



Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association

Preserving an American Tradition



Evergreen Fiddler – October 2022

From the Secretary

10/01/2022 – Author: Katie Gotshall

October is always a pretty big deal for WOTFA, and apparently I have more going on than I was prepared for too! For everyone who was expecting to see this month's newsletter last week, I'm SO sorry it's late! It's great that everything is ramping back up after 2 years of slow downs, but I guess I wasn't quite ready for everything to be back in **full swing** so quickly!

I heard a great suggestion at the Labor Day District 5 Campout that I think I should share with everyone. We should have a "Tune of the Month" jam at Fiddle Camp next summer. Kitty works tirelessly every month to put together such great research into these old time tunes – and so often we listen to them, think "I should learn that" and then ... we don't. I'm personally going to try to make it a habit to learn the tunes each month, so that we – across the state – have some fantastic tunes in common next summer! Don't forget, you can look at, download, and listen to any tune of the month by looking in the "[Tune Library](#)" (In the Tunes Menu, look for Tune Library). By default, the tunes are tiled in alphabetical order, and the last time I looked, there are 5 pages of tunes now! You can also search for any tune in the library by simply typing a word of the title in the search window, and clicking the search button. You'll get any tune (or post on our website) that contains that word!

October is District Election Month – so be sure to take note of where and when your district is meeting, so you can get involved! Check out our [event calendar](https://wotfa.org/events/) (at <https://wotfa.org/events/>) for all sorts of meeting and playout information! I've been trying to keep up with requests for changes and updates – and always feel free to submit your own event information if you are hosting or know of something that others might like to participate in!

October is also the official start of Membership Renewals! 2022 Membership ends on December 31. Renew now, and you don't have to remember to do it later! Your membership fees help offset district rental fees for storage units and meeting spaces, as well as helping pay for scholarships for our students, helping to fund Fiddle Camp, and other community events (and stuff like web hosting services too). You can renew your membership online, by logging into the WOTFA site, then clicking on Membership > My Account > Pay my dues (<https://wotfa.org/membership/>). Membership fees remain \$25 for the first member of your household, and \$5 for each additional member.

I was so excited to see so many faces at my district meeting last month – and I can't wait to see everyone again, and to play some tunes!



Tune of the Month: Durang's Hornpipe

10/01/2022 – Author: Kitty Steetle

DURANG'S HORNPIPE

WOBBLE GEARS

Howard Marshall's version

transcribed by Kitty Steetle



The tune, Durang's Hornpipe, is believed to be composed in 1785 by Mr Hoffmaster and his wife, both little people, and named for their fiddle student and actor/dancer, John Durang (Lancaster, PA 1768 — Philadelphia, PA 1821). John Durang then went on to be known as 'the first American dancer' and popularized the 'nautical-style' hornpipe dance, The Sailor's Hornpipe.^[1]

By the early 1800s the tune is found in American music commonplace books^[2] including Thomas W Shannon, thought to be a teacher of Arthur McArthur Sr (Scotland, 1790 — ME, 1874).^[3] It also appears in commonplace books of Ebenezer Bevens (Middletown, CT, 1825), Gurden Trumbull (Stonington, CT, 1801), Josiah Adams (Framingham, MA, 1808), and Seth Johnson (Woburn, MA, 1807).^[4] Durang's Hornpipe is a popular standard tune in Old Time Jams and Irish Sessions throughout North America.

References

1. [https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Durang%27s_Hornpipe_\(1\)](https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Durang%27s_Hornpipe_(1)) This sailor's hornpipe dance is for a single dancer or group of single dancers as opposed to the hornpipe set dance for multiple couples.
2. Commonplace books are an 'individual's compilation of memorabilia (proverbs, poems, recipes, or on occasion pieces of music) recorded by hand in blank books'. (Goertzen, American Antebellum Fiddling, p 1)
3. Goertzen, op. cit., p 4.
4. tunearch, loc. cit.

From the Membership Chair

10/01/2022 – Author: Noel Lareau

Hi folks!

