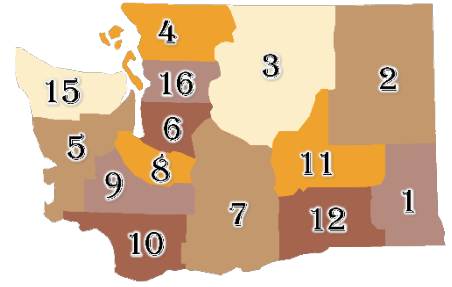




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Evergreen Fiddler – December 2022/January 2023

Polly (Molly) Put the Kettle On

12/01/2022 – Author: Kitty Steetle

MOLLY PUT THE KETTLE ON POLLY PUT THE KETTLE ON



Polly Put the Kettle On (Molly Put the Kettle On) is a Mother Goose children’s rhyme. The ‘modern’ Mother Goose dates back to the early 18th century when Charles Perrault’s fairy tale collection, *Contes de ma Mère l’Oye* was translated into English as *Tales of My Mother Goose*. Like the Germanic Brothers Grimm stories, Mother Goose tales were taken from oral tradition and traces of the stories can be found in early 17th century French literature. Mother Goose tales are also loosely linked to such historical figures as the wife of King Robert II of France, known as Berthe pied d’oie (Goose-Footed Bertha), Charlemagne’s mother Bertrade of Laon, *regina pede aucae* (the goose-foot queen), and even the biblical Queen of Sheba.[1]

The tune, Polly Put the Kettle On, appears in several early 19th century British musicians’ personal collections, including those of T.J. Dixon (Lincolnshire, 1798), Rev. R. Harrison (Cumbria, c. 1815), and J. Lishman (Lake District, c. 1825). In America, the tune is found in the personal collections of Gurdon Trumbull (Stonington, CT, 1801) and Ann Winnington (New York, 1810).[2]

The nursery rhyme is mentioned in Charles Dickens’ *Barnaby Rudge* (1841) which takes place during the Gordon Riots of 1780.[3]

The children’s nursery rhyme most likely heard today:[4]

Polly put the kettle on,
Polly put the kettle on,
Polly put the kettle on,
We’ll all have tea.

Sukey take it off again,
Sukey take it off again,
Sukey take it off again,
They’ve all gone away.[5] [6]

References

1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother_Goose
2. [https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Polly_Put_the_Kettle_On_\(1\)](https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Polly_Put_the_Kettle_On_(1))
3. The Gordon Riots were riots in London, June 2–9, 1780, in response to the passing of the Papist Act of 1778. This act was intended to officially reduce discrimination against British Catholics in the British Military thereby assisting in replenishing its numbers during the American War of Independence.
4. As sung by my mother.
5. Opie, Iona and Opie, Peter, The Oxford Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes (Oxford University Press, 1951, 2nd ed., 1997), pp. 353–54.
6. In mid-eighteenth century British middle-class families, 'Polly' was a nickname for Mary and 'Sukey'

Fiddle Camp Mid-Year Update

12/01/2022 – Author: Corrine Agnew

Happy Holidays from the Workshop Committee!

If you attended fiddle camp there year, you will find a **survey here** (<https://wotfa.surveyparrot.com/s/Fiddle-Camp-2022/tt-5cc4a8>) and we ask that you please fill it out ASAP. This will help us finalize details for the **2023 Fiddle Camp** scheduled for **July 10-14, 2023**.

2022 was a great success and we were so glad to see those that were able to make it out. We missed many of you though and hope to see you this coming year. We had 9 instructors and 18 classes with 105 students. This is about half the instructors from 2019 and almost a third of the students but just as much fun. The evening events were fun and entertaining as usual and thank you to Laura & Rita for running our first Camp Fiddle Contest. Congrats to all our winners.

Although Fiddle Camp took a financial loss in 2022, 2023 is going to be another great year of fun and memories and we will do our best to get those numbers out of the red and back into the black. Thank you to all that donated. Your donations helped close the gap by more than 10% and we truly appreciate it.

Watch for more information on 2023 classes in the future newsletters and online.

Cheers!

