

Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association

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Preserving an American Tradition

Evergreen Fiddler – March 2023

Over the Waterfall

3/1/2023 – Author: Kitty Steetle

OVER THE WATERFALL



Over the Waterfall is associated with Virginia fiddler Henry Reed (1884 – 1968) who believed he heard it from a calliope at a circus or medicine show when he was 5 or 6 years old.((https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Over the Waterfall)) Reed taught it to folklorist and fiddler, Alan Jabbour (1942 – 2017), who recorded it with the Hollow Rock String Band in 1967.((https://www.earlyblurs.com/hrsb.htm)) This tune is believed to have roots in Ireland with its similarities with the song, Eggs and Marrowbones, and tune, The Dark Girl Dressed in Blue, but this is difficult to prove.((tunearch.org, op. cit. A similar tune to Over the Waterfall can be heard in this recording of Eggs and Marrowbones (https://youtu.be/veDpbB7lpY), but I think that The Dark Girl Dressed in Blue (https://tunearch.org/wiki/Dark Girl Dressed in Blue (2) (The)) is much more similar to Over the Waterfall. These tunes are also called Old Woman from Wexford, Old Woman in Dover, and The Fellow that Looks Like Me.))

Alan Jabbour is from Jacksonville, FL and was originally trained in classical violin, even playing with the Jacksonville Symphony. ((I lived in Jacksonville, FL during high school. It was a nice town.)) While in graduate school he became interested in fiddling, collecting Old Time tunes in the Upper South (North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia) with this collection now in the Archive of Folk Culture at the Library of Congress. His research eventually led him to head the Archive of Folk Song (now the Archive of Folk Culture) in 1969, working for the National Endowment for the Arts in 1974, and perhaps what is he best known for, becoming the founding director of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress in 1974. ((https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alan_Jabbour)) It is hard to overstate the influence Alan Jabbour has had on the advocacy and endorsement of modern American Ethnomusicology. —Kitty Steetle

Fiddle Showcase Dedicated to Vivian Williams

April 1, 2023 at Phinney Neighborhood Center in Seattle: Tickets here: https://knct.club/3SCjsCV



Vivian Williams was one of the founders of the Seattle Folklore Society, an amazing fiddler, composer of tunes, documentarian, and teacher and mentor to many. She chronicled the music of many fiddlers who contributed to the NW music community. Vivian passed away on January 6, 2023 at the age of 84.

On April 1st, SFS presents a special showcase in Vivan's honor. Featuring four outstanding local fiddlers, it's sure to be an evening to remember! Here's a look at what you have to look forward to from each of our fiddlers:



Ramon Selby

Ramon grew up in Casper, Wyoming and played fiddle in his family band for square dances and other shows. He has a host of fascinating tunes from his family's repertoire, some very complicated waltzes for example, tunes he learned from his teacher, fiddler Jack Blakely, and many more tunes he learned from the legendary Hugh Farr, fiddler for the Sons of the Pioneers, who was a family friend and

frequent visitor to the Selby household. Ramon was inducted into the Northwest Western Swing Music Society Hall of Fame in 2012, and the Western Swing Society Hall of Fame in Sacramento CA, in 2021. Ramon will play with long-time accompanist Alan Troupe on guitar.

Stuart Williams

Inspired by local traditional fiddlers as a teenager in southwestern Michigan, Stuart took up the fiddle in the early '70's. Since then, he has played fiddle for old time country, square and contra dances in the Northwest for over 50 years; from Flash in the Pan in the '70's to Pleasures of Home in the '90's and Wink at the Moon in more recent years. Stuart and Vivian both learned many of their tunes from local old time fiddlers, and for the showcase he'll be emphasizing that shared repertoire along with tunes he learned from, played with, or otherwise associates with Vivian—including some



of Vivian's own compositions. Stuart will be joined by his long-time musical buddies: Rich Levine on guitar and David Cahn on mandolin and accordion.

