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President's message

It's April! Spring: think daylight savings, cherry blossoms, taxes, and...the last of the ice and snow (maybe). Just to make sure about the last thing, we're kicking off the month with the **Yeti Chasers** (Yeti = abominable snowman), Ray Skjelbred's hot jazz quartet. Ray's piano will be accompanied by Steve Wright, multi-instrumentalist, on trumpet and saxophones, Dave Brown on bass, and Mike Daugherty on vocals and drums. But this time we're making it a quintet, adding **Jim Armstrong** on trombone and vocals.

As for the spring and summer months, we're looking at our best options to bring OKOM to the people: sponsor a float in the Blossomtime Parade as we did two years ago, jazz concerts at the Fairhaven Green or other parks in Bellingham? We're open to suggestions from the membership – give us your ideas!

I would like to thank those members and guests at our February and March dances who helped out the BTJS by buying up the books and CDs. Also, thanks to those of you who attended Bob Storms' Jazz Celeb IX March 18. It generated almost \$4000 to help the homeless in Bellingham, and was a showcase for Bob's song-writing talent, with the entire program "new Dixieland tunes" that he wrote.

See you at the VFW and please bring along friends, neighbors. Let's all help chase those Yetis back to the Mount Baker back country where they belong!

Keeping Jazz alive...

Rick Whitaker

Ray Skjelbred & the Yeti Chasers

Saturday, April 1, 2:00-5:00 pm

VFW Hall, 625 N State Street, Bellingham



We welcome back [Ray Skjelbred](#)'s fine quartet from Seattle, plus [Jim Armstrong](#). These very talented musicians are sure to please everyone, listeners and dancers. An afternoon not to be missed!

Jazz at the VFW - Upcoming Schedule

2:00-5:00 pm First Saturdays

Apr 1 [Ray Skjelbred & the Yeti Chasers](#)
May 6 [Market Street Dixieland Jazz Band](#)

- ★ Fine acoustics and line of sight
- ★ Large wooden dance floor
- ★ Reasonable bar prices
- ★ Snacks & beverages by donation
- ★ Members \$10
- ★ Non-members \$12
- ★ Students with card \$6



VFW Post 1585, 625 N State St, Bellingham

Driving Directions

I-5 Exit 254 State St West
Driving south on State St, stay in right lane as far as the roundabout at N State & N Forest. Take third exit up State St, go one block to the VFW Hall on your right. Free parking.





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Apr 1-2 [Pensacola JazzFest](#), Pensacola, FL
 Apr 6-9 [French Quarter Festival](#), New Orleans, LA
 Apr 7-9 [Jazzaffair](#), Three Rivers, CA
 Apr 21-23 [Oakhurst Ragtime Festival](#), Oakhurst, CA
 Apr 26-29 [Zehnder's Ragtime Festival](#), Frankenmuth, MI
 Apr 28-30 [Capital City Jazz Fest](#), Fitchburg, WI
 Apr 28-May 7 [New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival](#), New Orleans, LA
 May 19-21 [Bunny Berigan Jazz Jubilee](#), Fox Lake, WI
 May 26-29 [Sacramento Music Festival](#), Sacramento, CA
 May 31-Jun 3 [Scott Joplin International Ragtime Festival](#), Sedalia, MO
 Jun 22-25 [America's Classic Jazz Festival](#), Lacey, WA
 Jun 24-26 [Elkhart Jazz Festival](#), Elkhart, IN
 Jul 28-30 [Evergreen Jazz Festival](#), Evergreen, CO

NEXT BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017, 3:00-5:00 PM

VFW HALL

625 N State St, Bellingham

All members are welcome to attend.

Puget Sound Traditional Jazz Society

Ballard Elks Lodge, 6411 Seaview Ave NW, Seattle, WA
 3rd Sunday September-June, 1:00-4:30 pm

Apr 23 [Ain't No Heaven Seven](#)
 May 21 [Holotradband](#)
 Jun 18 Claire McKenna & Friends

Membership Renewal

We have 16 new members, bringing our total for this year to 82. Thank you, everyone! We are still aiming to crash that 100 ceiling; if you haven't renewed yet, clip the membership form on p. 3 or download it from our [website](#). Bring your form and check to the VFW April 1 or mail them to the address on the form. The membership fee is still a bargain \$15 per person for the year.