October is upon us, and brings the start of the renewal period for 2023 WOTFA membership! An early renewal is one you don't have to think about any more.

The membership fee is still only \$25 for the first member in a household and \$5 for each additional household member.

As always, if you have problems or question about renewing or joining, please let me know!

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District 2 Report (Ferry, Lincoln, Pend O'Reille, Spokane, and Stevens Counties)

10/01/2022 – Author: Kyle Peterson

We are now headed into District Two's political season, with charges and counter-charges dominating the media as backroom deals are negotiated and multiple candidates jockey for position. Okay, not really. All indications are that the same slate of candidates will go around the revolving door once again. Perhaps everyone in District 2 likes the stability, the Kennedy-like charm or whatever you would call my Administration: benign, laissez-faire, tolerable. In any case, we will be back next month with results – if you can get odds in Vegas, bet on a continuation of the same regime.

Was at the banjo-workshop at the Bluewaters Bluegrass Festival in early August and saw a sticker on one of the banjo cases that said, "It takes a village to tune a banjo." I thought that was pretty funny, besides having a certain truth. Whether or not anyone subscribes to that theory, it soon will be time to check the tuning, hibernate and snuggle in with visions of standing on stage while the awed audience propels you into the championship of your next fiddle contest.

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District 4 Report (Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan Counties)

10/01/2022 – Author: Barry Cole

For October, District 4 has a meeting, a playout, and two jams:

1st. Thursday, October 6 = Play out at Sedro Woolley Senior Center at 11:30 am – 12:30 p.m. (715 Pacific St, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284)

2nd and 4th. Fridays, October 7: Meeting and Jam, and October 21: Jam. Both are at Mt. Vernon Senior Center from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. (1401 Cleveland Ave, Mount Vernon, WA 98273)

Election of new officers will take place at the October 7 Meeting. Barry will need to give up the position of chair at the end of the year, so hopefully someone else will step up to take this role!

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District 6 Report (King County)

10/01/2022 - Author: Jenny Swanson

Hello to you all and welcome to October.

Our first meeting after the summer break was a success! We had about a dozen people of all ages who played a variety of instruments. The violins actually outnumbered the guitars for a change. It was great to see everyone again and to play music together.



We missed having Jack Hadfield with us at this meeting because he didn't know about it, but he is usually a regular. He has been a member for quite a few years and is currently serving as secretary (which is greatly appreciated). He is always cheerful and comes prepared with songs that he enjoys singing and are usually familiar. He calls himself a 40 year beginner as he bought

his first guitar for \$10.00 right after college. He grew up in a small town outside of Chicago, became an engineer at Purdue, and then landed a job at Boeing. It's always good to have Jack in our circle because he is such a pleasant and thoughtful guy and his songs are interesting and fun!

This month, we will again have two events where everyone is welcome.

Our first one is our combo meeting and jam on Sat, Oct 8th which is held from noon to 4 pm at the Des Moines Masonic's Hall. We will start jamming at the beginning and break for a short meeting about 1 pm. During the meeting, we will hold elections for Chair. If you would like to run for this position, please contact Earl at earldewitt7@gmail.com After the meeting we will break for lunch where there will be coffee and water available. There will then be more jamming until we run out of steam, usually around 3:30 pm.

The 2nd event of Oct is our circle jam on the 29th from 1 pm to 4 pm in Des Moines, WA. **This is a change from the norm, so please note the date.** We jam as long as our fingers hold out and we have enthusiasm! Coffee is served and water is available as well.

When you come to jam, remember to do songs that are simple enough for everyone to get involved. It also helps if you practice beforehand.

Happy fall and keep playing the music you like. Contact me with any District 6 news or any comments.

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District 8 Report (Pierce County)

10/01/2022 – Author: Barbara Peterson

Many opportunities to play music with us in Pierce County! Here are some of our ongoing activities:

Heads UP! Our **meetings/Jams** have started again!

