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Notes from Board President, Ron Bohigian

I decided that this month I would not write a president's



message. I figure I'd give our membership a break. After all, people deserve a little respite. Instead I attended a Wolk Garden FFS concert featuring the **Happy Times Jazz Band**.

Fabulous, Louisiana,

jazzy traditional songs of America. I missed

the **Nell and Jim** concert, but all the reviews were fantastic. The first day of summer saw **Make Music Day Fresno.** Megan and I joined in one of the venues at **John and Andrea McDaniels**. This Fresno event was put together by **John Hord**, retired FCC music

MAKE MUSIC Fresno

instructor. It all started back in France in 1982 as the **Fete de la Musique** spreading to 1000 cities in 120 countries. Ah, **FRESNO**...so cosmopolitan.

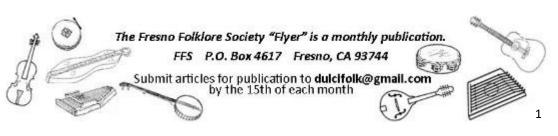
The weather this month has been beautiful. I fear now,

moving into July, that the honeymoon is over. We'll be moving from sprightly, springtime jigs to ovenly laments and dirges. Such is Fresno...so cosmopolitan.

FFS Music in the Schools

A humble but mighty team of musicians kicked off our Music in the Schools Program this May. We performed in three elementary schools and at the Time Traveler's event at Kearney Park. In all, our music was shared with 450 grades 4-6 students. We'll rev up again in August when school resumes. We're still looking for a few more duos or trios to share traditional music next fall. If you're interested, contact FFS Prez at rjbohig@gmail.com.





Dear FFS family,

Thank you for sharing and participating in my "Almost ninety, but who's counting?" birthday celebration on Sunday, June 4. The temperature soared to 96, warm enough for pool activity. I loved seeing and hearing kids (young and old) cavorting and stirring up the pool. Thank you all who brought food and drinks to share. I'm still finding cards and notes of birthday wishes stashed here and there.

In addition to my wonderful daughters and their partners, I thank you Suzie Wirt and Ann Lamb for helping me with tables and chairs. Thanks to my granddaughter Maggie and her boyfriend Ted for the delicious vegan dinner Saturday night.

Thank you to the performers who shared their gift of music on the stage: Kevin Hill and Alana Shapazian; Chris Eacock and Jenny Lewis; Jerry Thurston and Jeff Hallock; Terry Barnes, Steve Barnes and Dennis Wombacher; Anne Whitehurst, Rob Manzenado & Dan Stein. And to Jem Bluestein, Terry Barrett, Kevin Hill, Don Priest, and Brian Kenny who all squeezed onto the deck and zydecoed us out at 9:30.

And then...Frank Giordano and John Martin III appeared after their Bay Area gig and filled the air with flamenco music. They were joined by Brian Kenny on gypsy violin and Cory Veldman, singing and accompanying on guitar. After everyone was gone, Cory, who camped two nights in the garden with Lenore **Lenton**, sang me a goodnight lullaby at 11:30: **Everything's Alright** from *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Try not to get worried, try not to turn on to Problems that upset you, oh Don't you know Everything's alright, yes, everything's fine And we want you to sleep well tonight Let the world turn without you tonight If we try, we'll get by So forget all about us tonight Everything's alright, yes everything's alright, yes.





Jemmy



Now I will happily slide into my 90th birthday and look forward next year to my "almost 91 party."

Blessings and love to all. **Pat Wolk**



Found near the pool following the June 4 party. "Winter Wonder Grass" bill cap Wide brimmed beige sun hat Pink flamingo towel.



Evo's Community Dance (contras, squares, reels, and whatevo)

When: Second Saturday, July 8, 2023 7-9 pm Where: Pete and Carmen's Salsa Dance Academy 4774 N. Blackstone Ave, Fresno, CA 93726

This is next door (N. side) to the CA Arts Academy, front part of the gym, next to Posh Hair Salon. There is a sign on the door. Nice suspended wooden floor!!! Woo hoo! Suggested donation at the door: \$8, \$40 family max.

