

Montessori School of Fort Myers
Suzuki Violin Program

Instructor Biography

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- Founder and director of the Young People's String Consort and the Massachusetts Suzuki Institute.
- Founding member and first president of Suzuki MA (the Suzuki Association of Massachusetts).
- Studied with Dr. Suzuki on and off from 1963-1966. In 1967, went on the first American String Teachers Tour to Japan to study with Dr. Suzuki in Matsumoto, Japan. At that time, Suzuki sensei invited her to stay for the next year and continue her studies with him and to teach at the Talent Education Institute.
- Taught Suzuki violin since 1963, and was first to introduce the Suzuki Method to the East Coast of the United States.
- Previous faculty member of New England Conservatory, Boston, MA, Dana School of Music, Wellesley, MA, Cape Cod Conservatory of Music, and the public schools of Weston, CT.
- Pioneered Suzuki programs in Newton, Lincoln, Sudbury, and Falmouth, MA public schools.
- Served as a consultant, guest clinician, and teacher trainer at workshops and institutes in the USA and Canada, and served as clinician and orchestra conductor for All-State Music Conferences, the National Orff Convention, the New England Music Festival, two Music Educators National Conferences and State District and Regional Festivals.
- Over 75 students have become professionals as Suzuki violin teachers, symphony players, soloists, two have become opera singers, and one has become a Luthier.
- In 2014 Carol retired after 20 years of teaching at the Suzuki School of Newton, in Newton, MA. A scholarship was named for her in honor of her years of service.
- In 2016 she retired from the Sandwich, MA Montessori School where she taught all the 3-6 year olds.
- Currently has a private studio in Ft. Myers, FL.
- Carol received her B.M. and M.M. degrees from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, MA, and studied at Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, on scholarship for five summers, studying violin, chamber music, choral music, and conducting.