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President's Note

By Ray Chen

Hello, SCVFA!!

Summer's here and so are the Rose Garden Jams! The Slow Jam and Old-Time Jam will happen as usual. Jennifer Kitchen will also be leading the [Basic Bluegrass Jam](#). There will be a Bluegrass Jam, but Robert Cornelius will be away until we return to Hoover. The Swing Jam is also on hold, as Matt Small can't lead it this month. I'll be out of town in July, but I hope you'll be there!

SCVFA made its presence known at Grass Valley. We had a booth in the main stage area, so the folks staffing the booth could listen to the shows. Susan Goodis reports:

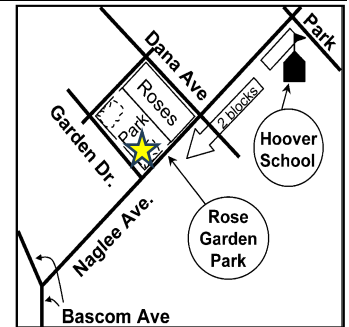
We all spoke to many people who are from the Bay area and those from beyond. We handed out [Slippery Hill](#) wooden nickels to as many people as we could and shared SCVFA stickers with those local to the Bay area. About 15 people added their names to our email notification list.

We displayed the slow jam sign with the jam times of 1:30 to 2:30. Many people were asking where we were going to meet to hold this slow jam. Although we didn't do it over Father's Day weekend, we plan to hold slow jams at other festivals. There are always many people who wish to have a community to play music with, but cannot attain the same tempo as the more experienced players.

Amazing music at multiple stages filled the entire weekend. At lunch and dinner breaks, various workshops were available.

Evenings boasted high energy jamming in the campground. I camped on Old Time Hill and there was always a good jam happening. To give everybody sustenance during the long

evenings, the hot dog stand opened at 11:00 p.m. You could see dust rising further ahead and hear music for the square dancing that started at midnight.



The slow jam sign was a happy accident. Now that we know people want slow jams, we can do them at other festivals to support the community and promote SCVFA.

Many thanks to Liz Alsop, John Alsop, Kathy Lyons, Cindy Dinga, Blane Eisenberg, Steve Goldfield, and Susan Goodis for working the booth!! Thanks also to Susan and Jennifer Kitchen for organizing it! (Yours truly helped pushed the paperwork through.)

Speaking of festivals, there's another festival coming up in early August, the [Good Old Fashioned Bluegrass Festival](#). There will be old-time and bluegrass, and in many ways, it's the polar opposite of Grass Valley. It's small and intimate as opposed to being at a festival with 4,000 people, and it's also close (just south of Hollister). Bands with SCVFA members playing the main stage include Bay Area Special, Dark Hollow, New Acoustic Collective, and The Corn Lickers. Bay Area Special just played the main stage at Grass Valley as a California Showcase

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Future Playouts / Performances

We have numerous opportunities throughout the year. For more info visit: <https://www.fiddlers.org/open-band>

Sep 13th – Los Gatos Farmers Market, 9 – 1 pm

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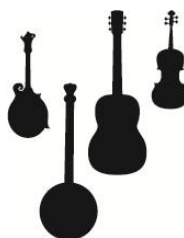
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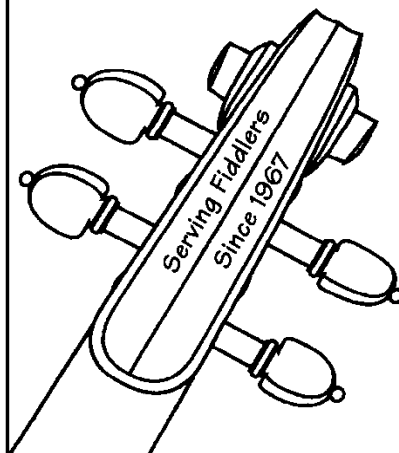
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and traditional music will reap the benefits.

SCVFA was founded in 1973 to support fiddling but supports and welcomes musicians other than fiddlers. The image to the right side of the Fiddler's Rag name on the first page includes a mandolin, a banjo, a guitar and a fiddle, to illustrate the diversity of instruments played at our jams and events.



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SCVFA Happenings

SCVFA Mission Statement

Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association (SCVFA) preserves traditional music genres that feature fiddle and other acoustic instruments. SCVFA takes pride in “passing it on” to musicians and listeners of all ages and abilities.

Diversity Statement

SCVFA believes that our mission is fundamentally improved by diversity and inclusion. SCVFA is at all times committed to providing an open, safe, and welcoming environment for all our members and guests. We celebrate the varied abilities, ethnicities, sexualities, ages, gender identities, religions and cultural backgrounds of our community, and do not tolerate discrimination based upon these differences.