To get on the dance list send your email to evo@evobluestein.com

Sandy Bradley

I met Sandy Bradley and the whole Gypsy Gyppo String Band (Seattle folks) at Sweet's Mill in the 1970s. In the 1980s Sandy Bradley did a lot of west coast touring in order to prime the dance scene-dancing to live music and caller. This was happening much more in the east, but she was pioneering it in the west. Here is a Sandy Bradley excerpt from the book Road to Sweet's Mill (https://www.evobluestein.com/store/#!/Road-to-Sweets-Mill/p/84551234/category=169017 or Amazon).

"When we moved back to Seattle, I showed up at the first Gyppo [Gypsy SANDY BRADLEY and the SMALL WONDER String Band Gyppos] gig and landed the guitarist position. We got lots of gigs, many



of them at a bar in downtown Seattle. We'd play and young people would get up and jump around like good hippies do. Clearly they wanted to dance, but had no idea what to do with the music. When I yelled 'circle to the left!' they all got a handle on it. It was partly tone of voice—the one you use to tell your three-year-old to get out of traffic-very urgent and loud. Plus, the only way the Gyppos could keep good time was by playing fast, so squares [dances] were exciting because centrifugal force really came into play.

Before then, musicians and dancers kept pretty separate. Musicians didn't want to be bothered and neither did dancers. They all just wanted to do their thing. In my head, they had to go together. Dancing is good for you. You can have all kinds of issues with people in your community, but it all gets healed and normalized if you meet in a right and left grand and you're both smiling. You're interdependent and you all make it work."

Hear Evo read from his books July 27 at Respite by the River.

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.



GARDEN PARTIES

June was a good month for concerts in the Wolk Folk Garden. The weather cooperated (under 100) and people turned out to hear and see some good music. On June 10th, Nell Robinson and Jim Nunally (Nell and Jim Band) gave us a good time with their own brand and blend of vocal, guitar, and flute. Jim is a fine flat picking guitar player and singer and showed off his skills, while Nell trilled vocally and on her flute. Several of



the songs performed were of their own composition. Pat had been trying to see if she could schedule them back into the Garden when the dreaded virus hit and shut down everything. A week later, on June 17th, the local **Happy Times Jazz Band** did a turn in the Garden, playing wonderful renditions of familiar music ala New Orleans Jazz. Some of the pieces played were an early celebration of the 4th of July. Several residents at San Joaquin Gardens attended this performance, some for their first time at the Garden. I

hope they enjoyed themselves enough to want to come to others. Thank you for volunteers who set up—Pat Wolk, Caren Thomas, Steve Fretz, Ed Hull, Angel Hurtado, Abby Wolk, and Sue Wirt. The "hot months" are upon us and will probably not have as many activities to attend, though there are still concerts at the Bluegrass in the Park, jams at the Santa Fe Basque, and contra dances each month with Evo Bluestein. If you have a suggestion about who you would like to see in concert through Fresno Folklore Society, give Pat a heads up: her email address is patsywolk@gmail.com. (Sue Wirt)

Sue Beevers Scholarship Fund Update!

Your Board is excited to announce the launch of the enhanced and expanded Sue Beevers Scholarship Fund! Established in 2014 in memory of Sue Beevers, a founding member of the Fresno Folklore Society, the Scholarship has been "instrumental" in launching or furthering the development of a number of young musicians. Since inception, the Fund has provided approximately \$5000 to at least 16 young musicians, who have proven the value of this program to the participants and our community. The expanded program will offer the following enhancements:

\$1000.00 will be available each year to provide individual grants of \$250.00 subject to a maximum of \$500.00 annually for each recipient

Sue Beevers

A broad spectrum of traditional folk performance art activities including folk dance will be supported by the program, in addition to instrumental music studies

Residents of Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties are eligible to participate

Not only do we believe the program will better serve our community, it will increase the presence and visibility of the Fresno Folklore Society. In order for all of this to happen, WE DO NEED YOUR HELP!

