

February 2018 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!**

Reflections: Luckily the Frozen Pipes at the Fiddle & Pick didn't burst, and thawed just in time for hosting The 6th Annual “Eighth of January” Old Time Music Weekend. The electric bill has tripled the norm but that is small sacrifice in comparison to busted pipes! “EOJ” was a huge success thanks to a full turnout of registrants, a fantastic staff of talented instructors, and really great hardworking volunteers! Chef Carla's meals were top notch! The weekend featured lots of mini concerts, jams and great classes. Other highlights of the weekend included Bobby Fulcher's History presentation, Kelsey Well's Crankie workshop, All-Star Instructor Band at Nashville's big Contra Dance, and a concert by Opry Star Banjoist, Mike Snider! The final big jam on Sat night; the energy was high while Alan O'Bryant led us in our annual tradition to sing along to “The Battle Of New Orleans” and “Chitlin' Cookin' Time In Cheatham County”. I cannot thank everyone enough for this special weekend. It was so great to see everyone and share this experience with such fine folks as this crowd! Thanks for the memories! God Bless you all and thank you most sincerely for your prayers! On January 8th I went with my friend Sandy to the Hermitage for the 8th of Jan Commemoration. The Key note speaker was Brian Kilmeade, who has a book out; “The Battle of New Orleans”. We went through the museum and toured the mansion. I learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed taking the day off for this field trip.

Next year, the 2019 “EOJ” Old Time Music Weekend falls on the calendar VERY EARLY! YIKES!
For now we are setting the dates of JAN 3,4, & 5 (Thurs night -Sat night year 2019). *Save the Dates!*

I had the pleasure of teaching a fiddle camp at a most lovely Bed & Breakfast in Paducah on Jan 19 & 20. What a great town! Stayed in George Washington's Nephew's House! While we were in a luxurious setting, we spent the weekend with some down to earth folks ! I think I would like to do more fiddle camps at Bed & Breakfasts; Anyone interested? Have fiddle, will travel! Big Thanks to Val Fredericks for putting it all together. PaducahBedandBreakfast.com

Announcements: New Jazz classes! Besides our regular on going Tues Jazz Class (advanced), there are two more unique classes added. One taught by Paul Abrams and One by Stan Lawrence.

Guitar Chord Melody Class (just started Jan 8 but you can jump on board)

Why: Chord Melody provides the guitarist with the opportunity to play songs by themselves without the accompaniment of a band and have the song intact. Melody and chords, no need for back up or could be played with a band; there is more to this class so **for more details; like Paul Abrams Music on**

Facebook Or, call Paul 615-310-7275

Meeting Mondays weekly 7:00-8:30pm (\$20 pay as you go)

for Guitar players with moderate skills. Acoustic or electric with a small practice amp.

Beginning Jazz : This course is for guitar students and other stringed instruments who can play chords or accompaniment, and can solo to some degree over chords to a song they know. Be prepared to learn to read music, study theory and develop improvisational skills in swing and be-bop styles, according to the class preference. We will cover chord structure, scales beyond basic major and minor, playing off the beat, soloing survival skills. Materials will be provided on a weekly basis, and books recommended for purchase.

Beginning Jazz with Stan Lawrence \$15 per week (starts Thurs Jan 25)

Meeting Thursdays weekly 6:00-7:00pm

February day by day Calendar

Feb 1 Thurs New! Beginner Jazz Class (meets weekly) 6:00-7:00pm
Call or text Stan 615-668-2426

Thurs **Gypsy Jazz Jam Night Hosted by Suzahn, Tim & Stan 7:30-10:30pm**
Spectators are very welcome!

