



A Non-Profit Corporation for Traditional Arts

**Notes from Board President, Ron Bohigian**



I am fortunate to live across the street from an eight-unit apartment building. The tenants, fairly long-time residents here, have become good neighbors. Because they're right across the street from our home and I'm in my front yard nearly every day, I have the opportunity to observe the community they've created. None of them are family members, but they seem to have developed a valued closeness. Other neighbors walking their dogs often stop and visit.

One of the tenants has adopted the once-empty flowerbeds, made them her own and created a beautiful flower garden. Another tenant takes it upon himself to mow and edge the lawn. In the early evening he brings out his barbecue and chairs onto the lawn and several tenants sit, eat, drink a few beers and visit. Sometimes I walk over and visit, but mostly I observe this community, this family they've created.

It's the value of community that impresses me. I relate it to our folklore society. I wonder if the FFS is a catalyst for the building of our community or whether it's simply an outgrowth of a community that always existed. Perhaps it's both and there's a synergism at work. That's what I'd prefer to believe—that we're doing good things that help bring people together.

In June, our concertmaster and board member Pat Wolk is holding her "double infinity" (she's 88) birthday party. As she planned it, she got the idea of making the get-together a celebration honoring several of our FFS "elders". Of course, we have no firm definition of what an "elder" is, and we have no list of who the elders are so suffice it to say, if you consider yourself an FFS elder, you should come to the party. (Pat made it clear to me that an elder is more than just an older person, but rather a person with wisdom and knowledge of the past.) If you're a "young'un" like me (I'm 70), you should be there, too.

Stay healthy and enjoy the music.

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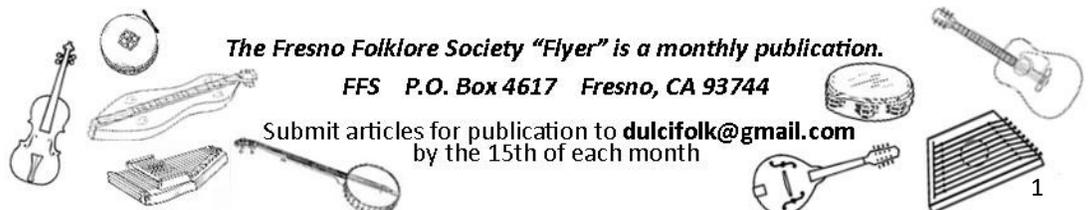
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## Annual Kings River Jamcamp May 5-8, 2022



Who doesn't love sleeping in a tent? Who doesn't love playing music or just sitting and listening? Burning a hamburger? Drinking a cold beer? Standing on the beach alongside the Wild and Scenic Kings River above Pine Flat Lake? Eating together? Eating alone? Birds? Wildflowers? Campfire?

Don't miss this year's Jamcamp, **Thursday, May 5 through Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**. Kirch Flat Campground has been refurbished and...as much as a campground can be

remodeled...it's remodeled. This is a no-cost event. Just bring your food and camping gear. And **RSVP** to Ron Bohigian at [rjbohig@gmail.com](mailto:rjbohig@gmail.com) so that we can hold enough campsites.



**Directions:** 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 is similar to Fresno's. All we have is a good time. **(Ron Bohigian)**

### Banshee in the Kitchen



celtic/World music. Live.

## Lapp River House

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Sanger, California  
\$10 donation

for concert details: [overlap2321@gmail.com](mailto:overlap2321@gmail.com)

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## Fresno World Fiddle Day

Sponsored by the Fresno Folklore Society



Saturday, May 21, 2022 Noon-4pm

First Congregational Church (Big Red Church)  
2131 North van Ness Boulevard  
All Local Fiddlers  
CD's & Refreshments Available  
\$5 Donation Requested at the Door

Bluegrass in the Park returns in May to **Liberty Park, 901 Fifth Street in Clovis**, for the 2022 summer season. The free Friday evening concerts of Bluegrass, Old-time and even Celtic music **start at 6:30 pm and generally conclude at 8:30**. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring family and friends, a picnic dinner, blanket and/or folding chairs. Bands are only compensated through the generosity of the audience so **please bring some money for the tip jar**. Bluegrass in the Park is sponsored by the California Bluegrass Association and the Clovis Veteran's Memorial Park District. For more information and the full summer schedule, visit the Clovis Bluegrass in the Park Facebook page. **(Karana Hattersley-Drayton)**



Grass Kickers

**May 13th:** The **GrassKickers** are the openers on May 13th with two sets of traditional and original Bluegrass. The band is known for its hard driving instrumental breaks, complex arrangements and tight three-part harmonies.

