



Voice of the Circle

The Northern California Flute Circle Newsletter

INAFA Convention
Special Edition

Clan Calendar

Be sure to visit the NCFCs web site Calendar page.

BAY CLAN

Contact: Frankie Sierra;
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CENTRAL COAST CLAN

Contact: Bill Timothy at 707-255-7425; email:
centralcoastclan@naflute.com

JOAQUIN CLAN

Contact: Dan Ricketts at 209-527-0363; email:
joaquinclan@naflute.com

LOPING WOLF CLAN

Contact: Dan DiCicco
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www.lopingwolf.com

NONAHME CLAN

Contact: Marion Cole; at 530-621-3227

VALLEY CLAN

Contact: Lynn Peck at 707-255-7425; email:
valleyclan@naflute.com

Remember...

Check the online calendar at:
www.naflute.com/calendar.html

What is the Northern California Flute Circle?

We are an organization of friends who love Native American Flute music. We range from total beginners to exquisitely talented musicians, and all are welcome. We typically gather once a month at the home of a member (the location rotates around). The Northern California Flute Circle is made up of 6 different clans, located regional throughout central and northern California. Check the calendar on our website for our upcoming flute circles (meetings) in your area: www.naflute.com

During our flute circles we further our understanding of the Native American Flute –how to play it, how to make one, its history, etc. We often experiment with playing with other players and we sometimes do exercises that expand our skills. We also bring food to share and have a really good time!

Loping Wolf Clan

(Serving Nevada County, Yolo County and the greater Sacramento Area)

The Loping Wolf Clan is one of our newest clans. They are full of energy and growing quickly.

EVENT: September Loping Wolf Clan Flute Circle

DATE: Saturday, September 9th

TIME: 1-4 PM

LOCATION: Eagle Falls overlooking Emerald Bay of South Lake Tahoe

HOST: Dan and Sheree DiCicco

DIRECTIONS: Please RSVP to lopingwolf@naflute.com for directions and if you need a ride or want to carpool. Plan on bringing a lunch along with every last one of your flutes, rattles, drums, and harmonicas.

The Loping Wolf Clan is also planning a trip to Moaning Cavern with Mary Youngblood on August 12. This exciting event will feature an underground concert by Mary Youngblood.

As always, lunch time Flute Circles are held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:45-12:45 in downtown Sacramento at the 8th & "O" Street park above the ATM machines. Bring A's and G's mostly, some D's, and F's, or F#'s, and maybe a C or two....

Effectively immediately,
the new mailing address is:
Northern California
Flute Circle
578 Sutton Way, PMB 184
Grass Valley, CA 95945
Phone: 530-432-2716

Has Your Email Address
Changed?

If so, please contact
Mike Oitzman, at
ncfc@naflute.com, so we
may update the NCFC
membership database, and
continue keeping you
informed.

Bay Clan

(Serving the greater San Francisco Bay area)

EVENT: August Bay Clan Flute Circle

DATE: Sunday, August 20th, 2006

TIME: 1:00 to 4:00 PM

LOCATION: 707 Sunshine Drive, Los Altos, California 94024-3155.

For directions, check our website: www.naflute.com

HOST: Pat Scheid 1-650-967-6576, junetodec25@aol.com

ORGANIZER: Frankie Sierra 1-408-242-6464, bayclan@naflute.com

SCHEDULE: 1:00 PM: Arrive, share photos and stories INAFA convention.

This is also a good time to help beginners on the basics to make your own music with the Native American Flute. 2:00 PM: BBQ and Open flute time.

NEW FOR THIS MEETING:

1. Share experiences and photos from INAFA convention.
2. BBQ (hot dogs provided), bring anything else you would like to grill.

WHAT TO BRING:

Pictures and memories from INAFA convention.

Bring your flutes, drums, rattles, and good spirits.

Snack and drinks to make company to the BBQ..

Valley Clan

(Serving the Napa & Sonoma region)

EVENT: August Valley Clan Flute Circle

DATE: Saturday, August 26th, 2006

TIME: 3:00 to 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Connolly Ranch, 3141 Browns Valley Road, Napa

ORGANIZER: Lynn Peck, valleyclan@naflute.com or by phone at 707-255-7425 and cell phone the day of the event 707-738-3093 or

www.naflute.com for directions.

Beginners and interested non players can meet with more experienced NAF players to learn more about playing the NAF. More experienced players can share their songs on the portable amp system and jam with each other. We encourage improvisation, spontaneous duets, sharing of practice tips and knowledge of the NAF. Brian Revheim of Napa Valley Flutes will have flutes to purchase. In August we'll discuss the tips we learned in the workshops at Mary Youngblood's summer gathering and the INAFA conference. Connolly Ranch is a working ranch owned and operated by the Land Trust of Napa Valley. The covered area at the barn provides outdoor space for our meetings. Bring water, a chair, flutes, and percussion instruments.

