

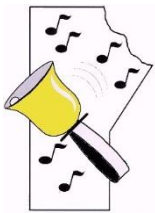
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# Ringers' Roundtable

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## *REFLECTION ON THE SPECIAL 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPRING RING*



### **THE MANITOBA GUILD OF ENGLISH HANDBELL RINGERS 20th Anniversary Spring Ring 2016**

*Report by Susan Stevenson*

Although it was a gray, rainy day that did not stop approximately 65 ringers from making their way to Starbuck Community Hall on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> for the MBGEHR 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Ring. Individual choir warm-ups started at 12:30 and lasted until 2 p.m. at which time all the ringers took part in a practice session for the three massed ringing pieces to be featured in the concert program. The concert began at 3:30 p.m. and those in attendance (approximately 150 people) were treated to selections played by five individual choirs: Sturgeon Creek United Church Chimers, Good Neighbours Handbell Ringers, Trinity Lutheran Handbell Choir from Starbuck along with the Starbuck United – Trinity Lutheran Joint Choir, Bells of Praise from Trinity Lutheran Church in Thalberg and Broadway-First Baptist Church Handbell Ringers and the Clifton School Handbell Quintet. Two ensembles featured the Ring Out Quartet of Patsy Andrews-Vert,

Jewel Casselman, Morna-June Morrow and Susan Stevenson; and a Trio version of *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* with vocalist Rhonda McRorie, pianist Dorcas Windsor and solo handbell ringer/choreographer Morna-June Morrow. The concert finale ended with the massed ringing of *All Things Bright and Beautiful* and *Morning Song of Praise* under the baton of Patsy Andrews-Vert and *The Heavens are Telling* from Haydn's oratorio, *The Creation* accompanied by Dorcas Windsor and directed by Susan Stevenson.



During the concert, the Clifton School Handbell Quintet and their director Lori Bodner were presented with the MBGEHR trophy plaque and a *Morna-June Morrow Scholarship* based on their performance at the Winnipeg Music Festival in March.

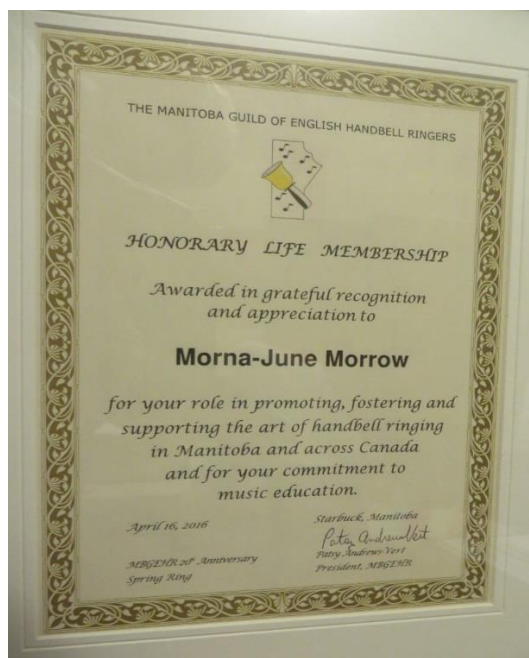


Lori Bodner and the Clifton Quintet receiving the MBGEHR trophy and scholarship

The concert was followed by dinner prepared by some of the ladies of Trinity Lutheran Starbuck, for those 125 people who had pre-ordered tickets. During the dinner, Morna-June Morrow who has been involved with handbell ringing for the past 47 years was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in the MBGEHR by current President Patsy Andrews-Vert and founding President Ron Vert.



