



# Voice of the Circle

The Northern California Flute Circle Newsletter

Spring 2007  
Edition

## Clan Calendar

Be sure to visit the NCFCs web site Calendar page.

### BAY CLAN

Contact: Frankie Sierra;  
email: bayclan@naflute.com

### JOAQUIN CLAN

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

### LOPING WOLF CLAN

Contact: Dan DiCicco  
email: lopingwolf@naflute.com  
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](http://www.naflute.com/calendar.html)

## 2007 Survey

It's that time of year again, the annual membership survey. As we plan activities for the year ahead, we always look to you for ideas on what we should be planning for the next year. The leadership of the NCFC (your local clan leaders) works hard to organize fun and interesting events which highlight the Native American Flute. As an incentive to fill out the survey, all surveys returned by April 15, 2007 will be entered into a drawing for one of two, free one year NCFC memberships.

## NCFC Spring Festival, April 21, Georgetown



The NoNahme Clan has been busy planning an awesome event to celebrate the coming of spring. This event is cosponsored by public radio station KFOK and is a fundraiser to help the station move their antenna further up the hill to reach more folks.

There will be a lot of things happening throughout the day, including workshops for both beginner and experienced flute players. Lew Price will host a flute maker's forum. Dave Blonski will present a didgeridoo workshop. The Feather River Singers will present a Native Drumming workshop.

Highlighting the day will be an evening concert featuring the Feather River Singers, Dave Blonski with special guest Stephen DeRuby. Scott August will be the headline performer in the evening. Tickets are on sale now for the concert and the NCFC gets a portion of the proceeds from the pre-sale tickets, so please buy your tickets early.

Throughout the day, there will be an open mic on stage and KFOK will be carrying the feed live on the airwaves. We have a growing list of artists & vendors including some of the best flutemakers in the western states. Start saving now for an opportunity to purchase a flute from these craftsmen.

**What:** NCFC/NoNahme Clan Spring Festival

**When:** Saturday, April 21, 2007

**Time:** 8 AM - 10 PM

**Where:** Georgetown, CA (northeast of Sacramento, between Auburn and

## Voice of the Circle – INAFA Convention Special Edition

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### Need to contact the NCFC:

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](mailto:ncfc@naflute.com), so we may update the NCFC membership database, and continue keeping you informed.

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**Flute Circle:** 8 AM - 6 PM, at the Black Oak Mine School District's 'Nature Area' and Amphitheater

**Concert:** 7 PM -10 PM featuring Scott August, David Blonski with Stephen DeRuby, and the Feather River Singers.

**Concert Location:** IOOF Hall, Georgetown, CA

**Concert Tickets:** \$10 / \$12 (day of event). To purchase tickets, call Marion Cole at 530-621-3227 or Mignon Geli at 530-333-0299 or email Marion Cole at [nonahmeclan@naflute.com](mailto:nonahmeclan@naflute.com)

**Directions:** <http://www.naflute.com/ncfcspringgathering.html>

### **Mark Holland House Concert Tour**



Mark Holland ([www.autumnschild.com](http://www.autumnschild.com)) is planning a small house concert tour in the bay area and Modesto on the weekend of April 14-15, 2007. If you haven't had an opportunity to hear Mark's music, then you're in for a treat. This will be a solo performance for Mark, but in these small house concert events, Mark likes to invite flute circle members to come up and jam with him, a very unique experience with a very talented musician.

**What:** Bay Clan House Concert

**When:** Saturday, April 14, time TBA

**Where:** TBA (check [www.naflute.com/calendar.html](http://www.naflute.com/calendar.html) for details)

**Contact:** Frankie Sierra – [bayclan@naflute.com](mailto:bayclan@naflute.com)

**What:** Joaquin Clan House Concert

**When:** Sunday, April 15, time TBA

**Where:** TBA (check [www.naflute.com/calendar.html](http://www.naflute.com/calendar.html) for details)

**Contact:** Dan Ricketts - [joachinclan@naflute.com](mailto:joachinclan@naflute.com)

### **Summer Gathering at Mary Youngblood's House**

This annual event has become a model for our quarterly "all-NCFC" gatherings and has helped to spawn the Loping Wolf clan's Winter Gathering and now the NoNahme Clan's Spring Festival. Once again, we'll be gathering at Mary Youngblood's house for an afternoon and evening of flute music, workshops and food. Last year, it was a hot day, but the music kept us all going. The Loping Wolf clan is helping to organize this event this year.

**When:** Saturday, June 23, 10 AM – 10 PM

**Where:** Mary Youngblood's backyard

RSVP required, check [www.naflute.com/calendar.html](http://www.naflute.com/calendar.html) for details.

## **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, April 17th.

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

For more information contact: [mikeoitzman@naflute.com](mailto:mikeoitzman@naflute.com)

### **NCFC T-Shirts for Sale**

We have NCFC logo t-shirts for sale. If there is interest, we're willing to invest in creating additional NCFC – logo'd swag, Please use the survey to help us choose additional clothing or other choices.

Price \$18, Colors: White, Grey, sizes: L, XL

To order, please email your color/size selection to [ncfc@naflute.com](mailto:ncfc@naflute.com) and we'll verify that we have your choice in stock before we ask you to send in a check. Check out the NCFC store: <http://www.naflute.com/store.html>

### **The NCFC needs your help**

We have a couple of special needs at NCFC Central and we're reaching out to the membership to find the resources to help us fulfill these needs. Hopefully, somewhere in our membership, we have the skills or resources to help us fill these needs.

### **Treasurer/Accountant**

If you're good with money, we'd need you! We'd like to bring a treasurer onboard the organization to manage our finances. While this is a volunteer organization, we don't expect this activity to require more than a couple hours a month to manage the membership deposits and the few bills which we have. Please contact Mike Oitzman at 530-432-2716

### **Insurance**

We're looking to purchase an umbrella insurance policy to cover our public events and flute circles. If you are an insurance agent or know someone

How to read your address label:

The address label contains two important pieces of information:

- Your membership number, the number found in [ ]'s
- Your membership expiration date, is the date next to your name.

who is, we'd like to talk to you about our options. Please contact Mike Oitzman at 530-432-2716

## Flutemaker Discount Program

The following fine craftsman offer discounts for active NCFC members:

**Earthtone Flutes**, Geoffrey Ellis, (707) 839-5199, [www.earthtoneflutes.com](http://www.earthtoneflutes.com)

**Featherridge Flutes**, Randy Stenzel, [info@featherridgeflutes.com](mailto:info@featherridgeflutes.com)

**RV Flutes**, Russ Veneble, 505-577-0394, [www.rvflutes.com](http://www.rvflutes.com)

**Stellar Flutes**, Tom Stellar, 1-888-427-8850, [www.stellarflutes.com](http://www.stellarflutes.com)

**Wine Wood Flutes**, Brian Revheim, (707) 253-1325, [iswinewoodflutes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:iswinewoodflutes@sbcglobal.net).

**Woodland Voices**, Colyn Peterson, (402) 932-6894, [www.woodlandvoices.com](http://www.woodlandvoices.com)

**Yazzie Flutes**, Martin Yazzie, (951) 924-0926, [www.yazzieflutes.com](http://www.yazzieflutes.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](http://www.naflute.com) or call the NCFC at 530-432-2716 or email:

## 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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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)

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: