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Happy New Year

President's message

Wishing You All a Happy, Healthy and Jazzy New Year!

Thanks to members that arrived early Dec 3 to attend our Annual General Meeting. Also, thanks to those that brought food donations, or contributed through the 50-50, for the Bellingham Food Bank.

If you missed the December Jazz Christmas Dance, AGM and Jazzy Jewelry Party, you really did miss out! The hot jazz of the Crescent City Shakers and the good bargains for the small sparkly stocking-stuffers were well worth our small price of admission.

There are a few announcements resulting from our Annual General Meeting: we have a **new Vice-President - Larry Edwards**. Continuing to serve on the board are Betty Brue, Treasurer; Pat Edwards, Secretary; and Claudia Laster, Stan Freske and Bob Aitken, Directors at Large. Also at the meeting, we decided to maintain the Membership Dues at \$15 per member and make no changes to the admission fees, thanks to the success of our fundraising efforts and generous donations from some of our members. Thanks go to Preston Lamp for his work on the board over the past years, putting our BTJS posters all over town and pinch-hitting on his mighty bass saxophone on occasion.

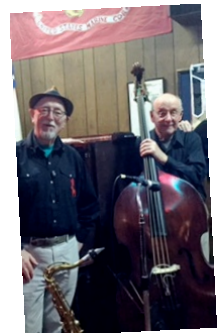
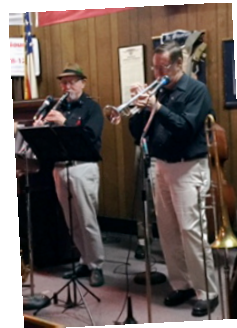
We will kick off the New Year on January 7 with a "new" band, the Jimmy Armstrong Quintet. If they sound a lot like the famous CanUS band that many of you have heard at trad festivals in the past, it's because the pianist/vocalist on the ivories is none other than **Toni Blodgett**, combined with Jimmy on trumpet/trombone and sharing vocals. Expect to hear a few of the CanUS signature tunes.

So, come on out to the January 7 party, and bring a friend or neighbor to join the fun! If you haven't renewed your membership already, please remember to ante up our small dues fee to keep OKOM alive in Bellingham.

Stay warm with HOT TRAD Jazz.


Rick Whitaker

Jim Armstrong Quintet
 Saturday, January 7, 2:00-5:00 pm
 VFW Hall, 625 N State Street, Bellingham



Jim Armstrong has put together a group of his favorite musicians, including a rare appearance outside of Victoria, BC of Toni Blodgett, pianist extraordinaire and founding member of CanUS. Also joining Jim on trumpet/trombone/vocals are Gerry Green on clarinet and tenor sax, Mike Hobbs on banjo, Dave Brown on string bass. An event not to be missed!

Jazz at the VFW - Upcoming Schedule
 2:00-5:00 pm First Saturdays

Jan 7	Jim Armstrong Quintet		<p>VFW Post 1585, 625 N State St, Bellingham</p> <p>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.</p>
Feb 4	Bob Storms' Dixieland All-Stars		
Mar 4	Clamdigger Jazz Band		
Apr 1	Ray Skjelbred & the Yeti Chasers		

- ★ 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



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 Annette Whitaker - Snack Table & Silent Auction

Upcoming Festivals, Tours & Cruises

Dec 31-Jan 7 [Mexican Riviera Holiday](#), Jazzdagen Tours
 Jan 12-15 [San Diego Adult Traditional Jazz Camp](#), San Diego, CA
 Jan 12-15 [Danny Barker Banjo & Guitar Festival](#), New Orleans, LA
 Jan 27-29 [Eagles and Ivories Weekend](#), Muscatine, IA
 Feb 9-12 [Sounds of Mardi Gras](#), Fresno, CA
 Feb 10-12 [Central Illinois Jazz Festival](#), Decatur, IL
 Feb 23-26 [Seaside Jazz Festival](#), Seaside, OR
 Feb 24-26 [San Diego Jazz Party](#), Del Mar, CA
 Feb 24-26 [Santa Cruz Ragtime Festival](#), Santa Cruz, CA
 Mar 3-5 [Jazz Bash By The Bay](#), Monterey, CA
 Mar 9-12 [A Tribute to Bix Beiderbecke](#), Racine, WI
 Mar 10-12 [South Coast Clambake Jazz Festival](#), North Bend, OR
 Mar 14-26 [Australia & New Zealand Cruise](#), Jazzdagen Tours
 Mar 24-26 [Riverside Jazz Party](#), Boise, ID
 Mar 24-26 [Durango Ragtime & Early Jazz Festival](#), Durango, CO
 Mar 30-Apr 1 [Charles H Templeton Ragtime Jazz Festival](#), Starkville, MS
 Mar 31-Apr 2 [Redwood Coast Music Festival](#), Eureka, CA

