



Elementary/General Division Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **October 2**
AMEA Elementary Festival at Samford University 6:30p.m.
- ◆ **October 3**
Fall Workshop at Liberty Park Elementary with Sue Mueller 9:00am-3:00pm
- ◆ **November 11-14**
AOSA National Conference in Milwaukee, WI
- ◆ **January 21-23**
AMEA In-Service Conference in Tuscaloosa, AL
- ◆ **February 20**
Spring Workshop at Green Valley Elementary with Laurie Zentz 9:00am-3:00pm

A Message from the President

Welcome to the new school year, and greetings from your new AMEA Elementary/General board. I am excited to accept the challenge of being your new AMEA Elementary/General President, while feeling daunted at the prospect of following in the footsteps of our talented and innovative past president, Dr. Sara Womack. This year is possibly going to be one of the most difficult ones we will experience as teachers, with budget cuts and economic woes looming. Our challenges will be eased if we stay united and work together. Fortunately for me, I know that I have tremendous support from the other Executive Board members and you. Together we can make this a year of excitement and growth, as we sing, move, play, and create with our colleagues and with our students.

Veteran teachers and new teachers alike can be supported in this endeavor with the help of AMEA and AOSA. I would like to encourage all of you to join both the local and national organizations and take advantage of the workshops we have to offer you. A joint fall workshop between the Elementary/General Division and the Alabama Chapter of AOSA will be held again this year to better serve the members of both organizations. This year's Festival clinician, Sue Mueller of Las Vegas, will share some of her fabulous ideas for the elementary music classroom. **The workshop, *Planting The Schulwerk*, will be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00-3:00 at Liberty Park Elementary School in Vestavia.**

The AMEA Elementary Music Festival will be held on October 2, at the Wright Center at Samford University. Sara will again direct the festival as she begins her new, official position as Festival Director. Clinician Sue Mueller, a past president of AOSA, will direct almost 300 students from across the state. Sue has chosen an incredibly rich and varied repertoire of music for our students to perform.

The AMEA In-Service will be held January 21-23, 2010. The Elementary/General Division is thrilled to have Peter and Alice Amidon return to Alabama and share their ideas on teaching traditional dance and singing games to children, as well as literature and storytelling in the elementary classroom. They will also be facilitating an evening community dance for teachers. The Keynote speaker, John Feierabend, will speak on the topic: *Endangered Musical Minds*. John will also present sessions on *Conversational Solfege*, a music literacy method for use in general music class. You won't want to miss the great line-up of sessions found at this year's conference!

Sincerely,
Sharon McCann August

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Alabama Chapter of AOSA



*Orff Schulwerk
National Conference
November 11-14
Milwaukee, WI*

Greetings to everyone! Can you believe that another school year has started? It seems just a blink since we bid the students goodbye at our doorways in May, and now here we are seeing them enter our buildings again ready to start a new year! Where does the time go? Speaking of time, it is time to focus on professional development opportunities in our chapter for 2009-10. I am so excited to report to you that we had more than twenty in attendance at our first free summer workshop in August. Joey and Andrea Coleman from Mississippi inspired us with wonderful movement activities and we enjoyed fellowship and conversation over a delicious covered dish lunch.

Once again we are fortunate to be able to join with AMEA for our fall workshop on Saturday, October 3 with Sue Mueller from Las Vegas. Sharon August and I along with our wonderful boards will be working very hard to make this a rewarding day for you.

Our 2009 AOSA Professional Development Conference will be November 11-14 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "Great Lakes, Great Traditions" promises to be a wonderful opportunity to see and hear guest clinicians from around the world. I hope to see you there!

On February 20, 2010 from 9-3, Laurie Zentz from Jacksonville, Florida will present a workshop at Green Valley Elementary entitled "Let's Do It Again! Lessons That Engage and Endure." She says that this workshop will include samplings of everything! Also listen out for another free workshop to be offered for you by our own Rhonda Tucker who is now teaching in Georgia. The date and time will be announced as soon as our plans are finalized. Please mark your calendars and don't miss any of these terrific opportunities!

Let me close by saying a huge thank you once again to Sharon August and Theresa McKibben for our hugely successful seventh and largest music camp this past June at Trinity United Methodist Church. These ladies and a wonderful crew of you teachers have worked tirelessly to continue this tradition of excellence for our students. Thank you so much to those of you who contributed your time for this worthy cause. If you taught a day at music camp, you will be able to attend the spring workshop for free and you are eligible to apply for scholarship assistance for levels training next summer. Without you, this tradition cannot continue. Please support this camp with your willingness to assist in set-up, teaching and take-down next summer. Another great thank-you goes out to Moya Nordlund and Samford University for hosting Level 1 Orff training for two weeks in June. Level 1 will be offered again next June so make your plans to enroll if possible. I look forward to this last year as your president. Let's work together as we support the arts, each other and our precious students. If I can help you or if you have suggestions concerning our chapter, please email me at mshaw@hoover.k12.al.us. I hope to see you on October 3!

