

## **It's Time to Prepare for Leavenworth**

June 17 - 20, 2021

By Doris Osgood

The Leavenworth Accordion Celebration is just around the corner. LIAC 2021 will not be the large, multi-venue festival we've known, but it will be a showcase for the accordion to the general public with performances at the gazebo. The former Gingerbread Factory property with the large yard will be the venue for jamming and some workshop instruction. Rather than in person competitions, there will be **virtual adjudications for students and all interested accordionists**. The deadline for submitting video for adjudicators is June 1, 2021. See detailed information about adjudications at [www.accordioncelebration.org](http://www.accordioncelebration.org).

**Public performances at the gazebo** will be scheduled beginning April 19. Prepare Bavarian/ethnic/**audience friendly** music for your performances downtown. Bavarian/ethnic attire would be great! . The sign up will be managed at the [www.nwasnews.com](http://www.nwasnews.com) site as in the past. **You cannot sign up on line**; you can see what opportunities are available. Contact Doris Osgood for performance times that will fit your plans during your visit to Leavenworth. She will schedule the performers and the roster will be updated on line regularly. To sign up for performance contact: [dorisosgood@frontier.com](mailto:dorisosgood@frontier.com) or **503-357-0417**. Folding chairs are provided at the gazebo, but bring your own music stand if you need one. Remember, the performance schedule at the gazebo is always tight. Time your program and be ready when you are scheduled. **The last date to schedule performances via email and phone will be June 13.** See Doris in person in Leavenworth after that. The clip board at the gazebo is the *official* schedule for performances.

**There will be the volunteer Gazebo Ensemble** during LIAC. **All new music** has been prepared by Toby Hanson and Lyle Schaefer. The music is updated and arranged for accordions. Be sure to bring your own music stand for any rehearsals and for the gazebo performances. There will be a limited number of players on stage. Details about the Gazebo Ensemble and the music to be played will be available on line. Check the web site: [www.accordioncelebration.org](http://www.accordioncelebration.org) - **gazebo** and you will find the music.

Though there are fewer venues this year, but **there is still need for volunteers**. Contact **Steve and Jeannie Berg** to indicate the times you'd be available to work: [berg\\_sa@yahoo.com](mailto:berg_sa@yahoo.com) **(360-340-4018)**

For the Gingerbread Factory jams, be sure to prepare the music that is usually played in the parade; most will be in the key of C. (*Happy Wanderer, Edelweiss, The Snow Waltz, I Don't Have a Wooden Heart, and the Beer Barrel Polka.*) Everyone is welcome to join in. Of course, other music is welcome.

With vaccinations and maintaining public safety guidelines to prevent the spread of the covid virus, we expect to have a safe celebration of the accordion. Wear your masks and distance; be considerate of others and be good ambassadors of the accordion while you're in Leavenworth, WA.

Remember to check the web site for updates. The **schedules are subject to change**. Remember, the "official" gazebo schedule will be on site at the gazebo. Do not rely upon old data for the accurate schedule. See you in Leavenworth – **June 17 - 20, 2021** – *for the love of the accordion*.