



Welcome to the Maple Leaf Express new look! As always, we welcome feedback and hope you enjoy each edition. From this issue forward, the MLX will be produced quarterly (Feb, Apr, July, October, Jan, Apr, etc.) Please share with your family and friends!



## Corinna Garriock... Approved Music Judge!!

The judging program has gained an APPROVED Music Judge! Our very own Corinna Garriock. We are thrilled to share this news. Giving back to Region 26 and the organization gives Corinna satisfaction. Her love of people, singing and the artform has her sharing what she has learned with experts and novices alike. "Every step seems so small and when you look back there's quite a list!"

"We at Lions Gate are so proud of our Assistant Director, Queen Corinna's achievements. It's wonderful to have an in-house Music Geek .... er, I mean Music Judge."  
~ Sandy Marron

## Regional Management Team 2016 Onward

At this year's Regional Convention we will be welcoming 4 new faces to the Regional Management Team and saying so long to some very special ladies. Don't miss 1st Nite to meet and greet the team.

### Vickie Smith - Incoming Team Coordinator

Vicky joined Gateway Chorus in 2002 after seeing the joy the group created while singing, and thinking "she wanted a piece of that!". She has been the baritone section leader for 5 years, and Team Leader for 3. She is humbled and proud to have been selected as Team Leader to the region, and will bring her enthusiasm, detailed work ethic, efficiency, honesty, directness, love of learning, and belief of inclusion for all, to her term.



### Lisa Hunszinger - Incoming Education Coordinator

Lisa joined Burnaby Chorus (now Westcoast Harmony) in 1990 where she sang for 10 years before moving to Edmonton.

Lisa has held several positions on the Region 26 Education Faculty including coach, Arranger Coordinator, and, most recently, Chapter Visit Coordinator. She has also served on the Regional Convention Steering Committee for two of the conventions hosted in Edmonton.

Lisa holds a Bachelor of Education degree as a Music Specialist from the University of Alberta and has taught kindergarten as well as music and band at the elementary and junior high levels. Currently, Lisa is the owner of Gymboree Play & Music in Edmonton, which offers programs in music, art and play for babies and toddlers, with their parents. Every day is full of singing, bubbles and laughter!





### Donna Dunning - Incoming Membership Coordinator

Donna Dunning has been singing barbershop with Sweet Adelines for three decades.

Donna has held nearly every job possible in the chorus. She has been President three times, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Costume

Chair, Engagement Chair, Membership and many other jobs. People in the chorus know that if you want something done give it to Donna. Since her retirement in 1999, she has worked tirelessly helping the chorus wherever she can. She recently stepped down after two years as President which saw City of Gardens go to International in Baltimore, MD and bring home a gold medal in the Harmony Classic AA division. Her positive attitude keeps spilling out to the chorus in all that she does. Donna is currently working with our chorus directors in planning a second trip to the UK in 2017!

### Bev Hunter - Incoming Communication Coordinator

Bev cannot remember a time when music wasn't in her life. From the time she could sit she would be at the piano, and she sang before she could walk. From classical to barbershop, Bev found her true home in the music world when she started her Sweet Adelines life by joining Westcoast Harmony Chorus in 2003. She started as a tape checker for the bass section and ended up as Bass Section Leader for several years. Also Bev was the bass for the three-time Regional Championship quartet Over the Moon, and has helped coach, laugh & have fun with various choruses through the Region.

Bev has worked with the Surrey School District for many years and knows that her administration and organizational experience will help with her new position on the Region 26 Management Team. She is excited and very proud to work with the exceptional team that calls Region 26 home and looks forward to seeing new faces soon.



Leaving the RMT are Lynda Elliott (Team Coordinator), Anne Marteniuk (Education), Sandy Batten (Membership) and Kathy Peirera (Communication). Their remarkable contributions have advanced the administration and education of Region 26 in a big way. Help us recognize these ladies at 1st Nite on April 14, 2016.



## Program Advertising

Region 26—Maple Leaf Region—of Sweet Adelines Int'l is presenting the annual Convention and Competition in SASKATOON! April 14 -17, 2016

**Don't miss out—ad space is limited!**

High quality print ads! This program is a great place to advertise your news, well wishes and business offerings and is a publication with staying power! Members and guests regard the program as a keepsake!

Submission deadline is:

**March 15, 2016** *no exceptions*

Please contact Yvonne Meyer for more details.  
yjmeyer@gmail.com Tel: 250-803-1755



**Saskatoon here we come!!!**

The Flying High Convention Steering Committee, lead by CRC Norma Wallace and CC Diane Ellis are working hard for our April contest weekend!

If you haven't already, go to [region26.ca](http://region26.ca) and login to the members only area for forms, Bulletin #1 and the full sized poster.

