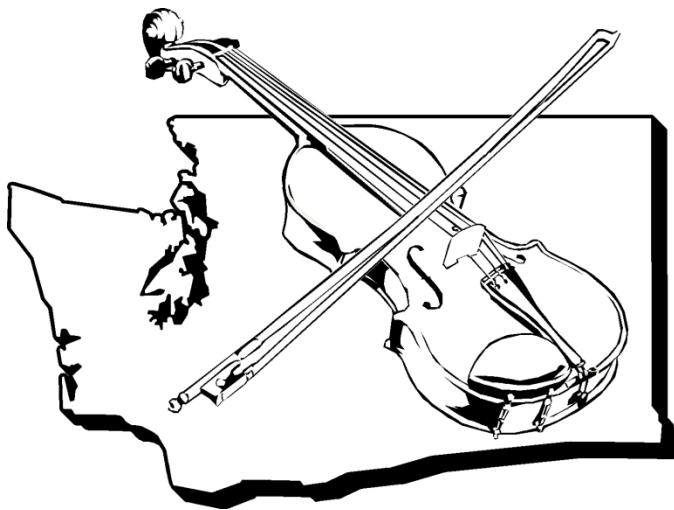


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From the President

It is with very mixed emotions and a very saddened heart that I send out this notice. For the first time in over 30 years, since the start of the WOTFA Workshop, WOTFA is forced to cancel Fiddle camp.

On April 25, 2020, the Board of Directors met with the workshop chairperson, Corrine Agnew, along with other members of the workshop committee during their annual Spring Board meeting. The decision to suspend the 2020 Fiddle camp was a tremendously difficult one to make. The vote however was unanimous. The concerns regarding the current pandemic, is one that we all share.

The Board of Directors and the Workshop Committee are dedicated to the health and wellbeing of our membership. There is no guarantee that this virus will subside to a level that will allow Fiddle camp to proceed without jeopardizing the health of those that attend.

I want to thank Corrine, the workshop committee, and the Board of Directors for all their hard work and dedication in preparing for the 2020 Fiddle camp. I look forward to coming back stronger next year.

All other WOTFA events are subject to the Governor's Stay at Home order. This order is currently in effect until May 4th and may be modified or extend based on the guidelines that have been set out by the CDC. Please check the website often for any changes or updates based on the changes that are made to this order. I will be sending out email notices if anything major changes because of these orders.

The primary concern should be the health and wellbeing of our members and those that we come in contact with. These are very trying times, but, we will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Bill Crabtree, President Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association

From the Workshop

Co-Chairs Corrine Agnew and Tyler Hagood

With the uncertainty of COVID-19 and not knowing if and when events will be allowed in the State of Washington, the WOTFA Board of Directors and Workshop Chairs have decided to cancel the 2020 Fiddle Camp.

We are very sad to have to do this but for the safety of our instructors and all of you, it is the right thing to do. For those of you that have registered and paid via Credit Card or PayPal, you will receive a refund within the next week. If you have sent a check or gave a donation during your registration, I will personally be contacting you to process your refunds. If you have any questions in regards to the Camp, please feel free to contact us at wotfaworkshop@gmail.com.

We encourage you to stay connected with your District and watch for activities being planned for once we are able to gather in groups again.

We will be working towards a great 2021 Camp and can't wait to see you all soon!

Workshop Co-Chairs--Corrine Agnew, Tyler Hagood

DISTRICT 1: Asotin, Columbia, Garfield & Whitman Counties Contact: Betty Lehrman (509)758-3602 email: blehrman@clarkston.com

No longer an active WOTFA District

DISTRICT 2: Ferry, Lincoln, Pend O'Reille, Spokane & Stevens Counties; CHAIR: Kyle Peterson- email: wotfa.kyle@gmail.com

Monthly Meeting: To Be Announced

Congratulations to our Moses Lake Fiddle Camp Scholarship Winners: Karis, Charity, Allegra and Daniel Adams; Ethan, Annie, Max, Levi and Abel Dudenhofer, Helen and Leah Huguenin; and then from over the border, Emma, Jonathan, Matthew and Molly Smith. We are glad to see so many returning students and the Adams, Dudenhofers and Huguenin siblings should all know that part of their assignment is to seek out the Smith musicians and invite them to play. Whether we will be able to conduct the Fiddle Camp or not, it is reassuring at this time to see so many young musicians eager to improve their skills. In the meantime, I know that everyone is practicing, learning new songs and developing a better technique. If everyone continues to take care of themselves, I'm sure that we will get through this crisis and see everyone again.

