January 2017 Newsletter & Calendar

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Upcoming events:

The 5th Annual "Eighth of January" Old Time Music Weekend is just around the corner! This is better than Disney World, if you are an Old Time Music enthusiast!

FYI: If you are planning to register PLEASE do not delay!

We are past the "Early Bird Price" deadline (Dec 22) and no meals can be purchased after that date. However; If you still want to register you can; but there is a late fee which we lovingly call it the "hassle fee". <u>Absolutely NO registrations excepted unless received by Dec 29</u>. This event means a whole lot to us, so we must be done with the registration to get to the finer details to maximize this fantastic musical experience!

Call Gretchen 615-812-2192 ASAP if you need help to get the registration in before its too late!

The 'EOJ" OT Weekend starts on Thursday evening with the Instructor's concert and a hosted inclusive jam after the concert which is open to the public on *January 5 (see the Old Time Music House Concert Flyer) Make note that the workshops and more on fri & sat Jan 6 & 7, 2017 are for those who registered in advance.*

This annual event takes place on the closest weekend to the 8th of January. *Its early this year! (See the attachments of all the weekend has to offer)*

PLEASE Make a note of this TSW Change!

The 2nd Annual Traditional Song Weekend ... SEE THE CORRECTED DATES on the attached flyer ! *This event date was incorrect in the past few news letters !* APRIL 28 & 29, 2017 "Save the Dates"

Julee Glaub & Mark Weems and more to be announced. This annual event to be held on the last weekend of April.

Announcements:

Jazz Class has a new multi level "Unreal Book" class for all instruments and singers meeting onTues Nights starting Jan 3 (see flyer and contact Paul Abrams).

Announcements continued:

We are starting up mid tempo and fast tempo Irish sessions, see day by day calendar. Some on Monday night, some on Saturday.

We have not forgotten the Bluegrass pickers; We are checking into potential "PICKIN PARTY: dates to host at least one Pickin' Party (the real kind) per month in Jan, Feb, Mar, April TBA with special pickin' celebrities performing; details TBA

"Writers of Note" Song writer series during the cold months; details TBA

Sacred Harp Singing will be picking back up in the new year (MAYBE) 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! PLEASE Do not drive out until it is confirmed! WE are sorry this had happened with wrong dates on a flyer.

<u>December Reflections</u>: In a busy month, there is much to say; but what stands out to me is very fond memories of students concerts, "Drive thru Bethlehem", Spontaneous Mountain Boyz "Making Bluegrass Grate again", Teen Guitar ministry and candle light Christmas Eve service. Twas' Great to come home to all those home town activities and warmer weather after surviving the WY tundra! It was great to see our Wyoming friends and spread the holiday cheer together. God Bless You All!

Day by Day Calendar:

Jan 1 Sun Happy New Year! Its gonna be a goodin'!

- Jan 3 Tue See flyer ad about the new Jazz Class "Unreal Book" Series with Paul Abrams. This series is for all instruments and singers too; call Paul 615-310-7275 (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm Tues **Old-Time Jam night (meets on 1st & 3rd Tues each month) 7:00-9:30pm**
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Thur Jazz Night is NOT meeting tonight due to "EOJ" House Concert; No Fiddle Class.

Jan 5 Thurs "A Most Informal House Concert" Old Time Music Instructors performance This kicks off the 5th annual "Eighth of January" Old Time Music Weekend! (concert & open jam is open to the public; see the flyer ad for the details)

Jan 6 Fri "EOJ" Old Time Music Weekend (must be pre registered to attend)

- Jan 7 Sat "EOJ" Old Time Music Weekend (must be pre registered to attend)
- Jan 8 Sun Play the fiddle tune! Sing the Song! Rest after a good Ole Old Time!

Jan 9 Mon (shape notes class; do not drive out until you contact Justin) jbowen012@yahoo.com or call Justin 615-962-4539

Jan 10 Tue A New Jazz Class "Unreal Book" Series with Paul Abrams (see flyer ad) This series is for all instruments and singers too; call Paul 615-310-7275

(meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm

- Jan 12 Thur We're Back! **Slowjammers** (multi level and age groups; instructor led jam) We meet on the 2nd & 4th Thurs year round from 6:00-8:30pm Come on out and join the fun; Don't be shy! Bring the family.
- Jan 13 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry (First Baptist Church of Pegram) 3:15-5:15pm
- Jan 16 Mon Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Jan 17 Tue (See flyer ad) Jazz Class "Unreal Book" Series with Paul Abrams This series is for all instruments and singers too; call Paul 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!
- Jan 19 Thur "Cubs" Adult Fiddle Class with Gretchen (near beginner level) 7-9:00pm (meets on the 1st & 3rd Thur each month) Thurs Jazz Night (TBA if meeting in group e mail)
- Jan 20 Fri Happy Birthday Jody Priest!
 - Fri Teen Guitar Ministry (First Baptist Church of Pegram) 3:15-5:15pm
- Jan 21 Sat "Bears" Adult Fiddle Class with Gretchen (Intermediate) 10:30am-12:30pm Sat **IRISH Session** (not slow) hosted by Gretchen 3:00-5:00pm

Sat Potential Pickin Party in the Evening ... TBA ...

Jan 23 Mon Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing (contact Justin before driving over) jbowen012@yahoo.com or call Justin 615-962-4539 7:00-8:30pm Jan 24 Tue (See flyer ad) Jazz Class "Unreal Book" Series with Paul Abrams This series is for all instruments and singers too; call Paul 615-310-7275 (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm Jan 26 Thur **Slowjammers** (multi level and age groups; instructor led jam) We meet on the 2nd & 4th Thurs year round from 6:00-8:30pm Come on out and join the fun; Don't be shy! Bring the family!

Jan 27 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry (First Baptist Church of Pegram) 3:15-5:15pm

Jan 30 Mon Mid Tempo IRISH Session (multi-level) hosted by Gretchen 6:30-8:30pm

Jan 31 Tue (See flyer ad) Jazz Class "Unreal Book" Series with Paul Abrams This series is for all instruments and singers too; call Paul 615-310-7275 (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm

February Sneak Peaks and beyond..._

Feb 25 Pickin' Party (details TBA)

March 2-5 "Breakin' Up Winter" Old Time Retreat Cedars of Lebanon Put on by Nashville Old Time String Band Association aka... NOTSBA

March 19 Student Irish Music Concert

TRADITIONAL SONG WEEKEND "TSW" Correction on the dates (last few newsletters had it wrong!)

SAVE THE DATES: April 28 & 29, 2017 2nd annual Traditional Music & Song weekend Julee Glaub & Mark Weems, Tim May and more to be announced!

KIDS SUMMER MUSIC DAY CAMP June 19-23 "save the dates"!

October Student Hoe Down Concert (Sunday Oct 8 or Oct 22)

October 13-15 A fabulous local festival HOEDOWN ON THE HARPETH !

November 9, 10, 11 (Th,Fr, Sat) The 9th annual IRISH MUSIC WEEKEND

December Student Christmas Holiday Concert (Sunday Dec 10 or Dec 17)

Musically yours, Miss Gretchen