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Notes from Board President, Ron Bohigian



Spring has sprung like a fiddle's A string. (Actually, mine just unravel) Kudos to all who organized and those who attended our concert with Scotland's Breabach. We had a great crowd so the Band and FFS gained some income. Thank you to Pat Wolk, Larry Cusick, Mike Reilly, Nick Kennedy, Sue Wirt, Ann Lamb, Lynn Ross and Bill Johnson for making it happen. And again, **Thank You Pat** for letting me get up and hold the

microphone while I briefly spoke. (I recognize the power behind the throne.)

By the time you read this, the Kings River Jam Camp will be underway. We're at Kirch Flat Campground on the Kings River above Pine Flat Lake from Thursday, May

2 through Sunday May 5th. Come up and hang out even if you're not camping.

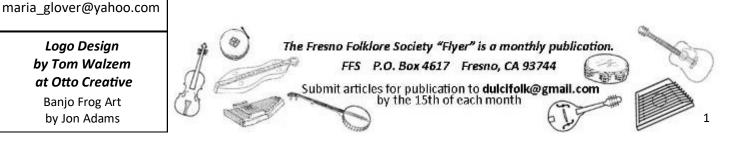
World Fiddle Day is Saturday, May 11

from noon to 4 p.m. at the Big Red Church on Van Ness Avenue, just north of Fresno High School. Thanks to Larry Cusick for organizing this annual event. If you come, check out the new park across the street. Join us as we jam in the park several nights before the Saturday event. The neighborhood loves the new park as

you will see.



More events are coming your way. Check out our calendar and thanks to our communication giants: Bill Johnson, Larry Cusick, Mike Reilly and Nick Kennedy.



More excerpts from the book Road to Sweet's Mill, compiled and edited by Evo Bluestein and Juliana Harris. For the full, colorful stories get the book at evobluestein.com. Early folk music stories around Fresno as told by:

Peter Everwine, banjo player with the Sweet's Mill Mountain Boys

"I think Dan Shell first brought me to Pierce's Park, out in Centerville. He and Otis Pierce got along very well. This would have to be after 1962 because that's when I came to Fresno. We used to go to Pierce's in the winter. Otis had a big wood stove, and we'd sit around and play music. There were a bunch of local people there, who lived in Centerville or nearby."

Pete Everwine

Ron Tinkler, banjo player with the Sweet's Mill String Band

Pierce's Park as Pierce's Park. It was a

"I guess it was probably 1961 that we started going out to Otis Pierce's, which was known as Pierce's Park. It was a bar and a piece of land on the King's River, southeast of Fresno. There was a campground and a big dance hall downstairs. In the fifties, Maddox Brothers and Rose played there, Spade Cooley too."

Brian Steeger also played banjo with Kenny Hall.

"When I lived in Reedley, I'd go to Pierce's Park. I'd stop in for a beer, occasionally, in the afternoons. We played there with Kenny once and there was a gun fight. We stuffed Kenny behind the refrigerator and went out the back door."

VOLUNTEERS FOR RIDE SHARE

Some of our new as well as established members are in need of assistance to get to Folklore Society events. It may be because of lack of transportation or not being comfortable driving at night. Your Board of Directors discussed this at our last meeting and decided to set up a list of volunteers who would be willing to help other members with rides so that they can attend. If you are interested in helping with this venture, please call Sue Wirt at (559) 222-9801 or text her at (559) 270-3599 with your contact information so we can establish a roster. Not everyone would be needed every time, just as the volunteer list for set up with events doesn't mean you have to do it for each one. Please note your address and availability of days of the week so we can fit the ride to the party needing one. (Sue Wit)

Sue Beevers Memorial Scholarships

Children and teens are invited to apply for scholarships through the Sue Beevers Memorial Fund. Money can be used to partially support music lessons and attendance at music camps in the traditional folk music forms. To apply for a scholarship, go to the website https://www.fresnofolklore.net/beevers-scholarship.



OH, THE DREADED DUES



That time of year will arrive soon. Fresno Folklore Society memberships are due on **July 1** and take you through the following June 30. Your Board of Directors took a look at finances and projects we currently have going, ones that are planned, and performers we would like to bring to Fresno for concerts. Dues were last raised in 2012 and we all see what rising costs have done since then.