Jim and Jamie Fox

Father and daughter duo, Jim and Jamie, hail from Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Montana – home of the Aaniih and



Nakoda tribes. Local fiddler Fatty Morin showed the Fox's the tunes and tradition by joining house sessions and sitting next to him at the local dances. Métis fiddle music is a mixture of Celtic, French, and Native American cultures. Jamie and her family have been fortunate to play with master traditional Métis fiddlers Jimmie LaRocque and Mike Page of the Turtle Mountain reservation, and Johnny Arcand of Saskatoon. The Fox Family met Vivian and Phil Williams in Montana and built a friendship on traditional music of the Northwest. They will dedicate the tunes

they enjoyed playing with them over the years.

Devon Léger and Family

Devon lives in Shoreline and specializes in French-Canadian and specifically Acadian fiddling. For his Tune of the Week series on YouTube, he's been resurrecting old tunes from the Canadian Maritimes, Québec, and France and bringing them to light. For the showcase, he'll be highlighting the contributions of Vivian and Phil Williams Voyager Records to French-Canadian tradition, specifically playing tunes from fiddlers like Louis 'Pitou' Boudreault, Gerry Robichaud, Phil Cook, Joe Pancerzewski and more! He'll be joined by his father Louis on accordion and his wife Dejah on piano and guitar.



Buy Tickets here: https://knct.club/3SCjsCV

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

3/1/2023 – Author: Kyle Peterson

It looks like many music festivals are being revived throughout the Northwest. The Old-Time Festivals in Olympia and Portland have come and gone, but Wintergrass in Bellevue will take place this weekend, February 24. We are anticipating the music competitions in Spokane Valley at the end of April and Chewelah soon after. Then there is the National Festival in Weiser, Idaho in late June. If you are not able to make your way onto the stage for any of those gatherings, then you absolutely must attend the Moses Lake Fiddle Camp and get better for next year! As the ice and snow retreats from the Spokane fields and byways, we are looking forward to seeing old friends and playing together again., as we have been invited back to play at the Veterans' Home and have feelers out for other institutions that may confirm an invitation to come play for the residents.

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

4/1/2023 - Author: Fred Robbins

Friday post jam reflections @ M/V:

The evening still air chill came early Friday while Dwight, and Fred waited in their vehicles; they were treated, and entertained watching in the park a dog owner's 2 dogs romping and playing with each other for 20 minutes; bringing smiles and a quick passing of time. Upon Sarah arrival we smelled the freshly made brownies that made our mouths water! Others came; and soon the room took on it's musical form; while our devoted faithful Sarah, who doesn't let anything stop her; even having to recall how to drive an older stick shift PU Truck, she continued her coffee and water duties; while Diana cut up the brownie's tray; and cookies and donut holes. Always nice when Diana and Duane who travel so far can bring her students; we had, Rayna on Mandolin, Ronald on Fiddle, and Rhoxznn on Guitar, and singing; around the circle there were, Forest, Gary, Rich, Diana, Sarah, Dwight, and Fred; so 10 player's, and 10 in the Audience. A good thing about a Jam is the learning from each other songs; it's okay to try out; stumble and learn; Diana wisely stops her students when they are off tract and gets them where they need to be; good teaching Diana, and we all need musical help; so that we can learn, and then when we do our play-outs we are better for it; Dwight shared about and showed us his Dulcimer! Going well we didn't want to break but we did; and the goodies kept us occupied a bit longer; so we ended a shade after 9 p.m. The dry brisk night greeted some to the tune of the Owls in the distance; we can honestly say, we had a pleasant evening of fellowship and music!:)

Calendar Reminder....

For March 2023, District 4 has a meeting, a play-out, and two jams.

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

Our sincerest condolences to the family members; as we remember those so dear to us, Nels Pederson, Yvonne Worthy – Robbins, and Monroe Worthham, wonderful people we shared musical joys with, coffee, and food, for many years; we miss them dearly; please take time to reflect, and perhaps leave a remembrance; thank you.

