



NED's NEWS

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Northeastern District of the Barbershop Harmony Society.



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NEDistrict.org

Society Web Page:
barbershop.org

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1. Letter from the ... *VP of Contest and Judging*

A YEAR OF CONTESTS IS BEHIND US

As we are all aware, the COVID pandemic really whacked our chapters in our efforts to gather, rehearse and perform. Not much of the first (except by Zoom), less of the second (rehearsing on Zoom was less than desirable), and virtually none of the latter. So, when we decided to hold the **District Fall Convention and Contests** in October 2021, it was with bated breath not knowing how many would attend. Turns out the attendance and participation were greater than we had anticipated. Clearly, we all wanted and needed to get together, see old friends, share some music, and celebrate our partial escape from the virus.

All of this in the midst of a sea change in our contest system where we broke new ground and welcomed and accommodated new quartets and choruses in the mixed harmony and women's sections. NED formed a committee to study the changes that needed to be made and the House of Delegates adopted those changes UNANIMOUSLY! We now have room under our contest tent for literally every form of performing group. And the proof of that shown brightly during our **Eastern Regional** and **Western Regional** Conventions this spring with multiple mixed harmony quartets, multiple mixed harmony choruses, and a women's quartet. Not only did they represent themselves well but in several instances won championships in both the quartet and chorus contests.

The two spring conventions included 14 choruses, 3 Very Large Quartets, and 26 quartets. Unfortunately, we lost two choruses and two quartets to COVID. However, we determined (invoking COVID Protocols #18 and #19) that we would allow those four groups to participate in the Fall Contest since they had worked as hard as anyone else to prepare and were struck by the great virus equalizer.

As far as I know right now, the 16 choruses, 3 Very Large Quartets, and 22 qualifying quartets all plan to be in **Saint John** on October 22-24. And our brothers and sisters in the **Sunrise Division** (Canadian maritime provinces), who haven't had a division convention in three years now (since Spring 2019,) are all eligible to participate in the Fall - even without their **Sunrise Division** contest. What does that mean? Perhaps as many as 20 choruses, 3 or 4 Very Large Quartets, and 25-30 quartets to delight and entertain you in **Saint John, NB**. We will be naming and celebrating various quartet and chorus championships, qualifying our representative chorus(es) for the **2023 International Chorus Contest** and qualifying our representative seniors quartet(s)



for the **2023 International Seniors Quartet Contest** in January.

As far as qualification for International contests goes, it was a great year. We qualified several groups and had a few 'near misses'. I don't remember any time in the last 40 years where we had as many qualifiers from NED as we had in the last 12 months:

Seniors Quartet Contest (January 2022): ***Duly Noted / Off The Chart / Port City Sound / Trade Secret***

Chorus Contest (July 2022): ***Vocal Revolution***

(Just missing the cut by 1 point): ***Voices United***

Quartet Contest (July 2022): ***Daily Special / Greenlight / Points North / Sweet & Sour***

(Just missing the cut by 4 points): ***Destination***

What a great year this has been as we try to return to 'normal'. I fully anticipate that the coming year will be even better with more chapters awakening from the slumber of the COVID winter and begin to remember what it was we enjoyed so much about singing.

Alan Lamson • NED VP - Contest & Judging • janlam314@cox.net

2. Western Regional Contest Results (*Queensbury, NY - April 29-30*)

Congratulations to all the competitors at our Western Regional Convention. This serves as a summary of the results. See the full Official Scoring Summaries (OSS) for contest results details and other division awards - on our website: <https://www.nedistrict.org/scores>