**Important message re: SINGLE TICKETS**

**Chorus orders will be filled and mailed including any non-member tickets associated with that order. All other single ticket orders will be held at "Will Call" in Saskatoon.**

We have a wonderful 1st Nite planned with some VERY special guest quartets and presentations! Of course there is always a game or two and singing!!! Come to the Hilton Garden Inn Ballroom at 6 pm to mingle and see your friends! The show starts at 7 pm sharp!



# UPLOADING PERFORMANCE VIDEOS ONTO SOCIAL MEDIA

by Margaret Sampson, Westcoast Harmony Chorus

Do you or your chorus want to upload videos of your performances onto your website or YouTube for public viewing? Here's what you need to know.

Using copyright-protected music in any form requires permission; to arrange and print, to perform in public (free or ticketed), or to record. A mechanical license is required for a CD; a synchronization license if you pair music with a visual product, like a video or film.

While there are agencies that handle mechanical and performance licensing, and have set fees, synch licenses are negotiated directly with the copyright owner. Permission might even be granted for free.

You may ask, "With the proliferation of videos on social media, who's going to notice if we put our little video on our website, in order to perpetuate the art form, and attract new members?" You may be correct, as it's not easy to police, but the composer is entitled to profit financially from his/her product.

To protect itself legally, YouTube is set up to favour the copyright owner, and "assumes" that anyone who posts on their site has permission. Further, they have "um-



brella" contracts with the major publishers, and scan every new upload. Then, they monetize the product by selling advertising, and share the revenue with copyright owners.

If a copyright or licensing violation is detected, YouTube will inform the uploader, and offer some options: to remove the video, or to agree to the placement of advertising. I consulted with the Westminster Chorus on this issue. They upload a lot of videos, and always choose the second option. It amounts to asking forgiveness, rather than permission, but in the end, everyone is happy, and no one is threatened with legal action.

Rarely, the copyright owner will choose not to allow the upload, in which case YouTube will remove the video altogether, or will mute the audio portion of the video.

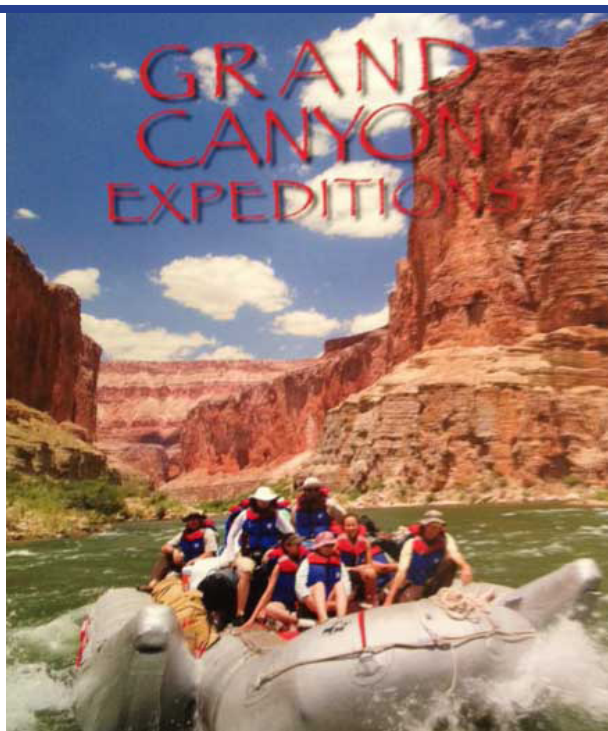
That's it in a nutshell. If it were up to me, I'd choose content that presents the image you want the public to see, and join the rest of the barbershop world in using this new technology.

Your chance to win an 8 day Grand Canyon Rafting trip for 2 , including flight to Vegas and shuttle from Vancouver (or equivalent \$\$\$) for only \$10.

**City of Gardens** Chorus is thrilled to be able to offer just 600 tickets available for the exciting adventure to be used next August. **Draw will take place March 12, 2016 in Victoria BC.**

More details at Grand Canyon Expedition's website. [www.gcex.com](http://www.gcex.com). Value of \$6100 USD.

For tickets call Fran Errington at 250-248-7923 or email [fran@shaw.ca](mailto:fran@shaw.ca).





"Come on sister, join our song, all of us can be together in four part harmony. Together we'll sing from the heart in harmony!" (from Arbutus Sounds Chorus theme song)

Last year Arbutus Sounds, who had won a contest offered by a local musician/song writer, Lowry Olafson, got together with him to create their very own theme song! Then they had Joey Minshall arrange it in barbershop, and this fun song will be one that any chorus can adopt as their own.

