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**2005 - 2006**





# TRIBUTE SEASON

2005 2006



## VALDOSTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

*Sixteenth Season*

Thursday, November 3, 2005

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### NEW GUILD MEMBERS

New Valdosta Symphony Guild members include, from left, Becky LaHood, Bonnie Rackley, Elizabeth Steel, Raegan Atkinson, Nicole Steel, Rosemary Brannen, Catherine Alvarado, Jill Brady, Stephanie Blevins, Terry DeCoudres, Antoinette Patterson, Rebecca Mutert, Susan Steel, Rhonda Thagard, Michele Corbitt, Rose Kerns, Traci Johnson and McCree Woodall.

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**Valdosta State University**



Dear Symphony Ball Patron,

November 5, 2005

The Symphony Guild is delighted that you have accepted our invitation to the 2005 Symphony Ball and Auction on Saturday, November 12. "An Evening in the Amazon" promises to be full of visual, culinary and musical delights!

This year's ball offered advance giving opportunities and we are proud to recognize our two returning "Allegretto Sponsors" - the law firm of **Elliott, Blackburn, Barnes & Gooding, P.C.**, and **Regions Bank**, as well as our two new Sponsors at the same level, **First State Bank and Trust Company**, and **Fresh Beginnings, Inc.** The Guild is most appreciative of their support, as well as our other sponsors who will be acknowledged in the Symphony Ball Program.

Enclosed is a listing of auction items for your perusal. The Auction Committee has collected a stunning array of offerings and thanks our donors for their generosity. For your convenience, items may be paid by cash, check, MasterCard or Visa the night of the ball.

All proceeds from the Symphony Ball support these educational programs of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra (VSO). Your generous bidding will touch many lives!

-**The Youth Concert Series** provides the symphonic experience to area children and their teachers as the VSO presents shortened versions with age appropriate narration. More than 40,000 children have attended these concerts.

-**Tunes For Tots** introduces the instruments and the orchestra to young children. Guild members and the VSO jointly present this hands-on experience.

-**The Valdosta Symphony String Quartet** performs clinic concerts for high school musicians throughout Georgia and North Florida.

-**The South Georgia String Project** provides exploratory experience on string instruments to more than 100 people in participating schools.

-**Summer String Camp** provides instrumental continuity and practice for students.

-**The Honor Band Student Program** provides VSO scholarship concert tickets to deserving high school bands in the community.

-**Valdosta Symphony Orchestra Student Scholarships** represent the commitment to attract and retain college orchestral musicians.

-**VSO Concerto Competition** provides outstanding performers at VSU with audition/competition experience and the opportunity to solo with the VSO.

-**The Valdosta Symphony Children's Honor Chorus** is an annual 12 week instructional program for more than 100 gifted young voices.

-**The Valdosta Symphony Youth Orchestras** include three levels of string orchestra training for talented area students.

The Guild members and I thank you for your support of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra and its children's programs, and I look forward to seeing you Saturday evening.

Sincerely,

*Rhonda*

Rhonda Kelly Hamman, Symphony Guild President

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concert of **Beethoven's** stunning mass, *Missa solemnis*. As well, the season will be filled with orchestral colors, including solo passages from the VSO's outstanding principals: *Nina Lutz*, concertmaster (Dvorak *Concerto*), *Steven Taylor*, cello (*Cantique de Noel*), *Elizabeth Goode*, flute (Prokofiev), *Jeffrey Olson*, clarinet (Mozart, Dvorak *Dances*), *Kenneth Kirk*, trumpet (Janacek)—to name only a few in prominent roles.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the concerts of the VSO's *Tribute Season*.

Cordially,

*James Plondke*  
James Plondke  
Music Director

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August 2, 2005

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**What A GREAT Page!**



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Nancy Warren, Jane Peebles, Kay Jennett, Rhonda Hamman, Josette Ingram, Mirian Belanger, Nancy Phillips and Lisa Cooke are working on the Symphony Ball.

## 'An Evening in the Amazon'

**Valdosta Symphony Guild sponsoring ball Nov. 12 at VCC**

VALDOSTA — The Valdosta Symphony Guild is gearing up once again for its Symphony Ball to be held Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Valdosta Country Club.

This annual gala event is a major fund-raiser for the symphony's educational programs.

These educational programs are a vital part of the cultural growth in our community. Money raised from Guild activities has allowed more than 50,000 school children to be exposed to live symphonic music through the Youth Concert Series.