Fondly,
Mary Shaw

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2009 Elementary Music Festival

October 2, 2009

Samford University

The fourth annual AMEA Elementary Music Festival will be held on Friday, October 2nd at the Wright Center at Samford University. Almost 300 students have registered for the event. Sue Mueller will be serving as our clinician. Please come and support our students and teachers! The concert begins at 6:30. The following schools are participants:

Bear Exploration Center Magnet
 Birmingham Children's Choir
 Brookwood Forrest Elementary
 Carver Elementary Arts Magnet
 Childersburg Middle
 Coldwater Elementary
 Coosa Valley Elementary
 DeArmanville Elementary
 Deer Valley Elementary
 Edgewood Elementary
 Graham Elementary
 Green Valley Elementary
 Greystone Elementary
 Gwin Elementary

C.E. Hannah Elementary
 Holy Spirit Catholic Regional
 Liberty Park Elementary
 Lincoln Elementary
 Montgomery Academy- Lower
 Montgomery Academy- Middle
 Munford Elementary
 Oxford Elementary
 Randolph School
 Rehobeth Elementary
 Riverchase Elementary
 Thompson Intermediate
 Tuscaloosa Academy

Fall Workshop Information

October 3, 2009

Liberty Park Elementary School

Our fall workshop will be held on October 3, from 9:00 - 3:00 at Liberty Park Elementary School in Vestavia. We will be hosting a joint workshop with the Alabama Chapter of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association. The clinician is Sue Mueller, who will share lessons in speech, song, play, movement, recorder, and improvisation.

About Sue Mueller

Sue Mueller, BM, MM, OS Level I-III, master class certification, taught K-5 music for the Clark County School District, Las Vegas, Nevada, for 25 years until her 2005 appointment as Assistant Professor of Music Education for the University of Nevada Las Vegas. She is an active presenter for local chapters, state and national AOSA and MENC conferences. Sue teaches Level I basic Pedagogy in the UNLV Orff Schulwerk Teacher Training Course, Samford University, Boise State and Level II Pedagogy and Recorder at Stetson U. She has served on the National Board of Trustees for the American Orff-Schulwerk Association as Region II Representative (1996-1999), National Conference Chairperson (2002 conference), Vice President (2003-2005), President (2005-2007), and currently is the National Conference Chairperson for the AOSA Professional Development Conference in Spokane, WA in 2010.



Planting the Schulwerk

"Whenever I plant a tree, I never know how big it will be. Some trees stay small; others grow very tall. It all depends on the quality of the earth, sunshine and other factors." – Carl Orff
 Carl Orff's visionary teaching philosophy is rooted in the belief that through active participation in speech, song, play, movement and improvisation the child becomes the active music maker, the composer. A Schulwerk forest is always changing and never the same. Bring a recorder, a playful attitude and the spirit of community.

2009 AMEA/AOSA Fall Workshop Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

School/System _____

What county do you teach in? _____

Home Phone _____ School Phone _____

Please mark the appropriate box or boxes.

- \$15.00 Dues for Alabama Chapter of AOSA
- \$75.00 Dues for the American Orff-Schulwerk Association
- \$15.00 Fall Workshop Fee (**before** September 15)
- \$20.00 Late Workshop Fee (**after** September 15)
- \$5.00 Student Workshop Fee
- \$20.00 Non-Members Workshop Fee (**before** September 15)
- \$25.00 Non-Members Late Workshop Fee (**after** September 15)

Please mark the lunch of your choice from The Fish Market.

- \$10.00 Chicken Salad on Croissant, Side, Chips, and Dessert
- \$10.00 Roast Beef on Wheat, Side, Chips, and Dessert
- \$10.00 Turkey on White, Side, Chips, and Dessert

Total \$ _____

Mail this form and a copy of your MENC membership card and a check payable to AMEA Elementary/General Music Division to the following address:

Lea Hoppe, 2911 Barcodey Rd., Huntsville, AL 35801

AMEA will forward AOSA dues to Tiffani Little, treasurer of the AL Chapter of AOSA.

AMEA In-Service Conference

January 21-23, 2010

The University of Alabama- Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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Board Meeting

October 3, 2010 8:00 a.m.

Liberty Park Elementary School

The Elementary/General Music Division Executive Committee and District Chairs will be meeting on Saturday, October 3rd at 8:00 a.m. at Liberty Park Elementary, preceding the fall workshop. Breakfast will be served. Please notify Sharon whether or not you will be attending or if you need a hotel room. (sharonaug@gmail.com)

Directions to Liberty Park School 17051 Liberty Parkway, Vestavia Hills, Alabama 35242

Travelling north on I-459: Take exit 23, turn right onto Liberty Parkway. Follow 3.1 miles to school on right. (The 3.1 miles will seem longer. You will go through: 1)3-way stop sign, 2) red light, 3) 4-way stop sign, 4)3-way stop sign, 5) yield sign (round about), 6)4-way stop sign, 7) turn in the second driveway on the right. Please call Sharon August (205-936-3620) or Sara Womack if you have trouble - (205-317-5010.)



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