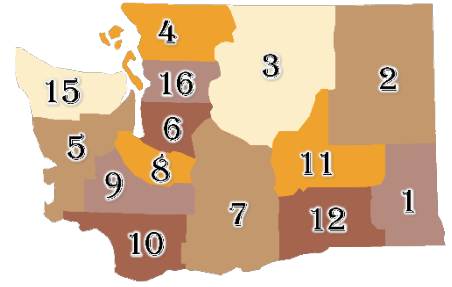




# Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association

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## Evergreen Fiddler – June/July 2023

### Sir Roger de Coverley / The Haymakers' Jig

6/1/2023 – Author: Kitty Steetle

### SIR ROGER DE COVERLEY

*as played by Vivian Williams*

*transcribed by Kitty Steetle*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in 9/8 time. The first staff begins with a double bar line and repeat sign. Chords G, D, G, D, G, C, and D are placed above the notes. The second staff continues the melody with chords G, C, G, D, G, C, G, G, C, and D. The third staff starts with a double bar line and repeat sign, with chords G, Am, D, G, D, G, C, and D.

The tune, *Sir Roger de Coverley*<sup>1</sup>, is believed to date back to at least the 17th century, being published in John Playford's **The Dancing Master**, 9th Edition (London, 1695).<sup>2</sup> 'Roger of Coverley' can be found with dance steps in the 9th edition on page 167.} By 1730, this tune appears in America in James Alexander's personal collection as 'Young Roger'.<sup>3</sup> The dance associated with the tune survives today in America as The Virginia Reel, long claimed to be George Washington's favorite dance.<sup>4</sup> Perhaps the most famous appearance of the Sir Roger de Coverley tune and dance is in Charles Dickens's book, **A Christmas Carol** (London, 1843), during Mr Fezziwig's Christmas party:

*But the great effect of the evening came after the Roast and Boiled, when the fiddler (an artful dog, mind! The sort of man who knew his business better than you or I could have told it him!) struck up "Sir Roger de Coverley." Then old Fezziwig stood out to dance with Mrs. Fezziwig. Top couple, too; with a good stiff piece of work cut out for them; three or four and twenty pair of partners; people who were not to be trifled with; people who would dance, and had no notion of walking.<sup>5</sup>*

Both tune, Sir Roger de Coverley, and dance are performed in the 1951 film, **A Christmas Carol**, starting at 26:40, or in the YouTube snip below.<sup>6</sup>

Sir Roger de Coverley is notably different from most Old-Time tunes in that it is in 9/8, triple meter, instead of the expected 4/4, duple meter. This has led some to believe it was originally Irish, but upon deeper investigation that appears to be unsubstantiated <sup>7</sup>

Versions of Sir Roger de Coverley are played in Old Time jams, Irish Sessions, English Country Dances, and contradances all over North America and Europe.

1. The Haymakers' Jig is the Scottish name for the tune. The Haymakers' Jig also has a dance in Linscott's **Folk Songs of Old New England** (CT, 1939), p 83, but it is a different dance.
2. The entire Dancing Master can be downloaded here: <https://imslp.org/work/144608>
3. Van Winkle Keller, Kate and George A. Fogg. **Country Dances from Colonial New York; James Alexander's Notebook, 1730**. Boston, 2000, p 5, 42 – 43. James Alexander was born in Scotland in 1691 and moved to the Colonies in 1715, eventually becoming Attorney General for New York.
4. <https://www.auchitya.com/virginia-reel-a-romantic-couple-dance/>
5. For Dickens's A Christmas Carol ebook go to: <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/46/46-h/46-h.htm>
6. Unfortunately, it does not appear in arguably the best **A Christmas Carol** film, **A Muppet Christmas Carol** (1992).
7. [https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Sir\\_Roger\\_de\\_Coverley](https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Sir_Roger_de_Coverley) (I love me some old tunes!)

## Fiddle Camp 2023 – It's almost here!!!

6/1/2023 – Author: Corrine Agnew

**Classes are filling up quickly** so don't wait too long to sign up (<https://wotfa.org/fiddle-camp-2023-registration/>).

We are up to **136 students** which is GREAT! and I'm so excited to see everyone in just over a month from now. Information Packets will be emailed out toward the end of June so watch your email for that. I'll keep it short and sweet but don't forget to get your T-Shirt ASAP (<https://www.bonfire.com/store/wotfa/>) so it arrives in time to wear at camp.

