

2016-17 RPTA YEARBOOK DEDICATION



Diane Blanchard, NCTM

Diane Houghton Blanchard, NCTM resides in Morehead City with her husband, Eli, and is the mother of two grown children, Jason and Jill, and 5 grandchildren. Ms. Blanchard graduated summa cum laude from Meredith College with a Bachelor of Music degree (concentrating in piano pedagogy.) She is a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music and maintains a thriving piano studio teaching students in Morehead City, NC and the surrounding area.

As well as being an independent piano teacher with a very full studio, Diane holds many responsibilities in the music community, near and far. In her closest community she serves as President of St. Cecilia – East Carolina Music Club, an affiliate of National Federation of Music Clubs. She is often asked to adjudicate local and state contests and

competitions, giving insightful advice and encouragement to growing pianists. In the Raleigh Piano Teachers Association, Diane has given a great amount of herself in serving as President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Reaching to the state level, Diane is the immediate Past President of North Carolina Music Teachers Association, of which she has also served as Treasurer and Certification Chair. And finally, on the national level, Diane was voted MTNA Foundation Fellow in 2012, and most recently, Diane was elected MTNA Southern Division Directory Elect. The quantity of offices and/or chairs that she serves does in no way take away from the quality in which she serves. No matter the position and task, Diane Blanchard puts her whole heart and mind and energy into doing her very best.

Diane Blanchard taught our daughter piano for four years. Her calm and easy manner coupled with her exceptional musical and organizational skills created an environment where our child rapidly and enthusiastically learned how to read music and play the piano.
-Matthew & Rancia

Even though Diane came to Meredith as an adult piano student, Diane did not shy away from mingling with us immature undergraduate music students. I remember Diane taking impeccable notes in music classes. If you ever miss a class and needed to borrow study notes, Diane was our go to girl!
-Pin Pin

We all are forever grateful that our children had Mrs. Blanchard for their piano teacher. She inspired them and helped them to enjoy playing the piano.
-David & Michelle

The strength of MTNA lies in its members – a diverse group with a unified purpose. MTNA provides higher visibility to the public, exceptional programs, awards, scholarships, friendships, sharing, and laughter.
-Diane Blanchard