

December 2016 Newsletter & Calendar

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Visit www.fiddleandpick.com for information on jams & 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 & 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 get essential details. We appreciate your support and hope you would share the flyer ads; so your like-minded friends and family could attend unique Musical Heritage Events! This letter, the website, and Face Book and our base are the only means we have to get the word out to the folks that are interested in traditional music and beyond!

Upcoming events:

Dec 4 Sunday: Student Christmas Holiday Concert 4:00 (see flyer)

Dec 22 Thursday 7:30 EG Smith & Spontaneous Mountain Boyz (see flyer)

Register now for the **5th Annual “Eighth of January” Old Time Music Weekend!**

See the brochure front and back cover, schedule of classes, registration page. A great line up of top Instructors on fiddle, mandolin, clawhammer banjo, guitar, bass and mountain dulcimer. Mini concerts & lots of jamming and also a special history presentation from Bobby Fulcher.

Make note that the best deal is the early bird price! Plan ahead!

Note that EOJ is earlier this time because the 8th falls on a Sunday! Jan 5-7 2017

This weekend could be a unique Christmas Gift!

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

Julee Glaub & Mark Weems and more to be announced.

Announcements:

We have been hosting some enthusiastic mid tempo and fast Irish sessions leading up to IMW.

This Sat Dec 3 we host the last session of the year. It is an inclusive multilevel group but not a slow session meeting 3:00-5:00pm

Gretchen considering hosting mid tempo sessions in addition to the other year round sessions starting in Jan on a pattern of 3rd Monday 7:00-8:30 pm and 3rd Sat 1:00-3:00.

All our sessions and jams are inclusive, spectators are very welcome and they are free to the public.

Slowjammers took a break in Nov.

We have one more slowjam to end the year meeting on Thurs Nov Dec 8 6:-8:30

note: not meeting on Dec 22 because the Spontaneous Mountain Boyz show)

JAZZ NIGHT Jam dates:

Jazz night will be on this Thurs Dec 1st for the end of the year. Jazz night will resume regularly once again on Jan19 and throughout the season at the usual time 1st & 3rd Thurs but keep up with the group e mail as it does break pattern, do not drive out without out checking as the jazz hosts sometimes get booked up in the biz.

Sacred Harp Singing meets on Dec 12 to end the year and it will be picking back up in the new year likely on the 2nd & 4th 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 or call Justin 615-962-4539. All Ages, no experience needed, Families welcome, and its FREE!

“Drive thru Bethlehem” (one day only) at First Baptist Church of Pegram

SATURDAY Dec 10 6:30-8:00pm bring canned food to benefit The Ark.

Turn at the stop light on Hwy 70; Enter from Hannah Ford Rd

November Reflections:

No bones about it; the Irish Music Weekend 2016 was an Epic Event!

I have to pinch myself that it really happened. It still amazes me that this ALL STAR cast of Instructors were all here in Pegram, TN at the same time for us! Liz, Rose, Pauline, Marla, Laura, John, Eamonn, Tim, Andy & Suzi; I thank them again from the bottom of my heart for their force of talent that they so caringly share these life long achieved skills, executed through their unique personalities that encourage and coach us! That word coach just reminded me of a moment. On Sat night, in the middle of the session Liz said, “In honor of the cubbies”! and we all played “take me out to the ballgame” together. Our dear Rose is always a constant inspiration; we are so privileged she has been on staff since our first IMW. I want to say a very special THANKS to all of you who gave sponsorship to the teens that attended IMW. It is truly an eye opening life changing opportunity. In short, **they absolutely loved it!** Some movers and shakers behind the scenes that I want to thank again are Mary Alice for her tremendous graphic designs, Billy & Mary Ella of Harmony House Publications, Denise and Jared for their management and help on FB and our Websites & news blasts. TimRob for superb sound engineering, Ben & Katie (and Suzi) for keeping us well fed; Christine for photos, Steve, Ann and Chip for being shepherds at the door, and for “What about Bob & Tom” Shuttle service. We could not do this without expanding class room space to First Baptist Church, Harmony Landing, Goose & Gander, & Pegram Station Community Center. Many thanks to all those folks that attended this very special event; we will never forget it!

Day by Day Calendar:

- Dec 1 Thur Cubs near beginner 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!
- Dec 2 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry w Gretchen; First Baptist Church of Pegram 3:15-5:15pm
- Dec 3 Sat "Bears" intermediate adult fiddle class with Gretchen 10:00am-12:00pm
- Sat **Irish Session** (not slow but multi level) hosted by Gretchen 3:00-5:00pm
- Sat evening closed to get room ready for the Student Christmas Concert
- Dec 4 Sunday Students arrive 1:30 to tune and get set up to rehearse by 2:00
The Christmas Holiday Concert is open to the public and it is free.
Showtime is 4:00 Potluck is at 5:00 ; bring a thing to share.
- Dec 6 Tue 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 & inclusive multi-level jam; group hosted & spectators welcome!
- Dec 8 Thur **Slowjammers** (multi level and age groups; instructor led) 6:00-8:30pm
Come on out and join the fun; Don't be shy!
- Dec 9 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry w Gretchen; First Bapt Church of Pegram 3:15-5:15pm
- Dec 10 Sat *Come enjoy "Drive Through Bethlehem" at First Bapt Church of Pegram*
6:30-8:00pm a canned food drive for the Ark
- Dec 12 Mon Shape Note singing with Justin;
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- Dec 13 Tue Jazz Class with Paul Abrams 615-310-7275 (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm
- Dec 15 Thur NO Cubs Fiddle tonight/ Jazz night NOT meeting this evening.
- Dec 17 Sat NO Bears Fiddle class / NO Irish session until Jan 21, 2017

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Dec 21 Wed *Winter Begins...*

Dec 22 Thurs The Spontaneous Mountain Boyz at the Fiddle & Pick 7:00pm
"We're gonna make Bluegrass GRATE Again"!

Dec 24 Sat Spontaneous Mountain Boys
With Tim & Gret play 11:00pm Christmas Eve Church service

Dec 25 *Merry Christmas to All!*

December Sneak Peaks and beyond...

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Jan 5,6,7

SAVE THE DATES: April 6,7,8 2017 2nd annual Traditional Music & Song weekend
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Musically yours,
Miss Gretchen