

April 2017 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:

April 28 & 29 Traditional Song Weekend/ Friday Night concert open to the public.

May 6 Concert & Pickin’ Party “pickin’ for kids” fundraiser
Comedy Bluegrass with SMBz, and Kids Summer day camp!

April 28 & 29 The 2nd annual TRADITIONAL SONG WEEKEND

Hello SINGERS (and instrumentalists)! Perhaps you have not had a chance to read the detailed brochure of the instructors/musicians that are hired and scheduled for this event. We are very surprised to see such few sign ups for this fantastic opportunity that has been advertised for a long time now. We are getting close to the deadline!

We must have a head count for our dear “Chef Quincy” soon! You will love his healthy and delicious meals. BUT; the fact is that we NEED registrations turned in ASAP, in order for the Musical Heritage Center to be able to put on this very special event! Like all of our events, the budget IS the sign ups (no grants). The MHC pays the Instructor/ Artists, the Chef, and rents facilities to make this event happen.

I thought this was filling a need? was I wrong? We strive to keep real high quality instruction and fill the needs of our music community. Breaking even would be enough to save it. April 3 Early bird is the Best Deal and also meals. It’s not too late to save the dates! Text Gretchen if you are coming 615-812-2192 (see brochure and registration).

May 6 Pickin’ Party fundraiser featuring Michael & Jennifer McClain In Concert: They are giving out their new CD, “Hit the Road and Go”! with your admission, and also featuring Jambalaya and other Cajun cuisine by “ON The GUAUX”

May 19 Spontaneous Mountain Boyz ; comedy & bluegrass all ages show (see flyer)

June 19-23 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) Sign up now!

March Reflections:

“Breakin’ Up Winter” was a great time and we even had a little sunshine to jam outside a wee bit. It is always precious to jam with friends, some of which I only get to see once a year at BUW. As always, the history & music presenters were tremendous. Kudos to NOTSBA for another great retreat!

Gretchen’s fiddle students rose to the occasion and played quite a variety and some challenging pieces at their Irish Concert. Thanks to Bob Dean and Robert Johnson for accompanying the fiddlers on bodhran and guitar; made it really nice! Another treat was Wendy Fish played Irish pipes with us. The Potluck was really good food too.

We enjoyed more “St. PAT’s Month” fun attending Irish sessions at the Fiddle & Pick and at the Violin Shop in Nashville. Also the new ensemble, The Nashville Irish Trio, played in lovely Erin, TN in a historic church. Beautiful acoustics and a wonderful audience really made it a recipe for a lucky evening. Gretchen, Eamonn and Robert are really excited about our new trio and we want you to know we would like to book more concerts at homes, churches, clubs, etc...if you need us, please call 615-812-2192

Ken Perlman and Bobby Taylor’s Old Time Banjo & Fiddle WS & Concert was very good but unfortunately not very good on attendance. Ken’s melodic banjo playing is pristine and his new book is a great addition to the MHC library. It was great getting to know Bobby, watching him play and hear great stories about Clark Kessinger, John Hartford, and Ed Haley. The Ed Haley “holy grail” fiddle was presented by Bobby and Gretchen enjoyed playing it too! I hope to hear more of those stories.

Announcements:

Irish sessions: When summer kicks in we are likely to take a seasonal break. For now we are going so strong that Gretchen is wondering if we should find another time than Sat for meeting? Let us have a chat at the next session about what might be the best times to gather this summer. Then a new schedule can be made. I need your help with this.

APRIL 28 & 29 Traditional Song Weekend!

JULEE GLAUB & MARK WEEMS in Concert! (Friday concert is open to public)

There music is the most real; its eclectic, healing and sweet. They sing Appalachian Old Time, Celtic, Country Honkey Tonk! A must see performance.

Anyone can come to this concert **7:00pm admission \$15**

(Concert is included for those registered for TSW your names will be at the door)

Day by Day Calendar:

April 1 Sat ...No Fiddle, No Irish sessions today (April 8 class, mid & fast sessions!)

April 4 Tues 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

Tues **Old-Time Jam night (meets on 1st & 3rd Tues each month) 7:00-9:30pm**

Open & inclusive multi-level jam; group hosted & spectators welcome!

April 6 Thur “Cubs” Adult Fiddle Class with Gretchen (near beginner level) 7-9:00pm

(meets on the 1st & 3rd Thurs each month)

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

7:00-9:30pm

April 7 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry FBCP with Gretchen 3:15-5:15pm

April 8 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 **Fast Irish Session** hosted by Gretchen 3:00-5:00pm

April 9

Palm Sunday

April 11 Tues 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

April 13 Thurs **Slowjammers**; inclusive multi level & ages, instructor led jam!

Don't be shy! We meet on the 2nd & 4th Thurs year round 6:00-8:30pm

April 14 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry FBCP with Gretchen

3:15-5:15pm

Good Friday

April 15 Sat No fiddle class, No Irish sessions today (April 22 class, fast session)

April 16

Easter Sunday

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April 21 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry w Gretchen FBCP3:15-5:15pm

April 21 Friday Night BIG Nashville Contra Dance at second Presbyterian Church
Located on Belmont near Woodmont; featuring PLAIDGRASS!
Wear comfy shoes; Arrive early 7:15 to get the tutorial; Dance starts at 8:00pm
“If you can hold hands and walk; you can do this!”

April 22 Sat “Bears” adult fiddle class w Gretchen (Intermediate) **New Time**10-12:30pm

Sat **Fast-tempo IRISH Session** hosted by Gretchen 3:00-5:00pm

April 23 Sun *Tim May & Mark Evitts play Carnegie Hall Bluegrass Mass!*

April 25 Tue Jazz Class “Unreal Book” series w Paul Abrams (meets weekly)7-8:30pm
This series is for all instruments and singers too! call Paul 615-310-7275

April 27 Thur **No Slowjammers tonight; getting ready for Traditional Song Weekend**

April 28 & 29 Friday & Saturday **Traditional Song Weekend**

FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT with JULEE GLAUB & MARK WEEMS *Vocal Workshops, History, Song Gatherings, jamming, mini concerts!*

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

May Sneak Peaks and beyond...

May 6 **Pickin’ Party and Concert with Michael & Jennier McClain! 6:30 show**

Pickin’ after the show til 11:00pm This is a fundraiser to provide music lessons for kids that need our help. Also featuring Cajun Cuisine by “On the Geaux”! YUM!

May 19 Spontaneous Mountain Boyz play their variety brand of country bluegrass, originals and impromptu comedy & prizes ! Kids under 18 free. 7:30 Show \$12

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