Patsy Andrews-Vert, Ron Vert, Morna-June Morrow



Honorary Life Membership





Bells of Praise from Trinity Lutheran Church of Thalberg directed by Gloria Zirk



Good Neighbours Handbell Ringers directed by Rhonda McRorie



Sturgeon Creek United Church Chimers directed by Margaret Granger



Broadway-First Baptist Church Handbell Ringers directed by Susan Stevenson



Centre foreground seated at the piano is Dorcas Windsor, our piano accompanist



Clifton School Handbell Quintet directed by Lori Bodner





Ring Out Quartet in rehearsal  
Morna-June Morrow, Susan Stevenson, Patsy Andrews-Vert, Jewel Casselman



Patsy Andrews-Vert playing the *Ukrainian Carol of the Bells* on a bell tree



Morna-June Morrow at the end of her *Rainbow*!

And . . . after dinner, these two cakes created beautifully by Melanie Mosset of Starbuck!



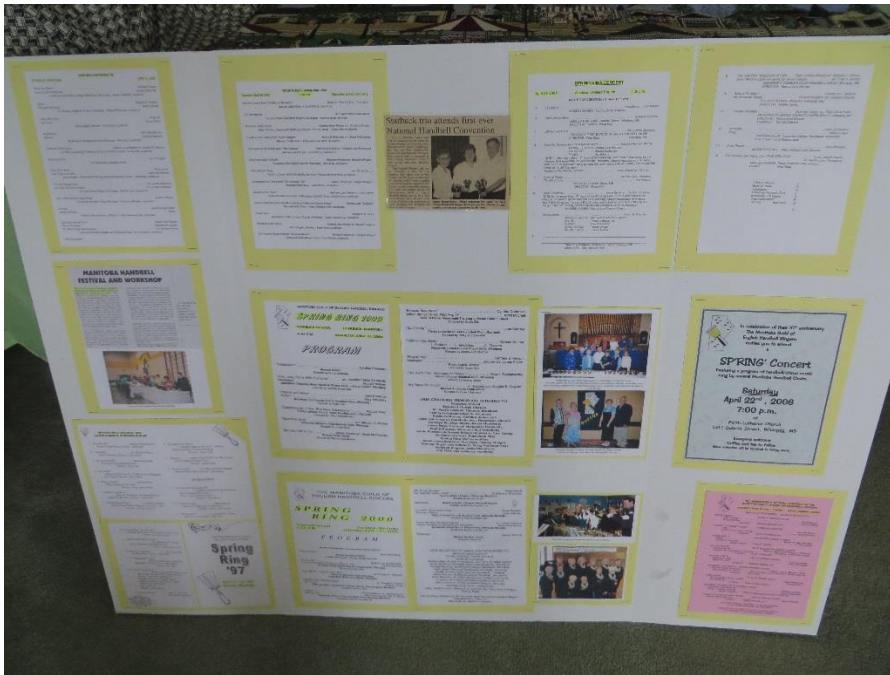
Vanilla cake



Chocolate cake



During the afternoon, participants and audience members had the opportunity to look at several display boards relating the history of the first twenty years of the Manitoba Guild of English Handbell Ringers. Pictured below are the display boards. Look for details of each display board in upcoming issues of *Ringers' Roundtable*.



