

ACCORDION TALK

Milwaukie Public Safety Bldg. | 3200 SE Harrison St. |Milwaukie, OR

Announcements

- February 15-
12:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Music Circle - 12:15 for
1 Hr
- The club meets the third
Saturday of each month
unless noted.

Special Features

***** 2020*****

Feb - Education - Wayne N

Mar - Susan Schwab

April - Doug Stickler

Refreshments

Feb - Delette H



Flaco Jimenez, a multiple Grammy winner, remains one of the fiercest accordionist to ever pick up the instrument!

Wayne Nelson

Let's have some fun and learn too.

Wayne will do an educational presentation on learning a new song with "Galla-Rini" techniques.

Lots of tidbits of hints and ideas to improve your skills.



SPECIAL GUEST..Adam Fundak

2019 RCAC Youth Scholarship Winner will perform at the February meeting.



Please join us on Saturday, February 15 to meet Adam and his accordion.

Stirrings of the Heart



Friends

The friendships imprinted in our heart that will never to be diminished by time and distance
Start with the bellows imprinted on our heart

Accordion Events - 2020

**RCAC Accordion Camp -
June 7-11, 2020 -
Eagle Creek, OR**

**Leavenworth International -
June 18-21, 2020.
Leavenworth, WA**

REMINDER ----

Annual Dues need to be paid by the end of February, 2020

Do you know how to write a musical sentence?

Period. *A complete and perfect musical sentence, containing at least two phrases and bringing the ear to a perfect conclusion or state of rest.*

Phrasing. *The punctuation of music. Dividing the musical sentences into rhythmical sections.*

Cadence. *A close in melody or harmony, dividing it into numbers or periods, or bringing it to a final termination.*

President's Corner

Hello my fellow accordionists and friends:

Welcome to 2020! We have a full schedule of performers and education on the agenda for the year. Lots of fun!

The next board meeting will be February 17.

The elected Board values and respects our club members' contributions to the music world. If you would like to attend please email me for details.

Please consider donating to our adult scholarship or out of town performers fund. The donations will help to offset the costs to offer a camp workshop and promote goodwill to our fellow accordionists.

Please send or email me your suggestions on how to; Promote and improve the Rose City Accordion Club.

Thank you for supporting the accordionists of RCAC.

Bev Spurgeon, RCAC President

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Announcements

The second Sunday of January, the Sons of Norway in Kelso, WA hold their annual Lutefisk dinner event....The past couple of years Delette Huffman (r) and Bev Spurgeon (l) have played Scandinavian music for the event. Yes, a free Lutefisk dinner for providing the live music!



January Club Meeting

The meeting began with the music circle, Fran Maddox conducting.

President Bev Spurgeon made the following announcements:

- 1) The holiday party held on December 15, 2019, was a great success. The featured entertainment, Toby Hanson and Joe Szabo, were enjoyed by everyone.
- 2) John Mohny, today's featured performer, is ill and will not be performing. He will be rescheduled at a future meeting.
- 3) The quarterly board meeting will be held at Bev Spurgeon's home on February 17, 2020. Two new board members – Sue Schwab and Wayne Tiusanen – were elected at the November 2019 club meeting.
- 4) The 2020 camp, which has been moved to Collins Retreat Center in Beaver Creek, is at capacity. There will be a waiting list created, or participants can choose to stay at a hotel in Sandy if they wish to commute. Camp sites are also available at Barton Park, a county park nearby.
- 5) The club has also been awarded a cultural grant from Clackamas County to support the camp. Current plans are to use the funds for media coverage and promotion. The county advised the club that the strengths of the club's application included the longevity of the camp and the professional backgrounds of the conductors and instructors.
- 6) Bev Spurgeon thanked the club members for their continued support throughout her term as president.
- 7) Fran Maddox noted that she brought three music books that she no longer needed. Anyone who wanted one of the books could make a donation to the club.



