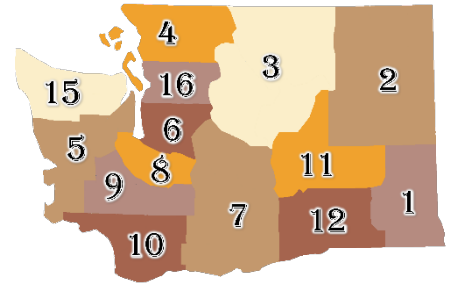




Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association

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Evergreen Fiddler – June/July 2024

The Swedish Waltz

6/1/2024 – Author: Kitty Steetle, Josh Larios

THE SWEDISH WALTZ

waltz
♩ = 155

Since the beginning of the year I have been participating in a daily challenge in a [Facebook group](#). Each morning, the admins of the group post a tune title, one of them usually posts a close up video of her fingers as she plays a simple version slowly, and we have 24 hours to learn the tune and post a video of ourselves playing it. There have been a lot of Texas contest-style, Irish, Scottish, and Canadian tunes, none of which are styles I normally play much of, so it really has been a challenge to learn some of the tunes. This tune was also new to me, but it felt more natural to learn.

I don't know much about this tune. I know that [Bob Walters](#), a champion Midwestern fiddler from the 1930s through the 1950s, played it, and that [R.P. Christeson](#) included his version of it in his book "The Old-Time Fiddler's Repertory". You can hear [a recording of Walters](#) playing it at [slippery-hill.com](#) (a wonderful resource I refer to frequently). Where Walters got it, I do not know. I suspect it is not actually Swedish, but perhaps Walters learned it from a Swedish fiddler.

I have transcribed it in the key of D here, although Walters played it in C, because I learned the tune from James Bryan's album "The First of May". On that recording, I am pretty sure that he has his fiddle tuned down a whole step and playing in C using fingerings for D. I can't think of any other way he would be getting the drones he does on that recording,

anyway, and I like the way my fiddle sounds when it's tuned a little low. I'll include a video of playing it with the same fingerings but with the fiddle tuned back up, though.

If you would like to play it in C out of standard tuning, as I think Bob Walters did, here is a transcription for that. I really like the open drones you can get by playing it in D, though.

THE SWEDISH WALTZ

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The musical score for 'The Swedish Waltz' is written in 3/4 time with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains measures 1-8 with chords C, F, Dm, G, C, G. The second staff contains measures 9-16 with chords C, F, Dm, G, C. The third staff contains measures 17-24 with chords C, G. The fourth staff contains measures 25-32 with chords C, F, C, F, C, G, C. The piece ends with a double bar line.

—Josh

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

6/1/2024 – Author: Kyle Peterson

Fingers have been very busy in District 2 of Eastern Washington, as the Northwest Regional Fiddle Contest had so many Small Fry and Junior-Junior fiddlers that the organizers had to cut each performers' appearance from three tunes to two. And here, they've been asking me to do that for years. Performances were terrific and I think everyone had a good time. The Fiddlers On The Peak was in a new venue, a cozier Grange Hall just off the road a few miles north of Chewelah. I was hoping that some of the Really Old Contestants would get confused after driving in circles, decide to go back home and improve my chances of placing. Not only did that not happen, but I got scheduled between Jan Shelby and Barbara Curtis, which was a little embarrassing. When it came time for me to go on stage after Janet, I gave an embarrassed little shrug and smiled and played the tunes I brought. I think some of the performances are going to be available on YouTube, so I would recommend that you watch Ms. Shelby, Ms. Curtis, Leah and Helen Huguenin, Rob and Will Bailey. Skip the one between Janet and Barbara.