Past Spring Ring programs and photos

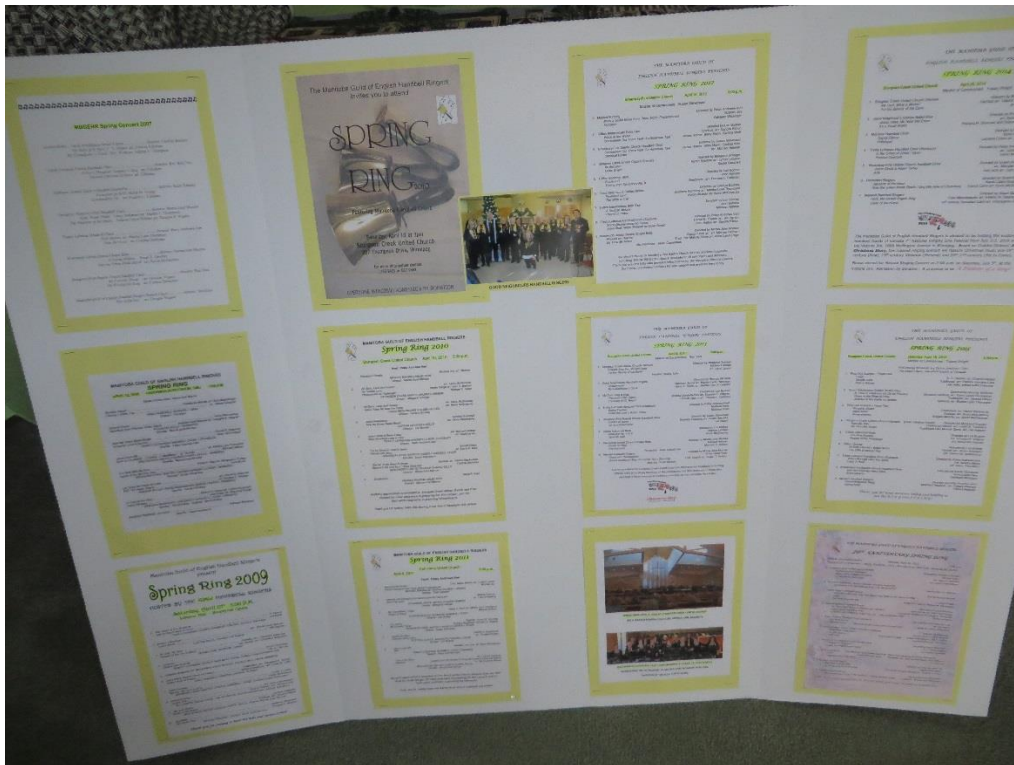
# Starbuck trio attends first ever National Handbell Convention

July 1-4, 1998 the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon was the venue for the first Ringing Link of the Canadian Handbell World. Grace Hendrickson, Ron Vert, and Patsy Andrews-Vert joined with approximately 200 ringers from coast to coast to participate in mass ringing, workshops, concerts, and sharing with other Handbell Ringers.

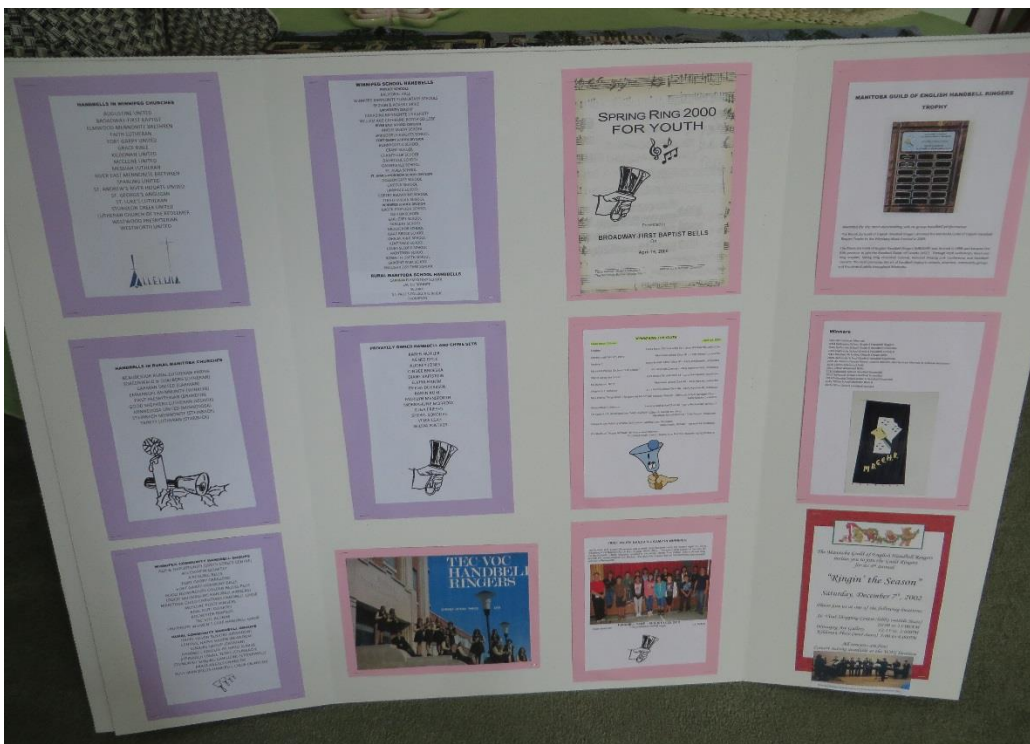
The National Ringing Link was the brainchild of Ron Vert, of Starbuck. His vision was to link Canada together, in yet another way, by bringing handbell ringers together from across Canada to experience unification through the handbell medium. The event was carried out by the Saskatchewan Guild of English Handbell Ringers and will be a "hard act to follow" when the next event occurs. Manitoba was represented by seven delegates from Winnipeg and three Starbuck delegates.

