



Calendar Sunday Jams 4th Sunday of the Month

2022

January 23rd

February 27th

March 27th

April 24th

May 22nd

June 26th

July 24th

August 28th

September 25th

nominations from the floor

October 23rd

elections

November 27th

December 11th

Christmas party

Time 1 - 5 pm

Feather River Senior Ctr.
1335 Myers Street
Oroville, CA 95965

STAY TUNED FOR THE
2022
FIDDLE CHAMPIONSHIPS
DATE

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SB = Sidebar

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President's Message

Dear Members...

We took a chance in a time of uncertainty. What should our COVID policy be? Was it too late to make plans for a Christmas party and get the word out? Was anybody going to come? We developed a bold COVID plan then modified it using our democratic process. It ended up being: Post a sign at the door highlighting the threat and providing BUTTE county guidance for indoor activities. Provide a distance thermometer and masks and allow each individual to make their own choice about when the masks were appropriate.

Our initial hope was that we would have a completely vaccinated and boosted group and could go without masks during out jam. This was not to be. The first attendee, not on our Board arrived, and declared he was not fully vaccinated but had been tested negatively last week and it was negative. We really wanted to jam with him and so accepted his story. Then an unvaccinated but masked family of four with two musical youngsters arrived, sent to us by our out of town friend Ed Baker. We welcomed them in. Invited them to dinner and everyone put on masks and kept them on. More folks arrived until we had a group of about 20.

Our Christmas Party was a great success!

1. We jammed and had fun playing together.
2. We played and sang Christmas Carols.
3. We had a delicious Christmas dinner that, in a "loaves and fishes manner" stretched to feed all with plenty left over.
4. We signed up a new family of 4 for CSOTFA District 1...
 - a. The kids were fearless and we welcomed them in.
 - b. Members took them under their wings and supported their participation in the circle jam.
 - c. We can look forward to 2 applications for Oroville Old Time Fiddler scholarships.

Now how could we have had a better Christmas Party than that ?

Larry Jendro, President

HO! HO! HO! Merry Christmas!!!

REMEMBER [MORE PEOPLE]=[LESS WORK]=[MORE MUSIC/FUN].
THAT'S THE FORMULA!

Let's keep making music.

Jam Sessions At Feather River Senior Center



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NOTICES!

Dues are due January 1st each year! Dues are: \$20 1st member of family & \$2 per each additional family member.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ [Sunday Jam](#) - fourth Sunday of each month.
- ◆ [Fiddle Group Workshop](#) - first & third Monday of each month. (Starting Jan 3, 2022)

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

First, Jimi Beeler our longtime president resigned to move back to Washington state to be close to family. So, a new president Larry Jendro with experience was elected, Larry step in and began putting us to work immediately putting together JIMI'S Going Away Bash...

Here is an account of that event...

Merry Christmas Fiddlers !

A lot has been going on since my election last month.

JIMI'S Going Away Bash

The Oroville music community had a great party at the Pick'n Parlor downtown to say good-bye to Jimi who was a big part of the Oroville Community for over 10 Years. Jimi has returned home to be with family in Washington State. He was our California State Old Time Fiddlers Association (CSOFTA) District 1 President for the last 8 years. He has been incredible and almost all of us have taken lessons and/or learned tunes from him. As your new President, I was thrilled to be able to honor him with a short speech and present him with a beautiful plaque from our organization.

For those who couldn't attend, the following is a text of my speech:

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Good Evening Old Time Fiddlers! First let me introduce myself. I'm Larry Jendro, The new and old President of the California State Old Time Fiddlers, District One. Now, if you are scratching your head because you don't exactly remember casting your ballot, I can only refer you to Rayburn who has assured me that my election was all proper and above board.

Well, in this outfit, no sooner are you elected but you have duties. My duty tonight is to honor the outgoing President Jimi Beeler.

Now, I know Jimi is not a fan of long speeches and that fiddlers in general, would rather play than listen so, this will be short. Much shorter than Jimi's iron-fisted grasp of the Presidency which has lasted for eight long years.

Over those eight years Jimi has been an Outstanding President with some very notable accomplishments.

- He taught innumerable students young and old how to play the fiddle at Houser's Music, keeping Old Time Fiddle Music alive in Oroville.
- He was essential in the organizing and conduct of the California State Old Time Fiddle and Picking Championship Contest in Oroville for many years.
- He maintained the membership of District 1, despite deaths and departures.
- He kept us busy, by managing and conducting regular Fiddle Group Workshops, monthly Jams, Gospel Jams, various parades and events and the annual Christmas Party.

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- **He taught many of those students, very well indeed, enabling them to become California State Old Time Fiddle and Picking Champions.**
- **He created District 1's Fiddle Group Workshop Tunebook, an invaluable collection of Old Time musical scores and notation and made it accessible to all members of the district online.**
- **He encouraged his students toward public performance and led them at events that promoted Old Time Fiddle music in the community and raised funds which supporting District 1 music lesson scholarships and provided operating funds.**

This incomplete list of important "things" Jimi has done for our community is very impressive, but it is easily outweighed by the manner in which he has accomplished them.

We love Jimi because he has a huge heart. He has demonstrated this in his patience, gentleness, and good nature even in the face of our atrocious attacks on (even the idea of) music as we struggled to learn. This gentle, caring, patience has been true for all his students from the youngest to the oldest and for all of us who have worked with him to help lead District One over the years.