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

12/01/2022 – Author: Barry Cole

For December, district 4 has a meeting, a playout, and one jam:

- 1st. Thursday, December 1= 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, December 9: Meeting and Jam,
- December 23: cancelled for upcoming holidays.
 - both are at Mt. Vernon Senior Center from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm.(1401 Cleveland Ave, Mount Vernon, WA 98273)
 - **Our Pot Luck Christmas Party is a go!**
3:00 pm, Friday Dec. 9th. at the Mount Vernon Sr. Center. We hope you all can make it prior to our Jam at 6:30!

Barry will give up the position of chair at the end of the year. No one has run for the office, so it is not clear who the chair will be next year.

For January 2023, district 4 has a meeting, a playout, and two jams:

- 1st. Thursday, January 5= 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, January 13: Meeting and Jam
- January 27: Jam
- both are at Mt. Vernon Senior Center from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. (1401 Cleveland Ave, Mount Vernon, WA 98273)

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District 5 Report (Kitsap, Mason, Grays Harbor & Pacific Counties)

12/01/2022 – Author: Sandra OKelly

Yuletide Greetings friends and musicians! Hope you are finding warmth and cheer with family and friends and playing lots of seasonal tunes.

I forgot to report that Kent McCabe was re-elected at our October meeting to continue as our Chair. Thanks Kent for all you do!

Regular Jams are the First and Third TUESDAY of each month- Dec 6th and 20th and Jan 3rd and 17th- from 1-4 pm at Silverdale Mall next to Dick's Sporting Goods.

Our plans for a Celtic Jam at the same location on the same first and third Tuesday from 5-7pm are currently on hold. Stay tuned! Contact for the Celtic Jam is Sally Camp... ameasureatime@gmail.com or 360-271-7105

Come join us! We're having fun!

Our regular monthly meeting on December 17th will be a Holiday Potluck and Jam starting at noon, ending at 3pm. Since we had no meeting in November it will be great to get together. Meet us at the Kitsap Square Dance Hall, 6800 W Belfair Hwy, Bremerton.

We are looking forward to a tune learning Workshop at our January monthly meeting, January 21st. Old Time and Scandinavian fiddler Jeff Anderson will teach a tune starting at Noon with Jam to follow. Free to WOTFA members, \$20 for non-members.

Playouts this month:

- Canterbury 2pm Dec 2nd Contact Sharon Habener habs_@msn.com
- Baypoint 2pm December 27th Contact Kay McCarthy kaycmccarthy@gmail.com

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Happy Holidays, Sandi O'Kelly s_okelly@msn.com

District 6 Report (King County)

12/01/2022 - Author: Jenny Swanson

Well, it's the end of the year already. What a great year we've had in District 6! We've been able to get together to play music in jams and for audiences as well.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 10th starting at 12 noon. It will be held at the DesMoines Mason's Hall and we'll eat about 12:30 pm. The district will provide ham and everyone is welcome to bring food to share. After eating and enjoying good conversation, we will gather to play Christmas carols until we clear the building at 4 pm. All are welcome.

We have no other gatherings in December so that you can enjoy your holiday activities. Remember to renew your memberships to WOTFA before the new year. It's inexpensive and the right thing to do. Need help? Contact me at the email address below.

Starting in January, we will change our meetings to the 1st Sat. of the month. Don't miss out, note the dates and time below!

Our meeting date is Sat. Jan 7th, 2023 starting at 11 am (earlier than last year) and finishing at 4 pm as usual. We're also still in DesMoines at the Mason's Hall. People usually bring finger food to share for when we have lunch after the short meeting at 1 pm. Jamming starts at 11 am until the meeting and resumes after lunch.

The January circle jam will be held on the 28th from 1 pm to 4 pm. Some of us bring snacks to share.

Since this is the Dec./ Jan. newsletter, I will give you a sneak preview of the February calendar. The meeting will be held on Feb. 4th from 11 am to 4 pm, with the Circle jam on Feb. 25th from 1 pm- 4 pm. We invite everyone at whatever musical ability or age you are. We welcome you even if you just want to come listen to the music. Here's hoping you will join us sometime soon.

