

# ACCORDION TALK

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

## Announcements

- February 16-  
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Music Circle
- The club meets the third  
Saturday of each month  
unless noted.

## Special Features

\*\*\*\*\* 2019\*\*\*\*\*

February - Steve Gordon

March - Doug Stickler

## Refreshments

•THANK YOU – Everyone  
that contributed to the  
delicious potluck.

February - Delette H

March - Fran M

April - Jeanette B

May - John M

June - Kim N

## Steve Gordon



Steve began playing the accordion at age seven, one year after his parents purchased his brother's accordion. They had a dual accordion act, performing at retirement centers and a San Francisco military base. Steve continued to play through high school, playing "Reflections" for accordion and school orchestra. During college Christmas breaks, he played the accordion, clarinet and saxophone at Harvey's, South Lake Tahoe. **He spent three summers playing in a traveling circus band between the West coast and Chicago.** Steve put the accordion aside for 15 years and played the clarinet in an orchestra. Later on studied the accordion with Eileen Hagen. One of five adult finalists invited to play in the 2010 Roland States V Accordion Festival held in LA.

Please join us on Saturday, February 16 to hear Steve's traveling circus band story.

## Stirrings of the Heart

### Circus Friends



With anticipation the fans waited for the circus band to start playing "Entrance of the Gladiators" - A *screamer march* to excite the crowd into a frenzy of excitement for the lion tamer and trapeze artists on the tightrope.

### Accordion Events - 2019

**Accordion Weekend Feb. 8-11 - Eastbourne, E. Sussex**

**World Accordion Day May 6**

**RCAC Accordion Camp June 2-7, Silver Falls, OR**

**Leavenworth International June 20-23, Leavenworth, WA**

**Cotati Accordion Festival August 17-18 - Cotati, CA**

**Las Vegas International Accordion Convention October 14-19- Las Vegas, NV**

### President's Corner

Hello my fellow accordionists and friends:

Well, it is that time of year when the annual membership is due. Thank you for those that paid their dues in January. Please pay your \$25 by the February club meeting.

The next board meeting will be Feb. 4. 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

Bev Spurgeon, RCAC President

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### Announcements -

In January we had three new members join for the year.

Welcome to our club - Sally Worthge, David Beer and



Pamela Rosende. We look forward to your attendance and participation. Thank you!

**Did you know** traditional circus music draws from rags, waltzes, marches, and other dance accompaniments.

Popular circus composers included Karl King, known for the circus tune "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite". Other tunes are: "Over the Waves" and Entrance of the Gladiators" Screamer marches were mainly written between 1895 & 1955.

## ***January Club Meeting***

The afternoon began with the music circle, with Wayne Nelson joining the group on the bass accordion. Conductor Fran Maddox introduced two new numbers, which the group practiced in addition to the other songs that members have been learning in recent months.



President Bev Spurgeon made the following announcements:

- 1) Annual dues of \$25.00 need to be paid in January to Fran.
- 2) Pam Rosende, a native of Chile and now a Portland resident, visited the club for the first time.
- 3) John Martin introduced Sally Worthge from Oregon City, also visiting for the first time.
- 4) Bev reminded everyone that the “blues” music was the suggested theme for this month.
- 5) Bob Myers brought a music book to donate to anyone who might be interested.
- 6) Long-time local accordionist Gloria Moore passed away, and a friend was visiting the club to offer her accordion for sale.

Marlene Meissner mentioned that Mollie B and the Squeezebox Band are featured in the new Clint Eastwood movie, “The Mule.” This highly popular Mid-West polka band is often featured on the cable channel RFD. Mollie wrote a special polka for the move, which reportedly met high favor with Eastwood.

David Beer, another first-time guest, visited the group as well. He is a resident of Portland and a student of Courtney von Drehle. By the end of the meeting, all three visitors (Pam, Sally and David) had joined as new members. Welcome to all!

Courtney held a workshop on playing the blues. He introduced two variations of blues scales and gave tips on they can be used to enhance songs.

