



NVDJSNEWS

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The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society

PRESENTS



The Devil Mountain Jazz Band

Sunday, November 12, 2023

1:00 pm-4:00 pm

American Legion Hall, 1240 Pearl Street, Napa

Corner of Pearl Street & Franklin Street, 2 blocks Southwest of Main Street, downtown Napa. Parking lot at the American Legion Hall, free parking on street, plus free public parking structure across from this Hall, on Pearl Street

Devil Mountain Jazz Band continues to develop their multi-style approach to preserving the popular music of the late 1800's through the early 1930's and the West Coast Revival Jazz of the 1940's. The eight piece concert/festival band is best known for the two trumpet sounds of the Joe Oliver and Lu Watters bands and the orchestrated "hot dance" music of the late twenties. You'll also hear DMJB perform ragtime, blues, "Dixieland" standards, gospel and novelty tunes with an occasional duck call by Pete Main.

The band also recreates the New Orleans-derived hot jazz popularized by Armstrong, Hardin, Dodds, Ory, Morton, etc., in Chicago in the late twenties. At many jazz festivals, they present special historical concerts celebrating the music of these jazz greats and gospel concerts/sing-a-longs and a special show, "From Ragtime to Jazz". Since 1982, Devil Mountain has performed at several hundred jazz festivals, scores of Jazz Society and civic concerts, fifteen jazz cruises, and have held down two monthly dance & concert series in the San Francisco East Bay area at the Pleasanton Hotel and FRIENDS OF JAZZ now at the Danville Grange Hall. They have released ten recordings, most recently, "YOU ASKED FOR MORE".

The Devil Mountain Jazz Band players planning to perform at the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society on Sunday, November 12, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, at the American Legion Hall in downtown Napa Include:

Gary Neuman - Piano, Vocals: Gary lives in Concord, CA and is very busy with Solo Piano dates, and also plays with the Fog City Stompers, led by Tom Belmessieri.

Keith Baltz - Tuba, Vocals: "Wild Man" Baltz lights up Bourbon Street, New Orleans annually during the French Quarter Festival, and also leads the Creole Jazz Kings and is on call with his tuba during many "Octoberfest" dates. Keith commutes from Ceres, CA.

Allan Grissette - Drums, Vocals: Allan is a long-time member of the Devil Mountain Jazz Band, and has played with many "Trad" Jazz bands in the Bay Area, including the Gold Coast Jazz Band. You might catch Allan in Kilts playing a Scotch Snare Drum. Allan lives in Pittsburg, CA.

Bill Dendle - Banjo: Bill has been playing banjo since the early 1960's. He played at Mickey Finn's in San Diego, and has led the South Market Street Jazz Band, and has played at Disneyland and Disneyworld, and on USO tours. Bill is currently the leader with his wife, Shelly Burns, in "Avalon Swing", and also plays with the Cell Block 7 Jazz Band. Bill lives in Sacramento, CA.

Pete Main - Clarinet, Saxophone, Vocals: Pete is a founding member of The Devil Mountain Jazz Band and has played with many Bay Area Jazz Bands, including The Cell Block 7; San Francisco Feetwarmers; and many others. You don't dare miss Pete's "Duck Call" solos on various tunes. (You might want to request one!) Pete resides in Brentwood, CA.

Bob Williams - Trombone: Bob is a 30 year resident of Sacramento having played in many Traditional Jazz Bands, and led the popular Wooden Nickel Jazz Band from 1992 - 2002. The Sacramento Jazz Education Foundation supports The New Traditionalists of which Bob has been the director. Bob's authentic "tailgate" style of Trombone playing keeps him busy with the Devil Mountain and Cell Block 7 Jazz bands.

Bill Sharp - Trumpet, Guitar, Vocals: Bill's Trumpet, Guitar and Vocals keep him very busy in his central Valley location. He currently plays with the CellBlock 7 Jazz band, and has his home in Stockton.

Ken Brock - Current Leader, Trumpet, Flugelhorn, Bass Trumpet: Ken was a member of the Devil Mountain Jazz Band for 15 years. After a hiatus of several years, Ken is back as "front man". Ken has played with The Creole Jazz Kings, The Tuleburg Jazz Band and is currently playing in the Cell Block 7 Jazz Band. Ken is retired from public school teaching and lives in Clayton.

