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November - December, 2017



November General Meeting

Tuesday, November 21

Where: City-County Government S Bldg.

2001 South State Street, SLC

Time: Social 6:30

Business Meeting 7:00

Program 7:30

Megan Mason, Violist

Music has often been referred to as a universal language. At our November meeting, Megan Mason will share with us a renowned work by Bach as well as one of her own recent compositions based upon "ridiculous travel experiences."

See page 2 for more information on Megan.

Come to our November Meeting Social to greet old friends & make new friends.

6:30—7:00 PM

Betsy will bring pork loin roast with corn-bread. Bring something to share.



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Megan Mason—Violist



Megan Mason is Head of the Viola Department and Camp Director at the Gifted Music School. She also serves on the Executive Board of Intermountain Suzuki String Institute. Both give her opportunity to enrich children's lives through music.

Megan enjoys an active performance career as Principal Violist of Ballet West Orchestra, a member of Orchestra at Temple Square, and as a busy recording artist. She previously held a tenured position with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and is Resident Violist at the Medomak Conductor's Retreat in Maine.

Megan founded internationally-renowned Tesla Quartet, prizewinners at the 2013 Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition, 2012 London International String Quartet Competition, and Gold Medalists at the 2012 Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition. During her tenure, the quartet completed tours throughout North America and Europe and a residency as Graduate String Quartet at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

A busy teaching artist, Megan has presented masterclasses throughout the country and served as Director of Viola Band and as a faculty member at Renova Music Festival and the Music and M.O.R.E. Program at the Aspen Music Festival. She has been guest artist at Saugatuck Chamber Music Festival, Tahoe Chamber Music Society, Chamber Music Society of Tulsa, and Strings Music Festival. Megan was Fellow at the Montreal International String Quartet Academy, Robert Mann Institute, Tanglewood Music Center, Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, Aspen Music Festival, Le Domaine Forget, and Idyllwild Arts Academy. She studied at University of Colorado-Boulder and holds degrees from The Juilliard School and University of Michigan, studying with Erika Eckert, The Takacs Quartet, Michael Tree, and Yizhak Schotten. Megan plays a viola generously provided by the Rashid Foundation.

Kathleen Mason

Holiday Party

Wednesday

December 13, 2017

6 PM

Bandits Bar & Grill

3176 East 6200 South

Murray, Utah

Come and Celebrate

another year of Friendship!

Our Holiday Party will be at Bandits, located just off of 6200 South on the way up to Wasatch Blvd.

Half of the restaurant is reserved for us; it will be a great way to ring in the Christmas Season.

Come early and the appetizers are half off!

Sign up at the November meeting.

FF-Utah - President's Message



Dear Friends,

This is my last "President's Message". I am coming to the end of my term as president. Over the past two years I have gotten to know many of you so much better. I am glad that I have had the opportunity to do so.

I have also had the opportunity to serve with an amazing group who make up our club's board. They have worked hard to keep our club vibrant and meaningful in our lives.

Thank you to:

- Margret for always being there for me and guiding me through all those things I really didn't know.
- Doug for keeping our finances straight.
- Nona for recording our meetings and much, much more.
- Betsy for the delicious meals and lemonade and for her help organizing activities for our guests these past two years.
- Susan for fun and educational social gatherings. Kathleen for giving us entertaining and informative programs.
- Lotti for taking on the job as club historian and for introducing Rick and me to Friendship Force.
- Jennifer for her great job recruiting new members and for getting out the word about Friendship Force.
- Dana for putting out a fabulous newsletter six times a year.
- And thank you all for being our friends and allowing me to serve as the club's president.

Sincerely,

Judy Cohen

Schwerin, Germany Outgoing Exchange 2018: June 6—13



We now have a firm date for the 2018 International Journey to Schwerin, Germany. The FF Club can only host 16 individuals as they are a small club of 30 members. I will pass a sign-up sheet at the November General Meeting for members to indicate their interest in going to Schwerin.

Judy Cohen

About our Club

Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Location may vary depending on the month. November meeting will be held at 2001 South State Street, SLC. Use the East entrance at the north end of South Building where free parking is available. If the door is locked, go to the North building, sign in and get directions to the Atrium.

Social, 6:30 PM; Meeting, 7 PM

2016 Officers & Board Members

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Calendar of Events

2017

Fall Activities

November 21—General Meeting 6:30—8:30

Salt Lake Co Government Complex
2100 S & State St, South Bldg.

December 9, FF-Utah Board Meeting 11:00 AM

Home of Jennifer Allred—
3310 Oakwood St, SLC

December 13—Holiday Party, 6-8:30 PM

Bandits Bar & Grill
3176 E 6200 S, Murray

Details presented at November meeting

2018

January 15, 2018 General Meeting 6:30—8:30 PM

Salt Lake Co Government Complex
2100 S & State St, South Bldg.

Margret Boes-Ingraham will share a VERY fun surprise from the Peak District of England post-conference hiking Journey.

International Journeys

Incoming

Norderstedt, Germany, May, 2018 ??

Outgoing

Schwerin, Germany, June 6—13, 2018

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Membership –Jennifer Allred

Bring your checkbooks! **It's Membership Renewal Time!**

It is already mid-November and I hope to have each of you renew for 2018. The fees are still \$30 per person.

