

ACCORDION TALK

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

Announcements

- **August 17 -**
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Music Circle**
- **The club meets the third Saturday of each month unless noted.**

Special Features

***** 2019*****

Annual Picnic

Refreshments

- **THANK YOU – for the yummy snacks!**

August - Picnic Potluck

September - Susan S.

October - Sharon Tichenor

November - Marlene M.

December - Party

August 17th Picnic - 12 Noon



Please attend our first indoor picnic at our regular meeting place. 12:00 Noon start

We won't have to share our food or skin with the bees and the bugs! Maybe someone can play "The Ants Go Marching One by One" just to remind us how wonderful it will be to eat indoors.

Bring your accordion and a small salad /dessert

Club will provide:

Hot Dogs, Deli Meat & Buns

**Condiments / Refreshments /
Utensils**



Music Circle and Solos for all to enjoy!

Stirrings of the Heart

Summertime
Not just the sun

The fun



Picnic Friends
Music sounds

It's the memories that
last

Accordion Events - 2019

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:

It is this time of the year with many music festivals happening across the country. Leavenworth event was in June and next is the Cotati Festival. So many stages and events happening. Hopefully some of you will be able to experience the high energized fun filled days of Cotati this year even though you will be missing the annual RCAC picnic. Enjoy the summer!

Welcome Bill Wood to our club.

The next board meeting will be August 26. 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 -

Bobbie Ferrero

(I) had an enjoyable visit with the Bend club on Saturday July 13. (Bobbie's birthday).

Besides Katie Eberhart (r)

there were Joan

Coleman, Colleen Halversen and Linda Cloudas. Katie and Bobbie played a duet *Paper Moon* arranged by club member Courtney Von Drehl. The club practices monthly on the second Saturday than performs at the retirement center the following Saturday. Anyone traveling through Bend on the second Saturday is welcome to join the practice. Contact Katie Eberhart.



July Club Meeting

The meeting began with the music circle, with Fran Maddox conducting. Wayne Nelson provided the bass. In addition to practicing some of the standard numbers, the group worked on a new piece, "Autumn Leaves."

After the music circle, President Bev Spurgeon made the following announcements:

- 1) Guests at the meeting were Al Crane, Micheline and Roger Leroyer, all from the Portland area, and Bill Wood from McMinnville. Bill joined the club - Welcome!
- 2) Mary White, long-time accordion camp attendee from Washington, also visited the club.
- 3) While the August meeting will not be held at an outdoor picnic site, the meeting will consist of an "indoor" picnic at the regular meeting site. Details to follow.
- 4) After 22 years at the Silver Falls Conference Center, the annual camp will be held next year at Collins Retreat Center, located between Estacada and Sandy. Board members visited the site and met with the facility manager, and the decision to move was unanimous. There are many positive aspects about this new site and the board is very excited about this move.
- 5) One theme for the August meeting will be Mexican, and the other theme will be mentioned in the August newsletter.

John Martin was the featured performer. John is an excellent teacher and knowledgeable about movie theme music. Always a joy to learn and hear John play.

Our very special guest was Toby Hanson from the Seattle area. Toby is the bandleader for The Smilin' Scandinavians. They are widely regarded as Seattle's #1 polka band, since May 17, 1995. We appreciate those that come out every month to support our fellow accordionists and participate in the music circle. Music enriches one's life.

Song List -

Bobbie Ferrero - Fascination & Misbehavin'

Lynn Haldeman - Finlandia & Smoke on the Water

Les Szigethy - Freedom & Mystery Songs

John Mohny - Emma from Finland & Mountain Belle Schottische

John Martin - Featured Performer - Broadway Music -

Bob Myers - The Unseen Hand & A Pretty Girl/There's Room at the Cross Medley

Sue Schwab - Finnish Waltz & Walkin My Baby Back Home

Valri Chiappetta - What a Wonderful World

Leonard Kosatka - La Cumparsita & El Choclo

Marlene Meissner - Born Free & Finn Polka

Fran Maddox - Baum Musette & Papillions Musette

Larry McCullough - I Wanna Be Free & Washington Post March



Traveling to Colombia?

A recent article in National Geographic Traveler said that if you want to experience the Colombia culture you would need to make sure you visited Valledupar.... The big event in the city is the Vallenato Legend Festival. Vallenato is Colombia's most emblematic folk music genre.

They also have a museum of the Accordion. When the Vallenato Legend Festival happens in April, the city of Valledupar takes their passion for the accordion to a whole new level as the top Vallenato musicians duel it out to be crowned the country's best accordion player.

Traditional Vallenato music fuses cultural expressions from northern Colombia, the songs of cow-herders of the Greater Magdalena region and the chants of African slaves with the traditional dance rhythms of the indigenous people of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. It reminded me of salsa and Mexican music fused.

A quote on the streets..."People here don't tell stories – we sing them with the sound of accordions." Colombian Vallenato music heavily features the accordion.

Even without the accordion's hum filling your ears, its influence is everywhere. César's streets are littered with murals and monuments depicting the pleated instrument, and its wheezing melodies seemed to ooze from every open window.

Much like hip-hop, Vallenato has a competitive component in which two singers challenge each other in a battle of wits. The battle, or piqueria, requires humor and excellent improvisational skills, as the dueling participants take turns singing rapidly over the backing accordions. Improv skills!

It is the music that Gabriel Garcia Marquez danced to when he celebrated winning his Nobel Prize for Literature in 1982, and he even described his most famous novel, *100 Years of Solitude*, as a 400-page Vallenato. A quote from a published article written by Gabriel,

"I don't know what communicative secret the accordion hides but when we hear it we become sentimental." Amen!



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Let's Play
**Spanish
and/or
Mexican music**
August Meeting



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

Current Officers

Board Members

President - Bev Spurgeon

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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