### Quit Raffle!

There will be a handmade quilt raffled off at Fiddle Camp this year, to help raise funds for scholarships and Fiddle Camp expenses. The quilt measures 65" x 76" More details can be provided by Christie Easter (District 9) [mrwillys@aol.com](mailto:mrwillys@aol.com) (360) 791-5185



SEE YOU SOON!

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

6/1/2023 – Author: Kyle Peterson

The NW Regional fiddle Contest and the Fiddlers On The Peak music contests were great fun and went off without a hitch – well, almost. Some people do not seem to understand the concept of “get ready” when they are next. And when nobody showed up to play in the Senior category in Chewelah (FOTP), I volunteered to revert back a few years and play in the Senior category (I think I could have placed among the top five), but Joanie kept insisting on some unknown thing called The Rulebook. I think everyone had fun, all the bakery goods were sold and I enjoyed watching the Huguenins, the Mansfields and the Baileys duke it out on stage. In answer to my wife's question, “How did it go?” I had to admit that I couldn't control my anxiety and played too fast (actually, I sounded like I was strangling my fiddle). But I did win a rhubarb pie at the raffle, and I think my wife was happier with the pie than any trophy I might have brought home.

On Thursday, May 25th, we will revive monthly playdates at the Spokane Veterans' Home on 222 E. 5th Avenue at 6:00 pm. From the west, take the Division Street Exit and continue East on 5th Avenue; from the east, take the Division Exit and drive in aimless circles until you find 5th Avenue and go one way or another until you are there. Allow yourself plenty of time.

Street Music Week, the fundraiser for the local Second Harvest food bank, will be here in early June, then for those truly inclined towards performance-anxiety, the National Competition in Weiser will take place June 19-24, and then we will all make the pilgrimage to Moses Lake to endeavor to get better. Thank you to all of the organizers, the ringmasters and the many volunteers that keep the music going.

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

6/1/2023 – Author: Fred Robbins

Dear Fiddlers,

Sarah's due diligence has produced results for those wanting to get back playing at the Retirement / Nursing Home Communities; our opportunity to play post Covid is here; we look forward to a good turn out practicing, and sharing soon; the June Calendar is early on purpose to allow you time to prepare your calendar; it may be amended when we know of other play dates; but to date a calendar is below, and also attached; if you have any problems reading it please let me know. Dates and times of play are determined by the Retirement / N.H. facilities; we have to work within their time frames due to their daily routines and their schedule; so we appreciate your understanding this important detail. Please note that parking can be a challenge at Mtn. Glen; so allow a bit more time to find parking. We look forward to a good turn out and sharing some good music at our May Jam, and June Schedule of play! Creekside has entertainment the day before, and after us; so we want to do well, have a good turn out there so that we can be invited back!

Our next Jam is May 26th. Jam ..at Mt. Vernon Senior Center from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

### May Review:

Hugs, and smiles greeted many as they made way thru the handicap equipped door past the front desk lighting up the Sedro Wooley Sr. Ctr. last Thursday May 4th; as Jack, wife Judy, Dwight, Diana, Fred, Sarah, Denise, Debbie, Forest, Peggy, Steve, and Gary gathered together to make ready! Our Early Birds Jack and Judy arriving about 10 ish. moved tables, set our chairs in order; and were having coffee when Fred relieving Sarah from Set up duties ( a much deserved relief ) came thru the door at 10:35 am with the first arm full off mic's, all was set to go at 11:05 am; with Forest and Dwight's help we were proud to have things ready ahead of time; ready for a 11:30 am on time start; even had time for Debbie with her great smile to test her mic at the piano and have everyone sing you are my Sunshine; more smiles and hugs continued as the time approached; happy to see each other conversations lingered a bit; and our start was a bit tardy; grace was given as we promised to do better next time; ole timers said the musicians use to get there at 11 am to tune their instruments and be ready to go; with those encouraging words tucked under our arms; we vowed a better start in our future arrivals and kickoff! With salsibury steak and mashed potatoes, and conversation our audience was wisely brought into the moment with Denise's encouraging folks participation song of Don't Fence Me In; Thx Denise, which delighted everyone! Great music was enjoyed by all; with closing time approaching Dwight suggest we remember Gordon Lightfoot who recently passed, with his, Gordon's song: Early morning Rain; which we did as our closing tribute song. Pack up after our great lunch was easy; hugs and goodbyes for now gave promise to another day and time of music! Thank you all so very much for everything!