Happy New Year and hoping for a musical year for you all.

Jenny Swanson

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District 8 Report (Pierce County)

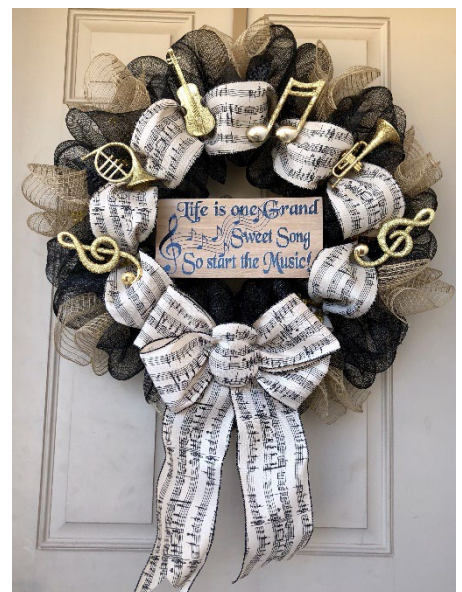
12/01/2022 – Author: Barbara Peterson

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 November 20 at the Mid County Community Center (MCCC) 10205 44th Ave E, Tacoma, WA 98446. It's easy to find just off of 512 and Canyon Road, behind the school on 104th. 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 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!

- **December 8** 2nd Thursday 1:30PM. We have resumed our quarterly playouts at Franke Toby Jones Retirement Community Ctr in December and March. All are welcome. Contact: Ron 253-549-2553.
- **December 8** 2:30PM Thursday Meridian at Stone Creek Retirement Comm.
- **December 9** 3PM Friday Wesley Bradley Park Retirement. Comm.
- **December 16** 3:30 Brookdale Allenmore Independent and January 25 2:30 Assisted Living.
- **December 16** 2P Wednesday The Oaks Rehab. Center in Lakewood.
- **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 different group. Contact Barbara J
- **January 21** 12-2PM Workshop with Jeff Anderson at Kitsap Square Dance. 6800 W Belfair Hwy, Bremerton (Gorst). Look for the flyers!

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 above. 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

And as always, don't forget to renew your 2023 WOTFA Membership!

Happy Holidays to everyone!

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District 9 Report (Lewis & Thurston Counties)

12/01/2022 – Author: Christie Easter

Hi Everyone;

For the month of December we will be having our regular 1st Friday meeting and jam on Friday, December 2nd from 10am-Noon at Faith Baptist Church. The Church is located at 436 Coal Creek Rd in Chehalis. To get to the church take I-5 to exit 79, then head EAST (back over the freeway), take a LEFT on N National Ave and go 1/3 mile, then take a RIGHT onto Coal Creek Road. Go 1.1 miles, then turn RIGHT into the Church driveway. We are usually in the middle building.

Since it's December and Christmas is right around the corner I will have some Carols and other tunes to pass out. 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 call or text me (Christie) at 360-791-5185

Everyone is welcome at the jam.

Be well and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

DISTRICT: 9 (Lewis & Thurston Counties)

CHAIRPERSON: Christie Easter 360-791-5185. mrwillys@aol.com

JAM INFO: First Friday of every month 10am-Noon at Faith Baptist Church, 436 Coal Creek Rd, Chehalis

District 11 Report (Grant & Adams Counties)

12/01/2022 – Author: Charlie Root

District 11 held their November meeting and Jam on November 20th. Our attendance was down a little, but it was a good jam. We were happy to have Jose Lopez from District 3 visiting with us. We do not have any additional events scheduled for December or January at this time, but we are planning to make it to all of our regularly scheduled events through the holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Years from District 11.

Charlie Root
District 11

District 16 Report (Snohomish County)

12/01/2022 – Author: Dianne Gooch

Our jam sessions continue and the group of jammers changes each time. 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.

Reminder...have you paid your WOTFA dues for 2023?

Our next **WOTFA Midway Jam** will be **Sunday, December 11, 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.



District 16 Members Meeting and Jamming at the Lynwood Library

District 16 WOTFA – Evergreen Fiddler News for December 2022 – Reporter Dianne Gooch

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