



The

Undertone



What's Happening in the Burlington, Vermont, Chapter

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Great Northern Harmony Workshop this Saturday!

This coming Saturday the Greater Montreal Chapter will once again host an all day workshop dedicated to barbershop education.

Barbershoppers from across New England (and New York) and Canada from all three barbershop singing organizations, The Barbershop Harmony Society, Harmony, Inc. and Sweet Adelines.

Individuals, quartets and choruses will all attend the workshop held once again at the Université de Montréal.

The star attraction is 1999 International Quartet Champion FRED, the members of which will be coaching quartets as well as performing for students and faculty.

In addition to one-on-one coaching, there no less than ten academic courses as follows:

Karen Rourke (Director, Concord, MA -SPEB): How to Be an Effective Section Leader

Mike Gabriella (Baritone, Road Show, 2001 NED Champs-SPEB): The Singing Sensation ... How it Feels to Sing Correctly

Jim DeDusman (Society Music Specialist - SPEB) and **Michael Martin** (Tenor, The Management,

1994 NED Champs - SPEB): Vocal Care Through Singing Technique

Overdrive (2000 NED Champs - SPEB) So You Want to be in a Quartet

Larry Bean (Lead, The Management - SPEB): Theory Every Singer Should Know

Mike Maino (Bass, Road Show-SPEB): MC'ing and Stage Speaking

Mike Nichols (Saratoga Springs - SPEB): Putting Artistry in the Art Form

Steve Plumb (Presentation Judge - SPEB): How to Coach

David Wright (Arranger - SPEB): The History of Barbershop Harmony.

In addition, the following well known and somewhat famous will be available to coach quartets and choruses:

Renee Craig (SAI), **Dave Calland** (SPEB), **Bob O'Connell**, **Wendy Mercier** (HI), **Jim Dodge** (SPEB), **Laura Holmes** (HI), **Linda Janes** (HI), **Don Flom** (SPEB), **FRED** (Clay Hine, **Rick Larosa**, **Joe Clay**, "Pookie" **Carlson**)

Directions to GNHWorkshop

Take I89 North which becomes 133 nord (north) in Canada to 35 nord. Take 35 nord to 10 ouest (west). Take 10 ouest to the Champlain Bridge.

Take the Champlain Bridge (15 nord) and continue on 15 nord and take Exit for Cote St. Luc / Queen Mary Rd. Turn right on Côte-Ste-Catherine (the 3rd light after Queen Mary). Follow Côte-Ste-Catherine to Vincent-d'Indy (approx. 2 km). Turn right on Vincent-d'Indy and go to the top of the hill.

Barbershop trivia --

Where on the Internet can you find the photographs of five famous Northeastern District barbershoppers?

Hint -- the web address is an acronym.

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Better late than never

by *Greg Morrill, Musical Director*
I've been remiss in keeping up with my Undertone input! Had I been submitting articles over the past few weeks, they would have been urging you to attend the school in Montreal this Saturday! I know the Central Vermont contingent is planning to go. How about you?

All of the Society's educational offerings are a fantastic mix of learning and fun. This particular offering is the closest and easiest to take advantage of. Let's have a good turnout from our chapter! If you haven't made up your mind yet, it's still not too late and the chapter will pick up most of your cost.

How to get your money back:

Chapter Expense Reimbursement:

by *Denis Brochu, Treasurer*

In order to provide a more 'auditable' record of Chapter finances, I am instituting a system of expense vouchers to be used by Chapter members seeking reimbursement for authorized Chapter expenses.

It is a simple form that requires your name, date, signature, a brief description of the expense, amount requested and an authorized signature (in many cases that could be my signature); it should be submitted to me along with any supporting invoices.

I'd like to try this out for those of you attending the Montreal Harmony Workshop on Feb. 1. I will have copies of the expense voucher with the description and amount fields already filled out. Before I write the check, I will require you to sign and date the voucher. I will listen to any reasonable ideas for modification of the form and/or procedure.

Contest news:

by *Cotton Damon, NED VP C&J*

Contest entry

1. All entries must be done through the Society website. The one on the District website is no longer available. Entry procedures are described on the Society web site at <http://www.spebsqsa.org>.

2. The entry deadline for the East Regional is March 1 for the March 14-15 contest in Peabody, MA.

3. The entry deadline for the West Regional (Mountain Division) is March 22 for the April 4-5 contest in Troy, NY.

4. The entry deadline for Sunrise Division is April 19 for the May 3 contest in Halifax, NS.

Definition of Novice quartet

1. The quartet must have at least two members who have never competed in a District or International Preliminary Quartet contest, or won any contest at the Division level.

2. The quartet may have no more than one member who has won any District quartet championship.

3. The quartet may have up to two members who have competed at a higher level contest, provided that the conditions in #2 above have been met.

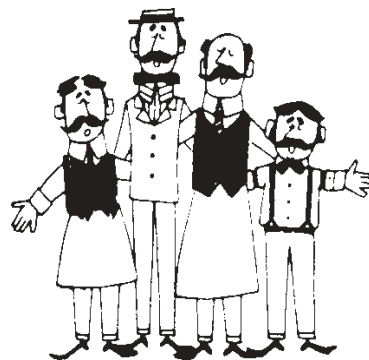
4. The quartet may not contain any members who have won International Quartet Contest medals.

20 Week Club Winners

Date	No	Winner	Seller
12/10	219	Deana Higgs	D. Higgs
12/17	101	Murielle Rugg	D. Blouin
1/07	225	Carol Hathaway	E. Bechtel
1/14	136	Virginia Charlotte	D. Labrecque
1/21	129	Arletta Allen	Al Allen



February 1 (Saturday)	--	Great Northern Harmony Workshop -- Montreal Tuition paid by the chapter
February 14 (Friday)	--	Singing Valentines Quartets wanted!
February 18 (Tuesday)	--	Early Sing Out Fern Hill Prospect St. Burlington Warm up 6:30
March 8 (Saturday)	--	Spring Retreat Karen Rourke - Place TBD
March 14 - 15 (Fri. & Sat.)	--	Eastern Region Contest & Convention and 2003 International Prelims Peabody, Massachusetts
April 4 - 5 (Fri. - Sat.)	--	Western Region Contest & Convention - Troy, New York
May 2 (Friday)	--	20 Week Club Banquet S. Burlington K of C
May 31 (Saturday)	--	55th Annual Show Featuring 2002 Champs Four Voices
June 29 - July 6	--	2003 International Convention and Contest MONTREAL! Sign up now!



Trivia answers

On the Society web page www.spebsqsa.org, designated "Run Your Chapter" you can find North-eastern District's Northeast Connection at the mast head, as it appears on all of the major pages. In addition, Our MC master, Mike Maino, is also shown plying his wares.