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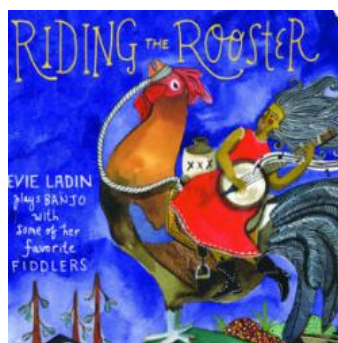
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Just two weeks ago we were treated to another great performance by **John McCutcheon**. It might be easy to forget, but so easily we are reminded what a treasure he is. We had another great crowd at the UU Church. John's voice is still so strong and that gives hope to any of us who are getting older. I'll venture to say that he could be put up on the stage with any of our American greats: Seeger, Dylan, Guthrie, and so on. Maybe he'll sing at the next presidential inauguration?

How many of you have made New Year's resolutions? One of mine is to practice my **fiddle** at least 5 days a week for at least forty-five minutes. January is over and so far, I'm still in the game. I've also added regular exercise to my daily regimen and continuing my Duolingo **Italian** lessons. If I don't mention these challenges again, I may have fallen off the wagon as has been the case, historically speaking.



<https://youtu.be/GT9nRgJXUVE>



Listen to Evie and

Lunasa →



<https://youtu.be/5Ad0i5qFpZY>

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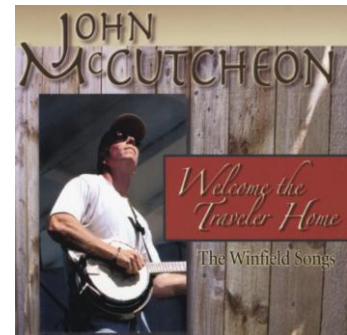
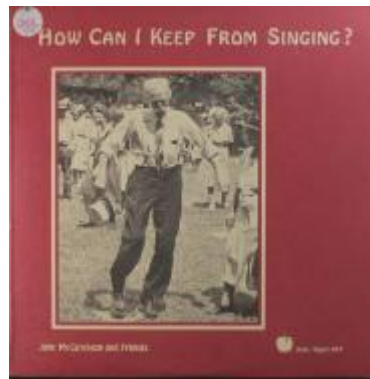
McCUTCHEON CONCERT and MIKE REILLY

Wednesday, January 14: The McCutcheon concert. It was a wild and woolly day. Our hero Mike Reilly was in the hospital. Mike, the guy who does it all on two prosthetic legs, usually does the work of six legs. The sound - helping Tommy Slothower, McCutcheon's roadie, with unloading and setting up the sound equipment, the sound check, does the sound during the concert. I'd been put out to pasture because I'm OLD. But because I'm OLD and have been booking John since 1990, I have some experience. I phoned my favorite sound guy **Frank Giordano**, who's also a terrific computer technician, and an amazing flamenco guitarist. He left his day job early to help. **Lorenzo Bassman**, who has recently retired as the church's music director and good friend of Mike, came to fill in with logistics; and the church sexton who set up the chairs – that makes six. Add my two legs to the equation that's EIGHT!

At 3:30 of the same day, my daughter Abby flew in from Seattle for the concert and to celebrate my 92nd birthday. When it came time to introduce John, my brain was scrambled and my planned introduction escaped into the land of Oz. But it all worked out. And I received a birthday kiss, hug, and song from John. Life doesn't get much better than that.

It was a wonderful concert. I heard many compliments. His **I Am an Immigrant** was timely and received a great ovation. He finished the concert with his subtle political statement, honoring those who have suffered in this past year's ugliness: **How Can I Keep from Singing**, omitting the final line, giving us something to think about.