**May 20th:** The **Sharecroppers** are a traditional Bluegrass quartet hailing from various parts of the Central Valley. The group focuses on songs from the Stanley Brothers, Bill Monroe, and



Sharecroppers

Flatt and Scruggs along with some early country selections.



Terry Barrett

**May 27th:** The first set on May 27 will be shared by two amazing fiddlers, **Terry Barrett and Jack Kinney** in a set of Old-time and Bluegrass fiddling. **Two for the Road** takes “the stage” for the second set with their mix of Americana fiddle tunes and vocals. The concert concludes with the three fiddlers and accompanists jamming on a tune or two.



Two For The Road



Red Dog Ash

**June 3rd:** **Red Dog Ash** is known for its original compositions, hard-driving tunes, tight harmonies, and authentic high-lonesome vocals.

## FLASHLIGHTS

How many flashlights does it take to light the dark spaces? Which one is the best? We are lucky that we do not have to rely on candles. I was cleaning out my glove compartments in my cars recently (one car has two). I found four flashlights in one car and three in the other. The one that had four also has an attached flashlight near the lift gate that came with the car. It is pretty standard in most households to have one in each room, just in case of a blackout, but “four” in the glove compartment? Lately, I have been helping with a house clearance and those of us there have found at least 50 or more flashlights, ordered from QVC and HSN and Amazon, still in their boxes. Flashlights exert a certain pull on most of us, maybe a primeval instinct of beating back the dark to keep us comfortable and safe. We use them to find our way, hunt for that item that rolled under the furniture, light spaces while we work with tools, and, of course, going camping. I have always kept a headlight (aka nerd light—another story). It was very useful while camping but mostly kept to use when changing the glass fuses in my old electrical panel if one should fail at night. Booklights are popular, too. Light in its various forms is what makes us feel safe. Which flashlight is the best? The one that is the easiest to find when needed (as long as the batteries work). **(Sue Wirt)**



# John McCutcheon Returns

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Unitarian Church of Fresno

2672 E. Alluvial Ave.

*Folk music's renaissance man —  
master instrumentalist, powerful  
singer-songwriter, storyteller, activist, and author*  
"The most impressive instrumentalist I've ever heard."—  
Johnny Cash  
"He has an uncanny ability to breathe new life into the  
familiar. His storytelling has the richness of fine literature."—  
Washington Post

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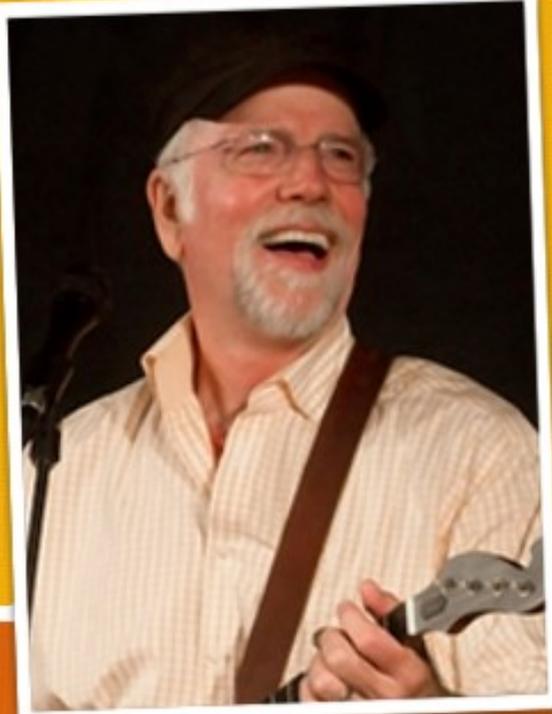
Tickets: \$25 Available Now

