

## Member of the Month Spotlight: Sharon Voss

Sharon lives in Glen Carbon with her husband, Eric, and her sons, Tristan and Elliot. She maintains a private piano studio at home and also teaches in the SIUE Keyboard Development program, and she welcomes students of any age. Although the majority of them are of school age, her current studio also includes a retired grandfather and a young mechanic. Sharon loves the excitement that follows when a student overcomes the challenges in learning a piece, she loves exploring the music her students like, and she loves their smiles after a good performance. She also



loves the funny things they say - "Man, this St. Antonio is really hard!" He meant Sonatina...:) In addition to teaching, Sharon also enjoys working part time in the SLSO library, collaborating as a pianist for the SIUE Suzuki Strings Program, accompanying District 7 students at Solo and Ensemble Contests, and volunteering with the Symphony Volunteer Association. Sharon mentioned that the piano teacher who impacted her life the most was Victor Doggett. He loved attending concerts and lived life to the fullest, so she tries to do the same! Sharon's reasons for joining the GAE came from the realization that quite a number of people she admires are members of GAEMTA. She wanted to give her students the option to compete at state competitions, and she wanted to meet more of "her" people.