

## November 2016 Newsletter & Calendar

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Visit [www.fiddleandpick.com](http://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. We appreciate your support and hope you would share the flyer ads containing essential info; so your like-minded friends and family could attend unique Musical Heritage Events! This letter, the website, and Face Book are the only means we have to get the word out to the folks that are interested in traditional music and beyond!

### Announcements:

November is almost here, and there is a welcoming “October Surprise” that has come up before the month of October ends! Check this out!

A performance venue had a known Irish Trio scheduled to play a concert, but then the venue had a snag. Rather than cancel these fine musicians' show; The Fiddle & Pick has stepped in to host their concert.

What a Blessing it is to have **The Boys of County Nashville performing at The Fiddle & Pick this coming SAT OCT 29 7:30! (See BCN concert flyer attached)**

As luck has it; this happens to be the *same date as the “early bird” price deadline to register* for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual IRISH music weekend coming up on Nov 10,11,12 ! Until this Sat concert popped up, the early bird price was scheduled to close at 5:00 pm on Oct 29. But, now that we have a house full of Irish peeps on the evening of Oct 29, we feel it only makes sense to extend the deadline a wee bit longer for those new folks that might have just found out about IMW via The Boyz show, and also for those that found out about the Center for the first time because of their show this Sat at Fiddle & Pick.

IMW has top players that are also top instructors. It is fun bunch to spend a weekend with! You can't believe the line up of instructors. (See IMW attached 4 page informational brochure w full information).

**We have been hosting some enthusiastic mid tempo and fast Irish sessions to brush up on Irish and build our tune lists. The next ones are on Nov 5 & Dec 3. If there is interest, Gretchen is considering hosting mid tempo sessions in addition to the other year round sessions and jams.** All our sessions and jams are inclusive, spectators are very welcome and they are free to the public.

**8<sup>th</sup> annual IMW** kicks off on **Nov 10 Thurs night Instructor concert and a hosted session afterwards.** Thurs evening concert and session is open to the public to come and participate. IF you play Irish tunes, please bring your instruments.

Concert admission is \$15. Thurs night is included in the cost for those that are registered for the event. This is a very inspiring weekend of all things Irish! You must be registered to attend the workshops and sessions on Fri & Sat.

**On Sat night at 8:00 sharp we do open our doors to welcome spectators** that would like to see the Student/Instructor Session. You will think you are in Ireland!

*Register early to get the best price. No Meals may be purchased after early bird deadline on Sat Oct 29. No registrations accepted after November 4; no exceptions.*

Announcements continued:

NO slowjammers in NOV! RE: Irish Concert night and Thanks Giving!  
See you slowjammers in Dec. Play some tunes for family at Thanks Giving!

**JAZZ NIGHT Jam dates:**

Jazz night will on a seasonal break with meeting a few spotty dates.

**Jazz night will be hosted on these dates, Thurs nights Nov 3, Nov 17, and Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.  
That's it ! But Jazz night will resume regularly once again on Jan19 and  
throughout the season at the usual time 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> THURS eve.**

Sacred Harp Singing picks back up in Novemember after taking a month off for busy October. Fantastic leadership from Justin Bowen! See the attached flyer on select dates 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 7-8:30pm (books are available to use or you can buy one)

If you are interested in area Shape Note Sing In's or the next series, contact Justin.

[jbowen012@yahoo.com](mailto:jbowen012@yahoo.com) or call Justin 615-962-4539. All Ages, no experience needed, Families welcome, and its FREE!

October Reflections:

We look back at so many great things is October! What a beautiful community we have. The Room In the Inn Fundraiser was a very fun show and raised money and awareness of this very worthy cause.

The Student Hoedown was action packed with serious and funny music. Students learned many contra dance tune sets and beautiful waltzes. This winter we will have a dance band with the students and pros. We will announce that after the new year. We will need a caller and some dancers to make that happen.

Thank you to the folks who put on the Hoe Down on the Harpeth first time Traditional Music Festival at the Hay Shed Farm! Lots goes in to this type of event.

It was a beautiful setting and very nice time. I predict that this is going to be a very big deal in a couple years. I'll be happy to say that Fiddle & Pick was there to support it when it had its inception! It's tough to put on something like that. Great job all of you that had the vision and followed through!

It was an honor to be asked to play a couple fiddle tunes on Kenny Baker night at the Station Inn. I had to run there from the festival but That was an awesome experience too. I got back to the festival 11:00 and picked til 3:30 am with some very good musicians that I do not know. Fun, fun, but Im getting a little old to stay out that late. It was so worth it. I was thinking how cool would it be to have a Kenny Baker stage (in the day) at Hoedown on the Harpeth next year. Just a vision I had. Sometimes ideas catch on!

