

MEMBER OF THE MONTH - April 2021

Tenor Guitar Foundation

We are excited to announce that the Eleventh Annual Tenor Guitar Gathering, previously scheduled for June 4-5, 2021, will be a virtual event this year on June 4. It will be free for all to watch at [TenorGuitarGathering.info](https://www.tenorguitarfoundation.com/tenorguitargathering), with details to follow on our website. We'll have the same wonderful musicians sharing their new music.

Next year, June 3-4, 2022, will be in person again - so we can enjoy the river walk, the sounds of the sea lions, and playing music on the trolley Saturday morning with views of the beautiful Astoria-Megler Bridge, either fogged wrapped or sunny. We look forward to seeing you in person then.

In the meantime, we are happy to present our favorite returning performers for our online event. For anyone who hasn't attended this wonderful event that gave Astoria the title of **Tenor Guitar Capital of the World**, let's

go back a few years. The Tenor Guitar Foundation and Tenor Guitar Gatherings were started as a labor of love by Astoria resident, Mark Josephs. He was a six string guitar and harmonica player, and a singer songwriter who wrote more than 300 songs. Later in life, Mark fell in love with the sound of the four string tenor guitar, and searched the internet but found little information. He and a few others started the Tenor Guitar Registry, and a website, that led to [TenorGuitarFoundation.com](https://www.tenorguitarfoundation.com). It is now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. At the time of Mark's death, he was planning and organizing the 7th Annual Tenor Guitar Gathering in 2016. He was inducted into the Tenor Guitar Hall of Fame in 2017.

The Gatherings have been held annually since 2010, and have attracted top tenor guitar players from around the country to give workshops, join in jam sessions

with beginner players, and hold well attended concerts both nights of the event. One tradition has been gathering on the trolley Saturday morning, play music and sing, traveling up and down the track, to the great enjoyment of other passengers. Following the trolley ride, another tradition has been the delicious lunch at the Bridgewater Bistro with jazz tenor guitar virtuoso, John Lawlor playing background music, joined by other performers. After lunch another custom has been to fit up to 12 performers into Carol Newman's radio broadcast booth for an impromptu jam --- definitely not Covid compliant in past years!

All classes, jam sessions, and concerts will be held in 2022 at the Charlene Larsen Center for the Performing Arts, a location loved by the performers and attendees alike.

This year, we are thrilled to have our first virtual event. Please check out our [website](https://www.tenorguitarfoundation.com/tenorguitargathering) and our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/tenorguitargathering). We'll be updating the list of performers.

While on the website, sign up for our newsletter to get all the latest news to keep up on our plans to foster musicianship four strings at a time.

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Trolley Rides

Mandolins

Sitaras

Guitar Tunings

Banjo

Workshops

Fostering musicianship

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