs about the sun, and six songs about the stars. The songs will include classical, ragtime, blues, Celtic, Oriental, Ukrainian, German, traditional American, and popular songs. Current members are Carol Roman, Wynne Roos, Barbara Seidman and me. Dave Roos joins us on the cello for some of the songs. We have a lot of fun rehearsing each week.

Also, I have been delighted to host monthly rehearsals for Heatherwood Harp Ensemble, which has been renamed, as well as rehearsals for Harp Happy.

Judy Mostyn White



Here is a picture of Harp Happy and cello performing while dressed in all different colored tops for our program, "What's Your Favorite Color?"

Hail and Farewell to the Heatherwood Harp Ensemble A Warm Welcome to the Triple Treat Harp Trio

The Heatherwood Harp Ensemble was founded by David Crookston in the 1990s as a vehicle for harpists of all levels to play music together in ensembles. The group met once a month at the Heatherwood Retirement Centre in Burke, Virginia. Many harpists “came and went” from it over the years. When David decided that he had to give up leadership of the group, Barbra Bailey Bradley took over. David continued to participate whenever possible.

Throughout the years, the Heatherwood Harp Ensemble played at many events - Beginning in the Middle, various church events, weddings, memorial services, fashion shows, concerts in retirement centres and nursing homes, and many other locales. It became the nucleus for many years – along with the invited guest performers - of the “Finale Ensemble” at the WAFHS Annual Concert. In addition, it played sets on its own for some of the Annual Concerts.

Barbra Bailey Bradley produced – with the help of a legion of assistants - the WAFHS Annual Concerts for ten years, until she “retired” from the position after the 14 April 2018 performance. At that time, the Heatherwood Harp Ensemble had ten regular members, and was going strong. We continued giving a few performances after April 2018 until COVID shut us down completely in early 2020.

We attempted to get back together in late 2021, meeting at the home of Judith Mostyn White in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Sadly, by the middle of 2023, our numbers diminished, and we were left with three regular attending harpists – Barbra Bailey Bradley, Robin Gillette, and Judith Mostyn White. We found that we totally enjoyed playing together as a trio, and the “Triple Treat Trio” was officially named in early 2024. We have met most every month since then at Judy’s home in Gaithersburg, despite health and scheduling issues, and have gradually developed a repertoire of trios and duets. More music continues to be added as we find new material, and as all three of us arrange new tunes.



Before our official naming, we had a small part in the Presenters Concert at the 2023 WAFHS Getaway, when Barbra invited Robin and Judy to join her in playing her newly arranged version of “Drowsy Maggie.” We truly love playing together as the Triple Treat Harp Trio, enjoying each other’s company and working on many different pieces of repertoire.

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We would not be adverse to having people join our ranks in the group, but in the meantime, we love the trio experience, and look forward to returning to public performances in the near future.

Barbra Bailey Bradley

Scenes from the WAFHS Getaway 2023

Photos by: Christine Brennan Schmidt ChrisBrenSchmidt Photography www.cbsphotos.com



A good time was had by all! Be sure to join us in November!!!

The WAFHS Getaway 2023

Barbra Bailey Bradley reporting

The 2023 WAFHS Getaway, held at Shepherd's Spring, began on Friday 3 November at 6:00 pm and ended after lunch on Sunday 5 November.

This year I was not only attending as Treasurer, but I was also performing in the Presenters Concert [in performing order: Sue Richards, Jo Morrison, Barbra Bailey Bradley, Abbie Palmer] and presenting a workshop. It was a fun combination of multitasking for me.

Sue Richards, our Founder, presented a workshop of her original music, along with an evening harp circle. Both were very enjoyable.

Abbie Palmer presented three workshops [How to adapt music from any genre for the harp; How to "jam" in other genres/with other instruments; How to use the harp for meditation/background music] and an evening Repertoire Class. All were well attended and the attendees learned lots of creative things to take home with them.