I will be at the door of the meeting, ready to receive your fees. With a new Membership Chairperson coming on board, I hope to have most of the renewals by the end of the year.

It will be possible to sign up and pay for your meal for the Christmas Social at Bandits. We will have several choices of what to order so you can peruse the menu at the meeting and place your order before you leave. The club will take care of the 20% gratuity for each of us. Menu options are priced at \$18 to \$27.

Jennifer Allred

Treasurer 's Report— Doug Ingraham

Balance in Checking account is \$4288.45. There are some outstanding checks.



October Alternative Social Event



Thanks to Susan Hilton, several of us were able to attend the silent movie Phantom of the Opera at the Edison Organ Loft off 3300 South. A fun evening!



Slate of Officers for Friendship Force-Utah 2018—2020

Dear Friendship Force Members,

The nominations committee is very happy to announce this slate of new officers for the 2018-2020 year:

President:	Jennifer Allred
Treasurer:	Don Niederhauser
Secretary:	Christine Allred
Social Chair:	Sharon Lindenberg
Membership:	Co-Chair Lynn Muller & Margret Boes-Ingraham
Newsletter Editor:	Dana Hughes
Alternate Social Events:	Carol Milliken
Past President:	Judy Cohen
Member at Large:	Orion Sherwood

Voting will take place at the November meeting. So that everyone will have input into this organization, we are asking your support of the officers.

Margret Boes-Ingraham

PACK CREEK RANCH

Moab Country Cabins



Trip to Moab Folk Festival

Thanks to a suggestion and coordination by Jennifer Allred, 18 members and two guests attended the 15th Annual Moab Folk Festival November 3 – 5. We stayed in cabins in Pack Creek Ranch, a lovely resort about 13 miles west of Moab. Members going were Jennifer and Jim Allred, Judy and Rick Cohn, Don, Nona and Stephie Bressler, Ron and Polly Toth, Doug Ingraham & Margret Boes-Ingraham, Christine Allred, Lou Ann Campbell, Rose Novak, Lee Flynn, Shirley Scholz, Kathleen Mason and Dana Hughes. Jennifer's sister and husband were the two guests.

The festival was celebrating their 15th year of existence. Music events for Friday and Saturday evenings were held in a lovely auditorium in the Grand County Highschool or in Star Hall. We went to the High School. Saturday and Sunday day-time events were held the Moab Ball Field. Weather was good though a bit windy on Saturday. The evening musicians playing included Cosy Sheriday, Mark Erelli, Cheryl Wheeler, Chastity Brown, Penny & Sparrow and Tom Paxton & the DonJuans. I had heard none of these groups before and enjoyed some more than others. I particularly liked Cheryl Wheeler, Penny & Sparrow, and Tom Paxton and the DonJuans. Other members had their own favorites. We heard some excellent guitar players and I heard an electric cello for the first time. She was outstanding.

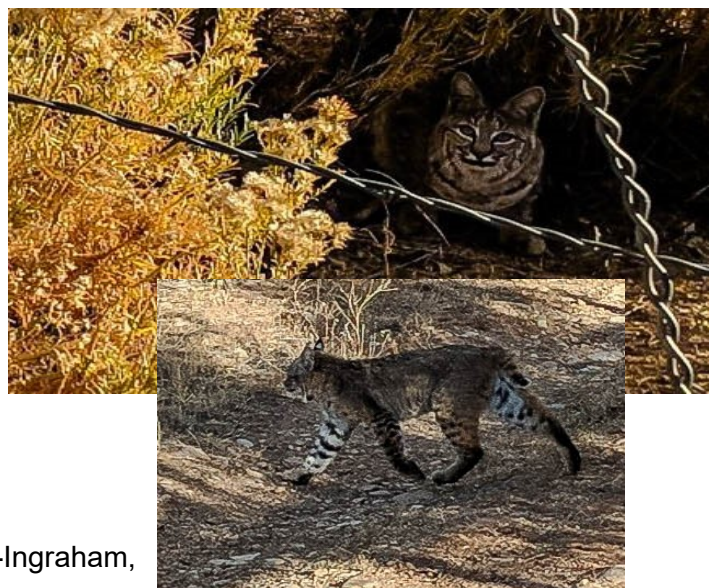
We had a lovely potluck dinner on Saturday night in the Ranch House where several of us stayed at Pack Creek Ranch. Jennifer had assigned each of us to bring a particular food item to share. Nona Bressler cooked the pulled pork. It was yummy!

If you have a chance to attend this festival in the future, I think you would enjoy it. I would encourage you to go a day before or delay your return to Salt Lake City so you can enjoy all the things you can do in and around Moab. There just wasn't time to enjoy all that Moab has to offer. The photo above of Pack Creek Ranch was taken from the Internet. The Ranch sets in a lovely area surrounded by the La Sal Mountains. We saw lots of wild life including cotton tail rabbits, deer (at least 7), wild turkeys (12 +) and even a bob cat. Jim Allred was able to get a couple of good photos which are presented on the next page. One regret is that we did not have enough time to enjoy the Ranch and get to the musical events.

Dana Hughes



Photos of Trip to Moab Folk Festival: 2017



Thanks to Judy Cohen, Nona Bressler, Margret Boes-Ingraham, Jim Allred, & Dana Hughes for photos.

Photos of Serbian Open World Journey

