

Accordion Talk

September 2026



Next club meeting

October 17, 2026
12:00 – 4:00 pm

Milwaukie Public
Safety Building
Community Room

3200 SE Harrison St.
Milwaukie, OR

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President's Message

Greetings RCAC! September was packed with Oktoberfest events and our club members playing out. I went to Mt. Angel Oktoberfest for a day and it was wonderful to see friends from our club entertaining visitors at The Bandstand, Hopfengarten, and Prostgarten. At Estacada Oktoberfest, an RCAC ensemble entertained visitors on the main stage. Such fun to play together!

At the end of August, a group representing RCAC played an Oktoberfest-themed client appreciation event at Edward Jones in Keizer.

Thank you to all the players who represented RCAC at various events!

My thanks to Delette Huffman, Elaine Huber, Marlene Meissner, Bobbie Ferrero, Beth McDonald, and Frances Kincaid for sharing your photos!

Amber Matz, President



Thank you, Mt. Angel Players!

Judging by the masses of people in Mt. Angel on September 17-20, it appeared to be a record-breaking event. Once again, Rose City Accordion Club members and friends were front and center in the Prostgarten and Hopfengarten, providing lively entertainment for the 300,000+ visitors. There were soloists, duets, trios and quartets; many veterans players and some first-timers (yeah!) were on the stages. I was particularly excited to see two players involving their grandchildren! Our club has been participating in this festival for well over 25 years, providing hundreds of hours of fantastic accordion music. All profits from the festival are awarded to non-profit organizations - over \$4 million so far. This does not include the funds earned by the 40+ food booths operated by non-profit organizations. Our club's cordless mic and amplifier were purchased with an award received from Oktoberfest in 2024 and there are plans to apply for additional funds in future years.

Here are the club members who provided music this year: Chad Anderson, Coreen Bergholm, Karen Cordell, Don Devlaeminck, Bobbie Ferrero, Kathy Grambsch, Elaine Huber, Fran Maddox, Marlene Meissner, John Mohnney, Jeff Nelson, Rick Nunno, Lisa Roeder, Bev Spurgeon (and granddaughter Louisa), Susan Schwab, Wayne Tiusanen and Bob Wachter. Also providing music were Paul Bria, Cathy Cowley, Linda Cloudas, Colleen Halverson (with two grandchildren), Donna Madsen, Ellen Mendoza, and Liz Wisler. To add to the fun, tuba players Todd Carlson and Laurie Kayler accompanied several accordionists.

Once again, a huge 'Danke Schoen' to all who shared their time and talents. Plans are already underway for the 2027 festival on September 16-19, so let's keep playing!

~ Marlene Meissner





Mt. Angel Oktoberfest



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Estacada Oktoberfest



Upcoming Activities

- **Saturday, October 17** – Club meeting and Autumnfest rehearsal
 - 10:00 am: Autumnfest Rehearsal
 - 12:00 pm: Music Circle
 - 1:30 pm: Club business meeting
 - 2:15 pm: Individual/Small Group Play
- **Saturday, October 25, 1:30 – 5pm** — Accordion Autumnfest at Forest Grove Senior and Community Center

ROSE CITY ACCORDION CLUB PRESENTS

ANDREW & COURTNEY'S MYSTERY BOX

NOV. 21 @ 1:30PM
3200 SE HARRISON ST
MILWAUKIE, OR

FREE ENTRY

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Saturday, November 21 at 1:30 pm — Featured performance: Andrew and Courtney's Mystery Box (clarinet + accordion duo). At our RCAC gathering on November 21, we'll be treated to a featured performance open to the public! Andrew and Courtney's Mystery Box is a tiny traveling universe of clarinet, accordion, and musical mystery. The act blends Eastern European flavors, klezmer elements, jazz, and original compositions.

Upcoming Activities

ACCORDION AUTUMNFEST FOREST GROVE, OR

Sunday, October 26, 2025

1:30 – 5:00 PM

Forest Grove Senior and Community Center

2037 Douglas Street

Forest Grove, OR 97116

Paul Smith – featured accordionist at 4:00 PM



Oregon's own, Paul Smith is best known for his 40 years as a featured accordionist at the Oktoberfest at Mt. Angel, OR along with many regular performances at German, French, and Irish restaurants in the greater Portland area.

Admission: adults \$5.00

**Hosted by Doris Osgood
and the Tualatin Valley Accordionists
for the Northwest Accordion Society**

Lovers of accordion music ALWAYS welcome!

*You are invited to an afternoon of accordion music. Players wishing to be on the program **please RSVP** to ensure a time slot. Times remaining will be open for those who sign in at the door. Performance time is limited; young players are always welcome. Prepare knowing that our guests have come for the program. Play 2 of your favorite selections or one lengthy piece. **Players will not exceed 8 minutes** for their performances. The Tualatin Valley Accordionists will perform, there will be a raffle with proceeds will benefit the youth scholarship fund named for the late Chester Pietka, light refreshments, and connecting with friends new and old. Remember to join us, just for the fun of it!*

For information and RSVP to perform contact Doris Osgood at 503-928-9741
dorisosgood32@gmail.com

Please note the new email address and phone number

Accordion celebrations in Forest Grove are always the 4th Sundays in April and October.

RCAC plays at Edward Jones



RCAC out and about!