Upcoming :

**Nov 20 Sunday: Students of Stephan Dudash Recital**

**Dec 4 Sunday: Student Christmas Holiday Concert**

**Dec 22 Thursday 7:30 EG Smith & Spontaneous Mountain Boyz**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual “Eighth of January” Old Time Music Weekend** “Save the dates” See flyer  
*Its earlier this time because the 8<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday! Jan 5-7 2017*

**2nd Annual Traditional Song Weekend ...** “Save the dates” ... April 6,7,8, 2017

However make note that there is a possibility that we might have this on April 29<sup>th</sup> weekend. This date change is in the discussion stage. We will let you know very soon.

**Day by Day Calendar:**

Nov 1 Tue Jazz class with Paul Abrams 615-310-7275 (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm  
Tue **Old-Time Jam night (meets on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month)7:00-9:30pm**  
Open & inclusive multi-level jam; group hosted & spectators welcome!

Tue There is a 7:00 pm meeting at the Pegram Community Club with Harpeth River Association and our community regarding the Indian mounds education, canoeing and other area tourism ideas to foster responsible management for the public to enjoy our resources here in our area.

Nov 3 Thur Cubs adult fiddle class w Gretchen 7:00-9:00pm

Thur **Gypsy Jazz Jam Night hosted by Stan Lawrence & Tim May** 7:30-10:00pm  
In house books. A great learning forum. Spectators welcome!

Nov 4 Fri Last day to register for Irish Music Weekend; contact Gretchen

Fri Teen Guitar Ministry w Gretchen First Baptist Church Pegram 3:15-5:15pm

Nov 5 Sat Bears adult fiddle class with Gretchen 10:00am-12:00pm

Sat **Irish Session (mid-tempo)** hosted by Gretchen 1:00-2:30 pm

Sat **Irish Session (faster)** hosted by Gretchen 3:00-5:00pm

Nov 6 Sun *Daylight savings time ends (then we lose time)*

- Nov 8 Tue *Election Day (everyone please pray for our country)*
- Tue Jazz class with Paul Abrams 615-310-7275 (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm
- Nov 10 Thur Sorry, No Slowjammers this evening because of IMW event
- Nov 10 Thur **Irish Music Weekend Instructors Concert & Session 7:00/8:15-9:45pm**
- Nov 11 & 12 Friday & Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> annual Irish Music Weekend Event (two full days)  
Workshops, Mini-concerts, History & Sessions  
IMW annual event requires attendants to pre register by no later than Nov 4
- Nov 14 Mon Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing led by Justen Bowen  
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**What a fun way to get your vocal exercise! Come join us. 7:00-8:30pm**
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- Nov 18 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry at First Baptist Church of Pegram 3:15-5:15 pm
- Nov 19 Sat Bears adult fiddle class w Gretchen: meeting time adjusted 10:30am-12:30pm
- Nov 20 Sun Stephan Dudash Student Recital 3:00 performance
- Nov 22 Tue Jazz class with Paul Abrams 615-310-7275 (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm
- Nov 24 Thurs *Happy Thanks Giving*
- Nov 27 Sun NOTSBA (Nashville Old Time String Band Association) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Jam  
Hosted by Tim & Gretchen at the Fiddle & Pick 2:00-6:00pm  
Bring a treat to share at the half time break!

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Note: don't be fooled by the calendar; no old time on a 5<sup>th</sup> Tues (Next meet Dec 6 & 20)

December Sneak Peaks and beyond...

Dec 4 Sun Student Christmas Holiday Concert: 2:00 rehearsal 4:00 show 5:00 potluck

Dec 12 Mon 7-8:30 Shape Note Singing (not meeting Dec 26)

Led by an experienced Sacred Harp singer and leader. Contact Justin Bowen [jbowen012@yahoo.com](mailto:jbowen012@yahoo.com) or call Justin 615-962-4539. All Ages, no experience needed, individuals, families welcome, and its FREE! Tune books available for purchase.

Dec 22 Thurs 7:30 Spontaneous Mountain Boyz Christmas Spectacular!

SAVE THE DATES: Jan 5, 6, 7, 2017

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SAVE THE DATES: April 6,7,8 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Traditional Music & Song weekend  
FYI, dates might be changed to April 29<sup>th</sup> weekend (we are discussing the possibility; let Gretchen know any of your thoughts on the date choices).

Musically yours,  
Miss Gretchen