

From the desk of Stephen Bennett



Greetings, fellow harp guitar nuts, one and all. I hope 2013 is going well for you.

For me, life is good. I've been quite absorbed with lots of musical projects and keeping quite busy.

Our **11th Harp Guitar Gathering** is coming up in another 4 months and it should be a good one.

Please visit the [Gathering page](#) on Harpguitars.net to get registration info and other details.

An old friend is returning this year after 5 years away from us. That's right - **Andy McKee** is coming back! After pretty much non-stop touring around the world for the last 5 years, he's set aside some time for another Gathering. It'll be so great to see him.

We'll also be featuring a guy who's turned into one of my very favorite composers for the instrument, **Dave Powell**. A consistently funky player over the years, Dave just keeps getting better and better!

Our friend **Pete Bradshaw** is going to do a segment on classical music for the harp guitar at this year's Gathering. As I'm sure you've already noticed, Pete's playing also has gotten better and better over the time we've known him. And he's been studying classical guitar formally for the last few years too. Pete will talk about moving music from the classical tradition over to the steel-string harp guitar. This should be a very cool segment.

It will be another great Harp Guitar Gathering, I'm confident. At least, if many (or all) of you show up!

Lastly, but certainly not leastly, if you were at HGG9 a couple of years ago, you'll remember our friend Ed Littlefield. Along with being one of our musical features that year (and making us all smile in the process), Ed made the very generous offer to match whatever amount we could raise for the Harp Guitar Foundation. Many of you responded to that offer and the Foundation benefitted nicely.

The HGF, just to refresh your memories, exists to promote the instrument that we all love in a variety of ways, from the scholarly and downright encyclopedic efforts put forth by Gregg (please remember that he's no longer the Pope of the Harp Guitar; he is now Sir Gregory, a Knight of Taraffo!) to our annual Gathering. There are some other harp guitar promoting ideas that we have in mind too, once we have the funds to enact them. Offering a scholarship to a young harp guitarist so that they can attend a Gathering is one such idea.

Anyway, I'm writing out a check tonight made out to the HGF. Thanks to Ed's generosity, the amount of that check will be doubled. If you can join me in this, it'd be great! **The HGF is a non-profit, so it's tax-deductible.** [This offer is good until July 4th](#), so please don't wait!

Thanks for taking the time to read this and thanks, Ed, for making this offer to us once again!

I hope to see you at the Gathering...

Best wishes,

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