Dear Fiddlers, Dwight shares:

"Fred and others; to supplement Glen Campbells 'try a little kindness' I would strongly recommend Christine Lavin, her song " And the moment slipped away" It can be found on YouTube. A beautiful song about NOT letting an opportunity to be kind to someone slip away. Dwight Holmgren" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PM2DgcPGxPA> 3 min 41 sec.

Thank you for sharing Dwight! Christine has a clear great voice; good guitar sound; yes good to be aware of "opportunities to be kind! "Don't let it slip away"! Great; seeing faces beam at the acts of kindness and love; one of my favorite sayings is Love Wins the Day! Pretty song!

To our delight and surprise 16 musicians blessed us with their presence at our M/V Sr. Ctr. Jam Fri. May 12th; welcome newcomers Mike, Irene, Tom, and Fred, and returning visitor Mark, our regulars were Carol, Sirkku, Rohxann, Diana, Sarah, Fred Robbins, Peggy, Steve, Barry, Rich, and Dwight; thank you all for playing and helping! Our 15 or so in the Audience enjoyed the new folks; and tunes, we appreciate them all very much! Thank you to all who brought goodies and all that donated to our coffee and Student fund; that helps a lot! We love it when we have kids learning music!

Asking anxious Musicians to sit through a 15 -20 min. meeting once a month is a little like asking your child to finish his vegetables before he gets desert; be that as it may we endured to the finish line with the Chairs agenda; even with hoots to get going...Alleluia! And the chair appreciates you holding out as long as you could; for we did have this to share: Talking points discussion: 6:32 – 6:50 pm.

Email address; Fred Announced if you would like our news and calendar give me your email address.

Sarah play -out Calls: Called 4 places, Mtn. Glen, Mira Vista, M/V, Country Meadows Village, S/W, and Creekside, Burlington; results thus far are: play – out Glen.5/15 ,1:30 ; this is a trial; if we do well they will schedule more for us! Other possible play – out to be determined; Mira Vista currently has some covid cases; Country Meadow Village would like us to come ;to be determined; waiting for return call from Creekside.

Play – out: Zion Lutheran Church 7215 Valley View Ferndale, WA. Sunday June 25th. arrive 3 pm, play 4 pm. Directions ... I-5 N, Take exit 266 toward WA-548 N/Custer/Grandview Rd. Go for 0.2 mi., Turn left onto Grandview Rd (WA-548). Go for 3.0 mi., Turn right onto Valley View Rd. Go for 0.8 mi., Then 0.77 miles to Church.

<https://www.mapquest.com/directions/list/1/from/us/wa/bellingham/to/us/washington/zion-lutheran-church-303838061>

Drum Discussion, Fred was contacted thru. our M/V Sr. Ctr. Newsletter add; inquiry, to play quiet small drum set; discussed; consensus that it would not work well, Fred to reply to inquiry.

Teachers update: Diana continues teaching Rohxann, may continue with her Brother Ronald when his hand/ arm heals.

Treasure report: Sarah said all is well; trying to build up funds through play- outs to help get more students learning instruments!

Moving Forward: As we move forward if you have any concerns, lets discuss them here; a couple came up recently;

- Arriving 1/2 hour before start time; to help set up and tune your instrument; important that we Start on Time.
- Refrain from playing music when others are tuning up; if I'm playing the piano; say to me Fred hold up for a bit I need to tune up here; just ask!
- Play agreed to song for opening and closing; Red Wing, all agreed will work for our opening and closing tune!
- Also in fairness in playing time; we alternate from one end of the line to the other our starting player; to give equal chance to all to get equal turns to play.

Thank you all very much for your participation and cooperation in our music gatherings; we need you and appreciate each and everyone of you!