Jimi, we will say farewell but not good-bye. We hope and fully expect you will create a very satisfactory situation for yourself in Washington but, if the idea of coming back to us in Oroville ever occurs, go with it and we will welcome you back with open arms.

Congratulations Jimi!



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GOING FORWARD

Like all community groups, our Oroville Old Time Fiddlers have had normal events cancelled or postponed from COVID concerns and we have lost members who have moved as a result of wildfires. Now, we need new members! So please reach out to your musical friends and relatives with invitations to join us at our upcoming events. Many people have a guitar in the closet and a desire to learn and play along with others. We will be happy to help them fulfill that dream. More musicians in our group will provide more opportunities for us all to learn and grow. Bring a friend along.



and Christmas Carols at the Chapel in
Forbestown's Pioneer





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We provided 3 Groups that rotated between venues and had a chance to enjoy a beautiful day among fragrant pines in the mountains. **Rayburn's Coerced, My Riverside String Band** and the **Fiddle Folks** organized by Mary Rose and Anne. Everyone played well and we had a great time. The Historical Society was very happy with our participation and bought us all lunch. I'm sure we will get more invitations in the future.

Your amazing Board of Directors has struggled to figure out how to provide the best COVID protection for us all while being inclusive and welcoming before our upcoming Christmas Party. We have decided to follow Butte County's guidelines and recommend self-monitoring, masks and social distancing for our indoor events. We will provide signed guidance, a remote thermometer, and extra masks for any who needs one.

Fiddle Group Workshops:

We have been invited to return to the Bolt Tool Museum for our Fiddle Group Workshops at 6-8 PM on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month starting on Jan 3, 2022. In general, we will start off with a Circle Jam, spend a little time working on an Old Time tune or technique, then form small groups to practice and perform a tune or two. Bring your instrument, a mask, a friend and \$2.50 museum admission charge.



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CHECK OUT DISTRICT 1'S WEB SITE

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Oroville Old Time Fiddlers

Got suggestions let me know!

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*Fiddle Group Workshop
Begins again Jan 3, 2022*

*1st & 3rd Monday each
Month*

6pm to 8pm at the

Bolt Antique Tool Museum

1650 Broderick Street

Oroville, CA 95965

Admission \$2.50 per person

calendar

2022

January 3rd & 17th

February 7th & 21st

March 7th & 21st

April 4th & 18th

May 2nd & 16th

June 6th & 20th

July 4th & 18th

August 1st & 15th

September 5th & 19th

October 3rd & 17th

No Fiddle Group Workshops

November & December

Oroville's Old-Time Fiddlers' Workshop

Learn how to:

- Play backup for a soloist.
- Play as a soloist.
- Play in a group.
- Group lessons available when an instructor is available.
- Reading Tablature & Notation.
- Don't forget to invite the children.

COME MAKE MUSIC WITH US!

See calendar in the sidebar!



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2022 EVENT CALENDAR

- ◆ Country Crest—TBA
- ◆ Circle Jam, Fourth Sunday of each month - Feather River Senior Center, 1335 Myers, St., Oroville, CA - 2 - 5 pm. (No Potluck until further notice)
- ◆ General Membership Meeting - September 25th - Nominations from the floor. WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND!
- ◆ Salmon Festival, Saturday, September 24th - 9 - 4 pm
- ◆ Annual Western Open -TBA
- ◆ ELECTIONS, October 23rd - Mail your ballots (to be mailed Oct 1st)
- ◆ Christmas Dinner , December 11th - (flyer to be mailed Oct 1st)
- ◆ ***Fiddle Group Workshop, starts Monday, January 3rd at the Bolt Museum (see page 7 for details).***

Scholarships

Know someone you think is deserving of a Scholarship but needs an instrument then let me or any of our Board Members know so we can contact the individual or send you the Scholarship form and Instrument Loan Agreement. Don't be shy, part of what we do as an organization is give scholarships to young and old. Be sure to promote the scholarship program. If there are budding musicians out there let's help get them started.

Larry Jendro, President District 1



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Happy Birthday

January

01/30 Mary Rose Preston

February

02/02 Merrily Stover

02/15 Ben Clark

March

03/06 Wendy Robinson

03/13 Scott Lawrence

April

04/01 Patricia Donahue

04/18 Carole Anglin

04/26 Terrie Rockwell

04/30 Edie Wood

May

05/01 Cindy Quigley

05/13 Rayburn McDonald

05/21 Yvonne Norenberg

05/29 Nancy Turk

June

06/07 Carol Clark

September

09/11 Teddie Cochran

09/13 Mark Steward

09/24 Ed Baker

09/27 Anna Washington

October

10/01 Karren Billington

10/31 Marlene Mann

November

11/06 Teresa Ward

11/10 Marian (Zeke) Walker

11/13 Tom Turk

11/14 Lawrence Brothers

11/20 Larry Jendro

11/21 Pennisue Hignell

December

12/14 Jim Ward

12/18 Susan Steward

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY ISN'T ON THE LIST IT PROBABLY MEANS I DON'T HAVE IT. EMAIL YOUR BIRTHDAY MM/DD TO zeke103@digitalpath.net or call 530.589.0453.