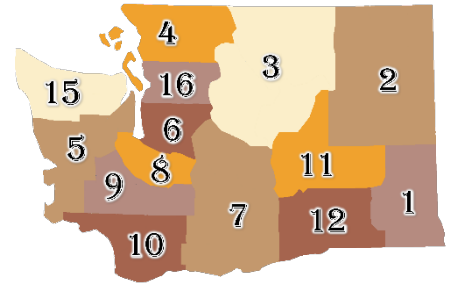




Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association

Preserving an American Tradition



Evergreen Fiddler – May 2024

Lowery's Quadrille

5/1/2024 – Author: Kitty Steetle, Josh Larios

LOWERY'S QUADRILLE

Fiddle tuned ADae
♩ = 110

The musical score for 'Lowery's Quadrille' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a double bar line and repeat sign. Chords are indicated by letters D, G, and A above the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a repeat sign at the end. The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The fourth staff includes a first ending (marked '1') and a second ending (marked '2'). The fifth staff continues the melody. The sixth staff concludes with a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' below the staff.

Source: John Summers to Armin Barnett to the Canote Brothers

I first heard Lowery's Quadrille being played in a jam at the 2018 [Portland Old-Time Music Gathering](#) by [Greg Canote](#). The next week, I listened to my recording of that jam session on repeat on the way up to the [Bellingham Folk Festival](#), and by the time I got there I was pretty sure I could play it. I found an empty corner of the basement, got out my fiddle, and started giving it a try to see if I was right. About 15 seconds later, [Clyde Curley](#) came over and asked "Hey, is that Lowery's Quadrille? Can I play?" I understand why: it's a catchy tune, and a lot of fun to play.

The Canotes taught this tune in their string band class in 2009, so it's relatively well known in the region, although it doesn't seem to be one that people call much at jams I've been to. They got it from Armin Barnett, who got it from [John Summers](#) of Indiana in the 70s. It's a good tune to play with the low string of your fiddle tuned up to A for some drone and resonance possibilities, and some left-hand pizzicato sounds particularly good towards the end of the last part. To play that, pluck the open A and D strings with your left hand, using the finger which has just noted the string on the note before. (The plucked notes are indicated here with a "+".)

I've included a recording of Armin Barnett playing it here, you can listen to the Canotes play it at <http://stringband.mossyroof.com/>, and when Slippery-Hill is back online you should be able to hear John Summers playing it [there](#). This transcription is a bit of a simplification of the way I play it, which is pretty similar to the Canotes. Interestingly, in the recording I've heard of Summers playing it, he only plays the first part the first time through the tune, and then alternates between the second and third parts the rest of the time. I prefer it with all three parts.

–Josh

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

5/1/2024 – Author: Kyle Peterson

No May Report

District 4, Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan Counties

5/1/2024 – Author: Fred Robbins

Dear Fiddlers,

It's been a fantastic time filled with music and camaraderie, and we've got plenty to share from our recent events!

At our recent gatherings, we were thrilled to see some familiar faces returning to our midst. We eagerly anticipate the possibility of Jack and Judy Koetje joining us again, alongside Sarah Buntin. Their presence has been sorely missed, and we sincerely hope for their swift recovery.

Our performances at Mtn. Glen, M/V Sr. Ctr. Jam, and Country Meadows were met with warm reception. The lineup featured a mix of seasoned musicians and fresh talent, including Micki, Jim, Ben, Steve, Rich, Gary, Greg, Forrest, Dwight, Vern, Walt, Diana, Duane, Barry, Hilary, Graham, and David. Their music delighted audiences ranging from 24 to 45 attendees. A heartfelt thank you to all the musicians for enriching our events with their talent and dedication.

Looking ahead, we're excited to remind everyone about the upcoming Fiddle Camp from July 29th to August 2nd at the Chelan County Expo Center in Cashmere. Registration opens on May 6th, and there are plenty of learning opportunities awaiting eager participants. Check out the class descriptions on the website and don't hesitate to reach out for more information.