“A mother holds her children’s hands for a while, their hearts forever.” —Anonymous “A grandma is someone who plays a special part in all the treasured memories we hold within our heart.”—Anonymous

Dear Fiddlers,

I needed to stop back into Mtn. Glen today to give the Activity Lady a phone number of my piano tuner; and some of the folks there commented on how much they liked our coming there; one lady asked me about Sirkku’s Ewe; they were quite taken with how Sirkku could activate the Ewe; and the sound she gets; well done thank you Sirkku! And another lady asked me what kind of instrument that Jack was playing with the heart on it; and I said it is a Jacks Original that he Jack made; way to go Jack! So you see, others see our uniqueness; and that’s what makes us special; nobody does it

exactly like we do; so keep up the good playing; knowing you are appreciated! There were others that came up yesterdays afterwards to speak to us; and Priscilla the activity lady said we had about 45 in the audience!

Fiddle Camp time! "Registration is looking great! We are almost to 100 students and it's only been a month. Our total student count last year was 104. Yay!" <https://wotfa.org/event/fiddle-camp-2023/>

" Kindness is the Language that the blind SEE, and the Deaf HEAR!"

" Don't wait for people to be kind show them how."

Please note: Corrected phone Number below for our Sarah Buntin; for Scheduling; and Treasurer inquires., # 360-679-6595 Thank you Sarah!

Thank you to Diana, Dwight, Sarah, Jack, Sirkku, Carol, and Fred for making the warm day Journey to Mountain Glen Retirement Community in Mount Vernon on Monday the 12th.; we had a large audience and the folks enjoyed us being there; comments were; "it was just what we needed", we had many thank you's. So looks like we will be returning there again soon; Sarah and the Activity Lady will be coordinating our next visit!

Look Forward to seeing you all soon again at the Mount Vernon Sr. Ctr. Friday May 26th. at 6:30 pm. we will go right into music; and hope to practice up some good ole songs to play together at our upcoming play – outs; so keep practicing; we need you! : )

Encouraging words from the song by Glen Campbell, Try a Little kindness, 2 min.33 sec. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaCBTSQZq1E>

Respectfully submitted, On behalf of the Fiddlers,

Fred Robbins

 Music is life! Take a moment to visit the W.O.T.F.A. Home Website <https://wotfa.org/> See The Tune of the Month! AND lots of other information!!!

Chair / Reporter- ***Chair needed.***

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

6/1/2023 – Author: Sandra OKelly

June. I get a chuckle looking over our special holidays and observances. This month has National Hug Your Cat Day on 6/4, National Moonshine Day 6/5, National Flag Week 6/14. Father's Day 6/18, Juneteenth 6/19, and then there's Summer beginning with the Solstice 6/21 where the amount of sunlight is at it's max and will begin it's slide back to it's winter position. Much to celebrate. I'm sure a song is in there. Did you know that June is also National Accordion Awareness month? Be sure to thank the accordion or concertina player in your midst for what they bring to the party, I know that we really appreciate our concertina players in District 5! **National Smile Power Day** is 6/15. The power of a smile can make someone else's day and feels real good to wear. Tell some jokes, smile more and folks will likely return the favor. Look up and smile while you play, it's more fun that way!

We've enjoyed playing at the Port Orchard Farmer's Market in May and will be playing at the Bremerton and Poulsbo Farmer's Markets and again at Port Orchard before the summer is over. It's a lot of fun. You can see what we're up to and listen to some snippets of our music on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/WOTFA5/>

We will play at the Sand and Sawdust Festival June 23 and 24 in Ocean Shores. We've graduated to an indoor venue for the past 2 events after our first gig a few years back found us outside competing with the chain saws! Hard to match



their key. Lots of fun. Come check out the festival and stick around for a jam after our performance, time and place TBD. Stay tuned. <https://tourismoceanshores.com/sand-and-sawdust-2023/>

**BARN JAMS** are returning! June through October

- Jam in the BIG barn at the Salmon Center in Belfair each **2nd and 4th Tuesday 1-4pm**

Address is 600 Roessel Rd. Belfair, WA. We play inside the barn rain or shine which can be cool or hot but the doors are open wide as needed and we have shade and shelter. Dress appropriately. Take a walk afterwards along the end of the Hood Canal (Fjord). Lovely setting. <https://www.pnwsalmoncenter.org/>

- **First and Third TUESDAY** Jam of each month  
1-4 pm at Silverdale Mall next to Dick's Sporting Goods

Celtic Jam will follow at the same location on the same first and third Tuesday

4:30-6:30 pm Written music is provided

Contact for the Celtic Jam is Sally Camp... [ameasureatime@gmail.com](mailto:ameasureatime@gmail.com)

Or 360-271-7105

- PLENTY of opportunity to play and practice with fun folks. Come join us.