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

6/1/2024 – Author: Fred Robbins

May Recap

We had a fantastic time with Sarah back singing with us at the Senior Center in Sedro Woolley. A big thank you to Martin and Barbara for bringing Sarah and for your continued support and devotion to the fiddlers. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Our day was filled with music from players and singers: Ben, Forrest, Peggy, Denise, Gary, Rich, Joyce, Diana, Micki, Jim (so good to have Jim's banjo sound and his good voice!), Danny, and Greg. We had a full house, and many expressed their enjoyment of our music. More players mean richer sounds, and it was indeed a wonderful day topped off with a good lunch and fellowship. Special thanks to David for working hard to make us sound our best.

Unfortunately, Jack and Judy couldn't join us as Jack was in the hospital. We pray for their well-being and miss them both. Duane Stixrud joined us, although his wife Debbie was away visiting their daughter Suzie and the new grandbaby. Congratulations to all!

Recent Events

We've had many great play-outs recently:

- **Mountain Glen**
- **Mount Vernon Senior Center Jam**
- **Country Meadows**

These events were well-received by our audiences. Musicians included Micki, Jim, Ben, Steve, Rich, Gary, Greg, Forrest, Dwight, Vern, Walt, Diana, Duane, Barry, Hilary, Graham, David, Peggy, Danny, and Lorene. We appreciate everyone who makes time to join in the fun and music.

Thank you to Forrest, Judi, and Nancy for encouraging others to join us. We also appreciate our audiences, those who help with setup and packing, and those who bring tasty goodies. We are truly blessed!

Special thanks to Peggy, Dwight, Rich, Forrest, Micki, Jim, Greg, and Gary for sharing your musical talents at Life Care in Mount Vernon. Greg, your help with the setup was invaluable. We received a couple of special requests from the audience: "Rocky Top" and "Fishing in the Dark." We'll make sure to include them next time!

Our thoughts and prayers are with those dealing with ailments, especially Jack Koetje and Carol Oglesbee. We hope to see everyone soon to share in making old-time music.

A warm Friday evening brought 14 fiddlers and 30 listeners, including some enthusiastic kids, to the Mount Vernon Senior Center. We were pleased to see Carol Oglesbee back with us. Jay and Michael captured some wonderful moments with their cameras.

Special Mentions

- **Norma Jean** sang "Climb Every Mountain" and expressed her appreciation for joining our genre.
- **Jim's Banjo** rendition of "Rollin' in My Sweet Baby's Arms" brought smiles to many.

Upcoming Meeting and Discussions

We have a meeting this Friday to discuss:

- **Zion Lutheran Church Strawberry Festival** on June 23rd at 4 PM.
- **Bellingham Fiddlers' Play-Outs** and scheduling.

April Meeting Recap

1. **Gifted Fiddles:** Dennis provided an update and Graham is also reviewing them. Recommendations will be given on how to proceed.
2. **Summer Play-Outs:** It's important to know in advance who will be attending each event. We'll use a calendar to track participation.
3. **Music Preparation:** Have your music and songs ready ahead of time for smoother play-outs.
4. **Bellingham Play-Outs:** Discussing options for play-outs closer to Bellingham.
5. **Health Updates:** Keeping everyone informed and supported during health challenges.

June Calendar

- **June 6** (Thursday): 11:30 AM, Sedro Woolley Senior Center
- **June 7** (Friday): 3:00 PM, La Conner Retirement Inn
- **June 8** (Saturday): 2:00–5:00 PM, Bluegrass Jam at Rhodes River Ranch Restaurant
- **June 13** (Thursday): 2:30 PM, Life Care, Mount Vernon
- **June 14** (Friday): 6:30–9:00 PM, Mount Vernon Senior Center Meeting/Jam
- **June 18** (Tuesday): 2:00 PM, Mira Vista, Mount Vernon
- **June 20** (Thursday): 11:30 AM, Sedro Woolley Senior Center
- **June 21** (Friday): 3:00 PM, Creekside Retirement, Burlington
- **June 23** (Sunday): 4:00 PM, Zion Lutheran Church Strawberry Festival, Ferndale
- **June 25** (Tuesday): 2:00 PM, Country Meadow Village, Sedro Woolley
- **June 27** (Thursday): 3:00 PM, Mountain Glen, Mount Vernon
- **June 28** (Friday): 6:30–9:00 PM, Mount Vernon Senior Center Jam