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May 9th at our outlets: Patrick's music,

National Hardware

Sponsored by The Fresno Folklore Society



**John McCutcheon**  
Live in concert June 9, 2022  
7:30 pm UU church of Fresno  
2672 E. Alluvial

## Tighten Up Your Bows, Fiddle Day Is Coming!

International World Fiddle Day was founded in 2012 by Caoimhin MacAoidh, a professional fiddler from Donegal, Northern Ireland. The day was born out of deep respect for one of the most expert and revered violin makers, Antonio Stradivari, and coincides with the anniversary of his death in 1737. Around the world, lovers of the fiddle make music in celebration of the instrument Stradivari refined and made famous.

Presenting the best of the best fiddlers in our area in one setting, Fresno World Fiddle Day is the brainchild of fiddler Larry Cusick. He launched the annual event five years ago, backed by the Fresno Folklore Society and assisted by a small supporting committee, including Karana Hattersley-Drayton, Linda Guerrero, and Megan Bohigian.

This event will feature an exceptional line-up of local fiddlers old and young, playing a wide variety of traditional music from different regions and countries. For a taste of what's to come, CMAC's website has film of performances from the first two years. The 2018 Fiddle Day performance featuring musician Terry Barrett is available to watch at:

[cmac.tv/show/fresno-world-fiddle-day-2018-terry-barrett](http://cmac.tv/show/fresno-world-fiddle-day-2018-terry-barrett)

Fresno Fiddle Day also has a Facebook page with updates for you to visit and share with friends. You'll find it at <https://www.facebook.com/events/345600374190707>

Donations of \$5 per person are appreciated, but the event is free to the public. **It starts at noon and concludes at 4 pm on Saturday, May 21 at the Big Red Church, 2131 N. Van Ness, in Fresno.** Cookies will be for sale to benefit the Folklore Society.

Cusick is finalizing the line-up for Fiddle Day, and asks that fiddlers interested in information about how to participate contact him by email at [larrywcusick@gmail.com](mailto:larrywcusick@gmail.com), or by phone at 559-313-1777. **(Megan Bohigian)**

“The long memory is the most radical idea in this country. It is the loss of that long memory which deprives our people of that connective flow of thoughts and events that clarifies our vision, not of where we’re going, but where we want to go.” U. Utah Phillips 1935-2008

**AFFINITY – INFINITY MUSIC PARTY -- HONORING OUR ELDERS: Invitation from Pat Wolk:**

When I turned 80 in 2014, I thought who knows how much longer I’ll be around. So I decided to celebrate with a big party, a two-day affair. Then my 85th birthday rolled around, and I discovered life was still good. My memory was still sharp, and I could still dance. Let’s party! And we did. Some of my bonus sons joined us from Europe.

Karen and Paul Starcevich videoed the live music and uploaded it to YouTube. During these past years of isolation, whenever I felt sorry for myself, I could relive that joyous experience by sitting in front of my computer and dancing in my chair.

Three years later, we’ve all been through some difficult times. My usual solution to a crisis is to celebrate life. Yes, I’m 88 and want to celebrate. But I’m looking around and thinking: don’t be selfish! Share the limelight of our coming-out of the dark party with others. There are many FFS elders who I hope will come to the party but a few that come to my mind are:

Sherron Brown, There would not be a Fresno Folklore Society today if not for Sherron. Super organizer, singer, pianist. For years she has organized and facilitated the Wednesday evening jam at the Basque. She has organized work parties and been the gatekeeper for Sweets Mill for years and is the registrar for the California Autoharp gathering.

Lynn Ross, another FFS founder with her husband Jim who died last year. Lynn who turns 87 in August is a regular at the Basque. She makes and sells jams to promote local musicians.