- District 5 playouts:

Contacts: Sharon Habener [habs\\_@msn.com](mailto:habs_@msn.com) or Kay McCarthy [kaycmccarthy@gmail.com](mailto:kaycmccarthy@gmail.com)

- June 8 Clearbrook
- June 15 Liberty Shores
- June 29 Park Vista
- July 21 Canterbury
- July 27 Retsil WA Veterans Home

**No monthly meetings June, July or August.** Our meetings will resume in **September, 3rd Saturday of each month** at the Kitsap Square Dance Hall. Right after our campout Labor Day Weekend. See you there.

We're also getting excited about Fiddle Camp 2023. Several of us will be going and look forward to learning and seeing friends.

So, LOTS of opportunity to play and practice Old Time tunes and a few Not-So-Old-Time. We keep having new folks drop in to our Silverdale Mall jams who have heard about us on Facebook and even Craig's List. The Mall recently gave us some good free advertising. Hoping to see our group grow and bring in some new talent.

Want to declare a **Shout Out** to Kent McCabe, our chair, who tirelessly shows up at our performances and sets up a professional sound system. **Thanks, Kent**, for your contribution to how well we sound and recording our performances so we can practice along and discover places to polish a bit.

Contacts for playouts: Sharon Habener [habs\\_@msn.com](mailto:habs_@msn.com) or Kay McCarthy [kaycmccarthy@gmail.com](mailto:kaycmccarthy@gmail.com)

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Respectfully submitted, Sandi O'Kelly [s\\_okelly@msn.com](mailto:s_okelly@msn.com)

## District 6 Report (King County)

6/1/2023 - Author: Jenny Swanson

Happy June to you all from District 6! We are certainly glad that we extended our jams into May and June this year. By the time you read this, both will have already happened.

The May jam was quite fun in that we had a new couple and another longtime member show up along with our regular crew. I've included a couple of pictures in which Michael and Donna are highlighted. They brought energy and different songs to our gathering.



Thanks so much, Michael and Donna (and husband) for coming. You are always welcome!

Our last jam (for now) took place June 3rd. We won't be having any meetings or jams until September 2nd from 11 am – 4 pm. Be sure to put that one on your calendar and join the fun! That one is always a great reunion from the summer break. Meanwhile, keep playing music along with your other summer activities. Also, consider attending the summer workshop on the week of July 10th. Sign up soon because classes are filling up. All the info is on the WOTFA website. It is a great way to get better at your music and to meet new people and see old friends.

Some sad news to share, we recently received word from Bev Thomas that Muriel Hardison passed away last weekend. Muriel and Bud were long time members of District 6 a number of years ago and they had friends in other districts. She used to perform at some of the playdates that Dave Bartley coordinated with the north end folks before he passed several years ago. That's where many of us got to know Muriel and her accordion.

Our playdates are going well at this point. We are so grateful for the many members who are stepping up to play at them. We have a good schedule of about 3 per month throughout the summer and into fall.

Meanwhile, I wish everyone a great summer. We'll see you in the fall.

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## District 8 Report (Pierce County)

6/1/2023 – Author: Barbara Peterson

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

### Ongoing Jams

- **3rd Sundays 2PM** District 8 Meeting and Jam. **NOTE: We will not meet during the summer months.** See you in September 17th. We will meet 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 a change!! Again!!** We are going to return to Mondays as this will work better for us.
- **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 5:30-8PM** at MCCC above. Stay tuned. We are planning to open on June 5 and see if we can get this once popular activity going again. **This could be the dance band again everyone!** contact Barbara [bmacleanp@comcast.net](mailto:bmacleanp@comcast.net)

- **1st Fridays 3:30PM-7:30** Gig Harbor Circle Jam. For current location, contact Matt 202.631.34147
- **Other Fridays 1PM** "Live Music Friday" at the Golden Rose Mobile Park community center. 6220 107th Ave E, Puyallup, WA 98372. Contact Barbara 253.926.8457