*When tyrants tremble, sick with fear
And hear their death-knell ringing
When friends rejoice both far and near
How can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile
Our thoughts to them are winging
When friends by shame are undefiled....
How can I keep from singing?*



I Am An Immigrant

https://youtu.be/BIDzql_abJY

Mike is home and back on dialysis, recovering at home from a miserable sleepless week in the hospital. His mom flew in from Arkansas to help, and his son Austin is driving him to and from dialysis. He swears he'll be ready to do sound and all that other stuff for the **Evie Ladin** concert February 20th at the University Presbyterian Church. I want to believe him. **(Pat Wolk)**

BEGINNING CONTRA DANCE CLASS, FRESNO • FEBRUARY 13

Learn to do contra dance!
Contras, Squares, Circles, Reels
Friday, 6-8 pm
Where: Pete and Carmen's Salsa Dance Studio
4774 N. Blackstone Ave, Fresno, CA 93726
\$10 door, \$40 family maximum



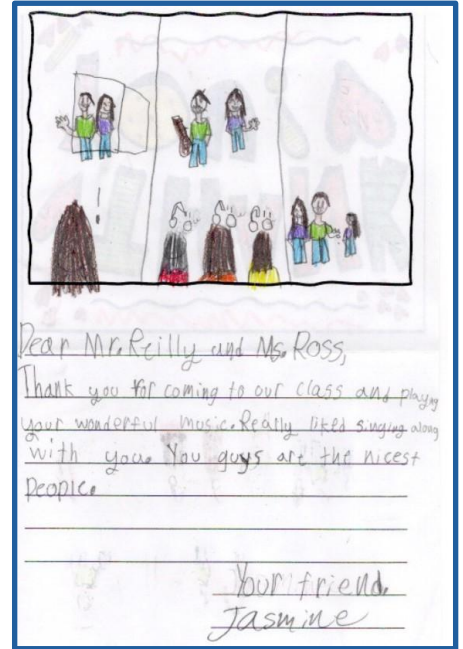
CONTRA DANCE, NORTH FORK • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:00–9:00 PM
North Fork Town Hall
33060 Road 228, North Fork, CA 93643
\$10 door, \$40 family maximum



Carl & Kathryn Johnsen at Florence E. Rata HS

Our program of bringing **Folk Music to Schools** was in full swing for 2025. About 20 presentations were given to our Fresno Unified Elementary Schools by about 15 different musicians. And we'll be back in 2026!



Thank you note to Mike Reilly and Lynn Ross



Kathryn Johnsen and a new friend

The program consists of 30-60 min presentations and demonstrations of our instruments and different kinds of folk music. The program content is up to the presenters so there's a lot of variety, and the program has been universally well-received. If you're interested in joining forces with us, give me a call or write and I'll explain more. Needless to say, it's as fun for us as it is for the kids. As Pete Seeger said, 'If you sing for children, you can't really say there's no hope'.

(Bruce Honeyman (559)260-0971 or bwhoneyman@gmail.com).

Pat Wolk recommends.

Don't miss the Evie Ladin band coming Friday February 20, to University Presbyterian Church. This is another of my favorite musical groups. If you've never seen and/or heard them, you're in for a BIG TREAT. The Evie Ladin band, Evie on clawhammer banjo, husband Keith Terry on upright bass and percussion, and Eric Pearson on guitar and dobro, together they s a killer performance of mostly original music that includes virtuoso rhythmic body music: stompin', slappin', finger snappin' and drummin'. As well as a singer-songwriter, Evie is well known as a teacher of rhythmic dance and clawhammer banjo. Keith Terry leads classes around the world in body music - the oldest music in the world. Here are just a few youTube links.

https://youtu.be/u6_wPIV-5zI?si=1txTwhNygRke9TZI body music.

<https://youtu.be/vS3coSBOzuY?si=ZbLf861hEl9eaZl> Evie Ladin on banjo & Keith Terry



EVIE LADIN BAND
w/ KEITH TERRY AND ERIK PEARSON

NEO-TRAD KINETIC FOLK

Friday, February 20th, 2026
University Presbyterian Church
1776 E. Roberts Ave
7:30pm

For tickets & info, visit fresnofolklore.net
Physical tickets available at National Hardware & Patrick's Music

