

# Somerset Hills Recorder Society

A Chapter of the American Recorder Society • Newsletter for February, 2004



## Join Sheila Fernekes for a Program of *Rounds, Canons, and Fugues* on February 13

### Chapter News

Eight hardy members joined me on January 9 for an evening of late sixteenth-century Italian balletti by Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi. Although the outside temperature was in single digits, the atmosphere was warm inside as we played through these delightful pieces. I enjoyed conducting the group and everyone present seemed to have a good time.

I would appreciate it if someone would provide me the current address of Virginia Kenney, the former SHRS member who donated much music to our group. I'd like to write her and let her know that her music was being used by us. Unfortunately, she is not listed in the 2004 ARS members directory.

Conductors for the rest of the season:

March 12 ..... John Burkhalter  
April 16 ..... Phoebe Larkey  
May 14 ..... Sue Parisi

**Please note that the date of the April meeting has been rescheduled to April 16, one week later than usual.** As previously noted, the second Friday in April is Good Friday.

### A New High

I am pleased to let you know that our membership has now grown to nineteen, the largest roster we have had in several years.

### Notes for the February Meeting

This month's program will be conducted by Sheila Fernekes, a talented musician who is no stranger to our chapter. As Sheila puts it, "What goes around comes around. We'll be exploring rounds, canons and fugues through the ages at the next Somerset Recorder Society meeting. Music will include pieces by Buxtehude, Morley, Gabrielli, and Purcell, as well as some hearty drinking songs. So, come prepared to have a good time!"

Sheila Fernekes has been playing the recorder since 1992 and is a student of Deborah Booth and Morris Newman. She also studies the renaissance chamber bagpipes with Joan Kimball. Past President of the Princeton Recorder Society, she is currently a member of the American Recorder Society board of directors. She has played in several ensemble and coordinates the Princeton Recorder Academy. In addition, Sheila is a visual communications designer and creates handcrafted beaded jewelry.

Currently, Sheila plays in *Ensemble Galliarda*, a trio with SHRS member Jaki Fesq and Anna Laufenberg, who has conducted our group several times in the past few years.

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Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9:30 PM in September through May at the Somerset Hills Lutheran Church, 350 Lake Road, Basking Ridge.