Presidents' Message; Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society has now been at the American Legion Hall, at 1240 Pearl Street in downtown Napa for three months, that is August, September, and October 2023, and we're very pleased with this location for our future monthly sessions. We're expecting to stay there regularly, especially as we continue to increase the number of residents from the Napa area in attendance to join us to share this excellent fun music, "Traditional Dixieland Jazz", along with others from any of the surrounding areas. We're interested in providing people from the Napa area a discount in their price of admission from \$15 to \$10. This site has a lovely wooden dance floor, with plenty of space, along with extra tables & chairs for when you're listening to this enjoyable music. At this Napa American Legion Hall there is a bar, with an assortment of beverages, as well as some snacks available, such as hot dogs. The available parking around the American Legion Hall is ample, with a small parking lot attached to the building, free parking in the surrounding streets and even a parking structure directly across the street which is free on Sunday.

We currently have great bands scheduled through March 2024, always on the second Sunday of the month, and we will continue to schedule qualified traditional Dixieland Jazz bands each and every month. At this upcoming session, on Sunday, November 12, we have scheduled the Devil Mountain Jazz Band, with eight excellent musicians, including the leader, Ken Brock, to be providing our Traditional Dixieland Jazz. For Sunday, December 10th, we'll have the wonderful Gold Coast Jazz Band, with Bill Badstubner, the leader. Following that we've scheduled Tom Barnebey, with the Hot Four Plus One Jazz Band, Sunday, January 14; Bob Romans leading Cell Block 7 Jazz Band, Sunday, February 11; and Jim Broadstreet with the Flying Eagles Jazz Band, on Sunday, March 10, all performing from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Come join us to share our good times while experiencing all of the great music played by these special bands!



**Some of the Possible Locations During the Month for "Traditional Jazz" and/or
Popular Dancing Music**

1.) Four Bay Area Traditional Jazz Clubs: Monthly Schedules. Admission fees are approximately \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Each of these locations now has a bar available with several different beverages. Food availability in each location varies from healthy dinners costing \$10, served at 2:00 pm, to no food available. Utilizing the following phone numbers, be sure to find out in advance.

First Sunday: TRAD JASS, Santa Rosa, CA, Druids Hall, 1011 College Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA, (707) 478-3312, 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Second Sunday: Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, American Legion Hall, 1240 Pearl Street, Napa, CA, (707) 328-5904 1:00 to 4:00 pm,

Third Sunday: New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California, NOJCNC, El Sobrante Elks Club, 3931 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA, 94803, (925) 432-6532, 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Fourth Sunday, South Bay Traditional Jazz Society, Sunnyvale Elks Lodge, 375 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085; 1:00 - 5:00 pm. {This club generally meets on the fourth Sunday of the month, except it is sometimes moved to the third Sunday, usually to avoid the holiday week-ends of Memorial Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, Please check during those months; (650) 224-3252}.

2.) Ragtime at the American Legion Hall in Larkspur; Next Date; November 13, Second Monday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, then immediately following is the Zenith Traditional Jazz Band, originally formed by Earl Scheelar, 7:30 pm until 9:30 pm. (Earl Scheelar was an active part of this musical performance every month up until his recent death on 7/28/23) This monthly event has just been changed from the second Wednesday each month to the second Monday. It is held at the American Legion Hall, at 500 Magnolia Ave., in Larkspur, CA, 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm, where there is generally ample parking.

Everyone is admitted free to this event. There are a number of restaurants in the area, but no food or drink is available at this site. You need to arrange for your own food & beverages during this event. The two musical groups described below play from 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm, to be on the second Monday of each month at this location in Larkspur.

Virginia Tichenor and Marty Eggers will play ragtime and early jazz from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm at this monthly event. The Zenith Jazz Band then plays from 7:30 pm until 9:30 pm. Recently the Zenith Jazz Band has been led by Jim Broadstreet, on cornet, and includes the following musicians; Pete Main, reeds, Glenn Calkins, trombone, Jeff Green, banjo, Lisa Gonnick, ukulele, Marty Eggers, tuba, and Virginia Tichenor on piano. On October 11th, 2023, Robert Young, playing cornet, accompanied Marty Eggers on piano from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm. Then when the Zenith Jazz Band started performing at 7:30 pm, it also unexpectedly included Robert Young, now playing his bass sax along with the band. Not too long after they started, Don Neely arrived and began playing the piano, instead of Marty Eggers. Don Neely sometimes drops by at the American Legion Hall in Larkspur when Marty Eggers, Virginia Tichenor and the Zenith Jazz Band are playing there, to play piano, his soprano sax or a few vocals; a shining unexpected addition to a delightful array of special unique traditional jazz

