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At this year's CenterStage event, DTC honored three members of the Brierley Resident Acting Company for impactful work over many years: Chamblee Ferguson, Liz Mikel and Sally Nystuen Vahle. Congratulations to them! They are Guild favorites as well!



Tech Dinners

Guild volunteers treat the hard-working DTC staff to dinner at the Wyly or Kalita just before a play goes on stage in previews. Guild members demonstrate their culinary (or procurement) skills and staff members demonstrate highly varied appetites.

The **big benefit for Guild volunteers** is to talk with DTC actors and staff at the dinner table. They have fascinating stories to tell and interesting perspectives!

Thanks to **Marla & Howard Janco** for leading this program for the last two years!

Here are a few photos of the Tech Dinner for *Penny Candy*. The photo at the top of this page is of **Director Derrick Sanders** (left) and **Playwright Jonathan Norton**.



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Guild and Guitar III An Afternoon of Music, Dining and Good Times

Great news! The Guild and Guitar series conceived by **Craig Haynes** for the Guild had its third successful run! This year Guild and Guitar made an important move to a commercial venue – Stone Boutique, in the Design District. They do design, supply and installation of marble, onyx and other natural stone interiors. (More about this interesting shop below.)

About 35 Guild members and guests, including a delegation of law students from local law schools, feasted on a sumptuous buffet of vegetables, fruits, bread bowl dips, cheeses, handmade dessert items, wine and beer. This offering alone justified the trip! (Your always voracious editor seldom moved more than two feet away from this marvelous spread.)

Dallas Theater Center Managing Director Jeff Woodward was on hand to generate excitement about the next DTC season, and there is much to be excited about – so renew your season subscription this week! Craig reminded the younger people present about the Guild’s “35 for 35” program, offering a full membership for a mere \$35 to those of ages 35 and under. Think of that – a full year of Guild activities for less than the cost of a one night date for burgers and brews.

Craig was excited to introduce singer/guitarist **Kindle Hunt**, in from the ultra-flat lands of Lubbock. He saw her perform in his travels around the Oil Patch. She typically plays in restaurants and clubs to a minimally attentive crowd, and remarked about the excitement – and pressure – of having an audience that is devoted to listening and reacting to her music as the featured offering!



Craig Haynes & Kindle Hunt

Alto-voice Kindle describes her style as soft rock with a twang, focusing on 60s/70s genre – perfect for a Guild audience! She mixed in some Elvis and Elton John (think Rocket Man) and Nancy Sinatra. She even took a shot at *La Vie En Rose*, a 1945 tune popularized by French singer Edith Piaf, and also did two of her original compositions.

Kindle plays a Luna brand acoustic guitar and makes heavy use of electronic effects such as a “melody pedal” (a device that replicates her voice a third above and a third below the notes she is singing before sending the three streams to the speakers). It makes a musical village! Like many young singers of that genre she sometimes clamps a device called a “capo” onto the fingerboard of her guitar to play in another key without changing the fingering).



Kindle learned to sing at home (her dad is musical) and in various choirs. She has had formal musical training, and occasionally plays keyboards. Her personal favorite piece of music is *Aubrey*, sung by the soloist Bread. The YouTube rendition of it sounds much like what we heard her play. Her dream? To perform for a large group. Let's hope she returns to Dallas to perform in the American Airlines Center!

OK, back to the Stone Boutique. Owner Margarita Acosta took me into a few of the showrooms to see the large panels of natural marble, onyx and other materials and their stunningly attractive color patterns. In one room the floor and one wall are covered with dramatic and complex matching panels of "Irish Green Marble" (see photo of Margarita in that space). Their offerings are all natural stone, so those elaborate patterns are the result of movements of various pockets and streaks of colored chemical substances in the stone when it was in a liquid-like state. The panels are two centimeters thick, which balances strength and transparency (some were mounted in frames with backlighting).

Stone Boutique crafts these materials into kitchens, baths, garden rooms and other spaces, turning them into natural art galleries. If you are contemplating remodeling, do check out the Stone Boutique.



So there you have it. Guild and Guitar has become a great annual event full of food, fun and magical music. We look forward to Guild and Guitar IV!

Final General Meeting

JB and Todd Nehlich are party champions! The June 9 General Meeting at their home in Roanoke was an amazing, multifaceted joy and a wonderful way to bring the year of Guild events to a close!! Twenty-five Guild members enjoyed the ambiance, the food and music, each other and at least 20 other friends of JB and Todd (who are pictured below). The party flowed throughout the many spaces in their home and onto the outdoor entertainment mecca of patio, pool and seating areas. We enjoyed the ocean breeze coming off the pool, but were cautious about intentions of the small (plastic) shark cruising around in it.