- **3rd Sundays 2PM** District 8 Meeting and Jam. We will meet October 16 at the Mid County Community Center (MCCC) 10205 44th Ave E, Tacoma, WA 98446. It's easy to find behind the school on 104th, just off of 512 and Canyon Road. There's plenty of parking! We'll have a short meeting followed by a long circle jam. Join us! Bring a friend! Meet some nice people! Finger foods welcome.
- **Mondays 1:30PM-3:30PM** Circle jam at Puyallup Senior Center – 210 W. Pioneer Ave. Again, easy to find and park. Formerly the "6ft Tree Jam" outdoors, it's now the "Indoor Tree Jam". Come on and try it!

- **Wednesdays 5-8PM** a slower jam session at the Golden Rose Mobile Park in Puyallup. This will be a good place to start at an easier pace. BUT please contact me ahead to confirm. Contact: Barbara Peterson bmacleanp@comcast.net
- **1st Friday 3:30-7:30PM** Circle Jam at Wilco Farm Store in Gig Harbor. 3408 Hunt St NW in the back. Contact Matt 202.631.3417
- **Fridays 1PM-4PM.** Jam at Golden Rose Mobile Park Community. (No jam on the 1st Friday, 'cause that's Gig Harbor jam above.)

Playouts! **Mark you calendars!**

- October 21 3:30 Brookdale Allenmore.
- 3rd Thursdays 11AM. We have also resumed our monthly playouts at the Mid County Comm. Center luncheon. This is where our meetings etc. are held. Each month has been covered by a group, except December which is still open. Contact: Barbara.
- 2nd Thursday 1:30PM. We have resumed our quarterly playouts at Franke Toby Jones Retirement Community Center in December and March. Contact: Ron Duncan 253-549-2553.

Heads Up! Some discussion has begun about re-convening our popular dance band. We used to meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays 5:30PM at the MCCC. Make a note to get involved when we get going again.

We would like to see/hear more musicians at our circle jams and meetings. So why not drop in? Bring a friend and an instrument, of course! If you have questions, give us a call! Barbara (253) 926-8457

Safe home to Arizona visitor Joyce.

District 8 Chair: Barbara Peterson bmacleanp@comcast.net 253-926-8457

District 9 Report (Lewis & Thurston Counties)

10/01/2022 – Author: Christie Easter

Hi Everyone!

For the month of October we will be having our regular monthly meeting and jam on Friday, October 7th from 10 am to noon at Faith Baptist Church located at 436 Coal Creek Road in Chehalis.

To get to the Church take I-5 to exit 79, then head EAST (back over the freeway), then turn LEFT on N National Ave. Go 1/3 mile, then take a RIGHT on Coal Creek Rd and go 1.1 miles. Then turn RIGHT into the Church driveway. We will be in the middle building. The jam is open to acoustic musicians of all ages and abilities and is very beginner friendly. There will be coffee and tea and some snacks but it won't be a potluck. If you have questions or need more information please give me (Christie) a call or text at 360-791-5185.

Be well and Happy Autumn!

District 9 Chair: Christie Easter 360-791-5185. mrwillys@aol.com

Monthly meeting & jam: 1st Friday 10 am at Faith Baptist Church 436 Coal Creek Rd Chehalis

District 11 Report (Grant & Adams Counties)

10/01/2022 – Author: Charlie Root

District 11 held their September meeting and jam, on September 18th. We had a good turnout of musicians and a good audience. We've had a busy month, with six playouts, the most we've had in two years. We also had the George Washington Bluegrass Festival in our district in September, and several of our members made it out to that. We also saw some WOTFA members from other districts at the event. We don't have any other new playouts scheduled at this time, but we could pick up a couple more before long.

As was announced at our September meeting, we will be having our annual election of officers at our October meeting on October 16th.