But that's not all! May promises to be another exciting month filled with musical delights. Here's a rundown of our upcoming events:

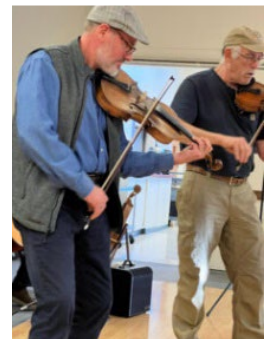
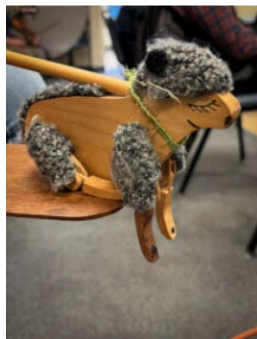
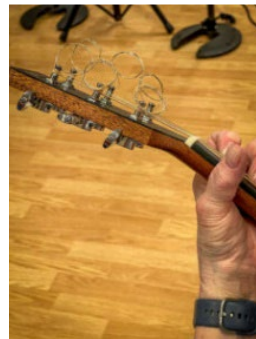
- May 2nd (Thursday) 11:30 AM: S/W Senior Center, 715 Pacific St, Sedro Woolley
- May 3rd (Friday) 2:30 PM: Life Care, M/V 2120 E. Division
- May 10th (Friday) 6:30 – 9:00 PM: Mt. Vernon Sr. Ctr. Meeting/Jam, 1401 Cleveland Ave.
- May 11th (Saturday) 2:00 – 5:00 PM: Bluegrass Jam @ Rhodes River Ranch Restaurant in Oso, 22016 Entsminger Rd, Arlington
- May 14th (Tuesday) 2:00 PM: Mira Vista, 300 South 18th St, Mount Vernon
- May 16th (Thursday) 11:30 AM: S/W Senior Center, 715 Pacific St, Sedro Woolley
- May 17th (Friday) 3:00 PM: La Conner Retd. Inn, 204 N 1st St, La Conner
- May 23rd (Thursday) 3:00 PM: Mtn. Glen, 1810 E Division, MV (Allow time to Park)

- May 24th (Friday) 6:30 – 9:00 PM: Mt. Vernon Sr. Ctr. Meeting/Jam, 1401 Cleveland Ave
- May 27th (Monday) 3:00 PM: Creekside Retd. 400 Gilkey Rd, Burlington
- May 28th (Tuesday) 2:00 PM: Country Meadow Village, 1501 Collins Rd, S/W

Let's keep the music alive and thriving in our community. Stay tuned for more updates and mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

Warm regards,

Fred Robbins Interim Chair Old Time Fiddlers, District 4



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

5/1/2024 – Author: Sandra OKelly

May is for flowers and they are blooming beautifully as we enjoy longer days and promises of summer coming with the campouts, farmer's markets, Fiddle Camp, and all things outside. While May is best known for Mother's Day 5/12 and Memorial Day 5/27 others include: May Day, May 2nd is Play Your Uke Day, Cinco de Mayo (think Cielito Lindo and Jesse Polka). May 5th is also World Laughter Day! **World Fiddling Day** is May 18th, the day of our last District business meeting until September. Good tunes for that day might be Give the Fiddler a Dram, Me and My Fiddle and Jim the Fiddle Maker. Here's a new one to me... May 22nd is Buy a Musical Instrument Day. So go out, spend your money, try a new instrument and keep making music! Most musicians I know already have a collection of instruments and struggle with G.A.S.~ Gear Acquirement Syndrome. Enjoy and celebrate!

At our April District Business meeting, we heard from 4 young fiddlers who will be granted scholarships for Fiddle Camp this year. We hear there might be a few more interested and look forward to getting them on board. Kay has been volunteering with a violin class through the South Kitsap School District and encouraging students to attend camp and some of our jam sessions. We aspire to get some younger folks interested in Old Time music....Good job, Kay and *Thanks!* We continue to have the first hour of our monthly business meeting jam without sheet music so we can develop that Old Time skill of playing by ear~sometimes a challenge but feels good when one works it out. Growth.

SAVE the DATE....October 19th. We are planning a workshop of Irish tunes for our monthly business meeting in October. Bill recently discovered Tania Opland and Mike Freeman and they've agreed to do a workshop for us. Tania has joined a couple of our jams and we enjoy her skill and look forward to the workshop. Check them out <https://opland-freeman.com/>

Again, Save the Date for our Labor Day campout at Kitsap Square Dance Association, Belfair Valley Rd in Bremerton. 2 nights camping, jamming, playing for the Square Dancers, hamburger pot luck, breakfast and more. Stay tuned..... Several of us will attend the Quilcene Campout in June. Always fun to get together with our friends from other districts. And then there's Fiddle camp in July!

