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Notes from Board President, Ron Bohigian



If you want to meet people, get a dog, or play music in public. This past week, Megan and I camped three days at Pinnacles National Park with a group of our music friends. When we weren't out looking at birds, including California Condors, we were circled in the campground playing our old time tunes. As I've humbly admitted, I'm not a "professional" musician. My notes are not perfect and my timing is an emerging skill.

Nevertheless, the music our group produces is enjoyable enough that people stop by, some bringing their chairs, and sometimes they even applaud. Quite often, people will talk to you if you have some icebreaking entity with you such as a fiddle, guitar, or that dog. Perhaps the subtlety of acoustic music made by a group of septuagenarians (ouch, that stings) lowers the affective filter. We're like...zoo creatures. Bottom line is, we met people from Washington, Oregon, and somewheres back east, which was a delight. Across from our campsite was a family from Goleta including half a dozen children. It was notable that the kids were having a great time and not once did we see any of the young'uns with an iPad or a cell phone in hand. Pinnacles National Park, tucked away in the Diablo Range south of Hollister is a quiet treasure. This was my first visit and hopefully not my last.

And how about those California Condors? They are something to see. The condor is a species that seems to have been brought back from the verge of extinction. Populations are growing in Grand Canyon, Pinnacles, and latest word is a few may have moved into Sequoia National Park

Next month (May 5-8) we'll be up at Kirch Flat on the Kings River above Pine Flat Lake making more music. Please check out all the FFS events scheduled over the next few months. Thank you to our board members who help make things happen and a thanks to you for your financial, volunteer support and just being part of the group.

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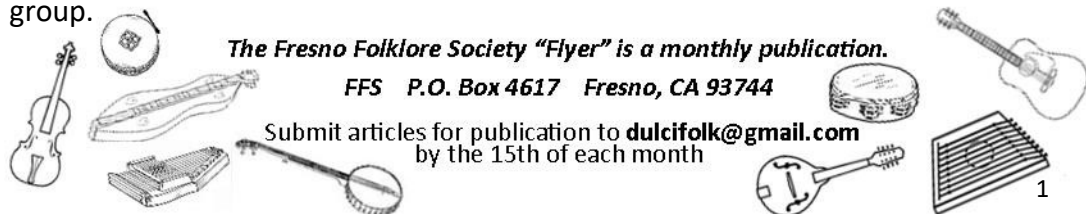
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Saturday, April 23rd, 2022 7:00pm

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The Fresno Old Time Fiddler's and Music Jam

Kelly's jam is back! It has a new name, a new time and a new location, but the music promises to be just as exciting as ever.

Join the gang for the kickoff event on:

Saturday April 9th 2:00- 4:00

**Santa Fe Basque – 3110 N. Maroa St.
Fresno, CA**



Thanks,

Kelly O'Neill & Lynda Emanuels

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

Another Whoop dee doo!

June 11, 2022

SAVE the DATE for Pat's **Double
Infinity Birthday Party** in the Wolk
Garden. 3pm, Potluck at 5.

Another year! Another Whoop dee doo!

Come join The Wolk Women to celebrate Pat's double infinity year

June 11th 2022

3pm until whenever

Live Music Potluck @ 5:00 Swimming
Beer & Wine provided

In the Wolk Garden
6661 N. Forkner Ave



Any questions, please contact:
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I grew up in a church that had lots of potlucks. What a feeling to scan the tables and to see all of my favorite dishes ready to taste! What a wonderful thing then, to join the Fresno Folklore Society who also celebrated all special events with potlucks. In the 80's when the children of the FFS needed more space than indoor homes, we organized regular potlucks outdoors at Woodward Park. At those we promoted the idea of bringing everything the family needed, since it wasn't at anyone's home. So, along with our food to share, we all brought plates, silverware, napkins and water. Once we had our picnic basket organized it was a simple thing to do. When we first started attending Pat's wonderful potlucks she would be surprised when we

brought out our own table service. Then she saw how it could save her and her clean-up crew a lot of time! Pat has been SO gracious as a host and this is one easy way to let her know that we will share in the work of the potluck. So, on May 1st you will all have the pleasure of hearing Bruce Honeyman's stellar work. And right before, you will be amazed by a beautiful potluck. **Bring your own basket of table service** and see Pat's joy! **(Kathryn Johnsen)**

