



## Newsletter - November 2024

**Note from the “Fill-in-Editor”:** I have never done a newsletter before, so, this production will not be formatted like our regular newsletter, (because I don’t know how to do that) but it will have all of the important information. Keep your fingers crossed that Forrest Courtney will be back soon.

Sincerely,

*Carol Cooper-Skopil*

### *Letter from the Presidents*

It’s hard to believe the Guild year is almost half over!

**The Seniorita program** is in full swing.

**The Grant Program** is live and online as of November 1, thanks to hard work of Craig Kendall and Gwinn Hall.

**The JMYAC** committee is receiving contestant applications for the competition in February. The committee has been at work most of the year!

**Membership Meeting/Luncheon.** Please make plans to attend our membership luncheon on December 12. It’s a Thursday, a break from our usual Saturday affair.

**The Music Guild Ball** will be held on Saturday May 3, and we will be needing items for our auction so be thinking of businesses you can call on for a donation.

**Membership:** If you are unsure if you have renewed your membership for this year, please get in touch with Dana Wilson at [danawilson@comcast.net](mailto:danawilson@comcast.net) or Carol Cooper-Skopil at [carolcooperskopil@comcast.net](mailto:carolcooperskopil@comcast.net) or Teresa Edens at [tree.edens@comcast.net](mailto:tree.edens@comcast.net) and we will help you verify your membership.

Thank you for supporting the Music Guild of New Mexico!

*Teresa and Carol*

### *General Membership Meeting and Holiday Luncheon*

Please join us for our annual holiday luncheon on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Albuquerque Country Club

601 Laguna Blvd SW

11:30am to 1:30pm

Please mail your check made payable to MGNM in the amount of \$45.00 as your RSVP, to: Dana Wilson, 7912 Florence Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122

Or PayPal (pay pal will only accept payments until Dec. 1, 2024)

RSVP must be received by December 1, 2024

## *Hello from the Grant Committee!*

All has been quiet since we awarded \$45,000 to eleven recipients at the May Guild Membership Meeting/luncheon (See the photo below). We are in the process of updating the application again this year to allow applicants to electronically fill in and submit the form without having to print it, fill it in, and scan it for emailing to the Guild. Applicants will still have to attach the required documents as backup but it should make the process quicker and easier. We hope to have this completed this fall and start the 2024-2025 submittal period in November of this year with the new form. We look forward to more applications and awards next year!

Gwinn Hall



Photograph of the Grantees at the Music Guild Luncheon held on May 11, 2024, at the Albuquerque Country Club. Also in the photo are Guild Co-Presidents Teresa Edens and Carol Cooper-Skopil and Grant Vice-President Gwinn Hall.

## *Notes from the VP of Education*

The 2024-2025 Education Program Year kicked off the 4<sup>th</sup> week of September when Music Guild volunteers met on Tuesday and Thursday at the Popejoy Hall's Donor Lounge bright and early to get organized in advance of spreading out across the University of New Mexico's campus and onto Johnson Field to await the arrival of 30+ buses filled with excited 5<sup>th</sup> Graders from local elementary schools. Music Guild volunteers welcomed the students to the UNM campus and provided guidance to teachers to navigate their way towards Popejoy Hall where the NM Philharmonic performed a concert especially for these young learners!

Special thanks to the following Music Guild of New Mexico members who were able to come out to assist the teachers and chaperones on these special days where students were provided with exposure to the gift of music!

Dianne Cress, Diana Whitehouse, Patty Brewer, Karla Bressan, Judy Bexfield, Greg Gonzales, Carol Cooper-Skopil, Teresa Edens, and Mary Keleher-Castle.

The Music Guild will be back in action in March 2025 to escort 4<sup>th</sup> graders, so if you are interested in spending a couple of mornings under the beautiful blue skies of NM sharing your excitement of music with enthusiastic students, please send me an email at [education@musicguildofnewmexico.org](mailto:education@musicguildofnewmexico.org) or 505-604-4063. Teresa Martinez





## *Senorita Program*

The seniorita program 2024-2025 is up and running with fun events and service projects. In October we held our annual Father- Daughter bowling event; fun was had by all. A service project with Blue Star Mothers Packing event was scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>. The Self Defense class with Trish Hoffman took place on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>. Trish is a retired APD Lieutenant and has been teaching self-defense for 21 years. Teaching the girls a few defense moves and self-awareness in readiness for college this coming year.



Self defense class with the senioritas

After the self-defense class, Alex Minninger, a licensed mental health therapist, spoke with the girls on how to keep themselves mentally healthy in a new environment with new challenges.



Alex Minninger and Trish Hoffman

In December, a Mother-Daughter ornament decorating party is scheduled. January there is a junior class mother-daughter event planned, hoping to get interest in the program before the summer. Please contact Christy Herbert or Lauren Tabet if you have names and addresses for girls in their junior year of high school that you think might be interested in the program.  
Christy Herbert 505-449-7613    Lauren Tabet 505-615-2800

December Calendar

Date		
12/1/24	JMYAC application deadline	
12/4/24	Board Meeting 1:00pm	N. Valley Library
12/8/24	Senorita Mother–Daughter Ornament Party Noon – 2:00pm	Art Attack
12/12/24	General Membership Meeting and Holiday Luncheon 11:30am-1:30pm	Albuquerque Country Club

*Music Guild of New Mexico Senorita Ball*

The MGNM Senorita Ball is scheduled for May, 3, 2025, at the Sandia Golf Event Center.

Mary Merrill is chairing the ball this year; her contact information is:

[Mefer60@gmail.com](mailto:Mefer60@gmail.com) 505-259-8917

She is looking for committee chairs and committee members.

There are so many ways to help, such as, auction items, check-in, decorations/flowers, printed items such as invitations, ball program, sponsorships. This is our largest fundraiser and we need many volunteers to pull it off. So, please give Mary a call and let her know how you can help.

*Membership*

Future membership meetings/luncheons are scheduled for:

March 12, 2025, Tanoan Country Club

May 8, 2025, Albuquerque Country Club

*Happy Holidays to you!*