July Calendar

- **July 3rd** (Wednesday) 11:30 S/W Senior Center, 715 Pacific St, Sedro Woolley
- **July 5th** (Friday) 12:45 Lynden Community/Senior Center Address: 401 Grover St, Lynden, WA 98264
- **July 11th** (Thursday) 2:30 Life Care, M/V 2120 E. Division
- **July 12th** (Friday) 6:30 – 9:00 PM: Mt. Vernon Sr. Ctr. Jam, 1401 Cleveland AVE.
- **July 16th** (Tuesday) 2:00 Mira Vista, 300 South 18th St, Mount Vernon
- **July 18th** (Thursday) 11:30 S/W Senior Center, 715 Pacific St, Sedro Woolley
- **July 19th** (Friday) 3:00 La Conner Retd. Inn, 204 N 1st St, La Conner
- **July 22nd** (Monday) 3:00 PM: Creekside Retd. 400 Gilkey Rd, Burlington
- **July 25th** (Thursday) 3:00 PM: Mtn. Glen, 1810 E Division, MV (Allow time to Park)
- **July 26th** (Friday) 6:30 – 9:00 PM: Mt. Vernon Sr. Ctr. Jam, 1401 Cleveland Ave
- **July 30th** (Tuesday) 2:00 PM: Country Meadow Village, 1501 Collins Rd, S/W

Reminders

Monthly Jam: Every 2nd and 4th Friday, 6:30–9:00 PM at Mount Vernon Senior Center.

Visit: [W.O.T.F.A. Home Website](#) for the Tune of the Month and more!

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Wishing you all a week filled with music, joy, and fellowship!

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

6/1/2024 – Author: Sandra OKelly

Summer is on it's way! What are your plans? Going to Fiddle Camp? Well be sending 5 youth to camp this summer. While these cool spring days have been full of flowers, I'm ready for more sun and warmth. District 5 met for our last business meeting in May until September but we have plenty of plans to get together in the true spirit of summer. There are campouts, playouts and festivals. **We are jamming every Tuesday from 1-4.** 1st and 3rd Tuesday in Silverdale Mall next to Dick's Sporting Goods and 2nd and 4th (and any 5th) Tuesdays in Belfair at the Barn. The Barn is located at 600 NE Roessel Rd, Belfair at the Salmon Center, a nice place for a hike at the end of the Hood Canal. Thanks and a Shout Out to JoAnn for widely advertising our jams as we have folks dropping by to listen and play.

Keep up with us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WOTFA5/> Join us!

Summer isn't a season, it's a vibe. Some quotes relating to the special feeling of Summer that I've found:

- Poet William Curtis Williams—In Summer, the Song sings Itself
- William Shakespeare—Shall I compare thee to a summer day?
- Helen Keller—Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see shadows. It's what the sunflowers do.
- Audrey Hepburn—To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow

Good things are associated with Summer. Hope yours is a memorable one.

Playouts:

- June 6-Liberty Shores
- June 12-Willows
- June 13- Retsil Veterans Home
- June 14- Canterbury
- June 28 & 29- Sand and Sawdust Festival in Ocean Shores, WA-come join our Jam, stay tuned!
- July 10-Crista Shores
- July 13-Port Orchard farmers Mkt
- July 17- Fieldstone
- August 14-Willows
- August 22-Bremerton Farmers Market
- August 17th, we'll have a booth at the Olalla American Music Festival <https://olallaamericana.com/>

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

We are planning for our Campout Labor Day Weekend August 30-Sept 1st. **SAVE the DATE!** To be followed by our return to monthly 3rd Saturday business meetings and jamming in September. We have all risen to the challenge of a 'music stand free' hour between 11 and Noon. Our next meeting, **October 19th**, will be a workshop of Irish tunes. Tania Opland and Mike Freeman have agreed to provide some fun 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/>

See you at Fiddle Camp! Keep playing!

