



Voice of the Circle

The Northern California Flute Circle Newsletter

Fall 2007
Edition

Clan Calendar

Be sure to visit the NCFC's 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: Doc Cole; at 530-
621-3227

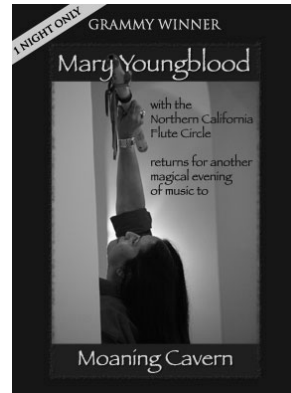
VALLEY CLAN

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

Remember...

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

Mary Youngblood at Moaning Caverns



Mary Youngblood is returning to Moaning Caverns again for a concert event on Saturday, October 27 along with the Northern California Flute Circle. Mary and the NCFC presented a similar underground concert last year and folks are still talking about it. Tickets have been selling fast and we expect this event to sell out.

Mary has invited a limited number of NCFC members to join her and perform with her during the event. For ticket details and to RSVP as a performer see info below.

What: Mary Youngblood at the NCFC at Moaning Caverns.

When: Saturday, October 27, 2007, 6PM -7:30PM

Where: Moaning Caverns, 5350 Moaning Cave Road, Vallecito, CA

Tickets: \$24.95 (bottom)/\$14.95 (top) . Call 866 762-2837

RSVP Performers: Dan or Sheree DiCicco – lopingwolf@naflute.com

Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival



This year's festival once again celebrates the return of the Greater and Lesser Sandhill Cranes to the Lodi area. The Joaquin Clan will have a booth with lots of Native American Flutes on display and Dan Ricketts will be performing at the Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival this year.

What: Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival

When: Saturday, November 3, 2007, 12:05PM -12:25PM

Where: Crete Hall, 125 S. Hutchins Street, Lodi CA

Contact: Dan Ricketts – joaquinclan@naflute.com

More Info: <http://www.lodichamber.com/scfestival/index.htm>

Loping Wolf's NCFC Winter Gathering

The Loping Wolf Clan is getting ready to host the annual Winter Gathering on December 9, 2007. Everyone is invited to join the Loping Wolf Clan for a celebration of the arrival of winter. There will be lots of warm food and

drink along with beautiful flute music to warm your soul. Several workshops will be offered and even a special guest or two.

Need to contact the NCFC:
Northern California
Flute Circle
578 Sutton Way, PMB 184
Grass Valley, CA 95945
Phone: 530-432-2716

What: NCFC Winter Gathering

When: Sunday, December 9, time TBA

Where: Lake of the Pines Clubhouse, Auburn California

Contact: Dan or Sheree DiCicco – lopingwolf@naflute.com

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.

Memories from a Weekend with Xavier Quijas Yxayotl

By Antonio Silva, October 10, 2007



First let me start by telling you how I came to know about Xavier Quijas Yxayotl. I started playing the NAF (self taught) over a year ago and I was searching the internet for different ways on playing the NAF. I came across the link to Robert "Tree" Cody and followed another link to his video performance of "Cross Roads". In this performance he was doing a duet with Xavier Quijas Yxayotl. I took a look at Xavier's flutes and said "WOW"! I've got to have one of those. I did some more inquiring

and found the information on the recent Clay Flute Making Workshop and registered for the workshop.

Now the day came for the workshop, and being a "wood carver" I went into that day thinking I could make a triple flute right off the bat. Slow down..... I found out I had a hard time making my first ocarina. So after my 5th ocarina, I started my first flute. Rolling out the clay and placing it around the "template" was simple enough but when it came to making the mouth piece and tuning the flute, Xavier is a Master and was there to help everyone in class.

There were a few things that impressed me about Xavier during the workshop. First, he always started his workshop with a ceremony thanking everyone for being there and wishing everyone a great day. When making our flutes and ocarinas Xavier was always going back to his roots and recalling the history and tradition of Mayan/Aztecán Flute Making.

Last but not least, we all hear news stories about these professional singers or band members and the bad ways they treat their fans. Well Xavier is NOT like them. Xavier is gracious, knowledgeable and overall a very nice man. I'm looking forward to taking his next workshop. Xavier, thank you for your time and patience. I also want to give thanks to David Loo for organizing the workshop and to Nancy P. for allowing us to use her home for the workshop.

EDITORS NOTE: This article was edited to fit this newsletter, if you want to read the article in it's entirety check out the NAFLUTE BLOG online:

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.

NCFC Spring Festival, April 26-27, 2008 Georgetown



The NoNahme Clan is busy planning the Second Annual NCFC Spring Flute Festival which will take place once again in Georgetown, CA. This year the event is being expanded to two days! There just wasn't enough time to do and see everything in one day, so we decided to expand the event and combine with the Arts in Nature Fest.

Stay tuned for more info as the plans come together for a wonderful weekend of music and nature in the Sierra Foothills.

What: NCFC/NoNahme Clan Spring Festival

When: April 26-27, 2008

Time: 8 AM - 8 PM each day

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

For more information check out:

<http://www.softcom.net/users/greebo/festival.htm>

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 nfc@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 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 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 craftsmen offer discounts for active NCFC members:

Earthtone Flutes, Geoffrey Ellis, (707) 839-5199, <http://www.earthtoneflutes.com/>

Featherridge Flutes, Randy Stenzel, info@featherridgeflutes.com

Love Flute, Stephan DeRuby, (800) 435-8837, <http://www.loveflutes.com>

RV Flutes, Russ Veneble, 505-577-0394, <http://www.rvflutes.com>

Stellar Flutes, Tom Stellar, 1-888-427-8850, <http://www.stellarflutes.com>

Wine Wood Flutes, Brian Revheim, (707) 253-1325, iswinewoodflutes@sbcglobal.net

Woodland Voices, Colyn Peterson, (402) 932-6894, <http://www.woodlandvoices.com>

Yazzie Flutes, Martin Yazzie, (951) 924-0926, <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 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 _____

2

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)

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:

Northern California Flute Circle
578 Sutton Way, PMB 184
Grass Valley, CA 95945