<i>South Shore Saints</i>	Mountain Division Chorus Champion
<i>South Shore Saints</i>	Mountain Division Men's Choru Champion
<i>South Shore Saints</i>	Mountain Division Small Chorus Champion
<i>Mosaic</i>	Yankee Division Chorus Champion
<i>Mosaic</i>	Yankee Division Mixed Harmony Chorus Champion
<i>Silk City Chorus</i>	Yankee Division Men's Chorus Champion
<i>Recycled Parts</i>	Mountain Division Quartet Champion
<i>Recycled Parts</i>	Mountain Division Men's Quartet Champion
<i>Vega</i>	Yankee Division Quartet Champion
<i>Vega</i>	Yankee Division Mixed Harmony Quartet Champion
<i>Destination</i>	Yankee Division Men's Quartet Champion
<i>Off the Chart</i>	Yankee Division Seniors Quartet Champion
<i>Daily Special</i>	International Qualifiers

Correction: In last month's NED News, at press time, ***Sweet and Sour*** was inadvertently left off the list of International Qualifiers. Your humble editor apologizes for this omission.

(A post-release version of the PDF has it corrected. ~ed. ss)

"A young singer's best weekend of the year!"

HARMONY 2022 EXPLOSION CAMP Northeast

Thursday–Sunday • August 4-7, 2022

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY

**You know this! It's an awesome 3-day
FUN, educational, enthusiastic, encouraging
and energizing SINGING MUSIC CAMP
for ALL high-school youth!**

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Teaching
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2018 Sweet Adelines Champions!

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2019 BHS NextGen Champions
& 2019 Dixie District Champions!

HXNE Camp provides
top-notch vocal coaching
and choral instruction in
one unique, dynamic,
and FUN weekend! **PLUS+**

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Wendy McGoole

Guest
Clinicians
& Music
Directors



Sean Devine

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We still need your support — through connections & sharing!

- Recruit youth! Guys and gals in schools!
- Donate directly to HXNE (online)
- Donate through your chapter!
- Sponsor a "camper"
- Attend the big Saturday Night Showcase!

Helps us fund and fill the HXNE this Summer!

Learn more about this amazing opportunity for youth:

NEDistrict.org/hxne

CONTACT: Andrea Bossie, Camp Director - hxne@nedistrict.org

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top-notch vocal
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Your Support is Vital!

We really could use your help today!

- **Advertise!** Post/share in your schools/communities!
- **Recruit youth!** Guys and gals in schools!
- **Donate** directly to HXNE (online).
- **Donate** through your chapter!
- **Sponsor** a "camper."
- **Attend** the big **Saturday Night Showcase!**
- **Discover** and **use** the marketing tools -online- to promote!

Also available - images and other assets including a sample Press Release for recruiting students. Use the flyer to promote in your community. Contact Andrea for details! Or see many online at the HXNE web site - all for you!

nedistrict.org/hxne

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW - Early-bird rates in effect!
Thank you for your support and assistance!

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Remembering the Last HXNE before COVID!

First joint rehearsal of the guys and gals of the **HXNE-2019.**

Jen Wheaton Forest & Drew Wheaton, directors.

Harmony College

NORTHEAST
2022

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A Weekend of Superb Music Education
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For ALL Members! Men & Women of Our Barbershop Worlds!
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PRATT STREET POWER

2019 Top-10
International
and the
2016 Harmony
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Champion!



JOE CERUTTI

BHS Dir. of Relationship Management
Artistic Director - *Alexandria Harmonizers*



AMY PATTERSON

Teacher / Vocal Coach
Asst. Director - *A Cappella Showcase Chorus*

HCNE Classes planned include:

- Arranger Workshop
- Conducting for Musical Leaders
- Conducting for Section Leaders
- Conducting one-on-one
- Creative Vocal Warm Ups
- How to Breathe
- How to Woodshed
- Music Selection and Set Construction
- Music Theory
- Pratt Street Power class
- Tag Singing
- Tag Zone, social time
- The Quartet Experience
- The Sensual Performer
- Vocal Anatomy and Health
- Vocal Technique
- Writing Tags
- "Everything but the Singing" - Guide to Quartet Administration
- "Mixin' It Up!" - Time for a new chorus experience?

