



Tenor Guitar Foundation
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Exciting Plans for 2023 Event!

The Tenor Guitar Board is working diligently to bring you a wonderful June 2,3 and 4 event - -- it will be three days, ending Sunday with Tenor Guitars playing at the Sunday Market. The Performers committee is working hard to bring the right selection of returning performers along with some wonderful new ones. The trolley is waiting for us, there will be wonderful workshops and jam sessions at our beloved Charlene Larson Center for the Performing Arts. And, wonderful concerts both Friday and Saturday nights, followed by lively jam sessions at our host lodgings, The Astoria Riverwalk Inn.

Wikipedia Defines Tenor Guitars and it sounds a lot like Mark Josephs!

The tenor guitar or four-string guitar is a slightly smaller, four-string relative of the steel-string acoustic guitar or electric guitar. The instrument was initially developed in its acoustic form by Gibson and C.F. Martin so that players of the four-string tenor banjo could double on guitar. (See More [Wikipedia about Tenor Guitar](#):



Here is our video production of TGG!

Thanks to the generous grant from **Clatsop County Cultural Coalition** and Giving Tuesday donations, we are proud to present our 2022 event. Michael Alderman, 2002 Productions, recorded and produced this year's live event.

SEE VIDEOS [HERE!](#)

Info on October 3, 2022, podcast with Josh Reynolds, Tyler Jackson and Tom Guard

These three, one a former president of TGF, will be discussing Josh's father's Tenor Banjo - along with Tyler Jackson, now assistant director of the Banjo Museum Oklahoma. They will discuss the instrument, its history and how they all met --- don't miss it! It will be available on [The Folk Mafia](#)



Meet your board!

We will introduce a couple of board members to you in each newsletter --- these people work very hard to bring you great annual events.

Harriott Balmer has been president since just before Covid hit our nation -- she accepted a temporary presidency four years ago. She has no musical ability but her husband, Wally, has played tenor guitar since he fell in love with it watching Nick Reynolds with the Kingston Trio. Wally met Mark on-line before the Tenor Guitar Foundation was a thing and the two have then have only missed one

Gathering. Harriott says she became a groupie after retirement. They live in Tacoma.

She retired from owning a small insurance agency, specializing in medical plans and started three other non profit organizations, which is the skill set she shares with Tenor Guitar Foundation.

Wally and Harriott have RV'd around the country for half of each of the past six years, filling the cab of their truck with the sounds of the CDS of all of TGG performers --- and visiting with people they have met at Tenor Guitar Gatherings. Wally owns seven tenor guitars and a mandolin ---- so many guitars, but he still has the same wife of 56 years!

Kenneth Heikilla, Secretary, is one of the longest-serving persons on our board, having been tagged by Mark during the original set-up days. He met Mark on line and then again in person in San Francisco where he played with Mark and Tom Molyneux as they made plans for Tenor Guitar Foundation.

Ken is a retired electrician and lives up the Columbia River from Astoria in Goldendale, WA. Besides serving on our board, he volunteers at a local mental health organization giving Reiki treatments.

Ken has played guitar since he was 19 and tenor since about 2000. He owns six tenor guitars but readily admits his favorite is one built by the late luthier Steve Parks from Virginia.



Astoria Tenor Guitar Orchestra

Calling all Astoria area tenor guitar players! DeLores and Ken Richards are starting a Tenor Guitar Orchestra ("or something!") and are looking for interested four stringed instrument players who would like to get together to practice a couple of times a month. **Interested? Call them at (DeLores) at 503-791-7792 or (Ken) at 503-791-3131.**

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