EVIELADIN.COM



SOUP PARTY APOTHEOSIS

We are a lucky bunch of people. For many years we Folklore Society members have had an annual opportunity to welcome the new year with a Soup Party! In my personal history, it began at Kathy Wosika's over 40 years ago with soup (in her wonderful hand made ceramic bowls) and music on New Year's Day. She hosted for many years and then we moved over to Margaret Hudson's magical acreage where we roamed her trails, ate soup and other good treats, played music, and did called dances, thanks to Evo and Larry. When Margaret's barn was no longer available our wonderful friend and leader Pat Wolk kept this tradition alive by hosting it at her beautiful garden. It happens in rain or shine, fog or sun. Suzy and Ann supply comfortable tables, and Pat makes it very special with tablecloths, real silverware, and ceramic bowls. This year there were so many amazing soups that there were leftovers to share! The real joy is spending time with our friends. There are opportunities for singing and playing music in lots of configurations (not limited to Irish, Old Timey and Swing). What a way to celebrate the new year ahead, with a feeling of camaraderie and hope. **(Kathryn Johnsen)**



ROGUE
PERFORMANCE
FESTIVAL

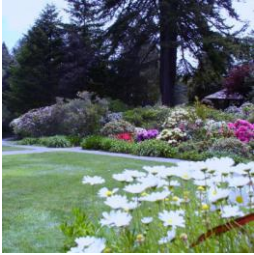
ROGUE RETURNS TO THE TOWER DISTRICT

Yes, it's that time of year again. Rogue Festival, Fresno, starts on **Thursday, February 26 and will run through Saturday, March 7** with six days of magic, and mayhem. Always an enjoyable experience, it is one of the highlights of my year and I try to see as many shows as possible. There will be dance, performance art, theater, music, poetry, comedy, and magic shows to suit everyone's palate. Pick up your Rogue Books at the various venues such as Fresno Music and Arts, Hart's Haven Bookstore, etc. Get on the email list for information about the announcements and shows. There is a spot on the home page for Rogue Festival Fresno 2026 to sign up for notifications. **(Sue Wirt)** <https://fresnoroguefestival.org/>

TRAVELING ABOUT

Back in April of last year, I left off at the top of the coast of California. Well, let's go on North to wander along the coast of Oregon, one of the most captivating drives that one can take. Views, lighthouses, botanical gardens, azaleas and rhododendrons, cheese, Lewis and Clark historical places, all the way from Brookings to Astoria (which is the setting of "The Goonies") and its beautiful bridge across the Columbia River. Because of all the number of places to see and go, this is going to be another two-parter.

At the get go, there is Crissey Field State Recreation Site just South of Brookings. It has varied ecosystems from forest to wetlands and several walking trails to stretch your legs. **Azalea Park** is a fee-free park where you can wander around and admire the colorful plantings that bloom in April and May. Harris Beach State Park at the North edge of town has a good campground (as do most Oregon State Parks) and sweeping views of the coastline. Sea stacks and tidepools await you as well as possible whale sightings and other wildlife. Inland is a Redwood Native Trail at Alfred A. Loeb State Park.



Azalea Park



Whaleshead Beach



Pistol River Scenic Viewpoint

Between Brookings and Gold Beach (where the Rogue River meets the sea) is Samuel H. Boardman State Scenic Corridor which contains several waysides and beach access points where you can view and picnic. One of my favorites is **Whaleshead Beach** named for a coastal rock that resembles a whale's head. Be prepared to cross a stream of water to access the main part of the beach area.

Cape Sebastian Scenic Corridor is North of Pistol River and South of Gold Beach. From one of the viewpoints at Cape Sebastian, you can see all the way to Crescent City in California to Humbug Mountain to the North (assuming a really clear day). The wind whips along up here and sprung the door of my little yellow VW bug on one of my trips. I had to have it repaired when I returned home. Another sight at **Pistol River State Scenic Viewpoint** is the proliferation of windsurfers out on the ocean due to these same winds.

Gold Beach is the ocean terminus of the Rogue River last seen at Grants Pass in the December newsletter. The main activities at Gold Beach are fishing and **Jet Boat rides up the Rogue** that has flowed all the way from near Crater Lake. Jet Boats started out as a mail delivery service in 1895.