DISTRICT 3: Chelan, Douglas & Okanogan Counties; **CHAIR:** Gerry Gengler, 2 23rd St NE, East Wenatchee, WA 98802 (509) 886-0416

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REPORTER: Carl Buck (509) 679-7492

Monthly Meeting: Cancelled until further notice.

Monthly meeting, Jam and all playdates cancelled until further notice

DIISTRICT 4: Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan Counties;

CHAIR: TBA

REPORTER: Marguerite (Peggy) Cairns (360) 630-1156 ~

email: cairns.jonpeg@gmail.com

Monthly Meeting: Cancelled until further notice

WOTFA's summer music workshops at Moses Lake, scheduled for July will not be held this year unfortunately.

When and If our pandemic restrictions are lifted we WOTFA's are ready to resume playing music to our beloved audiences. Fred Robbins will email any updates to his mailing list along with our schedule once we are up and running. If you want these notifications email

Fred: fred@robbinsmetal.com

There's been no gatherings of our district 4 WOTFA's members... we are all practicing our stay at home/social distancing precautions during this Covid 19 worldwide pandemic... staying in touch via phone calls, texts, FaceTime and zoom meetings... pretty amazing our technology... the tough part is setting aside my "contempt" ... and give it a try ... asking the grandkids to help me out with step by step ...etc... keep grinning... know that you are loved... sooo sorry for those who have lost family members or have family or friends gravely ill.

The best thing is to keep reaching out via telephone. Or write a letter... keep busy . Get fresh air whenever possible... stay positive and know that you are loved

Keep your hands, eyes and hearts in your music

DISTRICT 5: Kitsap, Mason, Grays Harbor & Pacific Counties ~ **CHAIR:** Kay McCarthy- (360) 895-0628-**email:** mkmccarthy11@gmail.com

REPORTER: Laura Farr, Shelton (360) 427-1703-

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Mason County Coordinators: Will and Laura Farr, Shelton

(360) 427-1703

Kitsap County Coordinator: Kay McCarthy

(360) 895- 0628

Monthly Meeting: Cancelled until further notice

DISTRICT 6: King County; CHAIR: Roy Calvert (425) 228-5846;

email: r-calvert@msn.com

REPORTER: Simon Knaphus (415) 240-1939

Dist. 6 Monthly Meeting: Cancelled until further notice.

Circle Jam: Cancelled until further notice

Greetings from District 6! Despite "the great pause" we have some very good news to report. Congratulations to Joseph and Amy Crowell on the arrival of Theodore Crowell on March 31st weighing in at 9 lbs. 7 oz! Also, congratulations to Andrew Kimball and Corrine Kaulia who announced their engagement on March 15th! The wedding date will be set in the future.

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!

DISTRICT 7: Yakima, Kittitas, & Klickitat Counties;

No longer an active WOTFA District

DISTRICT 8: Pierce County CHAIR: Barbara Peterson,

(253) 926-8457-email: bmacleanp@comcast.net

REPORTER: Ron Duncan -email: mbrwd@comcast.net

Monthly meeting: Cancelled until further notice.

In District 8 we are having imaginary jams, meetings, play outs, and shows.

We were hoping to go to the summer work shop. Numerous people were inquiring about it and planned to register to go. We are, however, still planning on attending the Centralia music camp out in August.

DISTRICT 9: Lewis & Thurston Counties: CHAIR: Christie Easter (360) 791-5185~ email: mrwillys@aol.com VICE CHAIR: Kelvy Brown, 360-388-0124 REPORTER: same as above

Meeting/Open Jam: Cancelled until further notice

Hi everyone; For the month of May we are still within the Governor's 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy' order until at least May 4th but hopefully not too long after that things will begin to return towards normal. Since we usually take a break from meeting during the summer months (June, July and August), it seems reasonable to shift into summer mode early, as of May 1st.

So for May:

No 1st Thursday meeting and jam. No guitar or ukulele class.