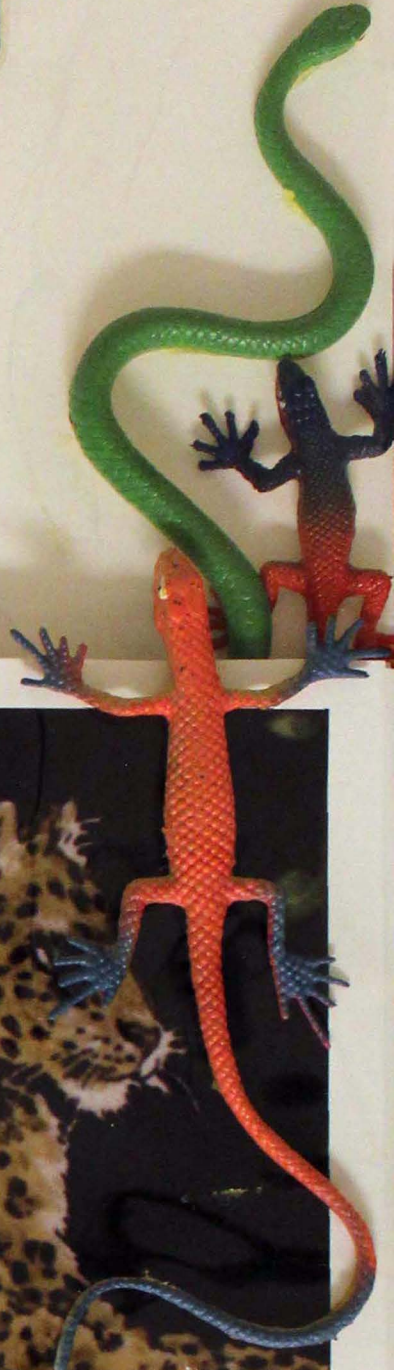
"The Friday preceding each Saturday performance, hundreds of children from communities throughout South Georgia attend a con-

cert by the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra," said Rhonda Hamman, guild president. "For many children, this is their first opportunity to see and hear an orchestra perform."

This year's theme for the Symphony Ball is "An Evening in the Amazon." Decorating chairman Kay Jennett, with the assistance of other guild volunteers, will create a magical setting for the evening. Events include cocktails, an auction, dinner and dancing. Ed Barr and his exciting Ed Barr Orchestra will provide the music.

For information and reservations, contact Linda Mullins at College of the Arts Outreach, 333-2150.

## Wild Thing

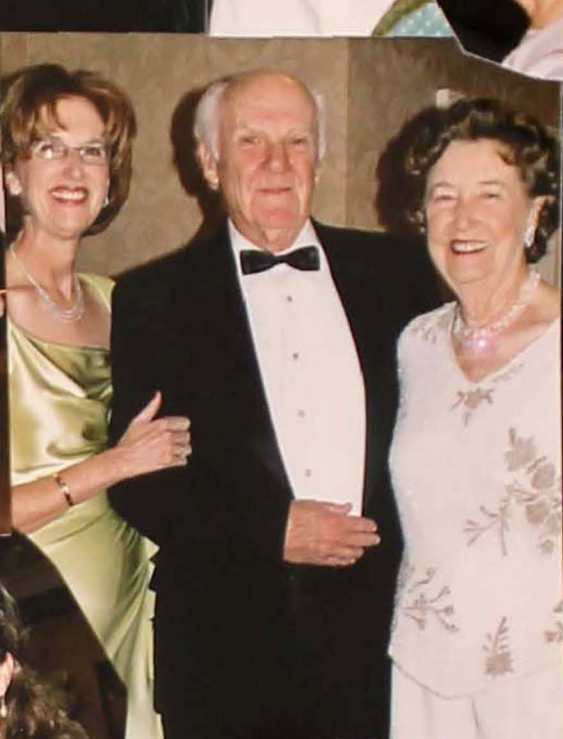


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An Evening in the Amazon

The Symphony Ball  
November 12, 2005

## Wild & Crazy



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## The Valdosta Symphony Guild An Evening in the Amazon

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Kay Jennett, Ball Decorating Chairman



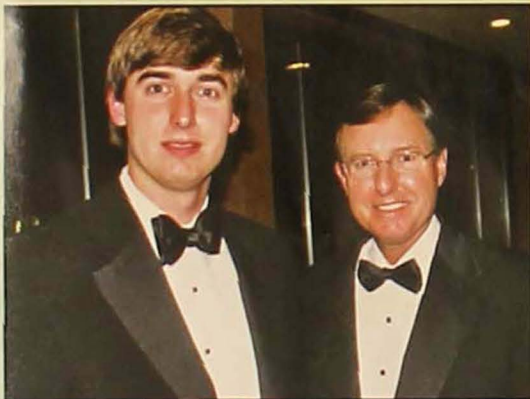
Susan Johnson, daughter Emily, and David Johnson, VSU Music Department Chair



New Guild members and their husbands: Rusty and Rosemary Brannen, Bonnie and Judd Rackley.