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District 6 Report (King County)

6/1/2024 - Author: Jenny Swanson

Happy June 2024 everyone. We had a good April and May in district 6 with an extra jam at the end of April and Ena's 90th birthday party in the middle of the month. Our last jam until our summer break (for sure this time) was June 1st. I'll include pictures of that in the August newsletter since this is a combined June/July one.

We had a bonus extra jam on April 27th. Apparently the word got out because we had a good turn out. All ages, abilities, and new faces combined to make an enjoyable jam. Here are a few pictures which Shawna Smith provided.



Ena's birthday party turned out well. She had lots of friends and family to celebrate with. The fiddlers came and played a lot of enjoyable music which was well received. A couple delicious cakes were served and we all went home tired, but happy. Here are some photos also provided by Shawna. (Many thanks to her for helping out by way of photos.)



District 6 takes a break from meetings and jams for the summer because of vacations and other activities. But, we all look forward to our first meeting/jam of the fall on the first Sat. of September, which is the 7th this year. However, we still entertain at the retirement homes we have scheduled throughout the summer. A heartfelt thank you to all who volunteer their time and talent for these play dates.

If you want to attend the workshop this year, be sure to sign up soon. All the information is on the wotfa.org website. It's a great place to meet people and learn to play better on your preferred instrument. There are also plenty of other activities around the state to participate in, so keep checking the calendar on our website.

Keep in mind these dates in the fall for District 6:

- September 7th is our meeting/jam from 11 am to 4 pm at the DesMoines Masons Hall
- September 28th is our circle jam from 1 pm to 4 pm at the DesMoines Masons Hall
- October 5th is our meeting/jam from 11 am to 4 pm at the DesMoines Masons Hall
- October 26th is our circle jam from 1 pm to 4 pm at the DesMoines Masons Hall

Otherwise, keep playing music and enjoying the spring and start of summer. Any questions or comments email me at timbuktoe@yahoo.com

Thanks for reading this.

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District 8 Report (Pierce County)

6/1/2024 – Author: Barbara Peterson

Breezy June!

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

The Pacific Northwest Folklife Festival in Seattle was so much fun! There were about 45-50 dancers, some beginners, some experienced. They laughed and applauded and all generally had a great time. See the video below.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/11fYmZqFUHZj75cldGtATRtLYkYFmxyj/view?usp=drive_link



Ongoing Jams

- 3rd Sundays 2PM District 8 Meeting and Jam. We have decided not to meet in June, July, or August. September 15 will be the next meeting when – 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.
- **Mondays! 1:30PM-3:30 Open jam** at Puyallup Senior Center – 210 Pioneer Ave. It's easy to find, easy to park. Note: the Puyallup Senior Center is closed on Federal holidays.
- Mondays 5:30-8PM 1st and 3rd Mondays **Dance Band** practice at MCCC above. We are getting this popular dance band activity going again! You should definitely try this! contact Barbara bmacleap@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
- 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/>

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)

6/1/2024 – Author: Christie Easter

No June/July Report

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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)

6/1/2024 – Denice Carter

No June/July Report

District 11 Report (Grant & Adams Counties)

6/1/2024 – Charlie Root

No June/July Report

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

6/1/2024 – Joe Gunter

No June/July Report

District 15 Report (Jefferson & Clallam Counties)

6/1/2024 – Rita Hubbard

No June/July Report

District 16 Report (Snohomish County)

6/1/2024 – Author: Dianne Gooch

District 16 WOTFA – Evergreen Fiddler News for June/July 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, is improving and hopes to be back at the jams very soon. Thanks to Dave Thomas for all the set up and break down.

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 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 Jams** will be **Sundays, June 23, 1:30-4:00 pm, and July 28 same time**, 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.

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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)