Jo Morrison presented a fun workshop on visual art – something I had never tried before. I saved both "masterpieces" that I did, and totally enjoyed doing them.

I presented a workshop on playing and creating music for harp ensembles, culminating in learning my latest trio – Drowsy Maggie. What my workshop lacked in attendance was more than made up for with enthusiasm. We "rocked" Drowsy Maggie.

The Annual Meeting is always held at the Getaway. This year it was extra special because Sue Richards was presented with our version of a "lifetime achievement award." It was a beautiful stained glass framed picture of Sue silhouetted with her harp. This is a reward that has been totally earned by Sue for her years of dedication to the harp world.

The grounds at Shepherds Spring welcome walkers. Many people [including me] made use of the lovely places to walk and to enjoy the fall colours. It is a beautiful site.

It's always fun to attend the Getaway.

Each one is different.

This one was truly special for me. 😊

Treasurer's Annual Report for November 2023

As of 31 October 2023

Here are the figures for monies taken in and paid out from 1 November 2022 through 31 October 2023. The easiest way to look at it is just to display the figures themselves, so here they are:

I - INCOME 1 NOVEMBER 2022 THROUGH 31 OCTOBER 2023

- 1] Dues – 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027,
2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032 - \$465.00
- 2] Workshop Fees – 1] go MAD Recital - ZERO
2] Workshop, Misc. Getaway, & Nonmember Fees – 7,064.00
3] Workshops other than Getaway - ZERO
TOTAL - \$7,064.00
- 3] Harp Rentals, Late Fees, Strings, Security Deposits, Harp Pay Offs, Etc. – \$2,800.00
- 4] Newsletter Ads – ZERO
- 5] Annual Concert - ZERO
- 6] Revised Finale Sales & P&H[Media Mail] - \$159.25
- 7] Donations – \$240.00 – includes 100.00 donations to purchase items
previously donated to WAFHS
- 8] Silent Auction – 453.00

TOTAL INCOME 1 NOVEMBER 2020 THROUGH 31 OCTOBER 2021 – \$11,181.25

II - EXPENSES 1 NOVEMBER 2021 THROUGH 31 OCTOBER 2023

- 1] Donations, Grants, **Honorariums** to Members – \$250.00 .00
- 2] Workshop Presenter Fees - \$1,000.00
- 3] Workshop Refunds - \$180.00
- 4] Harp Rental Deposit Refunds - \$100.00
- 5] Office Supplies, Postage [Non Newsletter] - ZERO
- 6] Bank Fees - ZERO
- 7] Board Meeting/Annual Meeting Expenses - \$222.89
- 8] Underwriting - 1] Sponsoring Competition Judge - ZERO
2] Concert/Workshop Underwriting - ZERO
- 9] Workshop/**Getaway**/Go MAD Recital/Annual Concert Expenses - \$7,688.23
- 10] Building Rentals [Annual Concert] - ZERO
- 11] Scholarships – 2021 - ZERO
- 12] Tent Expenses – ZERO
- 13] Newsletter Expenses – \$154.82
- 14] 2023 Directory [65 copies plus stamps and envelopes] – \$404.09
- 15] Finale-related expenses: printing revised Finale [500 copies] - \$761.84
- 16] Gifts - \$250.00
- 17] WAFHS Brochures - ZERO
- 18] VA Registration Fees - \$25.00
- 19] Other – 1] IRS related - ZERO
2] Money invested in 7 month CD - ZERO

- 3] Harp purchases - **\$1,500.00**
- 4] Visa Fees – **ZERO**
- 5] Harp Repair - **ZERO**
- 6] Harp Strings, Harp tuning Keys,
Materials for Jo to repair rental harp – **ZERO**
- 7] Miscellaneous Expense - **ZERO**
- 8] Event Insurance - **ZERO**
- 20] Website Expenses – **95.52**
- 21] Domain Name [5 years] – **ZERO**