Jane Peoples, left, Guild President-Elect and Auction Chair, and Sharon Morris, Auction Co-Chair.



Randy DeCoudres, left, and dad, Bill DeCoudres, representing Regions Bank, Symphony Ball Sponsor.



Rhonda Hamman, Guild President, and her parents, Ret. Col. and Mrs. Ed Kelly, also a Guild member.



New Guild members and their husbands: Mabry and Becky Smith, McCree and Will Woodall.



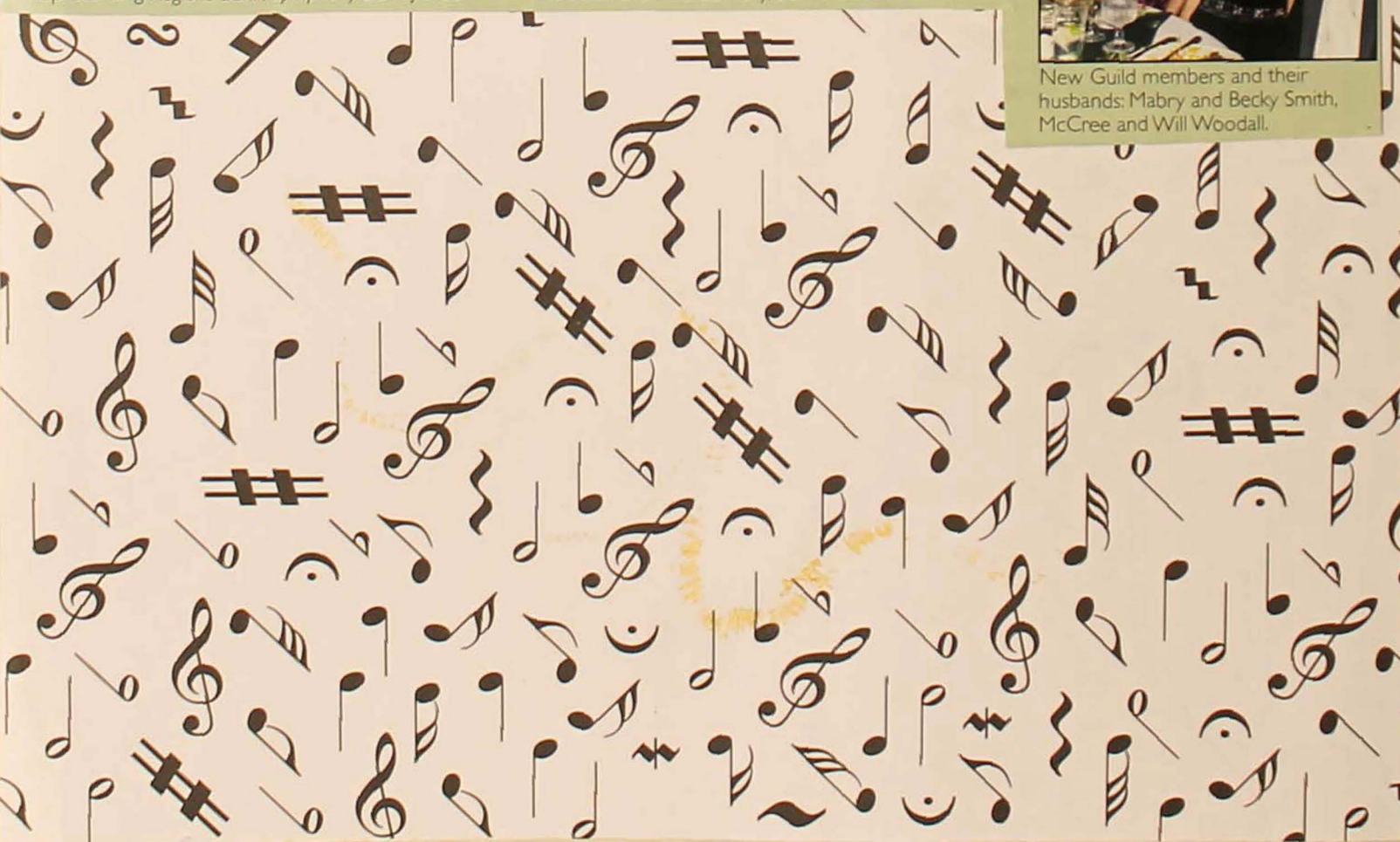
New Guild members: Susan Steel, Elizabeth Steel and Nicole Steel




Marian Belanger, Treasurer, and Lisa Cooke, Treasurer Elect



Symphony Ball Sponsor, the partners of Elliot, Blackburn & Gooding, P.C. and their wives: Susan Elliott, Richard Barnes, Jim Elliott, Laura Elliott, Dr. Bridgett Moore, Walter Elliot, Tom Gooding, and Mary Gooding.