First Sunday Jam: July 5th 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the [San Jose Municipal Rose Garden](#). 1649 Naglee Ave. at Garden Dr. in San Jose. Suggested donation: \$5.00 – more or less as you are able. [Click here to donate online](#).

Old-Time Jam: 1 – 5 pm

Bluegrass & Open Jams: 1(ish) – 5 pm

Slow jam: 1:30-2:30 pm – Tunes are available [on the SCVFA website](#).

Basic Bluegrass Jam: 1:30 – 3 pm led by Jennifer Kitchen. Songbook and more info are [on the SCVFA website](#).

“AFTERS” Join us at [Chipotle Mexican Grill, 975 The Alameda, San Jose](#)

3rd Sunday Jam: July 19th, 1-3 pm
[San Jose Municipal Rose Garden](#),
1649 Naglee Ave. at Garden Dr. in San Jose

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band, and the other bands have all played Vern's Stage at Grass Valley. Email Susan ([performances\[at\]fiddlers.org](#)) if you'd like to help with the SCVFA booth! Free and/or discounted admission will be provided for those who work enough hours. There's also the Golden Old-Time Campout coming up for those who like camping and old-time jams.

Finally, I want to thank James Stricker, Nic LeCuyer, Victor Corsiglia, Barb Corsiglia, Kathy Jung, Vicki Parrish, Michael Robinson, Cindy Dinga, and Susan Goodis for representing SCVFA at San Jose's Make Music Day. They brought music to San Jose at Paseo de San Antonio and History Park. We weren't compensated for these – it was just SCVFA giving back to the community. Thank you all for making it happen!

That's all for now! Enjoy the holiday weekend, and I look forward to seeing you when I'm back in August!

[SF Free Folk Festival](#), Saturday, July 11. Band Concourse, Golden Gate Park, Schedule includes:
11 am – Cajun/Creole Music Workshop
noon – Old-Time Fiddle Workshop (Lael Sigal)
4 pm – Old-Time Jam (Tony Phillips & friends)
5 pm – Quebecois tunes (David Brown & friends)

[FREE OT Jam and Square Dance](#), July 23, 5:30 pm Jam / 7 pm dance, Santa Cruz. Cheeta Boom Chuck w/ Regi Jones calling. [Woodhouse Blending & Brewing](#), 119 Madrone Street. Donations suggested.

[Good Old-Fashioned Bluegrass Festival](#), August 6–9, [San Benito County Historical Park](#), Tres Pinos.

[Golden Old-Time Campout](#), Aug 20 – 23, [Camp Russian River](#), Guerneville.

[Berkeley Old-Time Music Convention](#), Sept 16–20. Alice Gerrard w/ Reed Stutz & Suzy Thompson, Justin Robinson (original Carolina Chocolate Drop) w/ Aaron Cooper, Forty Drop Few, Joseph Decosimo & Stephanie Coleman, Brandon Godman, & more.



SCVFA at Paseo de San Antonio – Susan Goodis, Vicki Parrish, James Stricker, Michael Robinson, Cindy Dinga, Nic LeCuyer, Kathy Jung (l-r)

June Pictures

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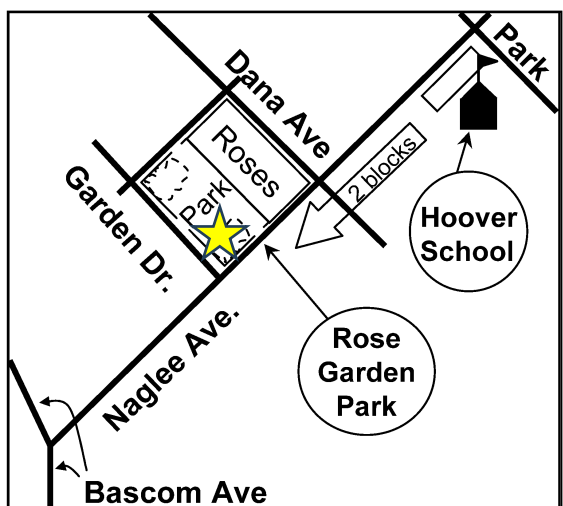
SCVFA at History Park – Vic Corsiglia, Kathy Jung, Barb Corsiglia, Vicki Parrish, Michael Robinson, Nic LeCuyer, James Stricker (l-r)



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Next Jam:
Sunday July 5th
1-5 pm at Rose Garden Park

Directions to San Jose Municipal Rose Garden Park



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SCVFA Booth at Grass Valley - Ray Chen, Susan Goodis, Liz Alsop, John Alsop (l-r)



Bay Area Special playing the Main Stage at Grass Valley – Danny “Hootenanny” Clark, Phil Cornish, Ruby Davis, Elijah Chen, Ryan Triolo (l-r)