With your NCFC membership we're proud to offer a discount program with some of the best flutemakers:

Earthtone Flutes,
Geoffrey Ellis,
(707) 839-5199,
www.earthtoneflutes.com

Featherridge Flutes,
Randy Stenzel,
(707) 839-5199

Central Coast Clan

(Serving the Central Coast Region)

EVENT: August Central Coast Clan Flute Circle

DATE: Saturday, August 19th, 2006

TIME: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Clubhouse of the Silver City Mobile Home Park on 3860 Higuera St. in San Luis Obispo. Since Higuera is one of the main streets in SLO, it is very easy to locate.

ORGANIZER: Call Bill Timothy at 805 927-3993 or centralcoastclan@naflute.com for further information.

We welcome all levels of playing to join our dedicated group. Although we are a newer formed circle, our growth has been surprising. The popularity of people wanting to express themselves with the haunting and spiritual sounds of the North American Indian flute has made our circle grow from small band of 3 newbies to a roster of over 17 in just a short time. We have members from our core area of San Luis Obispo County, increasing numbers coming up from Santa Barbara County and even a new member driving up from Monterrey County.

Our group consists of some outstanding players with vast experience to very talented developing players and various levels thereafter down to rank beginners. You choose your involvement and contribution, you decide what you need to take away or leave behind.

Joaquin Clan

(serving Modesto/Fresno areas)

EVENT: August Joaquin Clan Flute Circle

DATE: Sunday, August 27th, 2006

TIME: 2:00 to 5:00 PM

ORGANIZER: Dan Ricketts, joachinclan@naflute.com

We just had a great workshop with two time Grammy nominee, and member of the Dine tribe, Vince Redhouse. Vince gave us some pointers on playing and allowed us to accompany him as he played the guitar. New flute players in attendance seemed right at home as they performed their duet with Vince.

The Joaquin clan welcomes all beginners to the circle and we always include a sharing and flute playing instruction time, resource time, open mic, and fellowship time. We encourage members to bring instruments to accompany the flute and often invite instrumentalists to join us. The improv times of the circle are the most fun, whether it is flute duets, playing with instruments, or playing along with a CD. The members of our circle have forged a real friendship around this instrument.

At an upcoming circle we have invited an electric bass player to join us to add a few licks to our flute voices. Come and join us at a circle one day soon. All are welcome.

Beginning Native American Flute Class

(Serving the Bay Area)

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Next session starts Tuesday, August 15th.

Where: 3433 Aston Ct. Palo Alto, CA, 94306. For directions or more information Contact: Maxi 650-320-8191 or maxi11@earthlink.net

Cost: \$60 for 3 months (6 classes), or \$15 drop in fee.

Materials: Optional purchase of “Beginning Native American Flute” by Mike Oitzman, \$20 including CD

What to bring: Native American Flute and an open mind
If you don't own a flute, there will be excellent quality, entry level instruments available for sale from the instructor for under \$100. Please contact Mike Oitzman (see contact info below) prior to class to ensure that instruments will be available.

About the Instructor

Mike Oitzman has been a musician for over 30 years, and he has played the Native American Flute since 1994. He has taught Native American Flute classes since 2000. He brings over 17 years of corporate training and adult education experience to the classroom. Prior to teaching this program, he taught for 4 years through the Mountain View / Los Altos Adult Education program, and he has many private students. For more information contact: mikeoitzman@naflute.com



Time to renew your NCFC Membership?

Please take a moment to fill out the Membership Form, or pass it along to a friend, and invite them to experience the magic of the Native American flute!

Security Guarantee:

No personal information will be given to anyone else, or used for any purpose other than sending you NCFC and other Native American flute information.

Questions?

Check out our web site at: www.naflute.com or call the NCFC at 530-432-2716 or email: ncfc@naflute.com

Thank you for your support!

Membership Application for the Northern California Flute Circle

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, USING ALL CAPITAL LETTERS

Renew New Member Newsletter opt-out: No Yes (I'll get my news from the web site)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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Please select only ONE of the following four categories:

Individual Membership

\$15: 1 year, or...

\$25: 2 years

Family / Household Membership

\$20: 1 year, or...

\$35: 2 years

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Date RCV'd:

Check #:

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Please select your HOME CLAN (you are always welcome to attend any and all flute circles or meetings):

Bay Clan (San Francisco Bay Area, Lower Marin)

Central Coast Clan (San Luis Obispo county, Cambria)

Loping Wolf Clan (Sacramento, Yolo and Nevada counties)

NoNahme Clan (Garden Valley)

San Joaquin Clan (Fresno and Central Valley)

Valley Clan (Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino, Upper Marin)

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Please make your check payable to the “Northern California Flute Circle”, and send it with this form to:

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