



NVDJSNEWS

December 2023

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society PRESENTS



The Gold Coast Jazz Band

Sunday, December 10, 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

The Gold Coast Jazz Band

This is the Gold Coast Jazz Band's 30th year of operation, founded by the late Phil & Jan Steirs in 1993, to make hot n' happy traditional jazz for all those enjoying this style of music, with a special focus in the Napa area where they lived. They started together as high school sweethearts and professional musicians, at the age of 16 and were then married for more than 50 years throughout the history of their very special band. Their idea was to have a band that would go beyond the typical Dixieland repertoire to include the full range of American popular music from the tumultuous first thirty years of the twentieth century, including Ragtime to the dawn of the Swing, when the Golden Age of American Popular song met the jazz age.

The Gold Coast Jazz Band's book has since grown to more than 300 tunes, including hot dance music of the 20's, Broadway Show novelty numbers, the best of Tin Pan Alley, and the familiar trad jazz classics of New Orleans, Chicago and New York, always performed in a way sure to set your toes to tapping, fingers to snapping and feet to dancing.

We're inviting you to join us at the lovely American Legion Hall in downtown Napa on December 10th, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, to check out the happy scene for yourself, with the wonderful music being played. Don't forget to smile a lot, bring your dancing shoes and then, to master the urge to dance to this hot jazz dance music.

The 2023 edition of the Gold Coast Jazz Band includes: Tom Barnebey on trumpet and trombone; Ed Foster on soprano sax; Bill Badstubner: leader, on trombone; Candy Woodworth, a founding member of the band, on tuba; and Steven Radice on banjo & guitar. And for this special occasion, we'll be joined by Guest Artists, with Virginia Tichenor, tickling the ivories on the piano and Adam Roderick on drums. You'll be so glad you didn't miss this one!



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE: Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen

A number of people are commenting on what a nice site we now have at the American Legion Hall in downtown Napa. We agree. We're very glad about this new venue where we're now operating on the second Sunday of each month, 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

We're also pleased that we have so many wonderful quality musicians available playing Traditional Jazz in the Bay Area.

And to make it all complete, we're finding receptive happy audiences each month.

Please join us on Sunday, December 10, 2023, 1:00 pm, to hear the *Gold Coast Jazz Band...*

THOMAS WOLFORD'S "OVER THE TOP" RESPONSE TO TRADITIONAL JAZZ

With Collaboration between Rose Wolford, Tom's daughters & Marilee Jensen

On Saturday, November 11, 2023, in the late afternoon, at Kaiser Hospital in Santa Rosa, with all of his family there, Thomas Wolford died from a combination of health problems.

Over the years, his wife, Rose Wolford, had shared stories of Tom's excitement when he heard Traditional Jazz music. As a result of these responses and feelings about traditional jazz, he became a source of great support and innovative ideas for the promotion and presentation of "our music", through his on-line mastery, including lots of hours of searching for possible locations and advertisements for our *Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society*.

Directly from Rose Wolford & their family: "Tom was at his happiest when he was attending a Dixieland Jazz event. The anticipation of the event or the hours thereafter generated a level of great enthusiasm that lasted for days."

"We planned our family get-togethers around the Traditional Jazz calendar. He didn't want to miss an event.",

"Two to three days after his triple bypass heart surgery in 1996, he insisted on going out to listen to traditional jazz."

"1997- Old Sacramento Dixieland Jazz Jubilee Festival: Rose was finally able to convince him to attend the three-day event. That was the moment he changed and became completely enamored with Trad Jazz."

For at least the last twenty-six years, then, Tom has closely followed Trad Jazz presentations, with great enthusiasm, both through personal appearances by Trad Jazz musicians and bands, and also through multiple recordings, which he was able to find through numerous sources, unknown to many of us. Tom significantly increased the exposure to and the enjoyment of Traditional Jazz for all of us.

Thanks so much to Thomas Wolford, for all of his contributions to our mutual enjoyment of Traditional Jazz. It's hard to express how much we will miss him!

[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. As a member of and/or a contributor to the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, you are helping to preserve & broaden the sounds of Traditional Dixieland Jazz. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. Our Non-Profit Entity # is 1633975.

Officers: Co-Presidents, Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen

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Bay Area Traditional Jazz Clubs Information

• 1st Sunday

TRADJASS of Santa Rosa meets at Druids Hall, 1011 College Ave. 1:00-5:00 PM, Members, \$12 Other Clubs, \$12 Public, \$15 **December 3rd- Rich Owens Thrown Together Jazz Band**

• 2nd Sunday

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society will be meeting at the American Legion Hall, 1240 Pearl Street, Napa, CA, 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Members and other jazz and dance club members, \$10.00: Public, \$15.00. **Sunday, December 10th, Gold Coast Jazz Band, Bill Badstubner; Sunday, January 14th, Tom Barnebey, "The Hot Four Plus One", Sunday, February, 11, Cell Block 7, Bob Romans; Sunday, March 10, The Flying Eagles, Jim Broadstreet.**

• 3rd Saturday

Friends of Jazz; Danville Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Road, Danville, CA, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, **Saturday, December 16 Fog City Stompers**

• 3rd Sunday

New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California meets at the Elks' Lodge, 3931 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante, 1:00-5:00 pm Members, \$8.00; Other Clubs, \$10; public \$12

Sunday, December 17th, Thrown Together Jazz Band, Rich Owens

• 4th Sunday

South Bay Trad Jazz Society meets at the Elks Lodge, 375 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale. 1:00 - 5:00 pm, **Sunday, December 17th, Clint Baker's New Orleans Jazz Band, January 28th, Benny Amon's New Orleans Pearls**

•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.

Monday, December 18, Rich Owens' Thrown Together Jazz Band.

Upcoming Special Traditional Jazz Events, 2024

February 8-11, Fresno Dixieland Society, Sounds of Mardi Gras, 2024, Fresno, CA

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

April 11-14, Jazzaffair 2024, Three Rivers, CA with Sierra Stompers, Katie Cavera and the Lost Boys, New Boogie Woogie Boys, St.John's River Boat Jazz, Nathan Tokunaga's Fearless Five & more, stjc@threetiversjazzaffair.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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