

President's Message

"The busiest time of the year" takes on a whole new meaning if you are involved in the world of handbells. If you are anything like me, as Christmas approaches, you are counting the number of days 'till the next performance not 'till Santa arrives!

Thanks to Cathy and her team for the wonderful organization of our Discovery in October. It was a great weekend making so much beautiful music. During the Discovery we hosted our AGM and at that time we had to say goodbye to both Wendy and Debbie who have served us so well on the ALGEHR Board. I am excited to announce though that we have five new members on the Board and I look forward to getting to know and working with Linda, Judy, Catherine, Nathanael and Anke.

I wish you all a very merry ringing season and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Fiona



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ALBERTA RINGING CONCERT NEWS

Robertson-Wesley Ringers and Ringlets

Performing festive favourites at the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Edmonton
Thursday, **December 1**, 7-8 pm
Free admission, great music, hot chocolate and
Christmas lights!

Acclamation Bell Choir

First Baptist Church, Calgary
December 18

As ALGEHR President Fiona Miller mentioned, we now have 5 new members on our ALGEHR Board of Directors. You will be able to read more about these great volunteers on our website in the near future. ALGEHR welcomes: Catherine Dohn (Edmonton), Judy Gunderson (Calgary), Anke Kelker (Edmonton), Nathanael Laws (Fort McMurray) and Linda Stockl (Edmonton).

ALGEHR
Photo Contest
Winner:

Carol Airey

*Congratulations Carol!
Carol wins a free, 1 year
ALGEHR membership!*



Handbells on TV?

Many of our Handbell community watched "The New Girl" episode on Tuesday, Nov. 29th to see bells on prime time TV. If you missed it, check out some of the Youtube previews starting with this one (just click on the link):

<http://youtu.be/dVvfDfuDCqw>

FOX hired Christine Anderson (the "godmother of solo ringing" according to Emmy Okazawa-Bortolin) to teach Zoe Deschanel how to teach and ring bells in the bell episode of "New Girl."

CALLING ALL COMPOSERS

Each year the Alberta Guild of English Handbell Ringers (ALGEHR) sponsors **The Fred Merrett Award for New Compositions**. Its major purpose is to encourage the composition of music for handbells by Albertans and at the same time offer some opportunities for these works to be performed.

If you are interested in submitting a composition this year, see our ALGEHR website for more details.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLANNING AN EVENT?

ALGEHR would like to support any person(s) willing to organize a bell event, festival or workshop. These events are an excellent way to encourage the development of bell ringing and an opportunity to increase membership and interest in our Alberta handbell community. Not to mention, they are a lot of fun!

See our [ALGEHR EVENT ORGANIZER POLICY](#) on our website www.algehr.org for further information!

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16th International Handbell Symposium Composition Contest Entry Form

See our website www.algehr.org for information about the international composition competition.

ALGEHR Discovery 2011

The Beginning:



Special thanks to Cathy Larson for organizing a great event!

Photo: Carol Airey



On the Fun Bus!



Emmy Okazawa-Bortolin and Cathy Larson preparing the room.

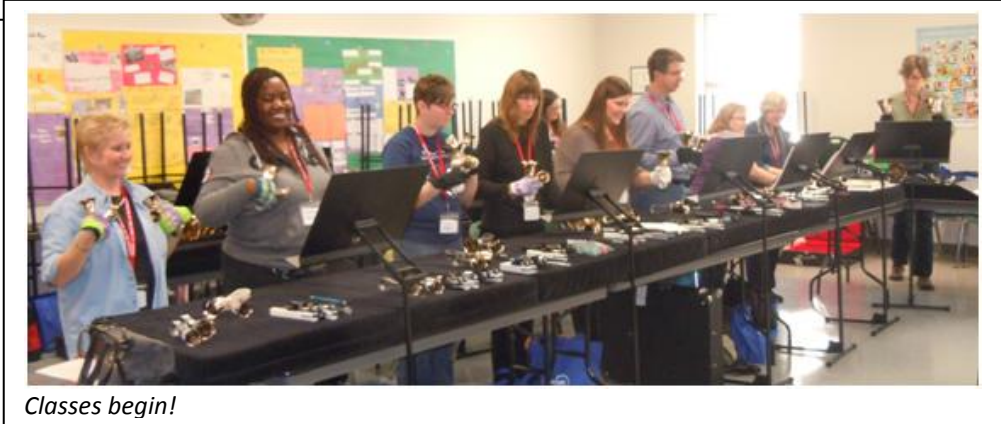


Unloading all the bells!



