

November 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!**

October Reflections:

It is hard to believe we hosted our 10th annual Hoe-Down, Show-Down Student Concert! It was the perfect way to start this beautiful time of year. Students ages 9-89 participated in the show. The singing and pickin’ raised the roof, especially opening with our National Anthem! It was quite a variety show featuring very talented soloists and small ensembles. A Good Ole time for all!

The following weekend the 2nd annual Hoedown on the Harpeth, aka... HOTH festival! I really enjoyed camping out there at the Hayshed farm with the river babbling next to my tent and beautiful scenery all around, and pickin’ to the wee hours. There were so many great acts, and both evenings had the square dance and other activities through out the festival. I had fun hosting a jam and also finding new friends to jam with. I hope that everyone that came this year will come back next year with a bunch of friends to experience HOTH, and to support this weekend. It is too precious and they need the support of the public. I want to say a Huge Thank YOU to Robert and Jessica Dunn for the vision and the stamina to do it. Lord knows it is hard; but it is worthy. Well done! I’m there next year; hope ya’ll are too.

Announcements: What is next?

Our 9th annual Irish Music Weekend is on Nov 9-11, 2017 . The event kicks off with the Instructor concert on Thurs night (open to the public). The workshops are all day on Fri and Sat, with mini concerts, history, Irish sessions, food and fellowship. There still is room in classes; but the registration closes on Wed Nov 1, 9:00 pm! (Note: Oct 2 was the last day for preordering meals and getting the early bird registration deals) If you are interested, It is still a good deal to sign up and often folks choose to bring sack lunch or supper and join in on this event. See the brochure. We are so pleased to have extraordinary fiddlers: Liz Carroll , Brian Conway and Rose Flanagan, and Katie Riker returning! We also have Marla Fibish & Tim May Mandolin, Pauline Conneely Tenor banjo, Eamonn Dillon on Pipes and Whistle, Andy Kruspe and Suzy Perri Bodhran, &

more to announce! We also now have Keiran Flanagan coming and he teaches Piano accompaniment to Irish Music!

Chef Bill Finnegan will be cookin' up tasty and healthy cuisine at the Pegram Station. You never know what else will get added to this event.

More announcements Our regularly scheduled hosted Jam called "Slowjammers" will unfortunately not be meeting the month of November due to falling on the dates of Irish Music Event and Thanks Giving. Slowjammers (not always slow), is held year round on the 2nd & 4th Thurs each month. We resume on Dec 14 & 28.

A cancellation, but a special substitute in its place: Our regularly scheduled Old Time Jam Tues Night will NOT be meeting on Tues Nov 21. However, Fiddle & Pick is hosting the 4th Sunday NOTSBA Old Time Jam just after Thanks Giving!

The Nov 26 "open jam" will start 2:00pm and go to 5:30 or 6:00; Snack break and fellowship at the half. NOTSBA is Nashville Old Time String Band Association (of which I am a member). Ya'll come and play tunes and a bring treat to share. Spectators are very welcome at all of our jams.

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

Students arrive 1:30; get tuned and be ready to rehearse 2:00 sharp with the backup band.

Save the dates! for Old Time Music Weekend Jan 4-6, 2018 (see the attached brochure) GET THE EARLY BIRD DEALS and pre-order your DELICIOUS MEALS!

Register now!

Your input is needed: We have hosted two consecutive annual Traditional Music and Song Weekends on the 2nd weekend of April ; and we have determined that time of year is NOT a good time of year to host it. So we are evaluation and rethinking this.

Questions: Is this an event that is wanted by our base and if so please let us know if you want us to host Trad Song Weekend, and **What do you think about us hosting it on the 4th Weekend of March?** I would love to hear your thoughts. This may have to wait a year (2019), unless there is enough enthusiasm for this year 2018. The cost is hard to determine but it would be similar cost as Old time weekend (or less \$), depending on how big we make it.

First step is to secure a date. Then we get the "Song people of your Dreams"... Peter Rowan, Ranger Doug maybe.... What say you? Please Text Gretchen at 615-812-2192 and tell me of your interest in TSW and what date(s) is good.

Nov Irish sessions: (before and after the big Irish event)

Two Dates: Nov 4 & 18 hosted mid tempo session 12:30-2:00 and fast session 2:15-4:15

PICKIN' Parties will be back Dec, Jan, Feb Featuring Legendary Bluegrass Artists.

November day by day Calendar

Nov 2 Thurs **Jazz Night (hosted Jam):** Check with Tim May, Stan Lawrence or Suzahnn to see if the jam is meeting before you drive out; *there is a group e mail to connect with.* Call before you drive out! (meets on 1st & 3rd Thurs) 7:30-10:00

Nov 3 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry First Baptist Church of Pegram w Gretchen 3:15-5:00
Nov 4 Sat Bears Adult fiddle Class with Gretchen 10:00am-12:00 noon
Sat Hosted Mid tempo Irish session 12:30pm -2:00pm
Sat Hosted Fast tempo Irish session 2:15pm-4:15pm

Nov 7 Tues Jazz Class with Instructor Paul Abrams (meets weekly 7-8:30)
This series is for all instruments! 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

Nov 9,10 & 11 (Thurs, Friday & Saturday) **Special IMW Event!**

Nov 9 Thur IRISH MUSIC Weekend Instructor concert (doors open 6:45) 7:00 concert with Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres, "a most informal performance" and an Open Irish session after the show! Admission is \$15 but it is included in the registration for the Fri & Sat Event. See the attachment brochure of all the details of who is coming!