Dear Fiddlers, Monroe passed on recently; Feb. 20th. as noted below; peace to his family. "Monroe Lee Wortham, age 95, passed away on Monday, February 20, 2023, in Mt. Vernon, Washington. He was born to Major Earl Wortham and Henryetta Sharp Wortham on Friday, December 2, 1927, in Kinta, Oklahoma. Monroe leaves his loved ones with unforgettable memories and loving stories. He will sincerely be missed by his loving family, devoted friends, and all the wonderful individuals who knew and loved him." https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/monroe-wortham-obituary?id=48331702

"Nels Ingvald Peterson, 95, of Burlington, Washington passed away December 27, 2022, in the home that he built with his family by his side." We wish the Family Peace and our Condolences of Behalf of all our OTF Members; Nels was a dedicated musician in our District 4 OTF; he will be dearly missed by many, many people; we always enjoyed his humor, and musical abilities, and delightful Lyrical fun tunes he played; such a pleasant fellow, and a great smile! Please visit the site below to read more about Nels and perhaps post a remembrance.

https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/skagitvalleyherald/name/nels-peterson-obituary?id=38595884

Yvonne Beverly Worthy-Robbins, age 93, died Saturday, January 21, 2023 at home in Mount Vernon. A graveside service for Yvonne is scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, February 1 at Mount Vernon Cemetery. Additionally, a memorial service will also be announced at a future date. Services are under the direction of Kern Funeral Home. Fred Robbins says: Sad to share that my wife Yvonne passed on Saturday 1/21/23 at 3:25 p.m. at home; Yvonne made her Journey to her heavenly home to be with Jesus, and all He has planned for her; for Jesus says he has prepared a place for those that believe In Him; that where He is we will be also. John14:3. I miss her so much; but being captive in a body that cannot function anymore is very hard; and now she is free! Alleluia!

http://www.kernfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Yvonne-Beverly-Worthy-

Robins?obId=27156716#/obituaryInfo https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/skagitvalleyherald/name/yvonneworthy-robbins-obituary?id=39158103

Chair / Reporter- Chair needed.

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Respectfully submitted, On behalf of the Fiddlers,

Fred Robbins

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

3/1/2023 – Author: Sandra OKelly

March is here already. Full of new beginnings where Spring officially begins, Daylight Savings time returns and we can celebrate International Women's Day and St. Patrick's Day. On March 1st, you might even be celebrating National Peanut Lover's Day, World Compliment Day or National Pig Day. I hope you can find a celebration that brings a tune to mind.

District 5 has resumed most of our playouts at local assisted living establishments and we are having a good time sharing music and practicing new tunes.

March Playouts

- March 8 Country Meadows
- March 13 Liberty Shores
- March 22 Willows
- March 24 Canterbury
- March 31 Baypoint

Contacts: Sharon Habener habs_@msn.com or Kay McCarthy kaycmccarthy@gmail.com

We're also getting excited about Fiddle Camp 2023. At our next monthly business meeting on **Saturday, March 18** beginning at noon, we will be receiving **requests for youth scholarships** to Fiddle Camp. Come in person and let us hear a bit about your interests. If you have questions, please contact Kay McCarthy kaycmccarthy@gmail.com or Laura Farr 360-427-1703.

There is a **change of date and place** for our May 20th monthly business meeting to **Tuesday May 16th at 12:30pm.** Our last meeting until the fall will precede our Jam at the Silverdale Mall, next to Dick's sporting Goods. No business meetings in June/July/August.

Open Jams are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Kitsap Mall from 1 to 4 pm. Location in the community room next to Dick's Sporting Goods. Come join us!

Celtic Jams have resumed! Following the Jam on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 5-7 pm. Written music provided. Contact for Celtic Jams: Sally Camp ameasureatatime@gmail.com or 360-271-7105

Respectfully submitted: Reporter, Sandi O'Kelly sokelly@msn.com

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District 6 Report (King County)

3/1/2023 - Author: Jenny Swanson

Welcome to March. It's lookin' like spring might happen soon, but like usual, February was a real mixed bag. However, the birds and I get excited every time we have a hint of sunshine. At least the daylight hours are getting steadily longer. We can be grateful for that!

