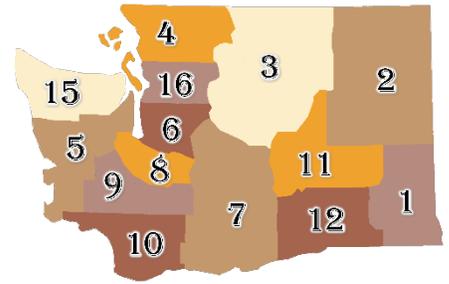




Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association

Preserving an American Tradition



Evergreen Fiddler – February 2023

Saint Anne's Reel

2/1/2023 – Author: Kitty Steetle

SAINT ANNE'S REEL

The well-known tune, St. Anne's Reel, is believed to be French Canadian, as the first recording came out in 1927 as *Quadrille du loup garou – 4ème partie* by Montreal fiddler, Willie Ringuette. The tune was recorded again in the next few years under the titles, *Reel des esquimaults* and *Reel lune de miel* by Joseph Allard and Isidore Soucy respectively.^[1] St. Anne' most likely refers to the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue municipality on the western end of Montreal.^[2]

St. Anne's Reel is very popular among American Old Time, Irish, and Canadian players probably because of the tune's ability to be elaborated to fit the needs of the situation (e.g., instrumental improvisation or dance steps) while remaining identifiably St. Anne's Reel. I believe the reason is twofold: melodic rhythm and harmonic progression. St. Anne's Reel's melodic rhythmic motif of quarter- 6 eighth notes (measure 2 in this version) can (and will) be moved around to other measures as the player decides. The IV-V-I harmonic progression (the G-A-D chords in measure 7-8 and 15-17) can easily elevate the simplest theme or reign in the most elaborate of variations. Saint Anne's Reel is a tune that all levels of playing can make their own.

References

1. [https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:St. Anne's Reel](https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:St._Anne%27s_Reel)
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Happy New Year!

2/1/2023 – Author: Katie Gotshall

Happy New Year Musicians! So much has happened in the last couple of months, I know I'm going to forget something, but I'll do my best.

Fiddle Camp 2023 is on track! Check Corrine's report for the latest on instructors and classes.

I finally got the new WOTFA brochures printed. I have plenty of them, so if you would like me to send you a batch of 25, or 50 please let me know (Clarinet.KatieG@gmail.com)! You can leave them at your local music shop, give a few to your



favorite instructor, or just leave them where you think others might find them. I also still have general business cards available if you want/need any of those to drop in your case.

I don't know about all of you, but I have definitely enjoyed everything opening up again! I'm taking Ruthie Dornfeld's string band class at Cornish, I'm enrolled in lessons with two viola teachers, I enjoyed the Norwegian workshop with Jeff and Jane last weekend, I've attended 2 contra dances, and last time I looked at my calendar to book a social event with someone, my first available evening was two weeks out! I thought it was just the holiday schedule that had me hopping, but apparently it's my new normal!

Like most of you, I was very sad to hear about Vivian's passing, but I'm glad she's no longer in pain, and I know that somewhere she's making music with Phil and all the others again. Everyone has a Vivian story, and nearly everyone's speaks of how accepting and inviting she was. I heard about her house jam, but was somewhat terrified to even approach it. I didn't think I was nearly good enough, and (as most of you know) I play clarinet as my first jam instrument. I emailed her to ask if it would be okay to come, and unlike some that I have interacted with, she was unhesitatingly inviting. She began by pointing out that back in the days of western expansion – when most of this music arrived out here – people simply played the instruments they had. It didn't matter what instrument that was. She really believed that Old Time is about the music, not about the instrument, and that alone made me feel so much more welcome than I ever dreamed. I feel absolutely honored that I was able to participate in her parlor jams, and I loved every single one that I attended. I hope to honor her memory by always reaching for more history, and always being accepting and inviting of new people.

Fiddle Camp – Instructors and Classes Announced!

2/1/2023 – Author: Corinne Agnew

Fiddle Camp is fast approaching, and things are quickly coming together.

We have a few new instructors joining us this year and one you may recognize from years past. We are also excited to bring back a Banjo class and add a Piano Backup class for the first time in the Workshop's history.

Registration is scheduled to open on Monday April 3rd. Tentative class list is below. This may change as registration comes in and classes fill up. Please remember to register as early as possible to ensure the classes you want will be available. If a class size is too small, we may have to cancel that class.

Class descriptions are coming in and will be posted as we get them on the website at fiddlecamp.wotfa.org

We are also excited to bring back our square dances for Monday & Tuesday evening with [Amy Carroll](#) as our caller. Get your dancing feet ready!

We have negotiated prices with the Inn at Moses Lake & the Ramada. When calling to make your reservations, please be sure to mention Washington Old Time Fiddlers to receive that discount.

