

## July 2017 Newsletter & Calendar

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June Reflections: Kids Summer Music Day Camp was such a fantastic time for the kids and the instructors! Alan O’Bryant, Stan Lawrence and Gretchen Priest were the instructors. Each day was action packed with demos of a particular style and or instrument, sectionals, “one on one” instruction, and snack time. They learned how to understand chart writing and reading, arrangements, musical terms, time signatures, keys, chords, and how to play together in the large jamming group and small ensembles. The band scramble game was a hit. Each team picks a tune or a song and as a team, they discuss the arrangement and how they would present it. This is all done in just minutes, an “Instant Band”! Other presenters were Olivia Bendle demonstrating Irish fiddle (Gretchen on the tenor banjo) and on Friday Eric Frey’s Claw hammer banjo demo and also a fabulous Bass demonstration complete with everyone getting a one on one bass lesson! I wish camp happened more often!

June ends with a sad note of saying good-bye to our musical and theatrical friend, Erin Harris. She had a sudden heart attack while in Colorado on her vacation. I was fortunate to spend time with Erin, this past Friday where she and friends enjoyed the Peter Rowan Concert at City Winery, a place she loved to go to. We all had a great time and she looked so happy. We all hugged good-bye and she went home to pack excited to leave that next day. Erin played mountain dulcimer and fiddle and loved to sing. She was a sweet lady and a very helpful friend to the fiddle & Pick often volunteering and sponsoring kids to music camp and other music weekend events. I do not know any details about her final arrangements. I hope to know more very soon.

### Upcoming events:

Hoe-Down, Show-Down Student Concert Sunday Oct 8, 4:00pm

Save the dates for Irish Music Weekend Nov 9-11, 2017

Student Christmas Holiday Concert Sunday Dec 10, 4:00 pm

Save the dates for Old Time Music Weekend Jan 4-6, 2018

Traditional Music and Song Weekend TBA

Announcements:

**Irish sessions:** See the new updated schedule! Irish is on a seasonal break for the month of July. We pick back up on Sat Aug 19 & Aug 26 with both mid-tempo and fast tempo sessions.

**Jazz Night:** This jam is on a seasonal break the month of July (maybe meet next Aug 17).

**Adult fiddle classes on Thurs nights and Sat am have an new updated schedule; but, there has been a change on the Cubs. For the months of July and August the cubs will join up with the Bears Saturday class on both July 15 & 22.**

There is a new budding Cubs class in the making.

All will be getting ready for the Oct and Dec concerts. There are conversations of offering a “by ear” class (no music) to learn Old Time and Irish tunes to get ready for the two big trad weekends in Nov and Jan. If you are someone interested in a fiddle tune class “by ear” text Gret at 812-2192 and also if you would want to come on a Mon, Tues, Wed or Thurs night. Starting in Aug or Sept.

Day by Day Calendar:

July 1 Sat No Classes or Irish sessions today

July 2 Sun *The Fiddle & Pick closed today for a recording and video project.*

July 4 **There is no Old Time Jam this evening but the next one is July 18.**

**No Jazz Class this evening,** but See you next classes on July 11, 18, 25

FYI; Our parking lot is open to the public for pedestrians to watch the am parade and the pm fire works on July 4; There is tons of family activities all day at the Pegram Park. No cars will be allowed in our front parking lot. It’s a good spot to put a chair to see the fireworks.

July 6 Thurs **No “Cubs” on Thurs in July & Aug but instead the Class will combine with Sat Bears on July 15 & 22 & Aug 19 & 26 10:00am to 12 noon.**

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

7:00-9:30pm

July 7 Fri *Full Moon Pickin’ Party at Warner Park*

July 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

July 13 Thurs **Slowjammers;** inclusive multi level & ages, instructor led jam! Gretchen.  
Don’t be shy! We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs year round 6:00-8:30pm

July 14 Fri **Kingston Springs Day Care** Field Trip to Fiddle & Pick **9:30-12:30**

July 15 Sat Bears & Cubs combo adult fiddle class w Gretchen (Intermediate)  
10:00 am-12:00pm

*There is a festival over the whole weekend that is worth looking into:  
Uncle Dave Macon Days*

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Tues **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  
Hosted by Alan “O” and Gretchen

July 20 Thurs NO Jazz Jam ; meeting next Aug 17 probably.

July 21 Fri PLAIDGRASS plays Nashville Contra Dance 8-10 (tutorial 7:30)  
*If you can hold hands and walk, You can do this.*

July 22 Sat Bears & Cubs combo adult fiddle class w Gretchen (Intermediate)  
10:00 am-12:00pm

July 25 Tues Jazz Class “Unreal Book” series with Paul Abrams (meets weekly 7-8:30)  
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July 27 Thurs **Slowjammers**; inclusive multi level & ages, instructor led jam!  
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July reminder:

Our parking lot is open to the public for pedestrians to watch the am parade and the pm fire works on July 4; There is tons of family activities all day at the Pegram Park. We are not hosting any event over this holiday weekend this year but will another year. We will have the straw bails to line the front parking lot so lots of folks can put a chair and NOT allow cars in the front parking lot to make plenty of space for pedestrian seating only. Use any of our chairs if you like.

August sneak peaks and beyond:

Oct 8, 2017 10<sup>th</sup> annual Hoe-Down Student performance

**Irish Music Weekend is the Second weekend of November; this year it falls on Nov 9, 10,11 Thurs night instructor concert and Fri & Sat all day workshops, mini concerts, and lots of playing tunes at the evening sessions.** Great food and fellowship. We are so pleased to have extraordinary fiddlers: Liz Carroll , Brian Conway and Rose Flanagan returning! We also have Marla Fibish & Tim May Mandolin, Pauline Conneely Tenor banjo, Eamonn Dillon Pipes and Whistle, Andy Kruspe and Suzy Perri Bodhran, more to announce! Chef Bill and Quince will be cookin' up at the Pegram Station! Classes do get full (especially fiddle) so please keep in mind the last day of the early bird registration will be OCT 2 to get the best deal to attend "IMW"!

Dec 10 Student Christmas Holiday Concert

Dec ? Spontaneous Mountain Boyz Christmas Spectacular

"Eighth of January" Old Time Music Weekend is VERY EARLY THIS YEAR of 2018!  
SAVE The Dates!

Keep in mind the last day of the early bird registration will be on Nov 1 to get the best deal to attend "EOJ"!

**JAN 4, 5, 6 Thurs, Fri, and Sat (the 8<sup>th</sup> of Jan is on a Monday this year)**

Musically yours,  
Miss Gretchen