Bring your Valentine to  
**The Valdosta Symphony Guild's**  
**Pre-Concert Valentine Dinner**  
**Saturday, February 11, 2006**

**6 p.m.**


**The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts**

**\$25 per person**

Kindly RSVP to Linda at College of the Arts Outreach (Art South)  
229-333-2150  
by noon on Thursday, February 9, 2006

Prepaid reservations required by check or Master Card/Visa. Checks may be made payable to Valdosta Symphony Guild and mailed to College of the Arts Outreach 1500 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta, GA 31698. For Master Card/Visa, please call Linda (333-2150) for processing. Reservation deadline reminder: Noon, Thursday, February 9, 2006.

**Treat your Valentine to a romantic dinner by Covington's in the beautiful setting of the Turner Center for the Arts!**  
**Then enjoy the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra's Concert, "International Tribute," at Whitehead Au**







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# DENIM & Diamonds

**A Benefit for the Symphony Children's Programs**  
Grab your jeans & gems and join us for a casual evening of mouth-waterin' barbecue, live music, and dancin'!

**Friday, March 24, 2006**  
**7:30 p.m. until ?**  
**Valdosta Country Club**

**Steel's Jewelry**  
**Diamond Pull**

Music by  
*"Skannyardle" and More!*

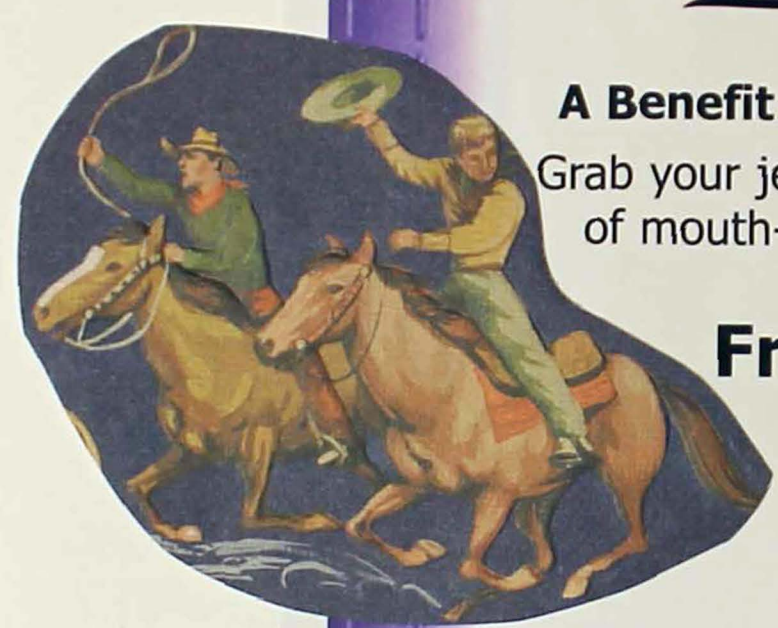
**Boots & Brims**  
**Optional!**

**FOR TICKETS OR RESERVATIONS**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of tickets needed: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 per person  
 Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (payable to Valdosta Symphony Guild)  
 Unable to attend, but please accept my donation of \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_ OR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other.

Send Mail to: **Lisa Cooke (Ticket Chairman)**  
**796 Lake Laurie Drive**  
**Valdosta, Georgia 31605**  
**671-9933**

**PLEASE RESPOND BY MARCH 17!**  
 For more information, call Linda at 333-2149.





Nancy Phillips, Lisa Cooke, and Rhonda Hamman are ready for the Valdosta Symphony Guild's "Denim and Diamonds" wearing beautiful jewelry from Steel's. Nancy and Lisa are the co-chairs of the event which will be on Friday, March 24 at the Valdosta Country Club.

Rhonda is the president of the VSG. The Steel's Jewelry Diamond Pull will be featured during the evening's entertainment. Proceeds will benefit the children's programs of the Valdosta Symphony.

