

STRING NOTES PEDAGOGY ARCHIVE AVAILABLE

by Faith Farr

In the fall of 1996 I became editor of MN ASTA's *Strings 'n' Stuff*. In 1998 ASTA merged with NSOA and MN ASTA and MNSOA merged to become MNSOTA. Our magazines *Strings 'n' Stuff* and *News & Notes* merged to become *String Notes*. In the last 25 years I have been privileged to edit and publish the pedagogy articles of our volunteer writers encompassing all our instruments, as well as Orchestra, Chamber Music, Makers Bench, Performer Corner, Baroque Practice and Fiddle among others. I am pleased that the original pedagogy articles in the first part of this millennium inspired other state magazines to start including pedagogy articles in their magazines. I think it was due to the wealth of useful material that our magazine won the Best State Newsletter Award from ASTA seven consecutive times.

Technology has grown tremendously since the turn of the millennium. The world's knowledge now fits in our pocket and the palm of our hand. I have been pondering for some time how to capture our pedagogy

articles and make them available online for our members. I am delighted to report that thanks to the efforts of my husband John Farr, our pedagogy archive is now available. John converted all the old issues of *String Notes* to modern software, extracted each pedagogy article individually and figured out how to present them on our mnsota.org website. (The two years of *Strings 'n' Stuff* that I edited, along with earlier paper copies edited by others have not been converted.)

Go to the *String Notes Journal* page of mnsota.org and click on the *Pedagogy Articles* link. As access to this resource is a benefit of membership, you will need to sign in with your email and MNSOTA member number.

Once signed in you can simply scroll through the list, organized by issue, including a thumbnail of our wonderful original cover art for each issue. Or use your browser to search for title, topic, author or any other search term you would like.

Some of our wonderful contributors include: David Arnott and Annette Caruthers (39 articles each), David Holmes

(38 articles), Ann Anderson (37 articles), Sally O'Reilly (28 articles), Tom Pieper (24 articles), John Waddle (21 articles), Jason Vanselow (20 articles). Are you surprised that over 30 of the topics deal with practicing?

The plan is that shortly after each new paper issue of the magazine is mailed the PDF of the pedagogy articles will be uploaded to the webpage. Copyright ownership of the articles remain with the author. Permission to reprint / use an article in another setting should be requested from me as *String Notes* editor. When the author consents to a reprint, the reprint should credit both the author and *String Notes*. As our write-ups for student events often include photos, these are not on the webpage because we don't have photo permission.

Enjoy! Let me know if you have any suggestions for improving the content or interface.

Faith Farr has been editor of this magazine since 1996. †