There could have been another 14 - 16 Guild members in attendance; they were deterred by what happened just before party time. Around the Metroplex, the day of June 9 started off looking very pleasant. Then about the time the Dallas-based Guild members were getting on the road to Roanoke, the sky darkened deeply, and dense, intense sheets of rain brought traffic to a crawl or stop (this driver parked under a highway bridge for at least 15 minutes). The stalwart travelers who carefully motored through it reached the Nehlich home to find sunshine and a perfect temperature! For a while, the storm was a big topic of conversation and a few phone calls to insurance companies, and then we all got into serious party mode! (Historical note – upon returning to Dallas we were all challenged by a lack of electricity and telecommunications, blinking traffic signals and the need to drive around limbs that had been violently ripped from trees.)

It was a great deal of fun meeting the Roanoke neighborhood friends. Wonderful news - four of them followed the instructions in this display, checked the liquid enticement, signed up as Guild members and left with bottles of wine:

- Jeff Barksdale
- Lisa Sawicki
- Kirby Smith
- Larry Stanbery

And two Dallas party-goers signed up:

- Jerry Cosgrove (member Pam's husband)
- Merry Schenck (renewing)

A gargantuan Guild welcome and a thank you to all of you. Thank you JB - you are a star recruiter!



And speaking of Cosgrove, here's Pam and her mom Jane Gardner.



Doug Olsom



A magnificent buffet of BBQ beef and chicken and many sides was visited by all present, and multiple times by the more voracious of us. Award-winning pitmaster Doug Olson explained the criteria that BBQ judges apply. (One is the depth of the “smoke line” (aka “rose line”), which is the red line on the piece of beef BBQ in the photo. He also explained that he was already heavily booked for this weekend, but JB’s gentle plea did the job and he produced another masterpiece. (When not gracing your gullet he keeps the populace safe at Eyesight Surveillance Company; this writer learned not to try sneaking up on him.) The elegantly decorated dessert table featured a multilayer chocolate and vanilla cake (a preview of heaven’s menu), along with a wonderful lemon cake and other goodies. Outside by the conversation area a full, tended, open bar and bowls of munchies slaked any imaginable Texas thirst.



Then there was the huge feature of the event - the music! Get this – four of the guests assembled on the patio and sang a bounteous barbershop concert! These guys are from The Vocal Majority, a 150 member award-winning barbershop choir who are masters of that classical American art form. They will be singing with The Mormon Tabernacle Choir for big dinero. Our four did tunes familiar to perhaps all in the audience, and surely to the more seasoned of us.

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The featured performer was Jason Ashley, a very solid, entertaining singer/guitarist with a strong repertoire of country, pops and western songs. He has opened for Kenny Chesney and a ton of other huge names in the genre. His strong tenor/baritone voice drove home stories of family and love, adventure and toil, and good times. Guild co-president-elect Craig Haynes is an expert on and huge fan of that style, and he was impressed. When Jason took a break, Clark Magee, one the barbershop boys took over at the microphone and guitar. Co-president April Bosworth was so taken with this concert and she broke into a dance routine! (Artistic footnote; The Vocal Majority also does an annual performance of *A Christmas Carol*. Clark played Ebenezer Scrooge in last year’s run!

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And there was more! A prize drawing, a hand-crafted drink specialty, and a message from Marla and Howard Janco about the fun to be had in participating in the Guild's Tech Dinners. >>>>>>>>>>

The drive home was relatively calm – to the great relief of the drivers who navigated through one of Momma Nature's tantrums.



April Bosworth Jason Ashley JB Nehlich

CHEERS! Pat Hastings Angela Howell April Bosworth

JB and mom (Kay Weathers)



Mermaids on break at poolside





Eleanor Casey Donna Marino Sarah Warnecke
Pat Hastings Don Warnecke



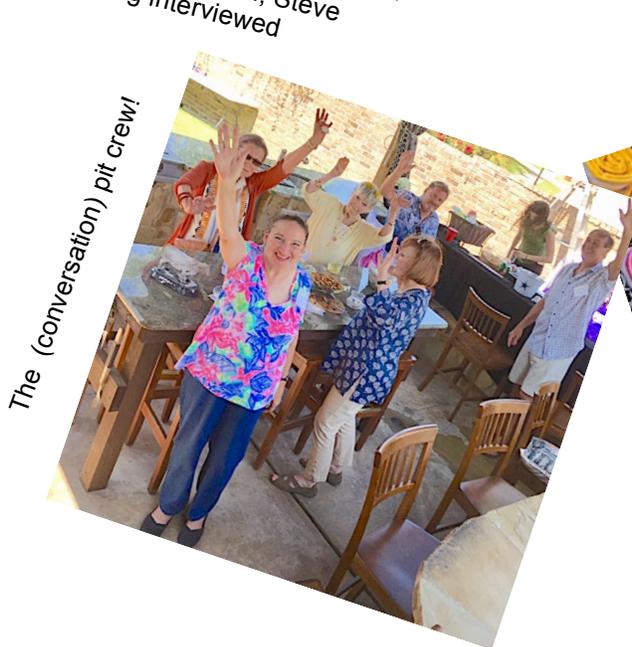
James & Annette Prince



Craig Haynes, John Howell, Steve
Marino being interviewed



Sarah Eleanor Nan-Elizabeth Byorum



The (conversation) pit crew!



Tres amigos!