**Steel's**  
JEWELRY



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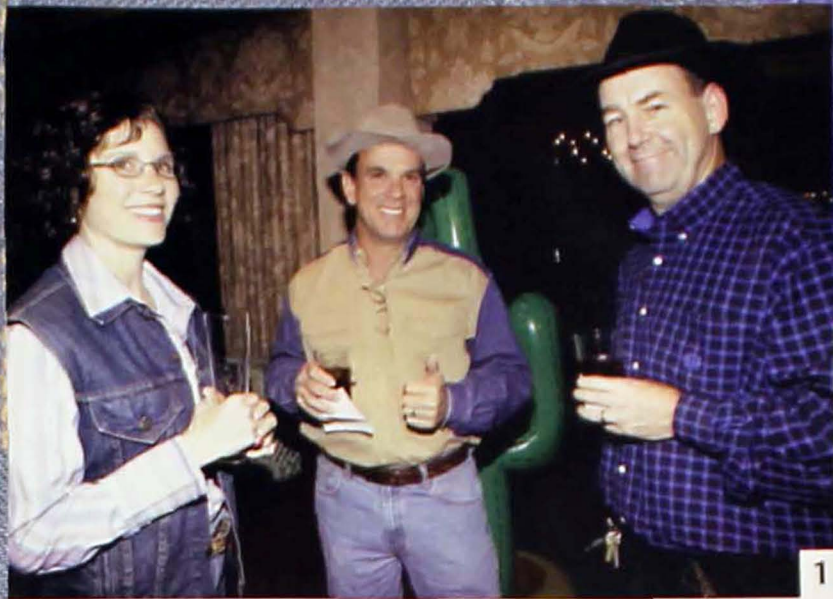
**PULLING FOR DIAMOND EARRINGS**

Saturday, March 25, 2006



Rhonda Thagard, left, and Edwin and Myrtle Kelly try their luck at the 'diamond pull' for a chance to win a pair of diamond earrings from Steel's Jewelry Friday during the Denim and Diamonds event at the Valdosta Country Club.

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# Denim & Diamonds

Valdosta Symphony Guild

PHOTOS BY TIFFANY FARROW

1. Genevieve and Mark Harmon chat with Steve Cooke during the event.
2. Rhonda Thagard, left, and Edwin and Myrtle Kelly try their luck at the 'diamond pull' for a chance to win a pair of diamond earrings from Steel's Jewelry during the Denim and Diamonds event at the Valdosta Country Club.
3. Tammy Borders, center, the diamond pull winner of \$2,500 diamond stud earrings from Steel's Jewelry, stands with her husband Ron Borders, and Lorre Hatcher.
4. Petra Gromes, left, Jiris Stelzer and Lynn Corbin enjoy some light cocktails and good conversation before the barbecue dinner.



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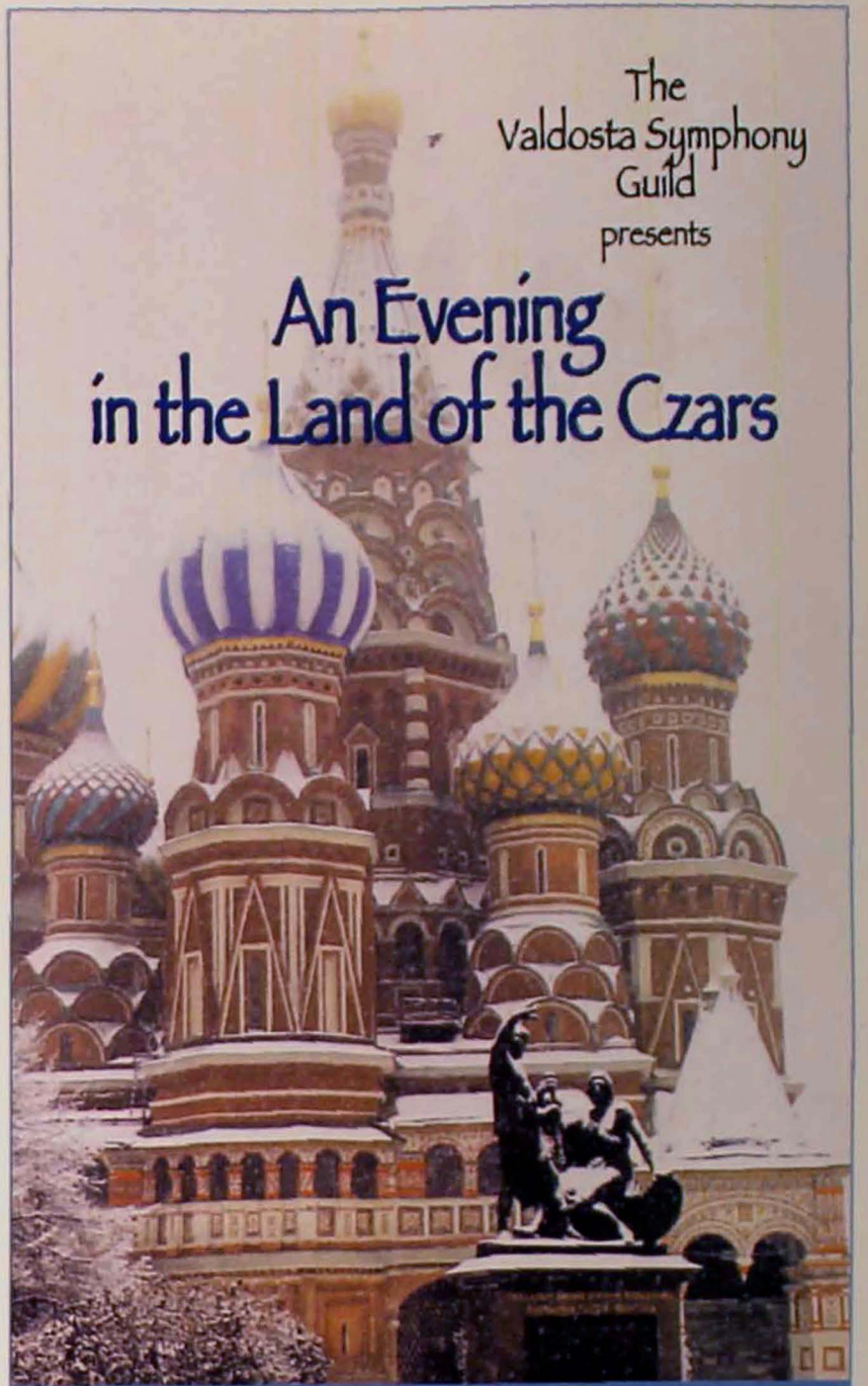
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# An Evening in the Land of the Czars