Submitted by Marlene Meissner, Secretary

Song List:

Lynn Haldeman - Frozen & When You Wish Upon a Star

Wayne Nelson - Jubilation Festival & Four Butterflies

Kim Nurmi - Heaven's Gate & Rosbef

Steve Knapke - Medley of Blues & A Mess of Blues

Wayne Tiusanen - End of the World & Tea for Two

Bobbie Ferrero - Lovesick Blues & Moneybags

Steve Gordon - Love for Sale & Honeysuckle Rose

Mark Greathouse - Hey Friend & Improv

Marlene Meissner - Midnight Waltz & Are You Lonesome Tonight

Fran Maddox - Fly Me to the Moon & Just Breezin By

Bev Spurgeon - Long Gone Lonesome Blues

Welcome - RCAC Club Member - David Beer

Please meet **David Beer**, the *only* person in Oregon and one of very few in the USA who passed the third and final level of Accordion Repair from none other than the Accordion Craft Academy in Castelfidardo, Italy. Over the last two years he spent an intense three weeks learning the repair and tuning of the accordion. During that time there was only one other English speaking student. The others were from

Belgium, Austria, Portugal, Brazil, Italy, and South Korea. David said that at times the instructor, Elke Ahrenholz, was speaking four different languages which literally made his head dizzy.



David's early years were spent on the East Coast then to Minneapolis, MN. It was during his time in Minnesota that he became interested in the accordion. He would sneak into the churches during their evening dance parties to hear the polkas and folk music. His interest was not to play initially but to figure out how the instrument worked. He bought a beat up accordion for \$20 and began to take it apart and try to repair it. Asked if he eventually got it to play, he answered, "No, it was too far gone".

Then twenty years ago, David moved to Oregon. This is where he started to take the accordion seriously. Luigi Rangan was his first teacher. Before he could take lessons though he had to get rid of the \$20 accordion and get one that played. After a couple of upgrades, he now plays a Menghini accordion. His lessons have been sporadic. He found it difficult to practice after a long day at the bakery. As a professional baker his hands were sore and the heat callouses on his fingertips made it difficult to feel the touch of the bass buttons. David's favorite genre is Balkan and Eastern European music. Some favorite accordionists are Guy Klucevsek and Lars Hollmer. Presently he is taking lessons from Courtney Von Drehle, one who knows and plays this type of music. Hopefully, we will be serenaded by David at club but he says that he prefers to play alone in his study.

In 2018, David spent five weeks at the 'World of Accordions Museum' in Superior, Wisconsin, owned by Dr. Helmi Harrington. Dr. Harrington used to run a 9 month curriculum for certification as an Accordion Repair Technician. It was an extraordinary experience studying with Helmi, and fixing random accordions from the 1500 in the museum. He got additional training as well as hands-on practice to open, look at and repair many different kinds of instruments. This then led to his certification for Advanced Maintenance & Repair Techniques through ACA's Tier 3 for Accordion Repairers.

David is anxious to move from his profession as a baker to that of your local accordion repair and tuning expert. He can be reached at squeezeboxsurgeon@gmail.com

Submitted by Bobbie Ferrero, VP & Roamin' Reporta'

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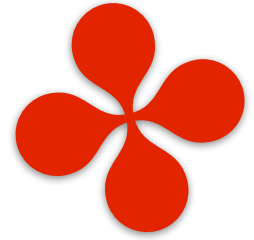
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Let's Explore the World of Scandinavian Music

For The
February Meeting

RCAC Contacts / Business Information - <http://www.rosecityaccordionclub.org/>

Current Officers

President - Bev Spurgeon

Vice President - Bobbie Ferrero

Secretary - Marlene Meissner

Treasurer - Fran Maddox

Website - Steve Knapke

Board Members

Wayne Tiusanen

Wayne Nelson

Mark Greathouse

B. Ferrero - Camp Director

Newsletter - Bev Spurgeon - bevo925@comcast.net

Susan Schwab

Bob Wachter

Delette Huffman - Camp

Rose City Accordion Club is open to all accordion players, from beginners to professionals, their friends and families, and the public. Meetings are held monthly on the third Saturday from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Milwaukie Public Safety Bldg., SE 32nd and SE Harrison, Milwaukie, OR unless noted otherwise.

Ad Policy: Any current member can place a business card or four-line ad in the newsletter free of charge for three months. After 3 months, the fee is \$5 for two additional months. 2x3.5 ad \$5, 1/4 page ad \$10, 1/2 page ad \$20 and full page ad \$35.

Annual Dues are \$25 - Please send check to the RCAC Treasurer Fran Maddox: Rose City Accordion Club, 3429 SE 162nd Ave. Portland, OR 97236-1912