*Velma Conte- Zigeuner & Valse Violette*

*Taffy Steffen - ‘The Blues’*

*Wayne Tiusanen - You Belong to Me & Break it to me Gently*

*Robert Myers - St. Louis Blues & When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*

*Doug Stickler - If I Had You & Black Coffee*

*Lynn Haldeman - William Tell Overture & Orange Blossom Special*

*John Martin - If I Loved You & The Thrill is Gone*

*Marlene Meissner - Patrona Bavaria & A Media Luz*

*John Mohny - The Lady is a Tramp & Love Story*

*Fran Maddox - Rockin & Moonlight Stroll*

*Wayne Nelson - Oh Lady Be Good & Limehouse Blues - 1924*

## 2019 Rose City Accordion Club's 22nd Annual Accordion Camp Registration

Sunday, June 2 - Friday, June 7, 2019

Silver Falls State Park Conference Center, Sublimity, Oregon

Conductors: Beverley Fess and Gabe Hall-Rodrigues

Workshop Instructors: Courtney Von Drehle and Alicia Baker

**Enrollment is limited!** Please reserve early. A non-refundable \$100 deposit will hold your place. To register; complete this form and send with a check payable to: Rose City Accordion Club

Rose City Accordion Club, c/o Fran Maddox  
3429 SE 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Portland, OR 97236-1912

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate a preferred roommate \_\_\_\_\_

List dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

Accordion skill levels (Circle one)

Beginner

Intermediate

Advanced

Would you like all orchestra parts sent to you in addition to your assigned part? (Circle one)

Yes

No

The following information will be listed on the camp roster. Please check what you would like to share on the camp attendee roster:

\_\_\_\_Name \_\_\_\_Address \_\_\_\_Email \_\_\_\_Telephone \_\_\_\_Do not share information

### Check Registration Package

Accordionist: Lodging (all double occupancy), meals & all activities .....	\$850	_____
Non-Accordionist: Lodging, meals & concerts .....	\$725	_____
Accordionist: Meals & instruction only .....	\$600	_____
Non-accordionist: Meals & concerts only .....	\$375	_____

Balance due by February 1, 2019

Cancellations: 50% refund after March 1, 2019

No refunds after April 1, 2019



**Have you been to the Las Vegas Accordion Event? If not it is the next best camp after the *Rose City Accordion Camp*!**

**Attend the Spring - *Rose City Accordion Camp* and hone your “star” skills then travel south in the Fall to “star” in Las Vegas!**

**October 14 – 17** we will celebrate our 20th year in Las Vegas with an Accordion Event (Party) of a lifetime! There are a few great reasons to attend – but perhaps the biggest reason is this year’s lineup of Accordion Stars including Professor Frederick Lips!

Yes you read that correct Professor Lips – a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear and be in workshops with the most famous accordionist and accordion Professor in all of Europe and Russia. Of course we will be featuring the BEST of the BEST – with talent like Cory Pesaturo and MORE, plus Professor Sommers conducting the Las Vegas International Accordion Orchestra!

Come join the FUN – and be a part of our ROARING TWENTIES Celebration. The Las Vegas International Accordion Convention – where everyone is a **STAR**!

Those who have attended come back year after year because they know what fun and what a great value! If you have not attended then come find out why only the ***Rose City Accordion Camp*** compares to the *Accordion Celebration* in Las Vegas!

When – October 15-18, 2019 – Rooms only \$47 per night on our block with a special \$12 per night resort fee savings! Plus we will take \$50 off your registration when you book on the convention block – in addition to the Early Bird savings by registering before March 15.

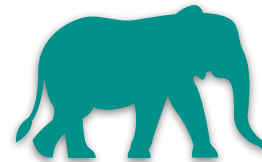


\*A fellow accordionist is looking for old bellows or a free accordion that he can practice repairing. Please contact Vaughn - [accordionsoul@hotmail.com](mailto:accordionsoul@hotmail.com)

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Let's Play  
Love Songs and Circus Music  
February Meeting



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

**Current Officers**

**Board Members**

President - Bev Spurgeon

Vice President - Bobbie Ferrero

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Treasurer - Fran Maddox

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Debbie Tiusanen

Mark Greathouse

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Newsletter - Bev Spurgeon - bevo925@comcast.net

Wayne Nelson

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