The Scholarship Fund will be administered by a committee of three (3) interested individuals, which will have the following responsibilities:

- 1. Review applications and recommend eligible candidates to the Board
- 2. Develop and distribute forms and promotional materials
- 3. Spearhead the annual fundraising concert.

one for the banishment of flies. Here goes:

If you are interested in serving on the Scholarship Fund Committee or want more information regarding the program, contact John McDaniel (559) 779-7186, Sal Sciandra (559) 349-4388, or Ron Bohigian (559) 593-3949.

JUNE'S TREASURE TROVE

Well, it is summer and the dreaded onslaught of flies has begun. People are getting into their groove with the household flyswatters. I know, I have. While reviewing some other items in the articles saved by June Breese-McClellan's relatives, I ran across Bay leave

TO KEEP AWAY FLIES: "The San Francisco Medical Journal says it is stated that oil of bay is used in Switzerland by butchers to keep their shops free from flies; and that after of a coat of the oil has been applied to the walls, none of these troublesome pests venture to put in an appearance. This remedy has also been tried and found effectual in the south of France in preserving gilt frames, chandeliers, etc., from becoming soiled. It is remarked that flies soon avoid the rooms where this application has been employed—Frank Leslie."

I wonder if one could use men's shaving lotion containing bay in order to

effect the same result without having to go to the trouble of looking for oil of bay, although I am sure one could find the oil at a heath food store or on line. Maybe, rather than painting it on the walls, one could spray it into the air. Of course, you could try having a person spray the bay shaving lotion on and sit in a room to see if the flies avoid it, before going to all the trouble of applying it to the walls, pictures frames, light fixtures, etc. How often would you have to apply it, anyway? Does it work on mosquitos? If you do try it, let me know how it goes. While pondering this, think about what doozies I can bring to you next month. (Sue Wirt)



Bluegrass In The Park Schedule for 2023



Clovis Bluegrass in the Park! The 15th season of Clovis Bluegrass in the Park continues with a full line-up of

concerts into July, Friday evenings, 6:30-8:30 in Liberty Park, 901 Fifth Avenue next to the Veteran's Memorial Building. Performances are free but bands are only compensated through the generosity of the audience. Bring a picnic dinner, a lawn chair (folding chairs are provided) and hunker down for some great bluegrass, old-time and country music!

Date	Band Name and Musicians
June 30th	Fall Can Kaçzin Adam Johnson (guitar/yaçals) Dalisay Johnson (fidd le/yaçals), Dan Kebler (bass, vocals):
July 7th	Dos Valley Trio <i>Doug Carlton (dobro/harmony vocals), Terry Barrett (fiddle/mandolin), Cindy Liedstrand (guitar), Harry Liedstrand (fiddle).</i>
July 14th	Bluegrass Element (Old-time American String band), Bob Garcia (mandolin/vocals), Jonathan Hall (bass), Steve Hall (banjo), Michael McDonald (guitar/vocals).
July 21st	Sugar Pine Chuck Thrapp (guitar/vocals), Dave Novell (guitar/vocals), Robyn Flory (Vocals), Jeff Gurule (banjo/vocals), Ron "Bearrr" Murrey (Ubass /vocals).
	SEPTEMBER (Concerts start at 6 pm)
September 1st	The GillyGirls Band Savannah Gillingham (mandolin/fiddle/vocals), Morgan (mandolin/bass/vocals), Hailey guitar/vocals), Jillian (mandolin/banjo/bass/vocals).
September 8th	Sycamore Bend Dan Stein (guitar/vocals), Michael McDonald (mandolin/vocals), Doug Carlton (dobro/vocals), Steve Hall (banjo), Jonathon Hall (bass).
September 15th	Grass Less Traveled Mike Gibson (guitar/vocals), Michael McDonald (mandolin/vocals), Steve Hall (banjo), Jonathan Hall (bass), and Doug Carlton (dobro/vocals).
September 22nd	Uncle Ephus Linda Dryden (vocals /autoharp), Doug Cornelius (vocals/ washboard), Ron Zastovnik (mandolin), Barbara Larae Brown (dobro/ banjo), Ed Hawk (bass), Steve Barnett (guitar), Jean Kilpatrick (fiddle).