### Mark your calendars for these Playouts!!

- 3rd Thursdays, 11:00 Mid County Community Center above. Not June, July, Aug. Contact Barbara
- 2nd Thursday, 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones June 8, Sept 14 and Dec 21. Contact Ron
- June 8, 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Comm. Contact Ron [ronduncan596@gmail.com](mailto:ronduncan596@gmail.com)
- July 7, 3:30PM Brookdale Allenmore Independent Living Contact Carol [ccgav@msn.com](mailto:ccgav@msn.com)
- Sep 14 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Comm. Contact Ron [ronduncan596@gmail.com](mailto:ronduncan596@gmail.com)
- Dec 21 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Comm. Contact Ron

### Upcoming Events Click on the hyperlinks!

- Contra Dance every 3rd Sat. 7:30-9PM at Wells Hall <https://tacomacontradance.org/>
- Annual WOTFA Music Camp in Moses Lake July 10-14 <https://fiddlecamp.wotfa.org/>  
**Classes are posted** <https://fiddlecamp.wotfa.org/2023-class-descriptions/>  
**Registration is Open** <https://wotfa.org/fiddle-camp-2023-registration/>
- July 3-9 Festival of American Fiddle Tunes Workshop in Port Townsend since 1977.  
<https://centrum.org/festival-of-american-fiddle-tunes-the-workshop/>
- Aug 19-24 Centralia Campout. Always a hoot! Lets all go! <https://www.centraliacampout.com/>

**FREE:** Is anyone interested in a mixer board with a 12 channel capacity? Sticker says it once was ~\$999, but I don't know how old it is.

District 8 Chair: Barbara Peterson [bmacleanp@comcast.net](mailto:bmacleanp@comcast.net) 253-926-8457

## District 9 Report (Lewis & Thurston Counties)

6/1/2023 – Author: Christie Easter

Hi Everyone:

For the month of June we will be having our regular 1st Friday meeting and jam on Friday, June 2nd from 10am-Noon at Faith Baptist Church, located at 436 Coal Creek Road in Chehalis.

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 on Coal Creek Rd. Go 1.1 miles, then turn RIGHT into the Church driveway. We will be in the upper building. There will be coffee and tea and some snacks but it won't be a potluck.

**This will be our last jam before the summer break begins**, so there will be **no meeting/jams during the months of July, August or September.**

Jamming will resume the first Friday in October at 10am at Faith Baptist Church. I'll send out an email in September to remind everyone about the jam resuming.

Just because we're taking a break over the summer doesn't mean there is nothing going on locally. Here are four local events happening in July and August, in addition to WOTFA FiddleCamp that will be happening the week of July 10th at Moses Lake:

1. July 7-9th 2023: Bluegrass From The Forest, S. Mason Youth Soccer Park, [www.bluegrassfromtheforest.com](http://www.bluegrassfromtheforest.com)
2. Pickersfest, August 4-6, 2023, Winolequa Park, Winlock, Wa. [www.wamamusic.com](http://www.wamamusic.com)
3. St Helens Bluegrass Festival, August 11-13, 2023. Toledo High School, [www.Washingtonbluegrassassociation.org](http://www.Washingtonbluegrassassociation.org)



1. 4. August 13-20, 2023: Centralia Campout, just East of Centralia along the Chehalis River @ 1300 K Street, Centralia, Wa 98531 [www.centraliacampout.com](http://www.centraliacampout.com)

Also, it's not too late to sign up for FiddleCamp, and tuition scholarships are available for any District 9 members that are under 18 years of age and would like to go. Please let me know if you need a scholarship. You can link to the FiddleCamp site from the main WOTFA.org page.

That's it! Happy summer and keep on fiddling.

Christie

360-791-5185 CHAIRPERSON: Christie Easter 360-791-5185. [mrwillys@aol.com](mailto: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)

6/1/2023 – Author: Stephana Johnson

### Exciting Updates and Fundraising Opportunities for the Washington Fiddle Championships!

We hope this newsletter finds you well and immersed in the joy of fiddling! As proud members of the Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association (WOTFA), we have some exciting updates and upcoming events to share with you.

Fundraising for the Washington State Fiddle Championships: We are thrilled to announce that we are actively raising funds for the highly anticipated Washington State Fiddle Championships, which will take place at the Clark County Fair. This event serves as a platform to foster and promote old-time and traditional fiddling in our community. It brings together talented musicians, supports the preservation of this cherished art form, and provides a stage to showcase their incredible skills.

It also gives a safe platform for novice fiddlers to join in a community and have fun building their skills in front of a highly receptive audience.



