

February 2016 Newsletter & Calendar

“Fiddle & Pick”; Home of the Musical Heritage Center of Middle Tennessee
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Visit www.fiddleandpick.com for information on jams and special events. Our staff of Nashville professionals teach a variety of musical styles at the center; a comfortable place for all ages and levels to get private lessons, classes, and come to participate in jams. Call Gretchen 615-812-2192 to inquire and find the right instructor. Go to the home page and sign up to get this free monthly news letter and calendar so you can be the first to know of performances, class series, workshops, Pickin’ Parties, and be informed of any adjustments to the regularly scheduled jams. You can unsubscribe at anytime. Be sure to open the attachments in this letter to learn about details. Please try to support your MHC, as we always could use your help to share the ads with like minded friends and family. This letter is our only advertisement we have (other than FB), to get the word to folks out there that are interested in traditional music and beyond! We appreciate your supporting MHC by passing on the attachments with essential info for attending unique events.

Reflections of Eighth of Jan Old Time MusicWeekend:

One can not describe EOJ in just a few sentences. If you attended, then you hopefully received a letter from Gretchen. A few e mails bounced back, so we hope we can still reach you! The surveys from the folks that came, have fantastic praises on the instructors, jams, history presentations, food and concerts. Survey showed that next years “EOJ” will be on Jan 5, 6, 7 which is Thur, Fri, Sat (Re: The 8th is on Sun in 2017!). **Our history presenter this year; Director of the Center of Popular Music, Greg Reish will be returning to the Fiddle & Pick with fiddler Matt Brown on Feb 19 (See flyer)**

Matt Brown (fiddle) & Greg Reish (guitar) perform old-time instrumentals from rural America. Their new album, “Speed of the Plow,” comprises square dance tunes, rags, blues, and haunting melodies reinterpreted from the solo fiddle repertory. Co-produced and engineered by Dave Sinko (Punch Brothers, Béla Fleck, Hot Rize), “Speed of the Plow” showcases Matt & Greg’s versatility as they pay homage to the rich tradition of old-time duets. Bryan Sutton says of the album, “It’s refreshing to hear these tunes delivered by true craftsmen playing with a conviction that allows the melodies to really shine. Way to go Matt and Greg!”
Folks can preview their album here: <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/mattbrowngreish>

Serious notes: Stan Lawrence is doing fantastic after having a heart attack on Jan 8. He has no damage to his heart and he is “upbeat” and recovering fast. He said that the hardest part of the ordeal was getting his guitar and mandolin in the ambulance. We love you buddy!

We also lost a talented musician friend a few weeks ago. There is no way that I can begin to say all the great things about Pete Huttlinger; His amazing life, his amazing talent and accomplishments. He truly is an inspiration. I feel so fortunate that we were able to spend a little time with him as an instructor at our EOJ weekend. Pete had a lifetime of heart troubles, but the irony is that he had the biggest heart of all. He contributed so much to wherever he went. He cared and shared with honest enthusiasm! Please keep his wife Erin and his loved ones in your prayers. They have a book that just came out; “Joined at the Heart” about their journey. I hope we can all remember Pete’s advice to us...to LIVE WELL no matter what we face. He was a very brave man. We will miss him; I have no doubt he is with God.

More Announcements & schedule changes:

Jazz night on Feb will not be meeting but it will resume on Feb 18 with Tim May hosting (and probably Stan☺)

The regularly scheduled Irish session is officially 2:30-5:00 on the 1st & 3rd Sat each month unless interrupted by special events or weather. Make note we ARE meeting on 6th & 20th 2016 and remember that spectators are always welcome.

OTHER IRISH STUFF: Just in case you didn't know: The Irish Music Weekend moved the 8th annual IMW from April to be on the 2nd weekend of November in 2016. (Now held annually on 2nd weekend Nov so you can plan way ahead!)

Traditional Song Weekend is coming!

2nd weekend April : **Julee Glaub & Mark Weems** will be IN CONCERT and they will also be teaching some great vocal workshops! Old time song, Irish song, Harmony class Gospel, Honky Tonk! We are really building on this idea as the possibilities are endless; incorporating instruments in the vocal ws such as: songs with banjo, songs with Fiddle and mandolin. Other Instructors are Brian & Nichole Christianson and Tim May (Maybe some Carter family songs?).

We will be getting the details to you very soon, but for now...

SAVE THE DATES! April 8 & 9, 2016

The concert will be on either Thurs eve (April 7) or Fri eve April 8; There will also be some mini concerts and history through the Fri & Sat Gathering!

February day by day calendar

Feb 1 Mon *Constitution Day*

Feb 2 Tue *Ground Hog's Day*

Jazz class with Paul Abrams 615-310-7275 (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm

Tue **Old-Time Jam night (meets on 1st & 3rd Tues each month) 7:00-9:30pm**
open multi-level jam; group hosted & spectators welcome

Feb 4 Thur "Cubs" Adult Fiddle Class w Gretchen 7:00-9:00pm

Thur Jazz Jam night is cancelled; next time meeting Feb 18 7:30-10:30pm
Meets on 1st & 3rd Thurs

Feb 6 Sat "Bears" Adult Fiddle Class w Gretchen meets 1st & 3rd Sat 10:30am-12:30pm

Sat **Irish Session hosted by Gretchen; meets 1st & 3rd Sat 2:30-5:00pm**
Multi-level (not a slow jam) Spectators always welcome!

Feb 8 Mon "Wacky Toons" Jam 7:30-9:30pm

hosted by Tim, Gretchen (influenced by Carp Camp)!

You might ask; What is that jam anyway?

A cool mix of Irish, Old time and even some “neo trad” tunes written by live people.

This jam is for you if: you like to play back up rhythm; you can sight read melodies and/or want to get better at sight reading; or build your speed proficiency; and it is especially for you if you like to play music for fun, even though you live in or near Nashville.

Feb 9 Tue Jazz class with Paul Abrams 615-310-7275 (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm

Feb 10 Wed *Ash Wednesday*

Feb 11 Thur Slowjammers night meets on the 2nd & 4th Thurs 6:00-8:30pm
“Not always slow” The Main rule is to have fun (multi level from ground up).

Feb 14 Sun *Happy Valentine’s Day*

Feb 15 Mon *Presidents’ Day*

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Thur Gypsy Jazz Night Jam is BACK! (hosted by Tim May) 7:30-10:30pm

This jam usually meets on the 1st & 3rd Thurs each month; Text Gret 615-812-2192 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 & it’s Free!

Feb 19 Fri Musical Heritage Center Special Concert Event At The Fiddle & Pick!

Matt Brown & Greg Reish CD Release Concert 8:00 pm

Come early and get a good seat and enjoy some Great music. See Flyer ad!

Feb 20 Sat *Happy Birthday Mark & Thom Priest!*

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Feb 22 Mon *Happy Birthday Sister Sarah!*

Mon “Wacky Toons” Jam (something very different) 7:30-9:30pm
hosted by Tim & Gretchen

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Feb 25 **Thur Slowjammers night meets on the 2nd & 4th Thurs 6:00-8:30pm**
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Feb 27 Sat POSSIBLE Pickin’ Party text Gretchen *Soon* if you want it 615-812-2192
then we will make an announcement if this is a good day to have it.

Feb 29 Mon *Leap year!*

March Sneak Peaks and beyond...

Breakin’ Up Winter. A NOTSBA event at Cedars of Lebanon State Park. Old time concerts, history, jamming, John Hattons Cleff’d Ear store will be set up at Cedar Lodge. March 3-6 (always the first full weekend of March) Rain or shine or snow; you go!

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Musically yours,
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