Dry camping is still available at the school and the school's gym should be available for us to use the showers. YAY!

Instructor	Am Class	PM Class
Shawn Hughes	Beginning Mando	Fiddle Tunes for Frets
Tom Moran	Intermediate Mando	Advanced Mando
Isaac Callender	Banjo	Intermediate Mando
Carolyn Huguenin	Beginning Fiddle	Beginning Guitar
Pam Borso	Intermediate Guitar	Swing Guitar
Louise Steinway	Intermediate Fiddle	Back-Up Piano
Emilie Miller	Adv/Beg Fiddle	Lower Intermediate Fiddle
Denise Carter	Int/Adv Fiddle	Adv/Beg Fiddle
Shiela Wright	Lower Intermediate Fiddle	Intermediate Fiddle
Ruthie Dornfeld	Intermediate Fiddle	Int/Adv Fiddle
Dennis Ludiker	Int/Adv Fiddle	Hot Shots

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

See you soon!

Corrine Agnew
Workshop Co-Chair
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District 2 Report (Ferry, Lincoln, Pend O'Reille, Spokane, and Stevens Counties)

2/1/2023 – Author: Kyle Peterson

We are headed into the new year with great anticipation that some of the fun we missed over the past couple of years will be attainable again. It is kind of strange, that over the period where I had more time at home, I didn't practice nearly enough, but now that there is a chance to play with others, I am more inclined to sit down and practice. All of the public venues that were shut down over the past couple of years – Portland Old Time Fest, Wintergrass, Olympia Old Time and several festivals grouped around a city park or venue appear to be resurfacing. Whether that works for everyone or not, I hope we will all find more chances to play and get excited about playing in groups again.

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

2/1/2023 – Author: Fred Robbins

For February 2023, district 4 has a meeting, a play-out, and two jams:

- 1st. Thursday, February 2nd. = 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, February 10th: Meeting and Jam.
- February 24th: Jamboth are at Mt. Vernon Senior Center from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. (1401 Cleveland Ave, Mount Vernon, WA 98273)

Hello fellow Fiddlers! Always a joy to meet with our friends and play lots of music and smile a lot; and give joy to those within acoustic range of hearing. Our Jams are fun, play -outs too! At the last meeting we tried a circle Jam; and it went well Sarah shared. Agreed, need more folks...so...We are actively inviting others to join us in music and audience, so your invited!

Denise Shares :*"I always enjoy the Senior Center luncheon music. The audience always enjoys the music- some even get up and dance. The audience starts to enjoy lunch at the half hour, but still stay interested in the music. Thanks to Danny and Gary, Sarah has help setting up and taking down the equipment, which is quite a strenuous job, with lots of chords and monitors and speakers. I always appreciate the lunch and companionship of folks to eat lunch with. Denise."*

Fred Robbins says: Thank you all so very much for your words of sympathy and encouragement in the recent loss of my wife Yvonne as she has made her heavenly journey home; I really appreciate you all very much! Kern website now has a picture, and info. of Yvonne; I miss her so much. <http://www.kernfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Yvonne-Beverly-Worthy-Robbins?obId=27156716#/obituaryInfo>

Chair / Reporter- **Chair needed.**

Secretary – David Andersson anderssoncrossborder@gmail.com

Treasurer – Sarah Buntin, Cell 360-320-1696, Sarah's

Event scheduling Phone is # 360-679-6595 email: itsrustyoldhalo@frontier.com

Calendar Fred Robbins email: fred@robbinsmetal.com

Respectfully submitted, On behalf of the Fiddlers,

Fred Robbins

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

2/1/2023 – Author: Sandra OKelly

February 2023 is here! Looking for tune ideas, there's Valentine's Day, Black History Month, Ground Hog Day, Lincoln's Birthday and on February 16 it is Do a Grouch a Favor Day! Will break out Growling Old Man and Woman.

It's Always so good to get together and play music. Our open jams the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Kitsap Mall continue from 1 to 4 pm. In the community room next to Dick's Sporting Goods. Join us!

Stay tuned for the Celtic Jam to be held 5-7 following those Tuesday jams. If you're interested contact Sally Camp (ameasureatime@gmail.com or 360-271-7105)

We had a great workshop at our monthly meeting with Jeff Anderson and Jane.

Shared good stories and learned some new tunes.

Playouts in February:

- Feb 3-Canterbury Manor
- Feb 22- Willows Retirement
- Feb23 Clearbrook Inn Assisted Living Contact Sharon Habener habs_@msn.com

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District 6 Report (King County)

2/1/2023 - Author: Jenny Swanson

Welcome to Feb. 2023! Seemed like the holidays and the first month of the year went flying by.

Our Christmas party in Dec. was a great success! We had good attendance with people of all ages and abilities. A few people we didn't expect came and it was great to see them after a long time away. The food was good and we sang and played many Christmas carols as well as other old time music. It's so nice to get together and enjoy each other's company. I've included a few pictures that show the festivities.



