



Grooving to jazz at Vicky's

Dale Gribow 10:18 p.m. PDT April 5, 2014

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The Coachella Valley has a plethora of wonderful jazz events from Pete Carlson's and Fitz's Jazz Café to The American Jazz Institute's Jazz Dinner Series at Vicky's of Santa Fe in Indian Wells. Vicky's presents six of these "usually sold out" Jazz-Dinner programs with proceeds benefiting the local AJI in-school mentoring and scholarship programs which

expose kids to music.

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Pete and Edna Carlson were at their usual table with friends **Jeff Barr** and **Jim Little** who were "grooving out" to the multi-talented Foti. She sang and played the fiddle with surprise guest, **Don Shelton**. **Carol and Del Freeman** enjoyed their rendition of "Skylark," and **Evan and Elizabeth Inslee** were observed smiling as the "The Very Thought of You" was performed.

Patti Gribow continuously nudged me, commenting upon how good Foti was performing some of Dean Martin's favorites and some of Billy Holiday's best known recordings. Her rendition of "It's The Mood That I Am In," evoked memories of a smoke filled room in the 40s in New York, as she accompanied herself on the violin.

The next event on April 14 will feature Amanda King. Information: (760) 345-9770

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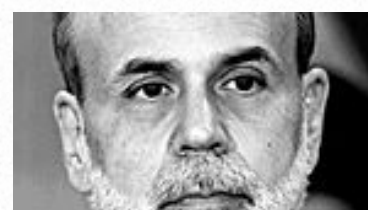


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