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 8th**. 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 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)**



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Basque Jam As Success

Our **Friends of Kenny Hall Basque Jam** had a successful restart last month. The 5-7 pm jam had a good turnout from the first night (see photo) With state mandates loosening up, masks are no longer required for this event. Bring your friends and family for a dinner on the patio as you listen to old timey music. See you there! **(Ron Bohigian)**





Pat Wolk Mystery History Quiz® March Answer

I had several responses. First from **Linda Halk** who could name all: **Kathryn Johnsen, Sherron Brown, Sue Beevers, Kathy Golden. Kevin Hall**, our dance teacher.

And then from **Kathryn Johnsen** who is one of the four lovelies with more details. Here is some of her response.

From Kathryn:

"Linda of course was right about the personnel in the picture, and I am pretty sure the mystery guest is Kathy Golden. The dresses were our first costumes for performances. Mrs. Hall, [Kevin's mom and internationally known Irish dance teacher] had a cheerleader dress pattern with a gored skirt, and we all sewed these up in black velveteen. The Celtic knot design (usually richly embroidered) was cut out of white felt and appliquéd on. We were all working women on tight budgets. Also, Kevin said that we had to "earn" our rhinestones. We weren't competing yet (that came later) so white felt it was. This picture was taken in my living room-I recognize the lace door curtains. Only a couple months later Anne Mosgrove walked into that living room for a class, met the eyes of our instructor Kevin Hall and it was love at first reel! Polito's Dance Studio was used a few years later. The time was St. Pat's in March 1980. We would've performed at St Pat's, St Anthony's and Finn MacCoul's and the Olympic Tavern. Now I need Kevin and Anne to fill in the details! **(Kathryn Johnsen)**

From Kevin & Anne:

Polito's. Maude Polito, a former Ziegfield girl whose husband built her a dance studio, really the bottom fourth of a four-unit apartment building. Beautiful setup. And the Wild Blue. Kathy Golden is the mystery guest in the photo. Very early '80s if red dresses came later, I believe, then the kilts and shawls, what an amazing kilt making workshop Mom led that night. Ironing boards and stitch witchery everywhere. And the irons, oh, the irons!

Good Folklore Times! **(Kevin Hall)**

From Pat Wolk

Our Kevin of early folklore did compete in Ireland...and won! But he not only dances and plays the banjo, he has become important to the Fresno Community as an active environmentalist. He's gonna save us from drying up and blowing away....IF we do our part.

Kevin Hall hosts Climate Politics on KFCF 88.1 FM every second and fourth Friday, 5 p.m.–6 p.m. He tweets as @airfresno and @sjvalleyclimate and coordinates an informal network of climate activists at www.valleyclimate.org. Contact him at sjvalleyclimate@gmail.com for presentations and information.

I love sharing FFS history with our newbies...and our oldies. **(Pat Wolk)**

The following is excerpted from an article by Bruce Honeyman

Folk Music of the Local Terroir: A musical self portrait

By Bruce W. Honeyman

"All music is folk music." - Louis Armstrong

Folk songs and folk melodies have always captivated me. My grade school years were filled with singing folk songs in class and learning to square dance. From 6th grade on, popular music dominated my musical interests. Maturing in age and taste meant exploring new music and discovering the wide world of sound. As I became more educated and aware, I heard expressed in music the commonality of all human experience. As a psychologist and meditator, I learned to sit with my own suffering and the suffering of others. Over time I came to understand that the 'stories' that people 'sang' were manifestations of their humanness and provided a vehicle for expression and relief, however temporary, for their longing or suffering. I began composing in earnest when the pandemic started. It was a replacement for what had been taken away, as social gathering was eliminated. Composing music became my response to loss and helped fill the need for connection. My early compositions were supported by friends near and far, so I kept going. As a practitioner of meditation and having worked on my body and mind for my entire adult life, I knew that there was something unfinished inside me—that there was unfulfilled life energy seeking expression and resolution.