District 6 has been slowly acquiring more playdates to help with our bills and scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone for stepping up to play for the people at these retirement facilities. The audience and musicians alike are having a real good time. I've included some pictures of past playdates so you can see what they generally look like. Click on any of these pictures to enlarge them.





Our Feb. 4th meeting and jam was well attended. Bernie helped out with a couple of mandolin workshops. A couple of guys attended who are checking out our organization. We're so glad they came and hope they continue. The picture below is of a recent jam.

As usual, on the last Saturday of February we had a circle jam which was a lot of fun. Since it was on the same weekend as Wintergrass, we had a smaller group. Everyone who came enjoyed playing quite a few songs and we even all sang together on a couple of songs. The following pictures are from this jam.









Many thanks to secretary Katie Gotshall for putting together a full color pamphlet to advertise the Washington Old Time Fiddlers organization. Let's all do our part to put them in music stores and hand out to friends or anyone who might be interested. We will have some at our monthly jams that you can take for this purpose.

Come join us for one of our jams when you can. Check out <u>WOTFA.org</u> to find out when they are happening. They are listed on the calendar with all the relevant information.

Keep on with the music. It's actually good for you. Contact me with any questions you have at timbuktoe@yahoo.com

Till next month...

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District 8 Report (Pierce County)

3/1/2023 - 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/
- Open Oregon State Fiddle Contest March 18 https://www.facebook.com/ootfa/
- Annual WOTFA Music Camp in Moses Lake July 10-14 https://fiddlecamp.wotfa.org/
 Classes are posted https://fiddlecamp.wotfa.org/2023-class-descriptions/

A Sadder Note: We will greatly miss

Mary Ellen Iverson passed away quietly February 9. A long-time District 8 member and enthusiastic dance band fiddler, she could be counted on to remind us to "tune to the piano." She carved out her own unique niche, playing harmonies

and bass lines on violin and viola, using gut strings and an early bow.

Bob Perry passed away quietly February 19. Bob played and sang throughout Pierce County for many decades, and enriched our jams with his wonderful guitar playing and singing. https://wotfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/01-Thats-The-Way-Love-Goes.m4a



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)

3/1/2023 – Author: Christie Easter

Hi Everyone! And happy almost springtime.

For the month of March we will be having our usual **meeting and open jam on Friday, March 10th** (rescheduled from March 3rd) from 10am-Noon at Faith Baptist Church in Chehalis.

The church is located at 436 Coal Creek Road. To find the church take I-5 to exit 79, then head EAST. Turn LEFT on N. National Ave and go 1/3 mile, then turn RIGHT onto

Coal Creek Rd. Go 1.1 miles, then turn RIGHT into the Church driveway. We are usually in the middle building.

For our tune of the month, since it is close to St Patrick's Day, we'll be doing 'Southwind', a beautiful and easy to learn Irish Waltz in the key of G. I'll have music to pass out for anyone that wants a copy.

Also for the month of March I'll be passing out the revised District 9 tunelist as well as copies of the the District 9 chord sheets that has chords for all of the tunes in the D9 tunelist.

Please us the chord sheets as much as possible and get back to me with any changes that you have. I would like to have it finalised by the time we break for the summer so that it's ready to go for FiddleCamp and all the fun summertime activities.

Speaking of FiddleCamp, the lineup of instructors and activities for 2023 looks outstanding, and registration will be coming right up on Monday April 3rd, so if you haven't joined WOTFA yet or renewed your membership, now is the time to do it. Registration will be 100% online as far as I know, so if you are a snail-mail person (like me), there can be a delay in registration if you're not a member at the time FiddleCamp registration opens, and classes will fill up fast.