While the director is away, the chorus will play! NOT! Our director, Deb Sneddon has flown south for 3 months, leaving Connie Johnston and Teresa Nightingale co-directing in her absence. It is truly a team effort in directing and we are not just holding place, but are moving forward. The chorus has been adapting well, and are learning versatility, interpreting our differing directing styles, while Connie and Teresa learn to direct!

## WEB LINKS TO BARBERSHOP



Would love to hear from others in Alberta and Saskatchewan!

[www.barbershop.org](http://www.barbershop.org)  
[www.evgsings.org](http://www.evgsings.org) (Evergreen District BHS)  
[www.barbershophistory.com](http://www.barbershophistory.com)  
[www.barbershop.de](http://www.barbershop.de) (BinG)  
[www.labbs.org.uk/](http://www.labbs.org.uk/) (Ladies British BBS)  
[www.harmonyinc.org](http://www.harmonyinc.org) (Women BBS)  
[www.snobs.org](http://www.snobs.org) (Nordic Barbershop)

Coming Soon!

### Lynn P's Corner

Lynn Pauls explains Twitter and Hashtags, plus (Groupanizer) Region26.ca FAQs and "Did you know?"

Region 26, Sweet Adelines International presents

Apr 14 - 17, 2016 • Saskatoon, SK

Chorus & Quartet Contest & Show of Champions  
TCU Place - Sid Buckwold Theatre  
35 22nd Street East, Saskatoon, SK

You've never heard a cappella like this before! 600 Singers from across Western Canada are coming to Saskatoon!  
**PUBLIC WELCOME!!**

Quartet Contest  
April 15 • 5:00 pm  
• Tickets 4:00pm at door • \$25

Chorus Contest  
April 16 • 11:00 am  
• Tickets 10am at door • \$25

Show of Champions  
A full length feature to show off our winning Quartets and Choruses, including some very special guests!  
April 16 • 7:30 pm  
• Tickets 6:30pm at door • \$30

\* all youth tickets 1/2 price  
Email: [toots54@sasktel.net](mailto:toots54@sasktel.net)

Come and enjoy Champions of the 2016 contest! Entertainment value is exceptional—music, emotion, comedy and a sound that will make you want more!  
**The excitement is contagious!**

Our Thanks to these Sponsors

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To avoid conflict of dates all choruses are reminded that upcoming events should be coordinated with **Lynda Elliott**, and report to TL of each local chorus.

Region 26 Team Coordinator; Email: [lyndajelliott@gmail.com](mailto:lyndajelliott@gmail.com)



## R26 CALENDAR

### 2016

Feb 20 Alberta Gold Show, Calgary, AB  
Mar 12 City of Gardens Fashion Show, Victoria, BC  
April 14 - 17 Regional Convention – TCU Place, Saskatoon, SK  
May 19-22 Region 13 Regional Convention  
June 17-19 Harmony College Northwest w Frenzy - Tacoma WA  
Oct 17-22 International Convention in Las Vegas NV  
Nov 11/12 Area School, Calgary, AB  
Nov 18/19 Area School, Regina, SK  
Nov 25/26 Area School, Lower Mainland, BC

### 2017

Apr 27-30 Regional Convention, Surrey, BC  
Oct 9-14 International Convention in Las Vegas NV

### LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR EVENTS!

We'll post them here & online.

**Next** Maple Leaf EXPRESS is

April 1st and stuff is due  
the week before.

[region26contest@gmail.com](mailto:region26contest@gmail.com)

### REGION 26 Calendar is also online in the members only section!

NEW! Education Calendar in "Documents"

Login at <http://region26.ca/user/login?destination=g/dashboard>



ADVERTISING  
NEWS!!!

### >>NEW advertising OPS<<

Do you have a business in women's services, jewellery, bookkeeping or virtual assistants?

These are a few examples of the types of businesses we want to help with advertising!

Two issues - 1/4 page - \$50, 1/2 page - \$95

Four issues - 1/4 page - \$80, 1/2 page - \$155

(design fees are separate) Please email for rate sheet and order [region26contest@gmail.com](mailto:region26contest@gmail.com)

## REGION 26 CHORUS OR QUARTET ADS FREE!

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## Chic to Chic

A terribly fun Fashion Show and Tea Party  
presented by the  
**City of Gardens Chorus**

Fashions  
by  
**Melanie Lyne  
and Heritage  
Productions**

Singing by **City of  
Gardens Chorus  
& quartets**

Saturday, March 12, 1:30  
Chief and Petty Officers' Mess,  
1575 Lyall St. 'Bubbly' welcome  
included in \$35 ticket.  
Raffles Door prizes  
Contact: 250-388-6533

Partial ticket proceeds benefitting BC Cancer Foundation