### Garage Sale Fundraiser on June 3, 2023 from 8am -3pm:

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Garage Sale Fundraiser on June 3, 2023: This event promises to be a fun-filled day where we can come together, support our fiddle community, and contribute to the success of the Washington State Fiddle Championships. We will have live music and fiddlers of all ages playing throughout the day. Join us from 8 am to 3 pm and browse through a wide variety of items generously donated by our members and supporters. Your attendance and contributions will make a significant impact and help us create a memorable and successful event.

Leading the Way! We are fortunate to have Denice Carter, our District 10 Chari, leading the charge in organizing the Washington State Fiddle Championships. With her unparalleled dedication and decades of experience from her time in Denver with the Colorado Old Time Fiddlers' Association and Colorado Fiddle Championships, Denice has forged connections far and wide. Her network enables us to attract top-level judges, talented players, and widespread support. Denice's unwavering commitment to promoting fiddling and raising awareness has been instrumental in making this event a resounding success.

Support and Participation: We sincerely appreciate your continued support and involvement in the Washington State Fiddle Championships. By spreading the word about the event and donating to our cause, you play a crucial role in preserving and celebrating our beloved fiddling traditions. Together, we can ensure that this art form thrives and continues to captivate audiences for generations to come.

Save the Dates:

**August 5-6** Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Washington State Fiddle Championships at the Clark County Fair. Stay tuned for further updates and exciting performances that await us. It promises to be a memorable occasion, and we can't wait to celebrate the rich heritage of old-time and traditional fiddling with all of you.

Sunday, May 28th 4pm District 10 meeting followed by Potluck and Jam Session at the Covington House Vancouver, Washington.

Thank you for your unwavering support, dedication, and enthusiasm.



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## District 11 Report (Grant & Adam Counties)

6/1/2023 – Author: Charlie Root

District 11 held their May meeting and jam on May 21st. We had a good jam and a couple of visiting musicians with us again this month. We had a good audience and they seemed to really enjoy the jam. District 11 will continue their monthly schedule through the summer as we have for many years. We are looking forward to having the workshop in Moses Lake again this year and look forward to seeing many of you.

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 Tues 10:30 AM The Cambridge 301 H Street SW, Quincy
- 4th Thurs. 10:00 AM Summer Wood, 830 NW Sunburst Ct., Moses Lake

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

6/1/2023 – Author: Shawn Hughes

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.

### No Meeting in June

### Monthly Playouts

- 1st Wednesday 6:00 PM Hawthorne Court, 524 N Ely, Kennewick
- 2nd Wednesday 6:15PM Guardian Angel, 245 Van Giesen, Richland
- 3rd Wednesday 2:00 PM Parkview 7820 W. 6th Ave, Kennewick
- 4th Wednesday 3PM. Bonaventure, 1800 Bellerive Dr, Richland

We are going to cancel the meeting in June due to graduations and summer festivities.

Congrats to all the graduates in District 12 and their family members.

We would also like to note that the 2nd Thursday KC Hall jam will NOT be at the KC Hall. Instead we are going to try to hold the Jam at the Sacajawea park. That Thursday will be the start of the bluegrass festival, so we will be joining our musician friends in the park for a jam and potluck that evening.

Lastly, the Round Table pizza jam will be at the Richland roundtable this month on George Washington Way.

Chair: Joe Gunter 509-948-1772

## District 16 Report (Snohomish County)

6/1/2023 – Author: Dianne Gooch

**We are having great turnouts at our 2nd & 4th Friday night jams.** We now begin at 3:00 pm and this allows folks to come and go with a more flexible schedule. The jams continue until about 10:00 pm (or a bit later) at the Sisco Heights Community Club, 13527-99th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. We are also open with coffee and welcome finger treats to enjoy.

We held our last meeting before our summer break on Friday, May 26. We discussed several issues and Noel reported on the state board meeting issues. We have voted to send support funds for the State Fiddle Contest. Our next meeting will be held in September.

We are once again invited to play music for the **Arlington Street Fair on July 7**. All district members are welcome to join us. We are scheduled to **play on stage from 1:00-2:30**. Please bring your own chair.

Our next **WOTFA Midway Jam** will be **Sunday, June 25, 1:30-4:00 pm**, at the Lynnwood Library (19200 44th Ave W, Lynnwood). 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.

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