

# NOTES FROM CONNECTICUT

## Connecting with Connecticut



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By now, we are all well underway with our bell choirs in this new program year. I hope you are all feeling excited, renewed, and just a bit challenged to continue developing your skills!

The CT ringers, organized by Steve Mazeau and led by Samantha Beschta, have performed once again on CT Day (September 19) at the Big E in Springfield. We are happy they worked so hard to represent us!

If you are wishing for an opportunity to brush up on your skills, there are three (3!) skill building sessions being held in October in Connecticut - and they are free! Please consider attending, and invite your bell-ringing friends. Check the Area1 website to register.

October 13<sup>th</sup> – St. Joseph, Bristol, CT. with Jean Degan  
October 20<sup>th</sup> - St. David's Episcopal, Gales Ferry, CT with Jane Nolan  
October 27<sup>th</sup> – Spring Glen Church, Hamden, CT with Jane Nolan

Winter Weekend 2019 will be at the UMass Amherst Campus Center February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The format this year will be different from previous years, offering two tracks for the weekend. The first track will be a ringing track called "Distinctly New England", ringing and perfecting 3 selections of coppers-plus music throughout the weekend, under the direction of Karen James. This ringing track is intended to challenge coppers ringers and inspire the musicality of bronze ringers. The second track will be the usual format with a variety of workshops throughout the day. Check the Area 1 website for information to be updated later.

The CT Spring Ring on March 30 2019, at the Middle School in Killingworth again, with David Harris (Director of the Raleigh Ringers) as clinician. He will be working with all registrants on three selections, two of which are for Festival, and one new one the Raleigh Ringers just recorded for the Lorenz demo disk.

Allegro Spiritoso / Underwood (AGEHR AG23028:2-3 oct; AG35261:3-5 oct)  
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds /arr. Moklebust (Concordia MCO977488)  
Ah, Holy Jesus / arr. Eithun (Lorenz 20-2094L)

There will be no workshops this year; but Dave has agreed to spend some time with directors present, to share tips and answer questions. Bell choirs, ensembles and individuals have been invited to share in the closing concert. I will be sending more information with the registration link in January.

And don't forget **Festival Conference**, which will be in Connecticut this year! It will be at the University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT, on June 27 – June 30, 2019

**Clinicians:** Cathy Moklebust (Bronze, Copper) and Kevin McChesney (Tins and Mass)

Meanwhile, happy ringing to everyone!  
Mobby Larson, CT Chair



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