NEXT BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JAN 18, 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

Jan 15 [Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band](#)
 Feb 19 [Jacob Zimmerman and His Pals](#)
 Mar 19 Gerry Green's Crescent City Jazzers

Membership Renewal

All 2016 memberships expire at the end of December. There will be no change in membership dues for 2017 and we thank those who have already renewed. If you haven't done so yet, clip the membership form on page 3 or download it from our [website](#). Bring your form and check to the VFW January 7 or mail them to the address on the form.

Thanks to everyone for helping to keep traditional jazz live and alive in Bellingham this year! In 2017 let's crash the '100 ceiling'!

White Rock Traditional Jazz Society

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

Jan 1 Square Pegs Jazzy Band
 Jan 8 Kayden Gorden & Friends
 Jan 15 Maple Leaf Jazz Band
 Jan 22 Air Mail Special
 Jan 29 Crescent City Jazzers

Jazz by the Bay

[Lighthouse Bar & Grill](#), Hotel Bellwether, Bellingham

Sundays 4:30-7:30 pm + Tuesdays 5:00-8:00 pm

Jan 1 Lisa Baney Trio
 Jan 3 Kevin Woods Trio
 Jan 8 Sonja Lee Quartet
 Jan 10 Milo Petersen Trio
 Jan 15 Chad Petersen Trio
 Jan 17 Christian Casolary Trio
 Jan 22 Rane Nogales Trio
 Jan 24 Steve Rudy Trio
 Jan 29 Alicia Dauber Quintet
 Jan 31 Chad Peterson Trio



VanCity Hot Jazz Jam

Live Hot Jazz Jam & Fun Dancing to Young Bands
 Mondays 9 pm
 The Yale, 1300 Granville St, Vancouver, BC

<http://facebook.com/VancityHotJazzJam>



Many thanks to everyone who brought donations for the [Bellingham Food Bank](#).
 December's 50/50 raffle raised \$85, which we also donated to the Food Bank.





The Bellingham Chapter of USA Dance
PRESENTS



The Thomas Harris Octet
Saturday, January 7th 7:15 –10 PM
Presence Studio, 1412 Cornwall Ave, 2nd floor
Above Bellingham Bar and Grill

Free Beginning Cha cha lesson by Megan and Wendy 7:15-8:00 PM
Beginners, experienced, singles, couples, seniors and students...all are welcome.
Please bring dance shoes (no spike heels) or shoes with non-marking soles to protect the dance 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



Featuring dance music arranged for and played on the 1940s Queen Elizabeth in October!

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

Jewelry Party Success - Fundraiser netted \$477!!!

Many thanks to everyone who donated, bought or bid at our December 3 jewelry party. We raised \$477, which will go into the General Fund to support our dance events. Special thanks to Annette for organizing this event!

Bria Skonberg Update

[Bria](#) has just recorded another album, her first official one with Sony, to be released in June.

She has a busy schedule lined up already for 2017, including hosting free open workshops for youth on behalf of the New York Hot Jazz Camp in January.

She will also be doing weekly Facebook Live chats in January. If you want to chat with her via Facebook, email her @ info@briaskonberg.com letting her know when you're available and she will set it up.

Now for some really fun stuff...click [here](#) to watch Bria playing musical chairs on 'Harry', Harry Connick Jr's new daytime TV talk show...guess who won!

Next Jam Session

**Thursday, January 19, 4-6 pm
at the VFW Hall**

Interested? Contact Preston Lamp 360-543-7925
wmpreslamp@hotmail.com.

Listeners and dancers welcome.

Band Name Change

Gerry Green's Crescent City Shakers has changed its name to the Crescent City Jazzers

Web pick of the month



Sicily Jass: The World's First Man in Jazz is a documentary film about Nick LaRocca, leader/cornetist with the Original Dixieland Jazz Band and his role in the history of jazz. The film will be screened at the [Star Cinema](#) in Sidney, BC on Saturday, February 4, at 3:30 pm as part of the [Victoria Film Festival](#). If you can't get to Sidney, try asking the Pickford Film Center to screen it.

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

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KNKX 88.5 FM - The Art of Jazz, with host Ken Wiley, Sun 3-6 pm, plus other jazz programs all week long

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