At this point in my musical journey, I would have this advice: Listen to and play the folk music of your local terroir—music that informs and nourishes you; music that keeps you grounded in your local community; music that helps you know who you are and where you came from; music that makes you want to sing, play, and dance until the spirits (your ancestors) descend upon you; music that is handmade, real, personal, and intimate. It will help ground you in the reality of your life, give your life meaning, sustenance and guidance. Peace and thanks for the opportunity to share my music and story with you all.

The full length article is available by writing me at bwhoneyman@gmail.com.

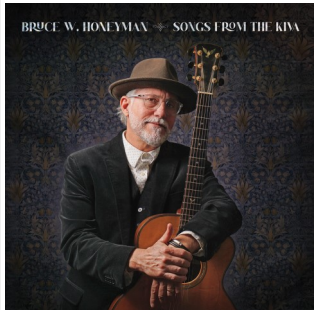


Photo by Brad Polzin

Bruce will be debuting his new CD at a concert at Pat Wolk's garden on Sunday, May 1. No cover charge will be assessed and all members and friends of the FFS are invited to attend. He will have his triple release from last summer, 'Old Roots, New Branches' for sale in addition to his new release, 'Songs from the Kiva'. In addition, this event will include a potluck dinner beforehand. Festivities will start at 4:30 for socializing, dinner and then a concert by Bruce playing a selection of his compositions. **Please save the date: Sunday, May 1, 4:30 PM.** Since May 1 is also International Workers Day as well as the Celtic holiday of the first day of summer, Beltane, we will have much to celebrate. **If you come to the potluck and concert, please plan to bring a dish to share, your own chairs and your own plates, glasses, etc.** As Pat has asked: "Pack a picnic basket with plates, silverware, napkins, tablecloth, wine glass, water. Take it home, wash it up and have it ready for the NEXT potluck." Pack it in, pack it out.

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 patsywalk@gmail.com



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EVENTING



Eventing usually refers to equestrian activities (dressage, point-to-point cross country), but I am using it to reference getting out of our routines of the past two years, back into the sunlight of music, poetry, and dance. Although FFS had to cancel our January and February concerts due to COVID protocols and closed venues for our performers elsewhere in the state (they were on tour), we appear to be back on track. The jams at the Santa Fe Basque started up again in March and April: see Kenny Hall's Friends Old Time Music Jam on Wednesdays, Honkey Tonk the first Monday of each month, and Kelly's Corner Jam on the second Saturday. The Irish Jam at La Boulangerie on the second Sunday had already started as it takes place outside. Rogue Festival is back and happened March 4 through March 12. It was a smaller Rogue Festival with fewer artists and venues but successful and a good harbinger of things to come. I managed to go to thirteen shows. Two of the out-of-town performers showed up at the Kenny Hall's Friends Jam. More things are happening in the months of April, May, and June. Check out the various articles and posters in the newsletter as well as the Events page. I am looking forward to attending as many as possible. A few are scheduled at the same time: Old Time Fiddlers and Music Jam and Tower Porchfest; California Autoharp Gathering and World Fiddle Day. Tower Porchfest goes on all day so there is still a lot to see. Favorite events such as John McCutcheon (rescheduled from January) and Pat Wolk's double infinity birthday party are in early June so save the dates. See you there and elsewhere. **(Sue Wirt)**



Music from 6:30 p.m. until dusk at 901 Fifth St, Clovis in Liberty Park, just east of Old Town and the Veterans Memorial Building, in front of the Law School. Bring a chair or blanket, a picnic supper, your family and friends and be ready for a good time! Bluegrass in the Park is sponsored by the California Bluegrass Association. Like us on Facebook!

	Date	Band Name and Players
	May 13th	The GrassKickers Bob Garcia (mandolin/vocals), Dan Stein (guitar/vocals), Tom Naiman (banjo/vocals), Ron "Bearr" Murray (bass/vocals)
	May 20th	The Sharecroppers John Cogdill (mandolin), Eric Antrem (guitar), Eric Johnson (bass) Jack Kinney (banjo)
	May 27th	Fiddlers' Frolic and Two for the Road Terry Barrett (fiddle), Jack Kinney (fiddle), Donn Beedle (fiddle/viola/vocals) and Karana Hattersley-Drayton (vocals/keyboard)

Tower Porch Fest Features FFS Musicians

Last year a Tower District resident, **Jeremy Hofer**, created Fresno's Tower Porch Fest, a day of live music performed on porches in the Tower District, with a schedule so people can walk from venue to venue and enjoy the music and the day.