The Symphony Ball

November 4, 2006



# Taking a break at the Symphony Ball

good things



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The organizers of the Symphony Ball take a breather Saturday to chat during the event's cocktail hour. From the left are Janice Allen, Dee Broadfoot, Gail Hobgood, Kay Jennett and Jane Peebles. More than 200 people attended the charity event that included a live and silent auction, seated dinner and music by the Ed Barr Orchestra.





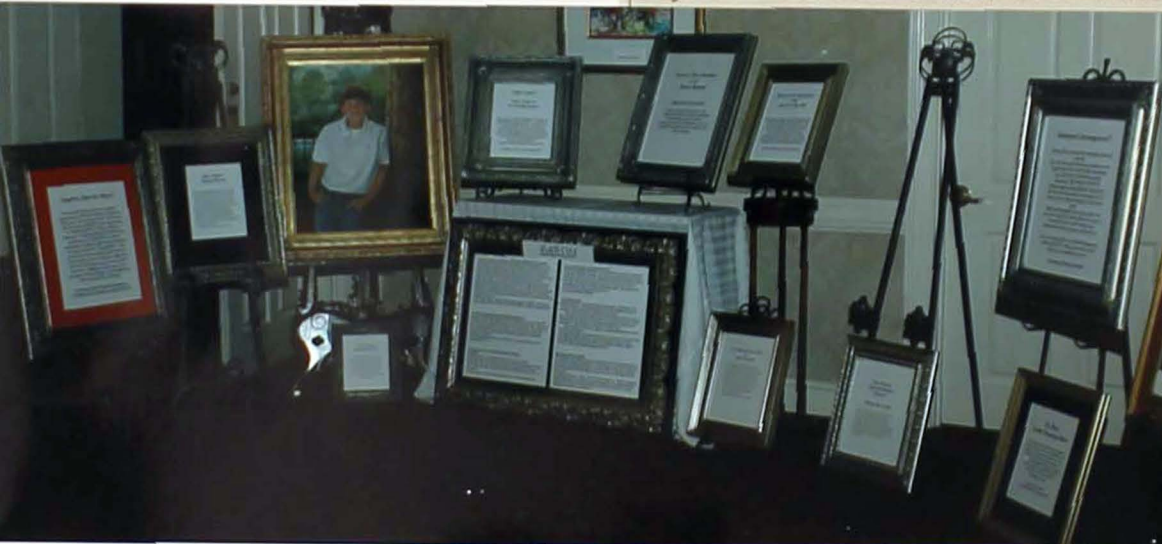
READY TO HAVE A BALL



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the Valdosta Symphony Guild are already hard at work on decorations for the annual Symphony Ball set for Saturday, Nov. 4, Valdosta Country Club. The theme for this year is 'An Evening in the Land of the Czars.' For ticket information, contact Arts Outreach, 333-2150. Guild members include (seated from left) Jane Peebles, ball chair, Rhonda Hamman, past president, (standing from left), Gail Hobgood, auction chair, Laura Elliott, reservations chair, Kay Jennett, Decorations Chair, and Dee Broadfoot, auction chair.

