

## February 2017 Newsletter & Calendar

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Visit [www.fiddleandpick.com](http://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: Irish, Bluegrass, Old Time, Traditional Song, Kids Summer day camp!

Feb 24 Irish House Concert (see flyer for details)

Feb 25 Pickin’ Party fundraiser featuring Jack Pearson In Concert! (see flyer for details)

Mar 25 Bobby Taylor & Ken Perlman Fiddle & Banjo workshops & Concert (see flyer)

April 28 & 29 TRADITIONAL SONG WEEKEND (see brochure and registration)

June 19-23 Sign up now for Kids Summer Music Day Camp! This is for kids that are already playing an instrument. Ages 12-17 (last year we had 11 year old too)

Reflections: The snows could not stop **The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual “Eighth of January” Old Time Music Weekend.** Out of 81 persons, 5 adults could not make it, and 2 of our sponsored youth (from Ky & AL) could not get here because of the snow. We assured those youth that they are sponsored for next year. It was a cherished weekend. It was action packed with Instructors’ workshops, jams & mini concerts. Folks seemed pretty pleased with our new Chef, Quincy! **We are so pleased Quincy will be chef at Traditional Song Weekend!** Bobby Fulcher put on an excellent History presentation. I thank you all for sending back the surveys. Most surveys had great praise of the overall event and some good constructive criticism too. I really appreciate hearing about your experience at “EOJ”. Each year we strive to learn how we can improve. If the event was a week long we would do things differently but we are in a two day structure which is limited to instrumental workshops. We will have Old Time & Irish Song and other trad styles in our upcoming April Traditional Song Weekend for those that are interested. Two things to know about next years’ “EOJ”: it is early again Jan 4,5,6, 2018; AND it will likely fill up, so registration will close early on Dec 1! Early registration has the best deals. We had many new folks and from many states, so many new friends were made! I hope you will come again! We have such strong bonds with those that have come every year and we all miss greatly our dear friends (instructors), that past away since last years event. We really miss Trevor Stuart and Pete Huttlinger. It was not the same without them. We love them and we’re so honored they shared their music and time with us. They impacted our lives in so many ways. We continue to pray for their families.

Announcements:

**Jazz Class has a new multi level “Unreal Book” class for all instruments and singers meeting on Tues Nights started Jan 3 (see flyer and contact Paul Abrams).**

**Announcements continued:**

We have a schedule of mid-tempo and fast tempo Irish sessions, see day by day calendar or the Irish session schedule on the website. Note: the pattern is not the usual days and some times vary, but we meet often. “Breakin up Winter” Old time retreat at Cedars of Lebanon is on the first full weekend of March so that is one reason the session shifts a wee bit.

We have not forgotten our friends that are Bluegrass pickers, as promised, we finally have a “PICKIN PARTY”! On Feb 25 with special pickin’ celebrity. **Jack Pearson!** He is amazing. Come out and enjoy his **concert & open pickin’ after the show**; and at the same time you are helping to provide kids with music programs. **Show is early 6:30!**

“Writers of Note” Song writer series during the cold months; details coming soon!

**Sacred Harp Singing continues on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 7-8:30pm BUT NOT MEETING ON FEB 13.** (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!**

**Day by Day Calendar:**

Feb 2 Thurs “Cubs” Adult Fiddle Class with Gretchen (near beginner level) 7-9:00pm  
(meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur each month)

Thurs **Jazz Night** (TBA if meeting in group e mail)

Feb 4 Sat No Bears Fiddle Class today; No Irish Sessions today (Both next week)  
Re: Tune Junkie Weekend

Feb 7 Tue Jazz Class “Unreal Book” Series with Paul Abrams (meets weekly 7-8:30  
This series is for all instruments and singers too! call Paul 615-310-7275

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!

Feb 9 Thur **Slowjammers** (multi level & ages; instructor led jam. Don’t be shy!  
We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs year round from 6:00-8:30pm

Feb 10 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry FBCP with Gretchen 3:15-5:15pm

Feb 11 Sat "Bears" Adult Fiddle Class with Gretchen (Intermediate) 10:30am-12:30pm

Sat **Mid-Tempo IRISH Session** hosted by Gretchen 1:15-2:45pm

Sat **IRISH Session** (not slow) hosted by Gretchen 3:00-5:00pm

Feb 13 Mon Shape Notes class... NOT MEETING THIS EVENING...

[jbowen012@yahoo.com](mailto:jbowen012@yahoo.com) or call Justin 615-962-4539

Feb 14 Tue *Happy Valentines Day to You All!*

Feb 16 Thurs "Cubs" Adult Fiddle Class with Gretchen (near beginner level) 7-9:00pm  
(meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs each month)

Thurs **Jazz Night** (TBA if meeting in group e mail)

Feb 17 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry w Gretchen FBCP

Feb 18 Sat NO Fiddle Class today NO Irish Session (Both meeting next week!)

Feb 19 Mon *Presidents' Day*

Feb 21 Tue Jazz Class "Unreal Book" Series w Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7-8:30pm

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Come on out and join the fun; Don't be shy! Bring the family.

Feb 24 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry (First Baptist Church of Pegram) 3:15-5:15pm

**Feb 24 Fri "A Most Informal" Irish Music House Concert 7:30-8:30pm**

**(Free; donations accepted)**

**Featuring: Eamonn Dillon, Gretchen Priest & Robert Johnson**

**Uilleann Pipes/Irish whistle/Fiddle/Guitar**

Feb 25 Sat "Bears" Adult Fiddle Class with Gretchen (Intermediate) 10:30am-12:30pm  
Sat **Mid-Tempo Irish Session 1:15-2:45**  
Sat **IRISH Session** (not slow) hosted by Gretchen 3:00-5:00pm

**Feb 25 SAT PICKIN" PARTY "Pickin' for Kids" fundraiser CONCERT! \$15**  
**JACK PEARSON In Concert 6:30-7:30 early show!**  
**Bring your instruments for open pickin' after the show**  
(note: pickin' party not sold separately/\$15 for the evening)

Feb 27 Mon **Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing** (come sing with us!)  
[jbowen012@yahoo.com](mailto:jbowen012@yahoo.com) or call Justin 615-962-4539 **7:00-8:30pm**

Feb 28 Tue Jazz Class "Unreal Book" Series w Paul Abrams (meets weekly 7-8:30pm)  
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March Sneak Peaks and beyond...

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 2:00 rehearsal, 4:00 show, Potluck reception

March 25 **FIDDLE & CLAWHAMMER BANJO CONCERT & WORKSHOPS**  
With KEN PERLMAN & West VA Fiddler BOBBY TAYLOR

SAVE THE DATES! Sign up now!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TRADITIONAL SONG WEEKEND "TSW"**

**April 28 & 29, 2017**

Instructions and concerts by Julee Glaub & Mark Weems, Kathy Chiavola and Tim May.  
Workshops include Oldtime, Irish song, Gospel, Country, Honky Tonk, Bluegrass  
Harmony, Duet Harmony, and more.

**FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT : JULEE & MARK** is open to the public; also after the  
show you can join in with them in an inclusive Song Gathering. Bring Instruments!

**KIDS SUMMER MUSIC DAY CAMP June 19-23** Sign up now! See the flyer with  
info on all the activities. Registration is now! Instructors: Gretchen Priest, Alan  
O'Bryant, Stan Lawrence and special appearances of Nashville's fine instrumentalists.  
Musically yours,  
Miss Gretchen