

January 2015 News & Calendar

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Our staff Nashville professionals teach a variety of musical styles at the center. A comfortable place for all ages & levels. Private lessons, classes, jam schedules. Call Gretchen to inquire and find the right instructor. Sign up to be a member and get this monthly news letter and calendar so you will be the first to know of performances, special class series, workshops, Pickin' parties and jam schedules!

Attention: Be sure to open “attachments” in this letter to learn about the details. A simple way that you can help support your MHC ; is to pass on the info in the attachments to like minded friends and family. We can not thank you enough to help us “spread the word” on our unique events.

December reflections: This year ended with an array of favorites! Particularly the student Christmas Holiday Concert was exceptional. It was very entertaining and had quite a variety of styles. I love seeing these students (of all ages) improving their skills, building confidence, encouraging one another. Hats off to the instructors and the “Back up” band too!

I was honored to participate in the “Drive Thru Bethlehem”! A food drive for charity that Mary Ella Stevens wonderfully created. It is now a Pegram tradition! I was an angel playing the “harp-like” Zitter. (I never knew I could play the harp and I certainly never thought of my self as an angel!) Very special Christmas memories there.

Tim & Gretchen came home healthy and on time for sitting in on the Spontaneous Mountain Boyz Show an always fun home town event.

So then just when you think you can't top that; we had RADIOLA in concert for our New Years Eve Party with Pickin' Potluck to ring in the new year. Band Leader David Harvey makes it look so easy and together with Tim May, Brian Christianson, and Jon Weisberger; you have a powerhouse of olympic pickers! Beautiful and sassy voices of Jan Harvey & Nichole Christianson (with little Elsey) added the right touch to the vintage sound of RADIOLA. Young Emma Harvey stole the show with her talented voice and Ukulele!

January announcements:

So whats Next? If you have not heard...

The annual “Eighth of January” Old Time Music weekend!

Jan 8, 9, 10 The 3rd annual “Eighth of January” Old-Time Music Weekend! YOU MUST SEE the attached 4 Page detailed brochure of instructors, classes, jams, history, dance & song! Learn about America's Great Musical Heritage !

“Meet & Greet” the Old Time Staff concert on Thurs Jan 8 is open to the public for just \$5 suggested donation (concert is included for the folks registered and paid for the Jan 9 & 10 one or two day workshop). Text Gretchen if you need help registering 615-812-2192

It is not too late to register but please do so ASAP! Don't forget to purchase the affordable home cooked meals! Early bird price ended on Dec 20.

Note: You must register by Jan 7

(Note: there will be no Registration on Jan 8 kick off night which is open to the public) However, you can register on the morning of Jan 9 or 10 (but it is advised to be pre registered).

January day by day calendar:

Jan 1 Thurs Happy New Year – No one should be working today

Jan 3 Sat “cubs; now officially “Bears” Adult fiddle class (near intermediate level)
Call Gretchen 615-812-2192)
(meeting approx 2 Saturdays a month year round) 10:30am-12:30pm

Sat Irish Session hosted by Gretchen; (open & spectators welcome)
Not a slow jam (meets on the 1st & 3rd Sat each month) 4:00-6:30pm

Jan 5 Mon U team Adult fiddle class; intermediate to advanced fiddle class
w/ Gretchen ;call 615-812-2192)
(meets on the 1st & 3rd Mon each month) 7:30-9:30pm

Jan 6 Tues Jazz Class with Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30 pm
Tues Old Time Jam Night (group hosted open jam) 7:00-9:30pm
(meets on the 1st & 3rd Tues each month; open & spectators welcome!)

Jan 8 Thurs 7:00 special event: STAFF CONCERT for kick off the “Eighth of January” OLD TIME MUSIC Weekend!

Concert is Open to the public for a suggested \$5 donation. Concert is included in the Fri & Sat workshop registrants.

It is a “meet and greet with goodies” and be sure to bring your instruments because we get to jam with the staff after the concert ! Alan O'Bryant is first up at 7:00 sharp!

Jan 9 Fri (See Event Schedule with classes, history, jams, and more.

Jan 10 Sat (See Event Schedule ; shop at John Hatton's store for hard to find vintage music and books!