Barry Shultz, our luthier and fiddler extraordinaire and collector of songs and stories which he shares with others.

Margaret Tynan, she of the rich alto voice, an early member who performed at Café Midi as well as starring in numerous Sue Beevers’ musicals.

Nancy Waidtlow, one of the founding FFS lovely ladies. Nancy has not only talked the talk, but has walked the walk. She founded the Dakota EcoGarden for the homeless.

Steve Ono, great jazz and swing musician... as well as folk. He’s taught many young folks to play guitar and has booked numerous musicians, set up sound and lights for concerts. I’ve known him since he was nineteen and had long hair and performed with Folly’s Pool.

Mike Reilly, the can-do-anything guy: guitarist, luthier, construction engineer of the wee music house. Board member and also our “sound guy” at the UU church and other venues.

And and and.....This list could go on for another two pages. Let’s make this an annual event so we can honor more of us before we all bite the dust.

We hunkered down these past two years and collectively our folk community has survived as we continue to support one another.

LET’S PARTY! Bring your instruments. We’ll have three separate areas set up for jamming from 1-5. Potluck 5-6. Then music on the stage of the wee hus. Frank Giordano will do sound for us.

Shake hands with your brother  
And love one another  
And let’s celebrate the good day

**June 11, 2022. Saturday in the Wolk Garden.  
6661 N. Forkner Ave. Fresno. 1:00 PM to whenever.**

That will give us many hours to swim, dance, play music and enjoy each other’s company. The pool is coruscant in the sunlight—a new word I learned from Glen Delpit’s poetry.



## May, 2022 EVENTS

**Every Wednesday: Kenny Hall Jam @ Santa Fe Basque Restaurant, 5-7PM -FREE (see article)**

**Second Sunday monthly: Irish Jam **Canceled in May due to Mother's Day** FREE**

**First Monday monthly: HonkyTonk Jam @ 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 2:00- 4:00 Santa Fe Basque (Maroa and Simpson). FREE**

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**Fri May 27, Bluegrass In The Park– Jack Kinney, Terry Barrett, Two For The Road @ Liberty Park, 901 Fifth Street in Clovis 6:30-8:30 (see article)**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fri June 3, Bluegrass In The Park– Red Dog Ash @ Liberty Park, 901 Fifth Street in Clovis 6:30-8:30 (see article)**

**Thurs. June 9, John McCutcheon Returns @ UU Church, (see article)**

**Sat, June 11, Pat Wolk's AFFINITY – INFINITY MUSIC PARTY @ Wolk Garden details (see article)**

**Sat, Oct 29, Harvest Home: A Festival of Traditional Americana Music @ Riverview Ranch, 12-6 pm, Riverview Ranch (see article)**

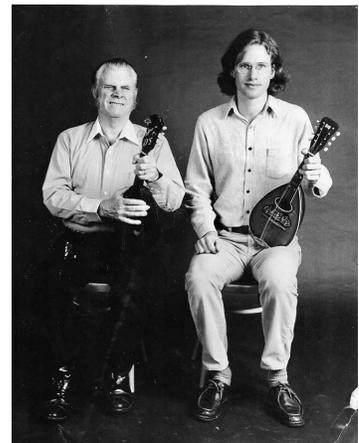
**Does no one remember these two dudes? It was an important happening. - Pat Wolk**

### **Another Pat Wolk Mystery History Quiz®**

Who are these lovely guys?  
What is the occasion?  
Where and When did they perform?

A Prize goes to the first person who can name the early FFS men in this photo and answer the historical context questions above..

Contact Pat Wolk [patsywolk@gmail.com](mailto:patsywolk@gmail.com)



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Sal Sciandra	_____	_____
Larry Cusick	_____	_____
Pat Wolk	_____	_____
John McDaniel	_____	_____
Bruce Honeyman	_____	_____

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Fresno, CA 93744

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

Membership information: 559-222-9801

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Number of family Members: \_\_\_\_\_ The monthly copy of the Society Flyer is delivered only by email to the address below.

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What are your special folklore interests? \_\_\_\_\_

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