Playouts:

- 5/24 Clearbrook
- 5/29 Country Meadows
- 6/6 Liberty Shores
- 6/112 Willows
- 6/13 Canterbury
- 7/11 Crista Shores

Other plans for playouts: Sand and Sawdust in Oceanshores June 28th and 29th <https://tourismoceanshores.com/sand-and-sawdust-2023/>; and Farmer's Markets in Bremerton, Port Orchard and Poulsbo later in the summer. August 17th, we'll have a booth at the Olalla American Music

Festival <https://olallaamericana.com/#:~:text=Festival%20date%20is%20August%2017%2C%202024>. Keep an eye on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WOTFA5/>

Contacts for scheduling or attending playouts: Sharon Habener habs_@msn.com or Kay McCarthy kaycmccarthy@gmail.com

We're **Jamming** every Tuesday, come join us. **First and Third Tuesdays** of each month next door to Dick's Sporting Goods in the **Silverdale Mall** from 1-4pm. We are heading **back to the Barn in Belfair in May** for the summer 1-4 on Tuesdays that we are not at the mall. The Barn is located at 600 NE Roessel Rd, Belfair at the Salmon Center, a lovely setting. Dress for the weather, for while we are covered and protected from wind and weather, it can be chilly some days. We have a good turnout, have fun and welcome all comers. Hikers/walkers frequently stop and listen, it's a great place to walk along the Hood Canal. Join us! Bring some friends.

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

District 6 Report (King County)

5/1/2024 - Author: Jenny Swanson

Welcome to May 2024! I hope you all had a real nice mayday. Remember the mayday fun tradition of leaving a small bouquet of flowers on a neighbor's porch? That can be such fun!

Our meeting/jam on April 6th was also a lot of fun. We had quite a few people of different ages attending and as many fiddles as we have seen lately! I counted 11, which was such a treat. We also had a variety of instruments which included guitars, base guitar, mandolin, banjo and harmonica. During the meeting we decided to schedule two more bonus jams for this year. We scheduled one on April 27th and the other on June 1st. We notified everyone we thought would be interested by email because the one in April will have already happened by the time this newsletter is published. They were both put on the calendar so people would know the details in time. I have included several pictures from our April 6th meeting/jam below:



Last month I announced that our secretary, Ena Birkland, will be celebrating her 90th birthday with a party on May 11th from 1 – 4 pm at the VFW Post 1263 in Renton. She would really love to have you all (even from other districts) join her on her special day. Bring your instruments and be ready to play. Cake will be served and she's hoping that people will enjoy dancing to our music. This event is listed on the calendar of the website and tells all the details.

Reminders:

There are 2 extra jams from 1 to 4 pm at the DesMoines Masons Hall. They are Sat, April 27th and Sat, June 1st

Ena's Birthday Party on May 11th from 1 to 4 pm at the VFW Post 1263 in Renton

There are no other meetings or jams for District 6 until Sat, Sept 7th, which is from 11 am to 4 pm at the Masons in DesMoines

Registration for WOTFA Fiddle Camp this summer begins Monday, May 6

Our playdates at the nursing and group homes continue throughout the summer. Thanks to all who give their time and energy to make these possible! Questions: Contact Bernie Turner at Bernus.turner@comcast.net

In other District 6 news, our very own highschooler, Bella Smith took part in a special workshop that had to do with the Seattle Fiddlesticks program shared in the newsletter last year. She learned several new songs at home, which she shared with us at our jams. Then, she met with the group for one practice after which they all played at the Seattle Center for St. Patrick's Day. We all are so excited to see her enthusiasm and progress in her fiddle playing! Good job, Bella! The pictures below are of this performance:



Lastly, here's some information and a plea for help at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, ID taking place June 17th through the 22nd. Washington state has been asked to be the host state for this event. Janet Shelby sent me a note that I have copied below to let you know about it:

WASHINGTON HOST STATE FOR 2024 NATIONAL CONTEST, WEISER

Attn: Weiser attendees!

As a WOTFA member you are invited to participate in the Host State activities during contest week June 17-22.

HOST STATE ACTIVITIES:

1. Open each evening show Monday-Saturday, 6:30 – 6:50
2. Judge Certified Showcases Monday-Wednesday (3 judges each night, 1/2hr)
3. Play at local nursing homes and assisted living facilities, daily schedule
4. Ride on a float provided for us in Saturday's parade, 10am.