In Jan., we had our first scheduled meeting and jam on the 7th which was also well attended and enjoyed by all. It was very neat to be again surprised by people coming to this jam who haven't been very regular. (It's okay to not be a regular, we love it whenever you can make it.) Seeing and playing music with everyone was really great! Every person brings something different to the jam and we have to keep on our toes to play together well. During the meeting, Jack Hadfield stepped down as secretary and Ena Birkland stepped up. We thank Jack for his helpful service in this capacity and anticipate Ena doing a great job in the future. We appreciate both of them as they have been involved over so many years. The following pictures are from Jan. 7th.



In other news, we send our condolences to Ena for the loss of her older daughter. We missed her at the Christmas party because she was at the funeral. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ena and the rest of the family.

Also, we are saddened by the death of Vivian Williams on Jan. 6th. What a wonderful, giving woman she was and such an asset to our organization and district. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and close friends. I suggest that in memory of Vivian, we all practice more and help the new people as we can.

Remember, all are welcome at our meetings and jams. Come anytime you can. The WOTFA.org website has all the information.

Till March,

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District 8 Report (Pierce County)

2/1/2023 – Author: Barbara Peterson

There are many opportunities to play music with us in Pierce County, Come and See!

Ongoing:

- 3rd Sundays 2PM District 8 Meeting and Jam. We will meet February 19 at the Mid County Community Center (MCCC). We'll have a short meeting followed by longer circle jam at 1025 44th Ave E, Tacoma 98446. Behind the school, there's plenty of parking. Bring a friend and an instrument. Meet some nice people! Finger foods welcome.
- Mondays 1:30PM-3:30 Circle jam at Puyallup Senior Center – 210 Pioneer Ave. Again easy to find, easy to park. This is last year's "6ft Tree Jam" outdoors, now the "Indoor Tree Jam". Come on and try it!
- 1st Fridays 3:30PM-7:30 Gig Harbor Circle Jam. Usually at the Wilco Feed Store. Contact Matt 202.631.34147.

Mark your calendars for these Playouts!

- 3rd Thursdays, 11:00 Mid County Community Center above. February 16 and March 16 – Contact Barbara
- 2nd Thursday 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones March 9 and June 8. Contact Ron
- March 8, 3:30PM Brookdale Allenmore Ind. Contact Ron
- March 15, 2:30PM Brookdale Allenmore Asst. Contact Ron

Upcoming Events

- Contra Dance every 3rd Sat. 7:30-9PM at Wells Hall – <https://tacomacontradance.org/>
- February 14 Open Mic Cafe at the Longbranch Improvement Club- <https://licweb.org/>
- February 16-19 Olympia Old Time Music Festival – weebly.com
- February 23-26 Wintergrass Festival in Bellevue – wintergrass.com

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

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District 9 Report (Lewis & Thurston Counties)

2/1/2023 – Author: Christie Easter

Hi Everyone;

Happy Valentine's Day!

For the month of February we will be having our usual monthly meeting and jam on Friday, February 3rd from 10 am-Noon at Faith Baptist Church, located at 436 Coal Creek Rd in Chehalis.

To find 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 turn RIGHT on Coal Creek Rd and go 1.1 miles, then turn RIGHT into the Church driveway. We will be in the middle building. There will be coffee and tea and some snacks but it won't be a potluck. For our February tune-of-the-month we will be doing the beautiful Irish waltz 'Star of the County Down' in the key of Am (C). I will have music available for anyone who would like and the chords for the tune will be on it as well.

Everyone is welcome at the jam.

If you have questions or need more information please call or text me (Christie) at 360-791-5185 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)

2/1/2023 – Author: Charlie Root

District 11 has kept busy throughout the winter. We've had snow and some bad weather at times, but we haven't had to cancel any of our playouts so far. Hopefully that will continue. We had our January meeting and jam on January 15th. It was a good jam, with a good turnout of musicians and a good audience. We've always been well received at our playouts, but it seems like since the covid people are even more excited to see us come. Everyone is glad to see things getting back to normal again. We do not have any additional things scheduled at this time, but we are getting very close to where we were before things shut down, and hope to add another playout or two.

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

Charlie Root

District 11

District 16 Report (Snohomish County)

2/1/2023 – Author: Dianne Gooch

Our jam sessions continue and the group of jammers have a good time on 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. We have resumed having coffee available. That keeps us going with music for many hours.

Our next **WOTFA Midway Jam** will be **Sunday, February 26, 1:30-4:00 pm**, at the Lynnwood Library (19200 44th Ave W, Lynnwood). We had a record number of 21 musicians at our January jam. We have a great time playing fiddle tunes, bluegrass tunes, some swing tunes and being challenged with new tunes. 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.

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