Monthly meeting: 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM – Jam 2:00-4:00. Moses Lake Senior Center, 608 E. 3rd Ave. Moses Lake

Playouts

2nd Tues. 2:30 PM Coventry House Assisted Living, 430 N. 2nd Ave. Othello

2nd Wed. 10:00 AM Pioneer Village, 816 Sharon Ave. Moses Lake

2nd Wed. 1:30 PM Avamere, 8425 Aspi Blvd. NE, Moses Lake

3rd Tues. 10:00 AM McKay Healthcare & Rehab Center, Soap Lake

3rd Thurs. 10:00 AM Brookdale Hearthstone, 905 S. Pioneer Way, Moses Lake

4th Thurs. 10:00 AM Summer Wood, 830 NW Sunburst Ct., Moses Lake

District 11 Chair Charlie Root clroot@sosmail.us 509-765-5927

District 12 Report (Benton, Franklin, & Walla Walla Counties)

10/01/2022 – Author: Shawn Hughes

District 12 has some awesome and amazing announcements for the upcoming month of October. KC Hall is BACK!!!

That's right we are going to be starting up our KC Hall jam again in October. It will still be the same night and time as always. Second Thursday of every month at 7 PM. For the time being we will keep the KC hall jam to a circle jam format, as attendance and musicians grow we will look into going back to the show type style.

Secondly, We are going to have another Pizza jam. The district will be having a jam at the Round Table Pizza on George Washington Way. We will try to start at or around 6pm. Please come and enjoy some pizza and fiddle tunes. Lastly, we will be holding our annual elections for District 12. If you or know of anyone you think would be a good candidate please reach out to Joe.

Monthly Meeting:

2nd Sunday at Trios Adult Day Services Building, 10 N. Washington St. Kennewick. (Enter at back) Doors open at 2:00PM for jamming; Finger potluck at 3:00, followed by short business meeting and more jamming.

Monthly Playouts:

1st Wednesday, 6:00pm: Hawthorne Court, 524 N Ely, Kennewick

2nd Wednesday, 6:15pm: Guardian Angel, 245 Van Giesen, Richland

4th Wednesday, 3:00pm: Bonaventure, 1800 Bellerive Dr. Richland

Extras:

Starting October – 2nd Thursday, 7:00pm: Knight of Columbus Hall 2500 Chester Rd, Richland, WA

October 21st, 6:00pm: Round Table Pizza 1435 George Washington Way, Richland

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District 15 Report (Jefferson & Clallam Counties)

10/01/2022 – Author: Rita Hubbard

District 15 is experiencing a slow start after COVID. There are still many that are fearful of gathering indoors. No playouts are scheduled at this time but have some that are requesting available dates.

It is with sad heart to report that John Spence was called home on October 6th. Many of us were fortunate to call him a friend as he was the most kind and generous person we could know. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with Donna and her family. John and Donna had 67 years of beautiful music together – he will be missed by his WOTFA family.

There will be no 4th Saturday jams in November or December due to holidays, but we will meet on October 22nd at the Tri Area Center in Chimacum for one last jam there for 2022. Our next 2nd Saturday jam will be announced at a later time – still looking for a space to gather! Best wishes to all – keep the music alive!

District 15 Chair: Rita Hubbard sidandrita@yahoo.com 360-385-3978

District 16 Report (Snohomish County)

10/01/2022 – Author: Dianne Gooch

Our jam sessions continue with a variety of musicians. The group of jammers changes each time but we always have a fairly full room and some consistent regular musicians. Thanks to Dave and Noel for the faithful commitment to District 16. Mark your calendars for the **2nd & 4th Friday nights, 5:30 – 10:00 pm** (or a bit later) at the Sisco Heights Community Club, 13527-99th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

On **October 28**, we will be voting for our District Chairman and Noel will entertain anyone who would be interested in serving. We vote for the District Chairman and other positions are appointed by the Chairman. One position we could really use is someone who is computer savvy and willing to handle our district publicity. Just talk to Noel if you are interested.

Our next WOTFA Midway Jam will be **Sunday, October 23, 1:30-4:00 pm**, at the Lynnwood Library (19200 44th Ave W, Lynnwood) on Sunday. We have a great time playing fiddle tunes, bluegrass tunes, some swing tunes and being challenged with new tunes. Feel free to ask other musician friends to join us. We are thankful to the Lynnwood Library for freely welcoming us to use this great room. Other districts might want to check in with their local libraries to see if a room is available without cost.

Thanks to Nan Butler for the photo

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