Anyone interested in being a lead person for one of these events, or in being a judge for Certified Showcase, please contact me for more information.

Anyone interested in participating in any of the above activities, please let me know which ones. I'll get a contact list going.

Thank you!

Janet Shelby

WOTFA member from Otis Orchards, near Spokane

janet.shelby@gmail.com

Hope you have a happy May by going outside whenever the sun shines and playing music inside whenever it doesn't!

Questions or comments?

Questions or comments email me at timbuktoe@yahoo.com

District 8 Report (Pierce County)

5/1/2024 – Author: Barbara Peterson

Marvelous May!

There are many opportunities to play music with us in Pierce County! Come and see! Bring an instrument! Bring a friend!

Ongoing Jams

- 3rd Sundays 2PM District 8 Meeting and Jam. See you May 19! We will meet at the Mid County Community Center (MCCC). We'll have a short meeting followed by longer circle jam at 10205 44th Ave E, Tacoma 98446. Behind the school where there's plenty of parking. Bring a friend and an instrument. Meet some nice people! Finger foods welcome. We have decided not to meet in June, July, or August. September 15 will be the next meeting then.
- **Mondays! 1:30PM-3:30 Open jam** at Puyallup Senior Center – 210 Pioneer Ave. It's easy to find, easy to park. Note: this Senior Center is closed on Federal holidays.
- Mondays 5:30-8PM 1st and 3rd Mondays **Dance Band** at MCCC above. We are getting this popular dance band activity going again! **Confirmed!** We will play at Folklife Festival!. May 26 show at 3-4:30 at the Alki Court Stage for some beginner contra-dancers. Check it out! contact Barbara bmacleanp@comcast.net
- 1st Fridays 3:30PM-6:00 Gig Harbor Circle Jam. For current location, contact Matt 202.631.34147
- "Live Music Friday!" **NOTE: This one is on hold!** If you are interested in a slower jam setting let Barbara know. At the Golden Rose Mobile Park community center in Puyallup, 6220 107th Ave E, Puyallup, WA 98372.

Mark your calendars for these Playouts!!

- 3rd Thursdays 11:00 Luncheon at Mid County Community Center above. Contact Barbara
- 2nd Thursday 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones see below: March, June, September, December
- May 26 Sunday 1-2 PM Jam at **Folklife Festival** Jam Tent. And dance at 3PM. See above.
- Jun. 13 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Comm. Contact Ron ronduncan596@gmail.com
- TBA 1:30PM Brookdale Allenmore Assisted Living on the (L) Contact Carol ccgav@msn.com
- TBA 2PM Brookdale Allenmore Independent Living on the (R) Contact Carol above.

Upcoming Events Click on the hyperlinks Add to your calendars.

- Contra Dance every 3rd Sun. 3:00-6PM now at Fircrest Community Center, 555 Contra Costa Drive, Fircrest. 3PM a workshop for new dancers. You really should try this! Check their calendar. <https://tacomacontradance.org/>
- Feb 16-18 15th Olympia Oly Old Time Music Festival <http://olyoldtime.weebly.com/>
- Feb. 22-25 28th Wintergrass Music Festival at Hyatt Regency Bellevue <https://wintergrass.com/>
- Mar. 1-3 SuperFolk Music Festival in Tacoma <https://nwfolklife.org/obn/superfolk/superfolk-festival-2024.html>
- April 20-21 54th Northwest Regional Fiddle Contest in Spokane Valley <https://www.northwestregionals.com/>
- May 24-27 53rd Folklife Festival in Seattle <https://nwfolklife.org/festival/home.html>
- May 10-11 11th Fiddlers on the Peak Fiddle Contest in Chewelah <https://fiddlersonthepeak.org/>
- May 23-27 28th Montana Fiddle Camp in Monarch, MT <https://www.montanafiddlecamp.org/>
- May 31-Jun 2 14th Tenor Guitar Foundation Gathering in Astoria <https://www.tenorguitar.org/>
- June 17-22 71st National Fiddle Contest and Festival in Weiser, ID <https://www.fiddlecontest.org/>
- July 1- 8 Fiddle Tunes Workshop in Port Townsend since 1977 <https://centrum.org/program/fiddle-tunes/>

- July 7-12 18th Wallowa Oregon Fiddle Tunes Camp <https://wvmusicalliance.org/wftc-2024/>
- July 29-2 WOTFA Summer Camp in Cashmere since 1988 <https://www.facebook.com/wotfa.org/>
- Aug 10-15 21st Centralia Campout <https://www.centraliacampout.com/>
- Oct 11-13 2nd Seattle Oldgrowth Old Time Music Festival <https://oldgrowtholdtime.org/>

FREE: A Yamaha EMX 5000 mixer board with 12 channel capacity? Sticker says it once was ~\$999, but I don't know how old it is.