June 30th: The Ed Bell Band has had to cancel. Tall Can Koozie is filling in this evening featuring Americana/blues/country and dynamic fledding from the former State Champion,

Dalisay Johnson.

July 7th:Dos Valley Trio with Terry Barrett (fiddle/mandolin), Cindy Liedstrand (guitar) and Harry Liedstrand (fiddle) in sets of "old-time" fiddle tunes and songs, the music that Bill Monroe first played.



Tall Can Koozie

July 14th: Bluegrass Element with Doug Carlton, Bob Garcia, Jonathan Hall, Steve Hall and Michael McDonald in sets of straight-ahead bluegrass.

July 21st: Sugar Pine, Chuck Thrapp, Dave Novell, Robyn Flory, Jeff Gurule and Ron "Bearr" Murray in a mix of bluegrass, folk, country and a little classic rock and roll.

Bluegrass in the Park will take a break through the hottest months of summer and return on September 1st with four additional concerts.



Bluegrass Element



Dos Valley Trio

Sugar Pine

Save the Date! Harvest Home: A Festival of Traditional Americana Music, Saturday October 21st at the River Center, 11605 Old Friant Road, Fresno.

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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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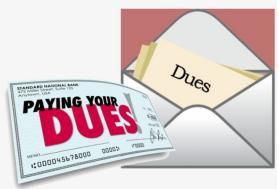
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DUES ARE DUE FOR 2023-2024

Dues are due again in July. The Fresno Folklore Society has already received several renewals via email, snail mail, and inperson at events. Now it 's your turn. The membership application is on the next page of this Fresno Flyer newsletter. You may cut that off and send a check or you can also go to the website to pay that way. Recent activities for Fresno Folklore have been concerts at the University Presbyterian Church, Pat

Wolk's Garden, Tower Porchfest where some venues hosted FFS members as performers, the return of Bluegrass in the Park in Clovis, hosted by the California Bluegrass Association, and contra dances with Evo Bluestein as the caller. The Santa Fe Basque welcomed us back for the weekly jam on Wednesdays (5 to 7 pm) and EZ Mark's Honkey-Tonk jam on 1st and 3rd Mondays from 4 to 6 pm (unless it is too hot). Scheduling for future events is ongoing. One of the best parts of being a member of FFS is our fabulous newsletter. Whether you receive it by email or snail mail, give it a read and brighten your day. (Sue Wirt)

JULY 2023 EVENTS

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

First and Third Sundays monthly: The Pure Drop@ Bog House Pub 7089 N. Marks , Fresno, 1-3 PM

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 2:00-4:00 PM Santa Fe Basque (Maroa and Simpson). FREE

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Fri, July 7, Bluegrass In The Park, Dos Valley Trio @ Liberty Park in Clovis 6:30-8:30 PM (see article)

Sat, July 8, Evo's Community Dance @ Pete and Carmen's Salsa Dance Academy, 7-9 PM (see article)

Sun, July 9, The Pure Drop @ Oakroom Bar, 40807 CA-41, Oakhurst, CA, 11 AM-3 PM, traditional Irish flute and guitar

Fri, July 14, Bluegrass In The Park, Bluegrass Element @ Liberty Park in Clovis 6:30-8:30 PM (see article)

Fri, July 21, Bluegrass In The Park, Sugar Pine @ Liberty Park in Clovis 6:30-8:30 PM (see article)

Thur, July 27, Respite By The River, Evo reading @ River Center, 11605 Old Friant Road, Fresno, CA 93730

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat, August 26, 2023 Play Music On The Porch Day https://www.facebook.com/playmusicontheporchday/

Sat, October 21 Harvest Home Festival: A Festival of Traditional Americana Music @ the River Center,



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