TOTAL EXPENSES 1 NOV 2022 THROUGH 31 OCT 2023 – \$12,632.39

Balance at end of 2002 - \$15,914.98
Balance at end of 2003 - \$20,462.56
Balance at end of 2004 - \$20,718.77
Balance at end of 2005 - \$25,510.04
Balance at end of 2006 - \$32,509.72
Balance at end of 2007 - \$17,215.99
Balance at end of 2008 - \$31,619.14
Balance at end of 2009 - \$38,555.38
Balance at end of 2010 - \$43,450.56
Balance at end of 2011 - \$43,505.20
Balance at end of 2012 - \$35,954.18
Balance at end of 2013 - \$33,098.83
Balance at end of 2014 - \$29,312.20
Balance at end of 2015 - \$37,746.69
Balance at end of 2016 - \$43,825.90
Balance at end of 2017 - \$47,951.46
Balance at end of 2018 - \$51,872.80
Balance at end of 2019 - \$53,865.62
Balance at end of 2020 - \$50,723.89
Balance at end of 2021 - \$48,821.31
Balance at end of 2022 - \$48,508.47

Current Balance - \$49,206.45

If you are interested in more details, please feel free to ask me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbra Bailey Bradley, Treasurer, WAFHS 31 October 2023

Ena Nero, Kyra Vangelio

Trad. Greek Children's Song
Arr. © 2017 Judith Mostyn White

2X: *8va*
3X: *loco*

Harp

The first system of the harp part consists of four measures. The treble clef staff contains a melody of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4. The bass clef staff contains a bass line of eighth notes: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3. The key signature has two flats (Bb, Eb) and the time signature is 7/8.

The second system of the harp part consists of four measures. The treble clef staff continues the melody: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4. The bass clef staff continues the bass line: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3. The key signature and time signature remain the same.

The third system of the harp part consists of four measures. The treble clef staff continues the melody: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4. The bass clef staff continues the bass line: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3. The key signature and time signature remain the same.

Water, Lady Vangeline, Water, cold water,
And where does it come from, My praised Vangeline,

From a cliff, Lady Vangeline, From a cliff it falls down,
In a little garden it enters, My praised Vangeline

It waters trees and branches Lady Vangeline,
And it waters cypresses, Like you, beautiful girls,

Out On the Town!



Chris Van Dyke, Ellie Holsopple and David Crookston played their harps in the rotunda of Goodwin House- Bailey's Crossroads.

Upcoming Events:

October 23

Jo Morrison

Specialty Tea: Haunted Celtic Tea and Talk

Strathmore Mansion

10701 Rockville Pike

Rockville, MD

Contact: 301-581-5108 or www.strathmore.org

Reservations required, see website for fee.

1pm - 2pm

November 1 - 3

WAFHS Getaway

Shepherd's Spring Retreat Center

16869 Taylors Landing Road

Sharpsburg, MD

The teachers will be Martha Geouge Hill and Janet Witman.

November 3

Sharon Knowles with Jug of Punch

Old Brogue Celtic Concert Series

760 Walker Rd.

Great Falls, VA

Contact: 301-938-5395 or 703-759-3309

The Old Brogue has two sittings for dinner with music at each one. Please make reservations.

Sittings are 4.30-6pm and 6.30-8pm

November 20

Judith Mostyn White

Specialty Tea: Thanksgiving Tea

Strathmore Mansion

10701 Rockville Pike

Rockville, MD

Contact: 301-581-5108 or www.strathmore.org

Reservations required, see website for fee.

1pm - 2pm

December 11

Jo Morrison with Port Righ

Specialty Tea: Celtic Christmas Tea at the Mansion

Strathmore Mansion

10701 Rockville Pike

Rockville, MD

Contact: 301-581-5108 or www.strathmore.org

Reservations required, see website for fee.

1pm - 2pm

December 16

Judith Mostyn White

Specialty Tea: International Christmas Tea

Strathmore Mansion

10701 Rockville Pike

Rockville, MD

Contact: 301-581-5108 or www.strathmore.org

Reservations required, see website for fee.