Feb 2 Fri *Happy Ground Hogs Day!*

Feb 3 Sat *No fiddle class or Irish sessions, off to Tune Junkie Weekend in Oakridge TN!*

Feb 5 Mon NEW! Melody Chord Class (meets weekly) 6:00-8:30 pm
Call or text Paul 615-310-7275

Feb 6 Tues Jazz Class (advanced) with Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm
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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

Feb 8 Thurs New! Beginner Jazz Class (meets weekly) 6:00-7:00pm
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Thur **Slowjammers Night “not always slow”! Hosted by Gretchen**
(meets on the 2nd & 4th Thurs each month) 6:00-8:30pm

Feb 9 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry w Gretchen First Baptist Church 3:15-5:00pm

Feb 10 Sat Bears Adult fiddle Class with Gretchen **NEW TIME! 10:30am-12:30pm**

Sat Hosted Mid tempo Irish session NEW TIME! 1:15pm -2:45 pm

Sat Hosted Fast tempo Irish session NEW TIME! 3:00pm -5:00pm

Feb 12 Mon NEW! Melody Chord Class (meets weekly) 6:00-8:30pm
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Feb 13 Tues Jazz class (advanced) with Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm
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Feb 14 ~ *Ash Wednesday* ~ ~ *Happy Valentines Day* ~

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Feb 16 *Friday Teen Guitar Ministry not meeting today, meeting Feb 23*

Feb 16 Fri The Nashville Irish Trio plays Concert at Fiddle & Pick 7:00pm
Eamonn, Gretchen and Robert will host an open session after the show;
Don't be shy, bring your instrument and play some Irish tunes with us!

Feb 19 Mon *Happy Presidents Day*

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Feb 20 Tues *Happy Birthday Mark & Thom Priest*

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Feb 26 Mon NEW! Melody Chord Class (meets weekly) 6:00-8:30 pm
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Feb 27 Tues Jazz Class with Instructor Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm
Call or text Paul 615-310-7275

March Sneak peaks

Mar 1-4 "BUW" Breakin' Up Winter Old Time Music Retreat, Cedars of Lebanon
For information visit NOTSBA website (Nashville Old time String Band Association)

Irish enthusiasts:

Music City Nashville Irish Festival at venues throughout the Month

March 10 Nashville Irish Trio plays Cabin Fever Concert to support Harpeth Band of Blue fundraiser at Harpeth HS . Italian dinner and silent auction

March 18 Students play Irish Concert at the Fiddle & Pick (free to the public) 4:00pm
Reception after the show

Bluegrass enthusiasts: not much response on Pickin Party to fill the need. We will ask again in the future.

Jazz enthusiasts: Some new Jazz have just begun; check them out!

If you are looking to book some great Irish Music in March (or any occasion), check out the **Nashville Irish Trio playing at Fiddle & Pick Friday Feb 16**
For bookings : Call Gretchen 615-812-2192

April "TSW" Traditional Song Weekend will not be this April. Not enough response to host it this time. We will try again, perhaps another time of year.

And one more thing...

JUNE!

It's a long way off , but tuck this in your memory bank...

(continued)...

We host Kids Music Day Camp around June 21 every Summer.

We are going to have two kid's Music Day camps (registration will be early April):

The first to be hosted June 11-15 for kids that maybe don't play an instrument (yet) or maybe play a little. Learn about music "FUN-da-mentals", Get familiar with all of the instrument families, styles of music, learn some history tid bits and how music works. Save the dates! Registration TBA. (text Gretchen 615-812-2192 if you want show your interest; we need a head count to plan the schedule)

The second to be hosted June 18-June 22 Monday-Friday for Kids that play an instrument ages 12-16 (roughly ages 12 -16 but we have had kids attend that are ages 11 and 17)

Note: Instruments played at this camp are usually Guitar, Fiddle, Mandolin, Banjo, Bass. We can have a discussion about other possible instruments.

If this Kids Day Camp is something you are interested in;

please text Gretchen 615-812-2192; this way we can plan ahead to have special guest presenters, and schedule lay out for the number of students. Last year was fantastic! We must have a basic head count to proceed!

See Facebook for updated changes or sudden ad on events!

Hope to see you at a Jam or Camp this year!

Musically yours,

Miss Gretchen