Rogue River
Jet Boats



Humbug
Mountain



Misty
Meadows
Jams

Humbug Mountain and Port Orford are next. The area has some of the highest rainfall records on the coast of Oregon. On one trip, I had to pull over because the rain was coming down so hard, I could not see the road. Our friend, Don McClellan camped at Humbug Mountain one year and it took him three days to dry out, having to go to a laundromat to put his sleeping bag and tent as well as clothes into a dryer. When it isn't raining, it is quite beautiful. There are several myrtle wood shops in the area as the beautiful wood grows only in Southern Oregon and Northern California. There are myrtle trees at Humbug Mountain so you can see them on the hoof.

Just North of Port Orford is the Cape Blanco Lighthouse (1870). This is the most Western point of Oregon. The lighthouse is open to the public (with a fee) Wednesday through Monday and, when closed, you can park and walk to the lighthouse for the views.

How about Flores Lake (freshwater) where, again, the winds are steady and you can kite and windsail and windsurf and take lessons if you want to learn or just take out a kayak or a paddleboard. This part of Oregon also boasts cranberry bogs and is the headquarters of **Misty Meadows Jams** that can be found all around the country.

Bandon, oh, Bandon. Face Rock, Old Town Bandon, the Coquille River with its odd little lighthouse, Bullard's Beach State Park, and the South Coast Auto Wrecking Yard (where my friend Beth and I spent an afternoon when our VW campervan needed a new fuel pump and the owner was the only shop in town that worked on VWs). My mother, Marie, and some of her friends used to go to Winchester Bay North of Bandon for a couple of weeks each summer. *(continued next page)*

The big excursion was to go to Bandon to shop and eat. You can go agate hunting at Bullard's Beach and there is a national wildlife refuge North of the town as well.

Coos Bay, North Bend, and Charleston all cluster around the entrance to Coos Bay which has been a logging terminus for over 150 years, originally with the logs being floated on the bay and loaded onto ships bound for far away places. Frank Gibson, one of our FFS members, worked as a longshoreman years ago, doing just that. Later, rather than loading whole logs, the logs were chipped and the chips were loaded onto the ships and sent to Asia to make furniture (computer desks, bookcases, etc.) that were shipped back to the U. S. and sold in flat packs to build in your home. There is an excellent art museum, history museum, and a waterfront boardwalk in Coos Bay with panels explaining the history of the timber industry. Going West of Coos Bay from US 101 on State Hwy 540 (Cape Arago Beach Loop), Charleston has a Marine Life Center which is part of the University of Oregon, and, as you continue the Beach Loop, more State Parks to visit as well as another lighthouse. Shore Acres is best visited in the late Spring, Summer or Fall as it has an impressive flower garden that dates to the early 20th century. There was a home of a timber baron that burned in the 1930s, but the gardens were replanted in the 1970s and contain flowers from all over the world.

Coos Bay is at the southern end of the **Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area**. The Oregon Dunes cover a long section of the Central Coast of Oregon. You can learn to sandboard (like snowboarding).

There are freshwater lakes hidden here and there among the dunes.

The Umpqua River joins the Pacific at Winchester Bay and, of course, has a lighthouse and a viewing area near the lighthouse for gray whale watching.



l to r Coos Bay, Cobra Plant, Oregon Dunes

The town of Florence hugs both sides of the Suislaw River and has an Historic Old Town. Have some clam chowder while sitting at a table overlooking the river and go out to the South Jetty to walk along the ocean. Florence is considered the northern end of the Oregon Dunes. If you like odd plants, the Darlingtonia State Natural Site is on your way further North. Home to a "grove" of **Darlingtonia Californica (cobra) plants**, it has walking paths and picnic tables. It is the only carnivorous plant in Oregon (sort of a "Seymour, FEED ME" in miniature). Returning to the ocean drive, if you like awful smells, visit the Sea Lion Caves. I don't, so I didn't.