Registration Desk

The middle...



Classes begin!



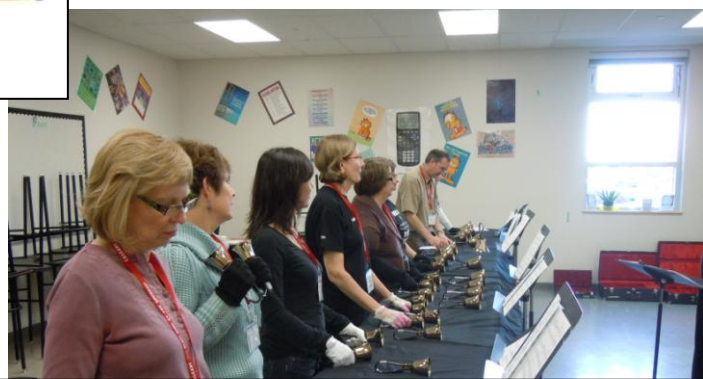
Debbie Rice sharing her score knowledge



Joan Schaufele leads the teachers' class.



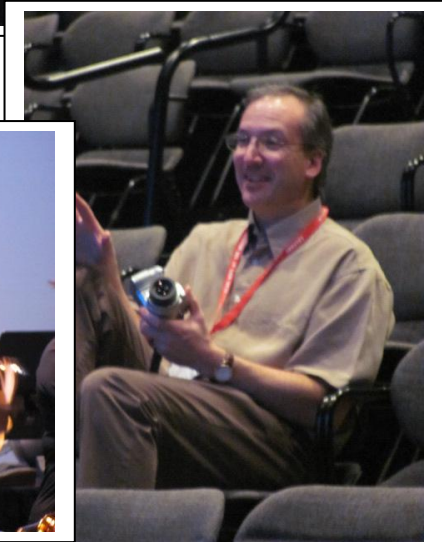
Emmy Okazawa-Bortolin teaches solo ringing



Coming to the End...



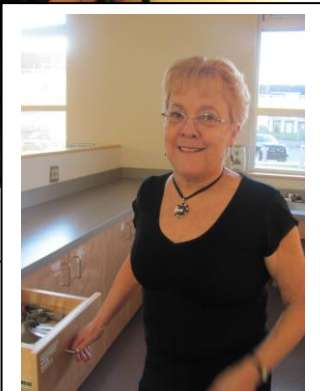
Susan and Camille: The Handbell Etc. Team



Composer Darryl Dewalt



Pirates on the loose!



Geraldine Carbery: Super volunteer



Jubiloso!



Emmy Okazawa-Bortolin and the adult ringers



The Quarter Notes



Fiona Miller conducting her beginner ringers



Joy-Anne Murphy singing with Jubilosio!



Cathy Larson thanking the enthusiastic Fort McMurray crowd



Joan Schaufele conducting the student ringers

Photos by Ritu Gurjar, Anne Hergott, and Fiona Miller

 **Notes from the Editor:**

Discovery was a great success. The workshops were interesting, the food delicious, the facilities top-notch and the concert well attended! Thanks to our membership for attending and supporting this event. The Fun Bus to Fort McMurray did turn out to be just that: A fun, game-filled and ultimately easy way to get up to Fort McMurray. It may be the future fun way to help our province-wide participants join us for our yearly Discovery. Let us know if you would be interested in such a service to our Calgary ALGEHR Discovery in 2012.

To have your choir's concert activities or pictures shared with ALGEHR members, send the information to the ALGEHR website: www.algehr.org or peal@algehr.org

If you have any information or bell ideas and would like to submit them for the next Peal, please send your thoughts/articles to peal@algehr.org by March 31, 2012. Our next Peal will come out in April, 2012.

See you at the next event! -Anne Hergott

DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

Classic Bronze

July, 2012
Edmonton, Alberta

15th International Handbell Symposium

31 July - 4 August 2012
Liverpool, England

Handbell Discovery 2012

October, 2012
Calgary, AB.
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Sad News: Marilyn Miller

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Marilyn Miller, previous vice-president of SGEHR, succumbed to her battle with cancer. Marilyn was an amazing musician and one of the many ringers who was influenced so deeply by Carol Petrie. Marilyn's dedication to SGEHR and bell-ringing in Saskatchewan will be one of her many legacies. The handbell world has lost one of its strongest advocates and the world has lost a most lovely and loving soul.

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