Nov 10 Friday is reserved for Irish Weekend Registrants Only. (Wear your badge pass)
Nov 11 Saturday is reserved for Irish Weekend Registrants Only. (Wear your badge pass)

NOV 12 Sunday: Students of Stephan Dudash Recital at 3:00pm at the Belle Meade Highlands Condominiums 21 Vaughn's Gap Road. (park in non-numbered spaces).

Nov 14 Tues Jazz Class with instructor Paul Abrams (meets weekly 7-8:30)
This series is for all instruments; Call Paul 615-310-7275

Nov 16 Thurs **Jazz Night:** Check with Tim May, Stan Lawrence or Suzahnn to see if the jam is meeting before you drive out; there is a group e mail to connect with.

Nov 17 Fri Teen guitar ministry w Gretchen at the First Bapt Church 3:15-5:00pm

Nov 17 Friday **PLAIDGRASS PLAYS** Nashville Contra Dance at the 2nd Presbyterian Church on Woodmont Blvd near intersection of Belmont Blvd. Dance starts at 8:00 but you should arrive early and take advantage of the tutorial at 7:30 to warm up and get the basic moves. NOTE: If you can hold hands... you can do this! PLAIDGRASS this evening is Gretchen Priest, Tim May, Doug Corzine, and Alan O'Bryant.

Nov 18 Sat Bears Adult fiddle class w Gretchen 10:00am-12:00 noon
Sat hosted Mid Tempo Irish Session 12:30pm-2:00pm
Sat hosted Fast Tempo Irish Session 2:15pm -4:15pm

Nov 18 & 19 First Baptist Church of Pegram celebrates 50 Years! I LOVE EM!

Nov 21 Tues Jazz Class with Paul Abrams meeting weekly 7:00-8:30pm

Nov 21 Tues **Old Time Jam is cancelled this evening. Note: Sunday Fiddle & Pick hosts Fourth Sunday Jam Nov 26 open and inclusive 2:00-6:00 snacks at the half.**

Nov 23 *Happy Thanks Giving!*
We give Thanks to the Lord for our freedom and so many blessings!
Please pray for those effected by storms & fires and hardships.

Nov 26 **Sunday Fiddle & Pick hosts NOTSBA fourth Sunday Jam 2:00-6:00 snack and fellowship at the half. Bring a treat to share! Multi level inclusive Old Time Jam. Ya'll Come! Spectators are always welcome at all our jams.**

Nov 28 Tues Jazz Class Jazz series with Paul Abrams (meets weekly 7-8:30)
This class is for all instruments! Call Paul 615-310-7275

Nov 30 Thurs 6:00pm Kingston Springs Library hosts the lighting of the Christmas Tree, cookie contest, and other Christmas highlights. Come join in some songs with the Spontaneous Mountain Boyz! A fun hang for all ages.

December Sneak peaks

Check out our next door neighbor's Lovely event, and support the Artists! Get some really cool stuff for yourself or your peeps! We host 2 Irish sessions this day so stop over there on: **Dec 2 Saturday 10:00-5:00 MUD PUDDLE Pottery and Harpeth Art Studios host their annual Holiday Open House.**

You asked, It is here! We have been so busy!

"Eighth of January" Old Time Weekend (Jan 4,5,6. 2018) see attachment.

Instructors, Jams, concerts, history. Schedule is forthcoming! You can register NOW!

Dec 4 Monday lunch Hour; Miss Gretchen and Bob, Bob Bodhran play music and bring cheer!

Christmas party for special Ed friends at Granny's Kitchen on Hwy 70 in White Bluff.

Dec 9 “Drive thru Bethlehem” First Baptist Church of Pegram (behind Fiddle & Pick)

Dec 10 Student Christmas Holiday Concert Sunday 4:00pm (rehearsal 2:00)

Dec 22 Spontaneous Mountain Boyz Christmas “Spectacle”

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

Early bird registration will get you the best deal to attend “EOJ”!

JAN 4, 5, 6 Thurs, Fri, and Sat (the 8th of Jan is on a Monday this year!)

Stay tuned to pickin party updates to be announced.

Stay tuned for FREE Movie nights this winter with popcorn and featured Pickers pre show!

It’s a long way off , but tuck in your memory band that we host Kids Music Day Camp around June 21 every Summer (It might be as early as June 18-June 22 Monday-Friday).

Thanks everyone for being part of our little corner of the world. Help one another, Love one another, teach and pass on what you learn. Hope to see you at our place or in your corner of the world.

Musically yours,

Miss Gretchen