Interested in a nice stand up 3/4 bass fiddle with soft case? Contact Dennis D 253 209 7181c or 253 904 8881.

District 9 Report (Lewis & Thurston Counties)

5/1/2024 – Author: Christie Easter

Hi Everyone;

For the month of May we have just a couple things going on, if there are any additions I will try to get them emailed out directly and/or posted in the WOTFA events calendar and our Facebook page.

Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 4:00-5:00pm: Playdate at Colonial Stillwater Estates. 2700 Colonial Drive, Centralia. So far this is our only playdate this month.

Friday, May 3rd, 2024 10:00-12:00: District 9 Open Acoustic Jam & Meeting, Faith Baptist Church, 436 Coal Creek Road, Chehalis. Just off N. National Ave (I-5 exit 79). There will be snacks and coffee & tea but it's not a potluck.

****We will have one more open jam on Friday, June 7th, 2024 before we break for the summer. No jams in July and August****

We will resume jamming on Friday, September 6th, 2024 at our usual time and location.

Monday, May 6th: WOTFA FIDDLECAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS.

Let me know if you have any problems with anything related to FiddleCamp or the registration process.

This year we (District 9) are giving out SEVEN youth tuition scholarships for FiddleCamp! As well as supporting local fiddle contests and FiddleCamp itself.

Everyone has done a terrific job playing at playdates and raising money for our youth scholarships, it's been a wonderful year in that respect.

May 10-May 11, 2024: Fiddlers On The Peak fiddle contest, Addy, Washington.

Fun, small venue fiddle contest just North of Spokane. Lots of jamming, open mic and other fun things

That's all for the month of May. Be well and keep on fiddling!

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)

5/1/2024 – Denice Carter

No May Report

District 11 Report (Grant & Adams Counties)

5/1/2024 – Charlie Root

No May Report

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

5/1/2024 – Joe Gunter

No May Report

District 15 Report (Jefferson & Clallam Counties)

5/1/2024 – Rita Hubbard

No May Report

District 16 Report (Snohomish County)

5/1/2024 – Author: Dianne Gooch

District 16 WOTFA – Evergreen Fiddler News for May 2024 – Reporter Dianne Gooch

We continue to meet for the 2nd & 4th Friday night jams at Sisco Heights Community Club. We begin at 3:00 pm and the jams continue until about 9:00-10:00 pm. A past jam session lasted from 3:00 – 10:00 pm. We have some very dedicated musicians in our group. We often have a very large group but they rotate through on their own schedule. Our faithful president, Noel, has been under the weather. We hope that a procedure she plans to have will restore her to good health. Thanks to Dave Thomas for all the set up and break down for our jams.

Just a note: we will suspend our WOTFA meetings for June, July and August.

Sisco Heights Community Club is at 13527-99th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

We also have coffee and welcome finger treats to enjoy.

We have a playout scheduled for **May 3 – 10:30 am at the Stilly Valley Center,**

18308 Smokey Point Blvd.

We have once again invited to entertain at the **Arlington Street Fair on July 12 – 1:00-2:30.**

All musicians are invited to join these special events.

Our next **WOTFA Midway Jam** will be **Sunday, May 26, 1:30-4:00 pm**, at the Lynnwood Library (19200 44th Ave W, Lynnwood). We have 15-20 musicians at these jams. We welcome new musicians. 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.

The following Districts are No longer active. Members of these counties are welcome to continue to participate in any and all WOTFA events and activities. If you have a jam, playout or even in any of these districts - feel free to simply coordinate with the State Officers

District 1 (Asotin, Columbia, Garfield & Whitman Counties)

District 3 (Chelan, Douglas & Okanogan Counties)

District 7 (Kittitas, Yakima, & Klickitat Counties)