The membership dues help pay for the fabulous newsletter that you get every month, and for some concerts, a discount at the door. Costs of venues and shows are also rising, and we would like to keep the ticket prices as low as possible and still bring the quality of performers to which you are accustomed. **Dues starting July 1, 2024, will be \$25.00 per year for individuals and \$35.00 for family memberships**. Plan ahead and send in your dues before July 1 and get the current cost, a bargain for the next year. The application for new and renewal memberships is on the last page of your newsletter or you can join or renew online through the website, www.fresnofolklore.net. **(Sue Wirt)**

FRESNO FOLKLORE SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS 2024-2025

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Please vote for six.	Member	2 nd Member		
Mike Reilly				
Bruce Honeyman				
John McDaniel				
Larry Cusick				
Pat Wolk				
Sal Sciandra				

The second voting member space is for family memberships with two voting members.

If you are receiving the newsletter by email, you may print the ballot and mail or contact Sue Wirt at suewirt@comcast.net to vote if you do not care if your ballot is "secret." Ballots may also be dropped off at The Santa Fe Basque Restaurant on the South Patio on Wednesdays between 5 pm and 7 pm. You may also vote at Pat Wolk's birthday party at her garden on June 15 (see article about this event). Sue will have blank ballots available for any member who wants them at the Basque or at Pat's party.

OR

Mail your ballot to: Fresno Folklore Society

P. O. Box 4627 Fresno CA 93744

If you are mailing your ballot, please fold it in half and secure it with clear tape at the right and left upper edges (or in an envelope). **Please do not staple** as mailing machines at the post office are not staple-friendly. Ballots are due by June 15, 2024.

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JUNES TREASURE TROVE

Here are a couple of recipes to try out. It is that time of year when we are more out and about, picnics, and family gatherings. How about cooking one of these up for Mothers' Day.

Angel Cake and Minnehaha Cake

"Editors' Press: I send the following recipe for angel cake, which I have tested and can say is most excellent. Take the whites of eleven eggs and beat to a stiff froth. One cup of flour sieved twice, one and one/half cups of powdered sugar sieved twice, then sieve the flour and sugar together twice; to this add one teaspoonful of cream of tartar and sieve twice; stir this into the eggs (whites) until well mixed (according to the Food Channel on TV, we should all know not to



overmix as that would decrease the volume of the fluffy egg whites and make your cake too flat). Flavor to suit your taste, and bake in a pan with a tube in the center. The cake should bake about 55 minutes. Do not grease the pan. Will someone please give tested recipe for Minnehaha Cake through your paper? Balls Ferry, Shasta Co."

Brown Betty

"Cover the bottom and sides of a well-buttered pudding dish (?) with bread crumbs. Fill the dish with layers of chopped apples and crumbs (make more crumbs), sprinkling each layer with common sugar (as opposed to uncommon?) and lumps of butter. Heap the dish high, for the applies will sink. Moisten with a little cold water, cover with a buttered plate (I assume, upside down) and bake three/quarters of an hour (45 min), if the dish is large. Take off the cover and brown quickly. Serve warm with hard sauce." (Recipes for hard sauce should be in any cookbook worth its salt).

On your mark, get set, start sieving and crumbing. (Sue Wirt)

Clovis Bluegrass in the Park 2024

The Central San Joaquin Chapter of the CBA is pleased to announce the 16th season of "Bluegrass in the Park." The free Friday-night concerts are held in "Liberty Park," 901 Fifth Street in Clovis from 6:30-8:30 pm (6 to 8 pm in September) and are co-sponsored by the CBA and the Clovis Veteran's Memorial Park District. Audience members are encouraged to come early, bring a lawn chair and a picnic dinner.

Most "usual suspects" are returning and two new touring bands, Silver City and Water Tower, will perform in the park for the first time. Bands are paid through the generosity of audience tips. One change this year is that the Senior Center, which previously provided folding chairs and bathroom facilities, has moved Bathrooms are available in the Veteran's Memorial Building next door and concert goers need to bring their own chairs. For more information please visit our Facebook page, Bluegrass-in-the-Park-Clovis

Here are the May concerts:



May 17th: Sycamore Bend (bluegrass), features original songs from Dan Stein (guitar) and Michael McDonald (mandolin). With Doug Carlton (dobro/vocals), Steve Hall (banjo) and Jonathan Hall (bass).

Sycamore Bend May 24th: Ripe for Pickin' (bluegrass), Donn Beedle (fiddle/viola/mandolin/vocals), Kevin Campbell (vocals/guitar), Pat Kemble (dobro), Tom Naiman (banjo/vocals) and John Mooneyham (bass).



May 31st: Green Bush Spring gets to the roots of

American trad music with old-time and Irish fiddle tunes and songs. Terry Barrett (fiddle/mandolin), Larry Cusick (fiddle/Irish flute), Karana Hattersley-Drayton (vocals/keyboard) and John McDaniel (mandolin/guitar/banjo).