Grace Hendrickson, Patsy Andrews-Vert and Ron Vert joined about 200 ringers from across the country at convention, which was conceived by Mr. Vert.





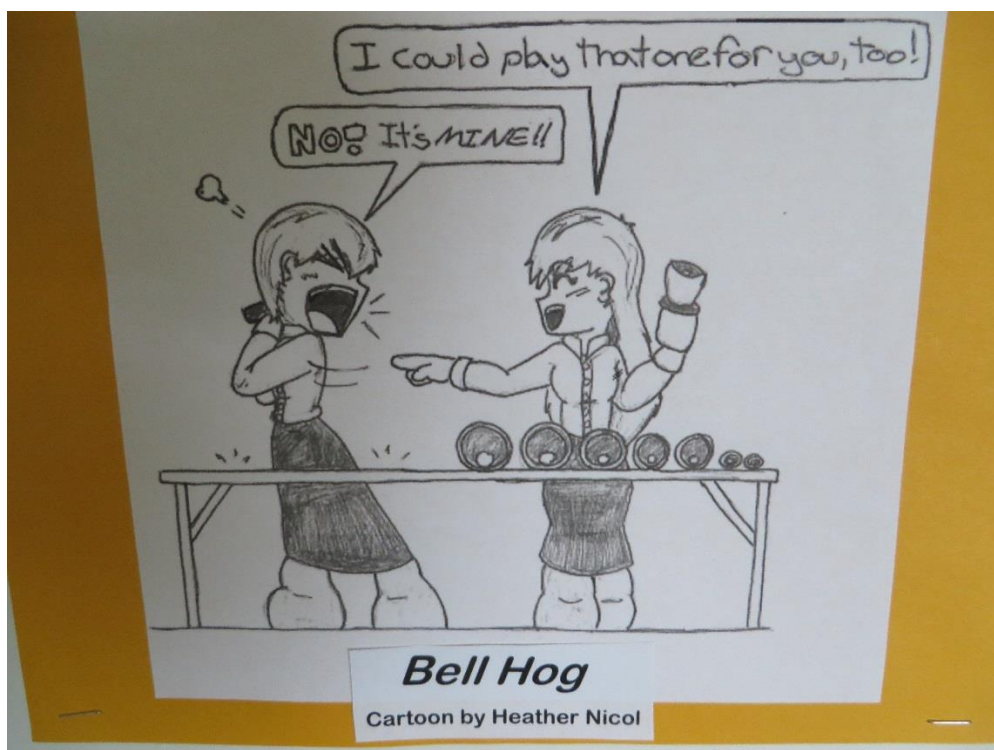
More Spring Ring programs and photos



Handbell Choirs in Manitoba, Youth Ring, Guild Trophy, Christmas Guild Choir



Fred Merrett, handbell pioneer, International Peace Gardens Handbell Camp, MBGEHR hosts National Ringing Links in 2002 and 2014, Handbell Cartoons





## THE MANITOBA GUILD OF ENGLISH HANDBELL RINGERS

Starbuck Community Centre

Saturday, April 16, 2016 3:30 p.m.