Lookin' Good



You've Got Style





# Valdosta Symphony Guild "Denim and Diamonds"

The Valdosta Symphony Guild brought a western theme to the Valdosta Country Club with its annual "Denim and Diamonds" benefit. Blue jeans were the dress of choice for a fun evening complete with barbecue and a band. The Steel's Jewelry Diamond Pull was a fun portion of the evening. Anita Sinnott pulled the winning ribbon to win the diamonds. Jane Peeples is president, Janice Allen is president-elect, Laura Elliott is treasurer, and Tammy Borders is the recording secretary for the guild. Proceeds from the evening provide for the children's and youth programs with the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra.



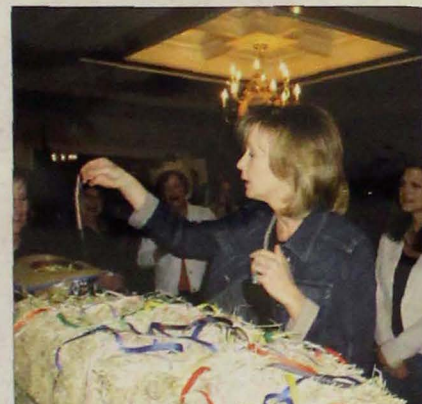
Laura Elliott, Jane Peeples, Janice Allen, Tammy Borders



Steel's Diamond Pull



John Ashley and Ceil Parramore with Elizabeth Steel



Sharon Swindle gives it a try



Anita Sinnott, Stephanie Moss and Carol Crews



Lots of "bling"



Gail Hobgood tries...



Elizabeth, Adam, and Nicole Steel



Anita Sinnott wins!





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A Benefit for the Symphony Orchestra's Programs

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*Thursday, March 21, 2007*

## Symphony Guild holding benefit for kids' programs

**BY KELLI HERNANDEZ**  
The Valdosta Daily Times

**VALDOSTA** — On Friday, the Valdosta Symphony Guild will present Denim and Diamonds, a benefit for the Symphony's children's programs.

The evening will feature live music by Skannyardle, an auction and a raffle for Steel's Jewelry diamond pull. There will also be a barbecue and dancing throughout the evening. Items being auctioned include a Kentucky Derby party, a Southwestern-themed birthday party. All auction prizes were donated to the guild.

This will be the second year for the Denim and Diamond benefit and the guild is expecting a crowd of more than 150.

"We are hoping to raise \$10,000 this year," said President Rhonda Hamman. All proceeds from the evening will benefit children's programs such as the Youth Concert series, Tunes for Tots, the South Georgia String Project, fall and spring

### When and Where

Valdosta Symphony Guild's Denim and Diamonds Benefit  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Valdosta Country Club

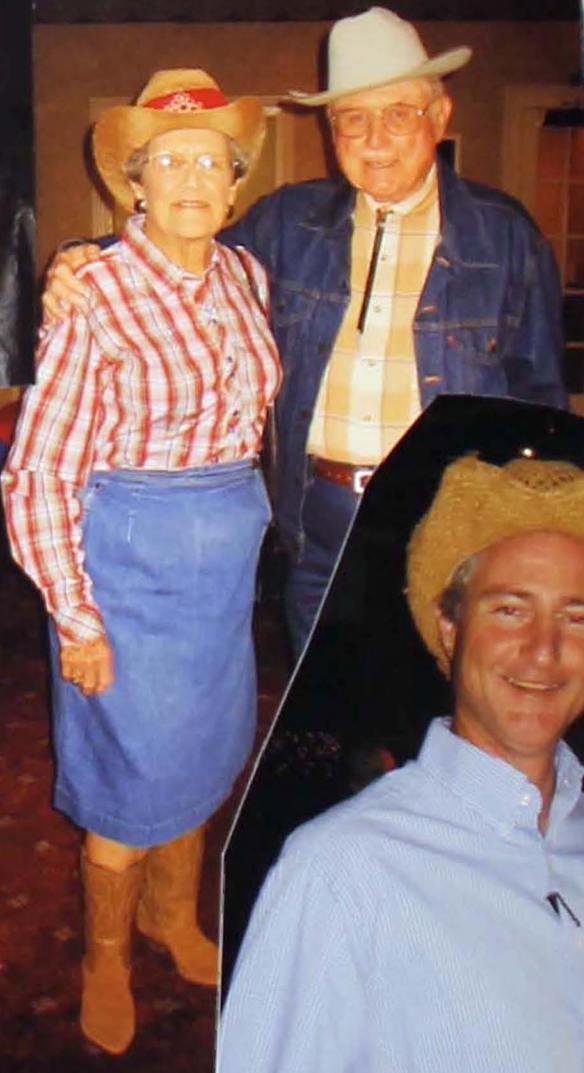
recitals, the Honor Band and many more.  
The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Valdosta Country Club. Dress is casual and boots and cowboy hats are optional. Tickets are \$55 per person. Reservations are preferred, but tickets will be available at the door. For more information or to make a reservation, call 333-2149.