Fresno World Fiddle Day

Sponsored by the Fresno Folklore Society



Saturday, May 11, 2024 Noon-4pm

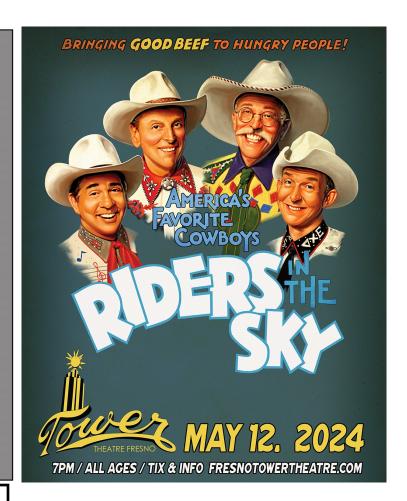
First Congregational Church (Big Red Church)

2131 North Van Ness Boulevard

All Local Fiddlers

CDs & Refreshments Available

\$5 Donation Requested at the Door



2023 Kings River Jamcamp!



Don't miss this year's
Jamcamp, Thursday, May 2
through Sunday, May 5th.
Kirch Flat Campground has
been refurbished. So nice!
This is a no-cost event. Just
bring your food and
camping gear. And RSVP to

Ron Bohigian at ribohig@gmail.com.

Kirch Flat is about 58 miles from Fresno. Head east on Highway 180, turn left on Piedra Road, proceed to Trimmer Springs Road, turn right and go all the way around Pine Flat Lake to Kirch Flat

Campground, Elevation is 1000 feet so the weather

Campground. Elevation is 1000 feet so the weather is similar to Fresno's. All we have is a good time.

Fresno Contra Dance May 11, 2024, 6-9 PM

Contras, Squares, Reels and more with **Evo Bluestein**Pete and Carmen's Dance Studio
4774 N. Blackstone Ave (between Shi

4774 N. Blackstone Ave (between Shaw and Gettysburg) Fresno CA 93726 \$10 door



BREABACH

Those of us who made it to the Wednesday night concert at the University Presbyterian Church were certainly glad that we did. Flutes, pipes, guitar, bouzouki, mandolin, violin, bass, vocals and dancing gave us a good reason to be out in the middle of the week. The band, **Breabach**, is from Scotland, and were in California for a few concerts before heading to Alaska. Fresno was able to snag them on their way. WOW. Megan, their only female member, played the fiddle, sang, and also treated us to some fancy Scottish footwork. We had an audience of over 200 and some people danced in the aisle at the back of the space as the rest of us tapped our toes. This band is very popular in Scotland and we could see why. After the concert, they were in the foyer to autograph cds and talk with concert-goers. Thank yous go to **Pat Wolk** (Concertmaster), **Bill Johnson** (Newsletter Editor), **Cactus Harris** (UPC Music Director), **Larry Cusick** (box office), **Sue Wirt, Ann Lamb, Debby Jo Wagner, and Maria Glover** (table and merchandise wranglers), **Nick Kennedy** (Social Media), and **Steve Ono** (who donated NPR advertising time). **Ron Bohigian** and **Pat Wolk** emceed the show and introduced the FFS Board Members who were present and encouraged new members. The University Presbyterian Church is one of the area locations that offers a food pantry. Some concert-goers brought non -perishable food items, and Ron and Pat passed the hat for donations to this cause. This is something that we will continue to do at concerts at UPC. I had a good time and I hope you did, too. **(Sue Wirt)**



Swimming Live Music and Dancing Potluck starts at 5:00 pm Kids welcome BYO Seating - Chair or blanket

wow! she's 90 and still dancing!

Time to

CELEBRATE!

Let's sing and dance and play music

TO LIFE

Saturday, June 15, 2024 3:00 until whenever WOLK FOLK GARDEN 6661 N. Forkner Fresno

Bring your instruments: Lots of room to jam Stage Performances 6:30 - ?



Any questions, please contact:
Amy 206-355-1051
Abby 206-388-9687 or
Pat 559-304-4695

And she is going to dance, dance hungry, dance full, dance each cold astonishing moment.

Now when she is young and again when she is old." Ann Lamott

WOLK GARDEN CONCERT—BAD ACTORS

The **Bad Actors** are an acoustic guitar and mandolin duo based in Fresno. Steeped in the tradition of Bluegrass, **Doug Bremseth** and **Bruce Honeyman** bring tight harmonies and precise guitar picking to a

diversity of acoustic music. They combine decades of experience and talent with a mutual love of traditional music resulting in a sincere and soulful drive to their performance. This is our Farewell Concert as Doug will soon be moving out of Fresno. Come celebrate and help give Doug (and his wife, Emily) a good sendoff! Their recently released duet album will be available.