*Masters of Ceremonies: Patsy Andrews-Vert, Morna-June Morrow, Rhonda McRorie*

1. Sturgeon Creek United Church Chimers  
*Processional on "Hallelujah"*  
*Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
*I've Got Peace Like a River*  
Directed by Margaret Granger  
Michael Keller  
arr. Susan E. Geschke  
arr. Sharon Elery Rogers
2. Morna-June Morrow, Rhonda McRorie and Dorcas Windsor  
*Somewhere Over the Rainbow from "The Wizard of Oz"*  
Harold Arlen arr. Morrow
3. Clifton School Handbell Quintet:  
Christopher Marquez, Ryan Tieu, Khoa Tran, Rikka Lauze, Salena Starling  
Directed by Lori Bodner  
*Largo*  
*The Little Drummer Boy*  
G. F. Handel arr. Charles Maggs  
Katherine Davis arr. Valerie W. Stephenson
4. Good Neighbours Handbell Ringers  
*My Heart Goes On* (Love Theme from "Titanic")  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
*A Special Light (Based on Psalm 118: 14)*  
Directed by Rhonda McRorie  
James Horner arr. Kevin McChesney  
Ludwig van Beethoven arr. Peggy A. Thompson  
Chelsea Borden, violin  
Tammy Waldrop
5. Trinity Lutheran Handbell Choir (Starbuck)  
*You Raise Me Up*  
*Palm Branches*  
Starbuck United-Trinity Lutheran Joint Choir  
Directed by Patsy Andrews-Vert  
arr. Joel Raney  
D. Nolan arr. Karen Buckwalter
6. Bells of Praise (Trinity Lutheran Church in Thalberg)  
*Theme from "Love Story"*  
*The Gift of Love*  
*Hallelujah*  
Diana Lesosky, violin  
Directed by Gloria Zirk  
Francis Lai arr. Fred A. Merrett  
English Folk Song arr. Hal H. Hopson  
Leonard Cohen arr. Joel Raney
7. Broadway-First Baptist Church Handbell Choir  
*Fantasy on "Kingsfold"*  
*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*  
Directed by Susan Stevenson  
arr. H. Dean Wagner  
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
8. Ring Out Quartet! Patsy Andrews-Vert, Jewel Casselman, Morna-June Morrow and Susan Stevenson  
*Canon*  
*Ukrainian Carol of the Bells*  
Dorcas Windsor, piano  
Pachelbel, arr. John von Wolzogen, rearr. Morrow  
arr. Morrow
9. Massed Handbell Ringers  
*Morning Song of Praise*  
*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
Directed by Patsy Andrews-Vert  
Sharon Elery Rogers  
17<sup>th</sup> Century English Melody arr. Barbara B. Kinyon
10. Massed Handbell Ringers  
*The Heavens are Telling ("The Creation")*  
Dorcas Windsor, piano  
Directed by Susan Stevenson  
Haydn arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER TO FOLLOW WITH RON VERT, MASTER OF CEREMONIES



### THE UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL OF CAROLS WITH GUEST ARTISTS, RING OUT QUARTET

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Ring Out! with Patsy Andrews-Vert, Jewel Casselman, Morna-June Morrow and Susan Stevenson were the guest artists at the Ukrainian Festival of Carols held at Westminster United Church in Winnipeg. The quartet played arrangements of *The Little Drummer Boy*, *The Carol of the Bells*, and *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*. In addition, handbell soloist Morna-June Morrow, accompanied by Kerrine Wilson performed Christine Anderson's *Christmas Lullaby*. The traditional song, *The Eternal God* was performed by the massed choirs and audience members at the end of the concert. The choirs were O. Koshetz Choir and O. Koshetz Chamber Choir, Sts. Vladimir and Olga Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and Children's Choir, the Hoosli Ukrainian Male Chorus and The University of Manitoba Ukrainian Students Association Vertep. The handbells also rang out in this finale.



Ring Out!

Morna-June Morrow, Susan Stevenson, Jewel Casselman, Patsy Andrews-Vert



*The Eternal God* with singing and ringing at the end of the concert