1pm - 2pm

Proxy Ballot for the 2024 WAFHS election

There are three board terms that will expire on November 2, 2024. If you are a WAFHS member in good standing, you may vote. Fold, seal, and mail this completed ballot to Judith Schwartz, 14104 Rockingham Pike, Elkton, VA 22827-3047 or you may e-mail the ballot to Judith Schwartz at jmschwartz65@gmail.com. [Give](#) your full name and address on the ballot. Only ballots received by October 30, 2024, will be accepted. The positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer will be filled by three WAFHS members in good standing for a two-year term.

Please vote for no more than three people:

President

Candidate: Judith Schwartz

Secretary

Candidate: David Crookston

Treasurer

Candidate: Barbra Bailey Bradley

I would like to nominate the following person for the position of:

President _____ Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

(Please have your nominee's permission to do so and send their contact information to at the above address.)

President

Secretary

Treasurer

For information on the candidates, contact Judith Schwartz – 540-214-6073 or jmschwartz65@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

WAFHS Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 4, 2023 7:05 p.m.

Board Members Present: Judith Schwartz, President
Judy Mostyn White – Vice-President David Crookston
- Secretary
Barbra Bailey-Bradley – Treasurer Sue Richards –
Member at Large

Coordinators: Sharon Knowles, Annual Getaway
David Crookston – Finale Sales/Scholarships Chris VanDyke –
Publicity
Jo Morrison – Rentals Wayne Morrison –
Website
(Absent) Donna Bennett - Newsletter

Others: WAFHS members and guests

Preliminaries: Call to Order – Judi Schwartz called the meeting of the Washington Area Folk Harp Society (WAFHS) to order and a Quorum confirmed.

Old Business

1. Approval of 2022 minutes was completed.
2. Treasurer’s Report by BBB – Memberships seem to be lower this year. Specific details of the treasurer’s report are included in her report submissions to the board.
3. Report of Coordinators
 - a. **Getaway** - Sharon Knowles –Abbie Palmer and Sue Richards were our featured instructors. This year Jo Morrison and Barbra Bradley performed on the Friday night concert and taught workshops. Sharon will receive comments from attendees in person. The Getaway will be held at Shepherd Springs in 2024. However, inquiries are being made into other locations for the Getaway for 2025 and beyond. We need to find a place that can host a larger group. Sharon and possibly Debbie Eccles will do a visit to another location in MD.
 - b. **Scholarships, Email List, Finale Sales** – David Crookston – There were no scholarships announced or awarded due to covid and lack of applicants in previous years. Scholarship money will now be used for workshop budgets. Jenn Narkevicius will be notified that money is available for workshops.
 - c. **Finale 2** – No new update on the finale 2 book.

- d. **Website/Calendar** – Wayne Morrison – Wayne will continue to send out requests for the calendar. Wayne updated the main photo on the WAFHS page.

- e. **Harp Rentals** – Jo Morrison – Currently 3 harps are available and WAFHS could add another to the fleet. The rent-to-own program has been very successful. There is still a need for storage space for the harps.

- f. **Go Mad (member appreciation day)** – Judy asked for interested people to raise their hands if they would like to participate in this informal program. There was enough interest from the membership and Judy will schedule a date/time for the program (possibly in April or May 2024). Judy also mentioned she would like to have another harp circle in the future. She will send out more information when it becomes available.

New Business

1. Election of Officers the following positions were up for election in this year and approved.
 - a. Judy Mostyn White, Vice President
 - b. Sue Richards, Member at Large

2. 2024 Annual Getaway

Judi Schwartz announced that the Getaway will be held November 1-3, 2024 at Shepherds Springs.

3. This is our 35th year of Getaways. Founding member Sue Richards was honored with a stained glass gift in appreciation of her service to the harp community and WAFHS.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted: David Crookston