3.) **Finley Community Center, Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks, 2060 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa. Most Friday afternoons, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, with various dance bands & once a month, a disc jockey (Steve Luther), for three hours of dancing with cookies served at 2:00 pm, for "senior dancers". Age is never mentioned, and my impression is that most of those in attendance are in their sixties, but that can vary from 40 years up to over 90 years of age. My impression is that the music is primarily older songs, but certainly fun & lively. The admission cost is \$9.00 each for the three hours of dancing, the cookies, and the beverages, including water, lemonade & coffee. Occasionally, about four times a year, they announce a Potluck, when those in attendance choose to bring some potluck dish that would appeal to those attending as a late lunch or an afternoon snack. It always adds to more fun for all, including those who don't bring anything.**

4.) **November Jazz Class: "The Stories Behind the Fabulous Dukes of Dixieland": After Louis Armstrong's bands *the Dukes of Dixieland* was perhaps, the most widely admired jazz band" On Monday, November 13, 2023, 7:00 pm Eastern Time, "The Potomac River Jazz Club" is presenting a November Jazz Class on the Dukes of Dixieland Jazz Band, via Zoom. If you're interested, Advance Registration is required by 5 pm the night of the talk, that is November 13. Please call me at (707) 328-5904 by 4:00 pm on that Monday evening of November 13, so I can share the details with you for getting registered and hearing this historical information. I'm interested in hearing that information, too. *Marilee Jensen Taddei***

Jazz Clubs Information

Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society Information

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society is a non-profit tax-exempt organization dedicated to the performance, promotion, preservation and perpetuation of Traditional, Dixieland, Ragtime and Swing Jazz, an integral part of Americana. Your membership and contributions are tax-deductible. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Our Non-Profit Entity # is 1633975. Your contributions are encouraged, as an integral part of our continuing to flourish with our unique special bands selected, scheduled, and available for all to enjoy!

Officers: Co-Presidents, Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen

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Bay Area Traditional Jazz Club Schedules

1st Sunday, TRAD JASS of Santa Rosa, 1:00 TO 5:00 PM, Sunday, November 5, Devil Mountain Jazz Band, Ken Brock, Leader, Sunday, December 3rd, Thrown Together Jazz Band, Rich Owens, Leader.

2nd Sunday, NAPA VALLEY DIXIELAND JAZZ SOCIETY, 1:00 TO 4:00 PM, Sunday, November 12, Devil Mountain Jazz Band; Ken Brock, Leader; Sunday, December 10 - Gold Coast Jazz Band, Bill Badstubner, Leader.

3rd Saturday; FRIENDS OF JAZZ; Danville Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Road, Danville, CA, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Saturday, November 18th, Fog City Stompers

3rd Sunday; NEW ORLEANS JAZZ CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, (NOJCNC), El Sobrante, 1:00 TO 5:00 PM. Beginning at 2:00 pm, appetizing dinner served for \$10. Sunday, November 19th, San Francisco Feetwarmers, Mike Slack, Leader; Sunday, December 17, Thrown Together Jazz Band, Rich Owens, Leader.

4th Sunday, actually 3rd Sunday this month, SOUTH BAY TRADITIONAL JAZZ SOCIETY, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Sunday, November 19, Creole Jazz Kings

Variable Days of the Week, generally once a month, Dixieland Jazz Club of Rossmoor, meets at the Tahoe Room, in the Rossmoor Event Center, 1021 Stanley Dollar Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94595, generally at 7:00 pm. Rossmoor is a gated community, so tell the guard you are going to the Event Center for a Jazz Concert. The contact person is Rob Thomas robthomas10@sbcglobal.net. (510) 432-1624. Their schedule for the rest of the year follows: Thursday, November 16, Bill Badstubner's Gold Coast Jazz Band, Monday, December 18. Rich Owens, Thrown Together Jazz Band.

Upcoming Special Traditional Jazz

Events

November 2-5, Arizona Classic Jazz Festival, Chandler, AZ, azclassicjazz.org

November 17-19, West Coast Ragtime Jazz Festival, Rancho Cordova, CA , westcoastragtime.com

February 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th, Fresno Dixieland Society Sounds of Mardi Gras 2024, Fresno, CA

March 1-3, 2024, Jazz Bash by the Bay, Monterey, CA

April 11-14, 2024, Jazzaffair 2024, Three Rivers, CA, with Sierra Stompers, Katie Cavera and the Lost Boys, Carl Sonny Leyland's New Boogie Woogie Boys, St. Johns River Boat Jazz Band, the Clarinet Sensation Youth Band with Nathan Tokunaga's Fearless Five and more, stjc@threeriversjazzsaffair.com

Membership

THE NAPA VALLEY DIXIELAND JAZZ SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Standard Membership: Single -- \$40.00/year Couple -- \$70.00/year

Contributing Membership: Single -- \$125.00/year Couple -- \$200.00/year

Monthly Admission

NVDJS Members and members of other

Other Jazz and Dance Clubs: \$10.00

Public: \$15.00

Contributing Members: Free

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