No 2nd Wednesday Colonial Stillwater Estates Playdate

No 3rd Monday beginner friendly slow jam

As far as our Colonial Stillwater Play date, they are currently not allowing any visitors or groups into the facility and don't know when that will change, but I will keep in contact with them and let you know as soon as we can return to our regular play date.

When we do eventually get together as a group we may be required to wear a face mask or other face cover (don't know). If you or your family want or need a cotton face mask and don't have one please let me know, I have lots, in many colors and 4 sizes: Men's, women's and teenagers, youth age 7-12 and child age 3-6. This is part of the Lewis County mask sewing group on FB, put together by a WOTFA alumni, Callie Carpenter. To date the group has made over 10,000 masks that have been distributed in Lewis County without cost to essential workers and first responders.

So- happy early summer and keep on fiddling!

DISTRICT 10: Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wakiukum Counties-

CHAIR:Kathryn Bode –email: chefkat56@gmail.com

Monthly Meeting: Cancelled until further notice

No report received

DISTRICT 11: Grant and Adams Counties; CHAIR: Charlie Root, 23 Road M NE Moses Lake, WA 98837 (509) 765-5927 email: clroot@sosmail.us

Monthly Meeting: Cancelled until further notice.

No report received

DISTRICT 12: Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla Counties; CHAIR: Joe Gunter (509) 948-1772

REPORTER: Chuck Hedel, email: cwhedel@gmail.com

Monthly Meeting: Cancelled until further notice.

Monthly Jam and Show: 2nd Thursday of every month, ~ 7:00 PM ~

Knights of Columbus Hall-Cancelled until further notice

We had not scheduled a monthly District 12 business meeting for May because of Mother's Day. However, assuming we are allowed to do so, plan to attend the Sunday, June 14 monthly District 12 business meeting to enjoy camaraderie and barbeque with fellow members, to learn about upcoming playouts for the summer and to keep informed of local and statewide activities. Let's hope for good weather for a cookout. Please bring a potluck side dish to share or a dessert.

One of the summer playouts that we all look forward to in District 12 is the Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo, which is expected to be held this year from August 25 through August 29. We are working toward once again having a wagon in the Saturday, August 22, parade through downtown Kennewick, that kicks off the Fair each year. We are also working on determining whether we will play onstage at the Fair. The bigger question is, "Will there be a Fair this year due to the Covid-19 situation?" The Fair website does not speak to the issue at all, and my email inquiries have gone unanswered. Details, as they become available, will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

All of our senior home playouts, pizza jams and all Knights of Columbus Hall performances remain cancelled until we receive direction from the WOTFA President and Board on how to proceed. While we know that playing music together with our friends is an important part of our lives, and that providing live entertainment to our senior audiences is part of our mission, we also understand the need for this action and that our compliance will assist in keeping our audiences and musicians safe, as well as contribute to the longer-term resolution to this crisis. While the situation remains very fluid and no one knows for sure where the virus issue will lead, we are hopeful of safely returning to our regular playout schedule soon, and we will inform you via Face Book, text message, email or personally when playouts are allowed to resume. In the meantime, stay healthy, and best to you all. And, with that, we wish a wonderful Mother's Day to all of the WOTFA moms. Have a great day!

DISTRICT 15: Jefferson and Clallam Counties; **CHAIR:** Scott Holmen,
(360)-620-9221, scottpholmen@gmail.com

PLAYDATE COORDINATOR: Don Betts -(360) 681-5218

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SPECIAL PLAYDATES COORDINATOR: Pete Crose (360) 582-1249

email:pgcrose@msn.com

WEB SITE: www.d15.wotfa.org

Monthly Meeting: Cancelled until further notice

Fourth Saturday: Cancelled until further notice

Schedule changes in summer and December. See www.d15.wotfa.org

DISTRICT 16: Snohomish County; **CHAIR:** Noel Lareau (360) 691-5907 – e-

mail: Noelula@aol.com **REPORTER:** Noel Lareau

Business meeting: Cancelled until further notice.

D 16 jams 2nd and 4th Fridays: Cancelled until further notice.

Sunshine Chair: Mayves Anderson (425) 334-7988

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Playdate coordinator: Gary Nordby (425) 334-8331

gtnordby@frontier.com

OPEN JAMS

Cancelled until further notice

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Official WOTFA Sponsored Events

2020:

WOTFA State Workshop— Cancelled for 2020