HCNE • Directors College

- So You Wanna Be A Director
- How To Choose A Song
- How To Create A Visual Plan
- Conducting For Section Leaders
- Section Leader Training / "PVLs"
- Putting On A Show

Quartet Coaching Track!

12 quartets will receive top-notch instruction from a team of coaches.

MORE INFO ONLINE NOW!

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For ... You! Everyone In Harmony!

Friday-Saturday-Sunday • August 5-6-7

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY

NEDistrict.org/hcne

2022

Meredith Bay Barbershop Jamboree

Now On! August 19-21

It's "Harmony on Lake Winnepesaukee!"
62 years of Summer Singing!

The mission: To create a family-friendly, shared experience which encourages singing, fellowship, community participation and fun.

Beautiful MEREDITH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Friday PM ... **Meet, Greet, Sing! Potluck Supper**
Saturday AM ... **Joe Kopka Memorial Mini-Golf Tournament**
Saturday PM ... **Mock Quartet Competition (Hesky Park)**
Saturday Night ... **Show & Afterglow (Community Center)**



Meredith Community Center

Jamboree Central - REGISTRATION - Saturday Night Show
1 Circle Dr, Meredith, NH

Hesky Park on the Bay - Sing out & "Fun Contest"

Community Park (aka "Archie Park") - Sing

Pirate's Cove Mini-Golf - Memorial Tournament

Wauwekan Beach - Activities

Cruises on Mt. Washington

Docks • Restaurants • Shops • Beach • Boating

Sponsors: You! and...

- Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce
- Meredith Parks & Recreation Department

Fri-Sat-Sun. • August 19-20-21, 2022

Plan your visit now! Come on up!

More information on Activities-Hotels-Schedule-Prices
& Registration coming soon! Follow the web page!

TO LEARN MORE:

NEDistrict.org/jamboree

Email us: 2022-summer-jamboree@NEDistrict.org

3. NED Events & Other Important Dates —

Now on the [District Calendar](#) (link).

Organizers: Please submit/provide/verify your future event date, time and link. Attending? Look at the online calendar!

DATE	DAY(S)	EVENT	INFO (PDF LINK)	LOCATION
June 4	Saturday	Chapter Show: Danbury, CT - <i>Mad Hatter Chorus</i>	SELECT	First Congregational Church of Danbury
June 5	Sunday	Chapter Show: Bridgeport, CT - <i>Coastal Chordsmen Chorus</i>	n/a	Trumbull, CT
June 11	Saturday	Chapter Show: Southern New England, MA - <i>Voices United</i>	SELECT	Providence, RI
July 3-10	Sun.-Sun.	BHS International Convention	SELECT	Charlotte, NC
July 24-31	Sun.-Sun.	BHS Harmony University	SELECT	Loyola University New Orleans
Aug. 4-7	Thurs.-Sun.	NED Harmony Explosion Camp Northeast (HXNE)	SELECT	Worcester State Univ.
Aug. 5-7	Fri.-Sun.	NED Harmony College Northeast (HCNE)	SELECT	Worcester State Univ.
Aug. 19-21	Fri.-Sun.	NED Meredith Bay Barbershop Jamboree (MBB)	SELECT	Meredith, NH
Sept. 16-18	Fri.-Sun.	New England Harmony Brigade 9th Annual Rally	SELECT	Marlborough, MA
Sept. 17	Saturday	Chapter Show: Brunswick, ME - <i>Nor'easters Chorus</i>	SELECT	Augusta, ME

Chapter Secretaries, Marketing VPs, Events VPs - PLEASE NOTE: Interactive **INFO links** are provided to your web site event or calendar listing, if available. Links cannot be provided to Events on other social media sites (e.g. Facebook).

4. Video(s) of the Month

Last month I featured a performance from *Off the Chart*, one of three NED Seniors Quartets who competed at the Midwinter Convention. This month, let's hear from the other two quartets from the NED who competed, *Duly Noted* and *Trade Secret*. *We are all proud of you guys!*



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