This year Tower Porch Fest returns on April 9 from 10 am to 8 pm, with an after party at Goldstein's on Wishon. Hofer and his team have created posters with Q codes that will allow you to scan and read about the players and performances at each location.

Ron and Megan Bohigian's front deck at 742 E. Home Ave. is the site of the music by Fresno Folklore Society members, from 12-6, and 7-8. From noon until 2pm, the Irish group, including **Larry Cusick** on pipes, will perform, followed by the **Dry Creek String Band** and friends—the **Bohigians**, **Larry Cusick** and **Susan Heidebrecht**, and **David and Katzi Engle**. In and around and between, the trio **Old Fresno**—**Terry Barrett**, **Barry Shultz**, and **Megan Bohigian**, will play.

It might be hot, so bring a hat and water. On our driveway, there will be chairs, but some savvy audience members brought their own, and were more comfortable. **(Megan Bohigian)**



TOWER PORCHFEST

Tower Porchfest grew out of the need for music in the time of COVID. It is happening on **Saturday, April 9 at various locations throughout the Tower area**. I attended some of the performances last year and thoroughly enjoyed myself. Take your folding chair, your water, and your hat (needed one last year as shade is limited at most sites). There will be Celtic and Old Time, current singer-songwriters, and small bands, people who like to make music. Two for the Road, Glen Delpit, and in a separate appearance and location, Glen Delpit and the Subterraneans, the Covid 7 (traditional country), Jerry Thurston Trio, and other

FFS member persons and groups are some of the featured artists. Tower Porchfest is sponsored by the Tower Porchfest Committee and Creative Fresno. Check out Facebook. For maps, performers, and times, go to facebook.com/TowerPorchFest. Times are 10 am to 8 pm. **(Sue Wirt)**

April, 2022 EVENTS

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

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

EVENTS

Sat, April 9, 10AM—8PM Porchfest @ various locations. <https://www.facebook.com/TowerPorchFest/>

Sat, April 9, 11-3, Spring Fling On The Kings with Snap Jackson @ Lapp River House, 559-787-9500 for info.

Sat, April 23, 7:00PM, MISNER & SMITH @ The Wolk Garden 6661 N. Forkner Ave. Fresno
\$20 Advance & FFS & Academy members; \$25 at door for non members. Tickets available on line and at outlets on April 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, May 1, Bruce Honeyman Concert @ Wolk garden (See Article)

Mon. May 16, Banshee in The Kitchen @ Lapp River house, concert details at overlap2321@gmail.com

Sat, May 21, World Fiddle Day @ Big Red Church , 12-4 pm, (See Article)

Thurs, June 9, John McCutcheon @ UU Church details TBA

Sat, June 11, Pat Wolk's double infinity party @ Wolk Garden details TBA

Support these FFS supporters at Porchfest 2022

10 am to 11:45. Old time and a little country music with the Covid 7 Plus, Porch of Dan Zack and family, 711 E. Pine in the Wilson Island Historic District.

10 to 12 Jerry Thurston Trio near Echo and Floradora

12-1 Glen Delpit near Lucerne and Floradora

12 to 2 pm Irish on porch of Megan and Ron Bohigian's, 742 E Home Ave

2 to 4 pm Old-time on Bohigian's porch 742 E Home Ave.

3-4 pm Glen Delpit and the Subterraneans at Pine and Linden

4 to 5 Two for the Road with a live radio broadcast KFCF Pine and Wishon in a mix of Celtic and Americana.



2022-2024 NOMINATIONS FOR FFS BOARD



The year rolls around again. We are accepting nominations for Fresno Folklore Society Board of Directors during the month of April so that we can send out our ballot in May with the newsletter. If you are interested or know someone who is, please call Sue Wirt at 222-9801 or 270-3599 with any questions you may have. As your newsletter lists the current Board members, go ahead and contact one of them for information about what we do. If you nominate someone other than yourself, make sure that person is really interested. (Sue Wirt)

Grateful for Your Support of Our Fresno Folklore Society

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

Membership information: 559-222-9801

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