

# AMBROSIA STRING QUARTET



(L to R) Jenny Robinson, Heather De Pree, Annette Kepsch, Benjamin Beers

**A**mbrosia String Quartet was created this past fall by Annette Kepsch. Annette lives in Canterwood where she teaches private violin, viola, and piano lessons (something she has done since 1972). She retired from teaching orchestra (also, band, choir, and classroom music) in Alaska for 30 years and decided to return to Washington State where she had last lived in 1970. In addition to teaching private lessons, substitute teaching, and performing in the Gig Harbor Peninsula Civic Orchestra, Annette

wanted to create a small ensemble to play for parties, corporate events, weddings, anniversaries, funerals, receptions, etc. She decided to take the principal players in the orchestra and form this quartet. The result was good. Ambrosia String Quartet has a large repertoire, an impressive sound, and a website which we encourage everyone to visit. Be sure to turn on your speakers because there is music throughout the website. The address is [www.AmbrosiaStringQuartet.com](http://www.AmbrosiaStringQuartet.com). The telephone number for Annette and the quartet is (253) 509-0787. Annette is one of the two violinists in the quartet. The other violinist is the very talented Heather De Pree (concertmaster of the Gig Harbor Peninsula Civic Orchestra) who also lives in Canterwood. Heather teaches elementary music at Lighthouse Christian School and is the violin specialist at her school. In addition to teaching at the private school, Heather teaches private violin lessons.

The quartet's violist is Benjamin Beers (principal violist in the Gig Harbor Peninsula Civic Orchestra) who resides on Fox Island. Ben has the unique distinction of being a violin maker. He also makes violas and cellos.

Ben always performs on one of the violas he has handcrafted. Being supportive of our youth, Ben is on the board for the Peninsula Youth Orchestra. The quartet's cellist is Jenny Robinson (principal cellist in the Gig Harbor Peninsula Civic Orchestra) who is skilled as a musical arranger in addition to her artistry as a fine cellist. Jenny teaches private cello lessons and is music assistant and substitute instructor for the Peninsula Youth Orchestra Association.