If you are age 17 or younger and plan on attending FiddleCamp, please let me know, District 9 will be happy to provide you with a tuition scholarship for any class or classes you would like to attend. You can preview the lineup by going to the WOTFA webpage and following the link to the FiddleCamp website.

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

Thanks and be well everybody!

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 10 Report (Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wakiukum Counties)

3/1/2023 – Author: Stephana Johnson

Growth is happening even before the spring buds appear.



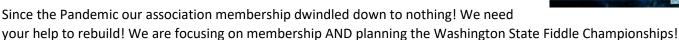
With a 10 pack at the District 10 meeting, we have 2 new board members, 2 junior members and a new Member at Large.

Our Monthly Board meeting, Potluck and Jam Session at The Covington House in Vancouver, WA meets every 4th Sunday and our official meeting has proven to be exciting, inspiring, nourishing, and a lot of fun!

We are excited for the August 5th and 6th Washington State Fiddle Championships at the Clark County Fair and the continuing growth throughout the area.

Monthly Meetings for District 10 are restarting!

Bring your fiddle
Bring your guitar
Bring a dish
Come to – PLAY-LISTEN-EAT-SOCIALIZE!
Support the fiddle association!!!



WHEN – The 4th Sunday every month (3/26) 4:00 WOTFA board meeting. If you are interested in joining the board of WOTFA DISTRICT 10 – Or are just interested in what we are doing.. arrive at 4pm

5:00 Potluck/Jam - play - listen - eat!

WHERE: The Covington House Historical site. 4201 Main St, Vancouver, WA 98663

No designated ending time....

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District 11 Report (Grant & Adams Counties)

3/1/2023 – Author: Charlie Root

District 11 held their monthly meeting and jam on February 19th. It was a good jam with a good turnout of musicians and a good audience. We were happy to have Joe and Denice Jennings visiting with us from District 8.

Also visiting was Jennifer McCarthy from Moses Lake on the ukulele. We also had some young musicians who came to watch our jam. One of them played with us on one of the songs.

We do not have any additional events scheduled other than our regular monthly schedule.

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

3/1/2023 – Author: Joe Gunter

No meeting in April – it falls on the same day as Easter.

No meeting in May – it falls on the same day as Mother's Day

WORKSHOP: Dist. 12 traditionally pays the tuition for all youth members under the age of 18 to go to the State Workshop (also known as Fiddle Camp). They must be paid up members of WOTFA. Let one of the Dist. 12 officers know if you are interested. Sign up begins Monday April 3rd.

District 15 Report (Jefferson & Clallam Counties)

3/1/2023 – Author: Rita Hubbard

District 15 is now getting together at St. Luke's Episcopal Church – 525 N. 5th Avenue in Sequim – from 10:00 am until 2:00. The March meeting and jam has to be changed to March 18th due to a scheduling conflict with the church. We continue to meet the 4th Saturday at the Tri Area Center from 11-3 through May. Prayers and thoughts for one of our members that has suffered a stroke but seems to be recovering. We are hoping to have a workshop/campout in June – more details to come.

District 16 Report (Snohomish County)

4/1/2023 – Author: Dianne Gooch

Our jam sessions continue with a new time. We will now start the jams on the 2nd & 4th Friday nights, 3:00 – 10:00 pm (or a bit later) at the Sisco Heights Community Club, 13527-99th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. This change in time will accommodate folks who do not like night driving and as a way to avoid Friday night rush hour traffic. We have resumed having coffee available. That keeps us going with music for many hours.

Our next **WOTFA Midway Jam** will be **Sunday, March 12, 1:30-4:00 pm**, at the Lynnwood Library (19200 44th Ave W, Lynnwood). We aim to schedule on the 4th Sunday each month but at times the room is already booked so we choose a different Sunday. We have 15-25 musicians at these jams. 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.

On Saturday, February 25, we had a great time surprising our long time member, **Lucy Reuter**, for her 70th birthday. This was a big surprise for Lucy and music was played for hours with the fiddler friends as well as Lucy's other group of Cajun musicians. A great time was had for all.

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