Where: Pat Wolk's Garden, 6661 N. Forkner

When: Saturday, June 1

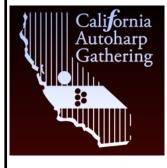
Time: 7 PM-9 PM

Admission: \$8 for advanced online tickets or FFS members, \$10 at door

Bring lawn chair or blanket



CALIFORNIA AUTOHARP GATHERING, 2024



It's that time of year again, May in Dunlap at the St Nicholas Ranch, for the annual California Autoharp Gathering. Lots of autoharps, guitars, fiddles, mandolins, ukuleles (even an accordion can be allowed). Another great line-up of featured artists from here and there (Washington, Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, etc., etc. What a group. Jane Voss and Hoyle Osborne will be back (yea!). Mike Mueller, as usual, has outdone himself with the arrangements for this year's version. Music on the porches, in the multi-purpose building, the patios, the performance space, out on the grass under canopies; looking forward to all the sounds of groups pf people who enjoy getting together for music. If you are interested in attending, please go on the

website and register or, if only coming up for the day (there is a cost), let Mike know that you want to do that. There are walks to take, a lake to view, and if open, a tour of the monastery on Saturday may be in the offing (worth it—need long pants for men or skirts and head covering for women). The food is worth the trip. Dorm beds are still available. Dates for the events are: May 14 through 16 for Early Bird (intensive small classes) and the Main Event May 17 through 19. The theme this year is: Musical Memories: Rediscovering the Magic. You need to hear Meredith Axelrod, Jim Page, Bryan Bowers with Geoff Goodhue and Danny Kniceley, Ray Choi, etc. So many wonderful people. Classes are not just for autoharps but include other instruments as well as harmony singing. Website: calautoharp.com; Mike's phone for questions: (559) 994-8215; Mike's email for questions: mike@calautoharp.com. (Sue Wirt)

May 2024 EVENTS

Every Wednesday: Kenny Hall Jam @ Santa Fe Basque Restaurant, 5-7 PM FREE

Second Sunday monthly: Irish Jam @ La Boulangerie in Fig Garden Village, 1-3 PM FREE

Every Monday: HonkyTonk Jam hosted by Marc Poschman and Miss Mikal Sandoval @ Santa Fe Basque Restaurant 4-6 PM south patio (Maroa and Simpson). Bring your instruments and play along. FREE

Second Saturday monthly: Old Time Fiddlers and Music Jam @ Santa Fe Basque 2:00- 4:00 PM (Maroa and Simpson). FREE

EVENTS

May 2-5: Kings River Jam Camp @ Kirch Flat Campground (see notice)

Sat May 11: World Fiddle Day @ Big Red Church (See notice)

Sat May 11: Fresno Contra Dance with Evo Bluestein @ Pete and Carmen's Dance Studio, 4774 N Blackstone, \$10 door (see notice)

May 14-19: California Autoharp Gathering @ St Nicholas Ranch, Dunlap (see article)

Fri May 17 Bluegrass In The Park, Sycamore Bend @ Liberty Park Clovis, 6:30 PM (see article)

Sun May 19: Sam Shackleton, Nick Haines, Jonathan Lo-Fi @ Tower Theatre Lounge (see poster)

Thurs May 23: The Kingston Trio @ The Painted Table Event Center 5080 North Blackstone Avenue Fresno, CA 93710 https://www.kingstontrio.org/

Fri May 24 Bluegrass In The Park, Ripe for Pickin' @ Liberty Park Clovis, 6:30 PM (see article)

Fri May 31 Bluegrass In The Park, Green Bush Spring @ Liberty Park Clovis, 6:30 PM (see article)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat June 1: Bad Actors @ Wolk Garden, 6661 N Forkner, Fresno, 7 PM (see article)

Sat June 15; Pat Wolk 90th Birthday Party @ Wolk Garden 6661 N Forkner (see notice)

Fri June 21: International Make Music Day https://www.makemusicday.org/

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A HUGE THANK YOU to all of our paid members below. Your dues promote music in our community. Folklore Society membership runs from July 1 to the end of June. You can mail us a check or pay through PayPal on our website at fresnofolklore.net. When you do your dues, you'll be at least as famous as these people shown below.

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Membership Levels: \$20.00 individual; \$30.00 family; \$50.00 corporate sponsor

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