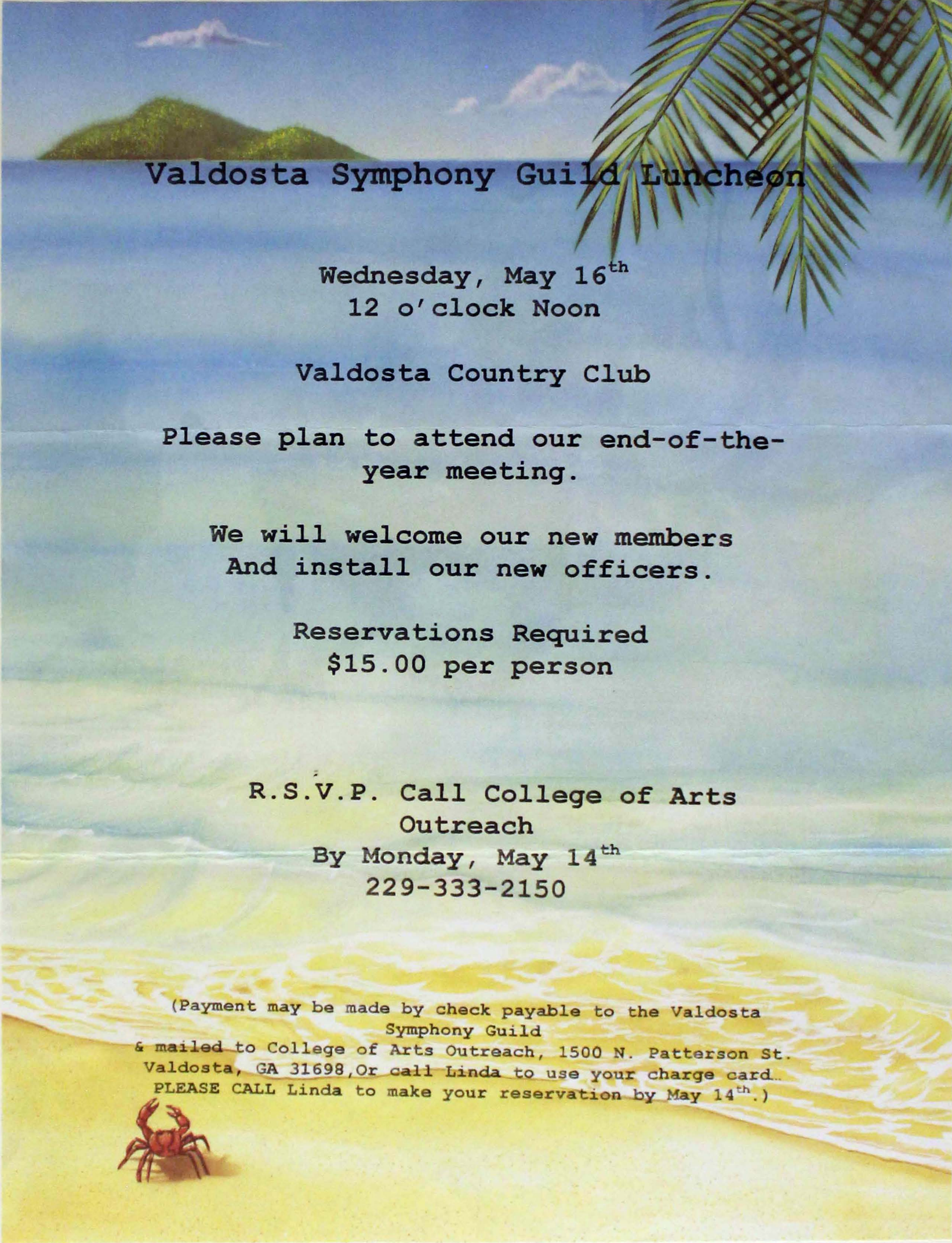
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Steel's





Valdosta Symphony Guild Luncheon

Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
12 o'clock Noon

Valdosta Country Club

Please plan to attend our end-of-the-  
year meeting.

We will welcome our new members  
And install our new officers.

Reservations Required  
\$15.00 per person

R.S.V.P. Call College of Arts  
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By Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
229-333-2150

(Payment may be made by check payable to the Valdosta  
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