

# Assabet Mastersingers to perform this weekend

On Saturday, May 22 at 8 p.m., Assabet Valley Mastersingers, led by Artistic Director Robert P. Eaton, will present a program titled "An American Perspective" at Chapel of the Cross, 160 Flanders Road, Westborough. Four different approaches to American choral music will be featured. Norman Dello Joio's "A Jubilant Song" draws from poetry of Walt Whitman with contemporary dance rhythms and an exciting piano accompaniment. "The Mask" by William Bolcom is a song cycle of texts from African American poets with intricate piano embellishment. The more familiar "Old American Songs" of Aaron Copland are based on American folk tunes. Lastly, the "Six American Hymns in a Free Style" by John Gardner are great-

ly influenced by the harmonies and rhythms found in American gospel and jazz.

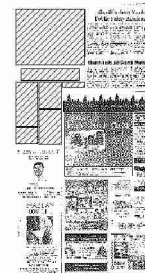
In addition to Eaton, principals will include baritone David Bonnaeu and pianist Judy Yauckoes with the choral members of Assabet Valley Mastersingers in this last concert of the current season. As is customary, a reception with refreshments and conversation may be enjoyed following the event.

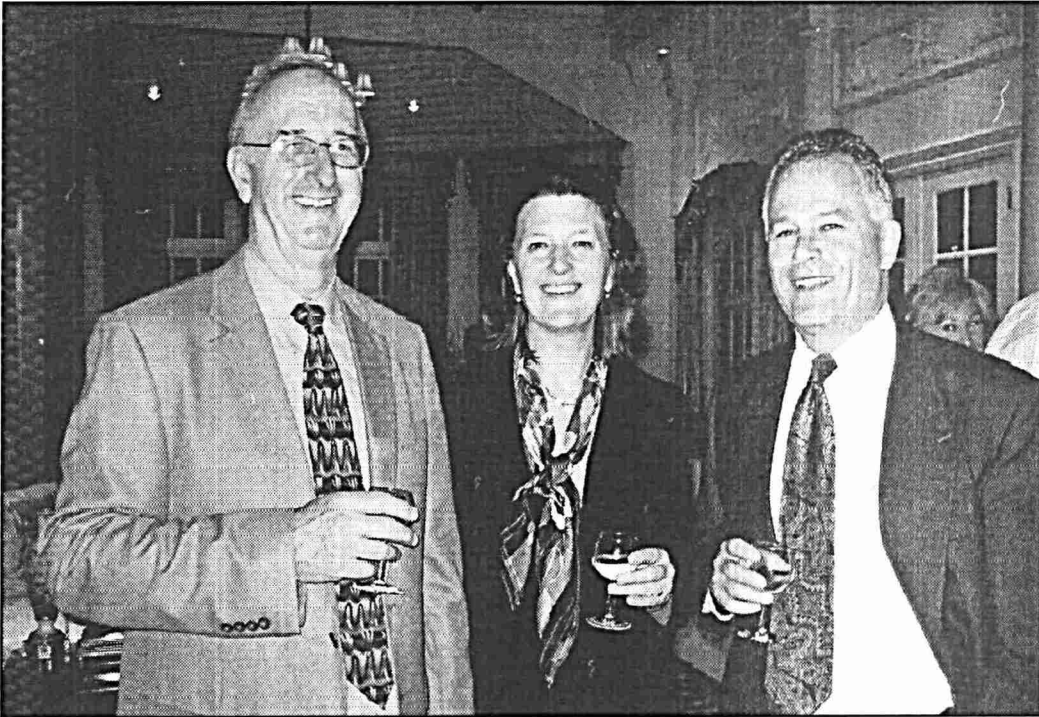
Chapel of the Cross is accessible to the physically challenged. Assistive listening systems, courtesy of Crossroads Community Foundation, are available at all concerts for use by hearing impaired audience members. Large print programs will be offered to those desiring enhanced readability.

Concert tickets may be pur-

chased at Robinson Music Company, Westborough; Shattuck Pharmacy, Northborough; Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Shrewsbury; The English Garden Florist, Southborough; Arts Alliance, Hudson; and both Joy-Den Jewelers and Main St. Café in Marlborough. Advance sale tickets are discounted \$1 from the regular price of \$15 and \$12 for students and senior citizens.

For more information call 978-562-9838 or view [www.avmsingers.org](http://www.avmsingers.org). Partial funding for the Assabet Valley Mastersingers, a nonprofit organization, has been provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council through local Arts Councils.





COURTESY PHOTO

Recently the Mastersingers held a gala wine-tasting evening at the Southborough home of Bill and Michele Landes with Neil Fletcher of Bill's Liqueurs of Southborough presenting the west coast wines. In the photo, from left, are Dr. Robert Eaton, Assabet Valley Mastersingers music director, and his wife Debra Wallace, of Boylston, as well as Carl Kinkel of Northborough, chairman of the AVM executive board.