Heceta Head Lighthouse (pronounced heseeta) is at the end of a drive around a promontory where you get glimpses of it at turnouts along the way. There is a sandy beach under a glorious stone bridge at the turnoff to it and you can walk up to the lighthouse on a gradual trail. One of the best views of that bridge is at sunset when the stone is gold and pink blush. The Lighthouse with accompanying Coast Guard Station house is another one of those views that have ended up on calendars.

Cape Perpetua (the highest point on the Oregon Coast that is accessible to vehicles) is designated a Scenic Area with lots of options. There are trails everywhere, The Devil's Churn (a narrow inlet that has crashing waves at high tide that shoot spray high into the air), and **The Spouting Horn** (a collapsed sea cave that looks like it is erupting when waves come in a high tide) are located here.



Heceta Head Light



Spouting Horn



Newport Oregon

More views are at stops along the way North. Next is Yachats and Waldport. Yachats has a hiking trail along a disused road (the 804 Trail) that has a great view of both forest and sea. Benches are set for you to sit upon and contemplate whatever you want to contemplate. Waldport is another small town where Ann Lamb and I stopped to pick up some snacks. They were having a festival that included horse-drawn rides. In the store where we shopped, there was sign at the checkout counter above a small basket that read, "If you fear change, you may leave it here."

At **Newport**, the Yaquina River flows into Yaquina Bay. This is a city based on commercial fishing and tourism. South of the river is the Oregon Coast Aquarium and the Hatfield Marine Science Center which is part of Oregon State University. The **really glorious bridge across the bay** will take you to the main city. On the West side of US 101 is the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area (tide pools, wildlife watching, and hiking) and the Yaquina Head Lighthouse (1873) which is the tallest on the Oregon Coast. There is an Historic Bayfront, saltwater taffy factories, lots of great eateries, and kayaking and boating tours. North of town is Agate Beach (well-named) and Beverly Beach stretches out for miles. Enough for now. We are only half-way up the Coast with so much more to see and do. (Sue Wirt)

Fresno World Fiddle Day

Sponsored by the Fresno Folklore Society



Saturday, May 9, 2026 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

Introduction to

Folk Dancing



**Mondays
6pm**

Have some fun learning the basics of Folk Dancing. Classes include dance instruction and practice. Come with or without a partner. Newcomers of all ages are welcome!

January 12 & 26

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Classes are led by members of the Fresno Scandinavian & Nordic Folk Dancers and the Fresno International Folk Dancers.

**Woodward Park
Regional Library**

944 E. Perrin Ave. | 600.3135



FEBRUARY 2026 EVENTS

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

Every Sunday: Turf in the Bog @ Yosemite Wine Tails, 40409 Hwy 41, Oakhurst, 1-5 PM, Irish flute & bodhran

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 5-7 PM south patio (Maroa and Simpson). Bring your instruments and play along. FREE

Third Tuesday monthly: Song Circle @ Unitarian Church, 2672 Alluvial, Fresno, 6 PM

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

Last Monday monthly: Tower District Bluegrass & Old Time Jam @ Goldstein's, 1279 N Wishon 6-8 PM

EVENTS

Mon Feb 9: Folk Dancing @ Woodward Park Library, 6 PM FREE

Fri Feb 13: Beginning Contra Dance Class @ Pete & Carmen's Salsa Dance Studio (see notice)

Fri Feb 20: Evie Ladin Band @ University Presbyterian Church, 7 PM \$30 advance, \$35 Door (see article)

Mon Feb 23: Folk Dancing @ Woodward Park Library, 6 PM FREE

Feb 26 – Mar 7: Rogue Festival @ Tower District, Fresno (see article)

Fri Feb 27: North Fork Community Dance @ North Fork Town Hall, 6-9 PM (see notice)

FUTURE EVENTS

Wed Mar 25: Lunasa @ Locatiion TBD

Sat May 9: Fresno World Fiddle Day @ Big Red Church (see poster)

Thurs April 30 – Sun May 3: Jam Camp @ Kirch Flat campground on Kings River (details to follow)

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