- Jan 12 Mon Back to normal schedule with “WACKY TOONS” Jam! 7:30-9:30 pm
 “Wacky Toons” music readers jam (chords available for rhythm players)
 Some Old time, Irish & wacky “Neo Trad” tunes that will inspire you!
 Hosted by Gretchen & Tim Spectators are welcome.
 (Meeting on the 2nd & 4th Mon each month) Not a slow jam. 7:30-9:30pm
- Jan 13 Tues Jazz Class with Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30 pm
- Jan 15 Thurs Gypsy Jazz Jam night Regularly Hosted by Tim May or Stan Lawrence.
 Jazz night usually meets on the 1st & 3rd Thurs each month 7:30-10:30
 call Stan 615-668-2426 to get on the group e mail so you are “in the know” (before you
 drive out.) This jam is an inclusive open forum with “in house” books provided.
 Intermediate and up level. Spectators are welcome & its Free! Usually meets on the 1st
 & 3rd Thurs each month. Call Stan 615-668-2426 before you drive out.
 Please text Gretchen 615-812-2192 if you would like to be on the Jazz night group mail.
 Say “Jazz” so I know why you are texting.
- Jan 17 Sat “Cubs; now officially “Bears” Adult fiddle class (near intermediate level)
 Gretchen (call 615-812-2192)
 (meeting approx 2 Saturdays a month year round) 10:30am-12:30pmSat
- Sat Irish Session hosted by Gretchen (open & spectators welcome)
 (meets on the 1st & 3rd Sat each month usually 4-6:30 year round)
- Jan 19 Mon U team Adult fiddle class; intermediate to advanced fiddle class
 w/ Gretchen call 615-812-2192)
 (meets on the 1st & 3rd Mon each month)
- Jan 20 Tues Happy Birthday Jody Priest!
 Tues Jazz Class with Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30 pm
Tues Old Time Jam Night (group hosted open jam) 7:00-9:30pm
 (meets on the 1st & 3rd Tues each month; open & spectators welcome!)
- Jan 22 Thurs Slow Jammer's is back! hosted by Gretchen & Stan 6:00-8:30 pm
 “not always slow” come join the fun on this inclusive multi-level all ages jam.
 Bluegrass Rookies Class with Stan Lawrence (multi-level) meets 7:30-9:30 ;
 come warm up first w the Slow Jammers! Don't be shy; come on out!
 (both groups meet on the 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month)

- Jan 26 Mon “WACKY TOONS” Jam! 7:30-9:30 pm
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 (Meeting on the 2nd & 4th Mon each month) Not a slow jam. 7:30-9:30pm
- Jan 27 Tues Jazz Class (multi- Level) with Paul Abrams 7:00-8:30pm
 call Paul 615- 952-4641 (meets weekly)
- Jan 30 Fri PLAIDGRASS plays Nashville Contra Dance 8:00- 10:30 pm
 arrive early (7:30) for the tutorial. If you can hold hands and walk; You can do this!
- Jan 31 Sat “Cubs/Bears adult fiddle class (meets 1st & 3rd Sat) 10:30am-12:30pm
 Sat Irish session (meets 1st & 3rd) not a slow jam 4:00-6:30pm

JAN 31 Could be a ... POSSIBLE PICKIN PARTY (TBA) We would like to know if this is a good date to have a pickin' party. Text Gret with feedback 615-812-2192

This is a survey; Any reason we should not have a pickin party on this night???

HEADS UP! Possible Pickin' Party on Saturday Jan 31 ***TBA***

Our pickin' parties are mostly Bluegrass jamming, but sometime an Old time jam or a Jazz jam form a pickin circle. They are also a fundraiser for the Charles E Stuart memorial Fund (Community Bank in Pegram) that pays for kids music lessons that need our help.

Sneak Peaks; February and beyond...

Feb 21 Saturday Pickin Party (TBA)

March 5-8 NOSTBA Breakin' Up Winter “BUW” (annual Old Time music retreat at the State Park Cedars of Lebanon)

March 15 Fiddle Students Irish concert (Ceili?)

SAVE THE DATES!

Our 7th annual ...

April 9, 10, 11 Irish Music weekend with Thurs staff concert and student/staff session

Dont forget... One of our most treasured events of the year!

The “Eighth of January” Old Time Music Weekend 2015
Jan 8, 9 , 10 concerts, workshops, jams, history (hot meals!)

Stuart Brothers. Trevor and Travis : Fiddle, Clawhammer Banjo, Mandolin, Guitar

Jay Bland : Flat Footing National Champion

Alan O'Bryant: Old time Mandolin and a special class on old time tunes on the 5 string bluegrass banjo!

Tim May : Guitar & Mandolin

Kelsey Wells: Fiddle

Lee Cagle: Mountain Dulcimer

Tree Reynold & Kevin Mauzy Martin host singing jam.

John Hatton: The Clef'd Ear vintage music store on wheels is coming to our event and John will also host some Ukulele workshops and talk about the Ukulele history.

George Gruhn: Vintage instrument lecture; sharing history of stringed instruments; their purpose, construction, origin, an answer questions.

Home cooked meals by Ben & Suzy and the “What about Bob” Shuttle Service!

Great way to start a new year with a good Ol' Time event!

Musically yours,
Miss Gretchen