

Where to go from here....



Congratulations on completing the Spring 2018 semester of Ukulele Class!

You've learned SO much this semester, and it has been my delight to be your teacher and to make music with you.

But...what's next? Where do you go from here?

First of all, please know that every song and technique I taught you this semester was designed not just to be fun, but to serve as an essential building block in your learning process.

So as we head into the summer, with no scheduled classes on the radar for a while, what can you do to keep yourself engaged in your music, deepening your skills and sense of ease with your ukulele?

This:

See if you can work towards being able to play every song we learned this semester - on your own. Not just as a play-along with the class, but something you know well enough that you can find the rhythm and the timing, you can get the song started and flowing, and play it all the way through.

It doesn't have to be perfect - it never has to be perfect - but the process of setting your intention on eventually being to play the song on your own, and working towards that intention, is invaluable.

Even if some of these may not be your favorite songs in the world, the skills embedded in them are pure gold, and once mastered to the best of your ability, will keep opening new doors for you left and right.

So, use your videos. Review the lessons, and play along as many times as you like. Acknowledge what is going well.

When you encounter a problem-spot in a song, use the techniques of observation, intention, and positive belief that I've talked you through as we've worked through these things in class. These are core principles of the **Note2Self** method of music-learning.

Slow it way down. Pay close attention. Be thorough. Breathe.

Chase down what is at the ROOT of any persistent problem-spots. Is it a thought? A funky finger angle? OMG, could it be your fingernails???

You CAN find it, and you CAN coach yourself towards clearing out the bugs, and allowing the honed techniques to find their home in your permanent physical memory.

If you are itching to move ahead of what we did this semester, you can always enroll in the next level class, in the online-only format. Once you enroll, it's all yours, to take at your own pace. The videos are not going away.

And, there are many opportunities to get together with other Ukesters for Jams, Pub Sings, and such, in the area. Very welcoming, and very fun! Make more music! Play for peace!

With love from your biggest fan, - *Lisa*