White Rock Traditional Jazz Society

Live Hot Jazz at RC Legion 240, 2643 128 Street, Surrey, BC
 Every Sunday October-mid June, 2:00-5:00 pm

Apr 2 Crescent City Jazzers
 Apr 9 [Uptown Lowdown](#)
 Apr 16 Bonnie Northgraves 4
 Apr 23 Red Beans & Rice
 Apr 30 Jack Ray Milk Crate Jazz Band

Manouche NW Concert Series (Gypsy Jazz)

7:30 pm, Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, 1207 Ellsworth Street

Apr 15 Ranger and the "Re-Arrangers"
 May 6 Lache Cercel & The Roma Swing Band
 Jun 10 Manouche N All Stars

Sudden Valley Jazz Series 2017



Saturday, April 22, 3:00 pm

Dance Barn, Gate 2, 8 Barn View Ct, Bellingham

Greta Matassa and Clipper Anderson
 - "She Says/He Says"

Backed by vibraphonist Susan Pascal, popular vocalist [Greta Matassa](#) will be singing her favorite jazz tunes, followed by her husband, bassist [Clipper Anderson](#), a great vocalist in his own right, singing his favorite jazz tunes.

Tickets, in support of the South Whatcom Library, are \$20 @ Sudden Valley Community Center, Village Books or online www.fswl.org.
 More info K.C. Sulkin 360-671-1709.

Bellingham Youth Jazz Band

Under the leadership of Mark Kelly

Apr 14 7-9 pm Swing Dance at Bellingham High School
 Apr 23 5-8 pm Big Band Bash III at The Majestic, \$10 suggested donation to raise scholarship funds
 Apr 27 8 pm Swing Dance at YWCA Ballroom, 1026 N Forest



Newsflash!

Larry Edwards, Vice President of the BTJS, was hit by a motorcycle in Florence, Italy this past week. He suffered multiple fractured bones and a concussion. Larry remains in hospital awaiting surgery with Pat at his side. We are all wishing him a speedy recovery and safe return home.

If any members are able to step up and help out at our events while Larry is recuperating, we would much appreciate it.



The Bellingham Chapter of USA Dance
PRESENTS

April in Paris



Saturday, April 1 7:15 -10 PM

Presence Studio, 1412 Cornwall Ave, 2nd floor
Above Bellingham Bar and Grill

Free Beginning Waltz lesson by Megan and Wendy 7:15-8:00 PM
Music by DJ Sleeter 8:00 - 10:00 PM

Beginners, experienced, singles, couples, seniors and students... all are welcome
Please bring dance shoes (no stilettos) or shoes with non-marking soles to protect the floor.

Refreshments will be served in the anteroom.

USA Dance Members \$ 7 (join and save!)

Students \$ 7

Non-Members \$10

Details 360-734-5676 or www.bellinghamusadance.com

USA Dance is a non-profit social dance club with monthly events open to the public.



Jazz Celebration update from Bob Storms

Yeeeee Haw! Last year we raised \$1200 for four scholarships to jazz camp for teens. This year, we raised **\$3315 at the door and \$600 for the art auction for the homeless.**

My goal this year was to simply do better than last year. From the figures it appears that we more than **tripled the sum from last year.**

Thank you to all the musicians, artists, sound & recording people, helpers from the 1st Congregational Church, especially Pastor Sharon Benton, Sharry Nyberg, Barbara & North Storms, and M.C. Karen Harris for their work in achieving this wonderful result. I apologize for leaving anyone out of this list, I am just so happy that I want to get this email floating.

And also a special thank you to Pastor Jeff Flint, of the 1st Baptist Church, for his input, advertising support and program preparation for the concert.

A special thank you to Sharry for showing the basement to Richard and me yesterday afternoon. She gave a good overview of the Peace and Justice Project while showing the facilities that are being readied. It is impressive!

Richard LeMieux and I visited the "Drop-in Shelter" on West Holly St. where he was welcomed by the crowd as the author of the book that he wrote. The most applause and cheers came when the lady who introduced him told the crowd "He wrote this book while he, himself was homeless for three years!" My heart leaped....

Richard has been a wonderful guest in our home over the weekend and we have since become fast friends.

The possibility of a successful campaign for funding the project was my goal.

Mission accomplished!

B.

Next Jam Session

Thursday, April 13, 4-6 pm at the VFW Hall

Contact Preston 360-543-7925 wmpreslamp@hotmail.com
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Always room for more and all skill levels welcome
Listeners and dancers also welcome



Web pick of the month Check out Jazzology to view the large collection of jazz recordings and books available from the George H. Buck Jr Jazz Foundation in New Orleans. Sign up for their free newsletter and take advantage of their Record Collectors Discount Club - a bargain \$5 lifetime membership!

Bellingham Traditional Jazz Society - Membership Application 2017

Name(s) _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip/P. Code _____

Annual dues: (inc. *Jazz Me News*, our monthly newsletter. Note: All memberships expire December 31.)

Per person \$15 New Renewal Change of address I want to receive *Jazz Me News* by email: yes no

Donation: Yes, I want to keep traditional jazz alive in Bellingham and enclose my check for \$_____ to support: the band fund youth fund

Volunteering: My areas of interest are _____ Please contact me: yes no

Clip and mail with your check, payable to Bellingham Traditional Jazz Society, to Rick Whitaker, 8223 Sehome Road, Blaine, WA 98230

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