

January 2018 Newsletter & Calendar

“Fiddle & Pick”; Home of the Musical Heritage Center of Middle Tennessee
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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: December was beautiful in our community. So much good will in the works that you just couldn’t attend everything. The Kingston Springs Library Tree lighting and Cookie contest, “Drive thru” Bethlehem, and Christmas in the Park are annual precious events that are so endearing. Our 10th annual Student Christmas Holiday Concert was one of the best ever!

Tim and Gretchen enjoyed our annual Wyoming Christmas tour; spreading the cheer far and wide (and high; almost 7000 feet). We also had a little visit with Gret’s family in Utah which was really special but too short. Upon returning, Tim went to Miss to see some of his kin. Gretchen taught those last few lessons of the year and hosted the last couple jams. Tim got back in time for the Spontaneous Mountain Boyz Christmas “spectacle” and then finally on Christmas eve had some dear friends over for dinner & fellowship before we went off to play a “Bluegrass Christmas” Candle light service at 11:00 pm at Kingston Springs Methodist Church. The following days were a little more laid back. Movies, food and calls to family & friends. Paying bills, laundry, and cleaning the house for days. I’m slowly taking care of the fall leaves. It is wonderful to be home!

I received word from a friend that a dear musician friend and fiddle mentor passed on Christmas Day. Fletcher Bright from Chattanooga, went home to the lord. He was an amazing man that touched so many lives. He had such a gentle and infectious smile and a twinkle in his eyes. He was always energetic; even in his later years. He was a great fiddler and a caring teacher. I had the honor of working with him at fiddle camp. He loved sharing music; teaching, jamming & performing. He was always FUN and I loved to see him laugh. He was a very successful businessman with many endeavors and he also was a pilot. He said he had to support his music habit! A famous painter named Alan Shuptrine captured Fletcher’s spunk and character so well in several portraits. Alan’s art exhibit is traveling across the country. Tim and I had the honor of playing his Art Opening at the Tennessee State Museum. Alan wanted Fletcher to play, but he wasn’t traveling anymore and referred him To Tim and Gretchen May. What a gift that was from Fletcher. We had such a great time there; It’s a sweet memory. We could clearly see how Fletcher influenced this fine Artist just like he influenced all of us with his incredible presence of wonder and being. We love you Fletcher!

Announcements:Gretchen needs a volunteer to host Irish sessions on Jan 13th. I need to help my parents. Perhaps a group of you Irish session folks could help me out here?

Our 6th annual “Eighth Of January” Old Time Music Weekend Jan 4,5,6, 2018.

The event kicks off with the Instructor concert on Thurs night (open to the public for just \$10).

The workshops are all day on Fri and Sat, with mini concerts, history, tune jammin’, food and fellowship. **You must be pre-registered to attend Friday & Saturday (registration closed Dec 22).**

We are thrilled to have another Musical Heritage presentation by Bobby Fulcher, a multiple Award winning Folklorist. Our friend John Hatton will have his vintage music store “The Cleff’d Ear”. Hard to find cd’s and books and more on site! This is an annual event that takes place the weekend closest to the 8th of January.

January day by day Calendar

Jan 1 Fri *Happy New Year! Its Gonna Be Great Again!*

Jan 2 Tues Jazz Class with Instructor Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm
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

Jan 4 Note: NO JAZZ TONIGHT (due to kick off of “EOJ” Old Time Music Weekend)

Jan 4 “A Most Informal” Old-Time Music Instructor Concert 7:00 pm
OPEN to the public for only \$10 (included for those registered).

Hors d’ oeuvres on the house; inclusive open Old Time Jam after the show!

Jan 5 “Eighth of January” Old Time Weekend All Day Event (must be registered)

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Jan 8 We plan to visit The Hermitage Commemoration of Battle of New Orleans.

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Jan 11 Thur **Slowjammers Night “not always slow”!** Hosted by Gretchen
meets on the 2nd & 4th Thurs each month 6:00-8:30pm

Jan 13 Sat No Fiddle Class; cancelled today. Attn: Irish session needs a volunteer to host on this day; if you can host mid tempo or fast session please call Gret 615-812-2192

- Jan 15 Mon *Martin Luther King Day*
- Jan 16 Tues Jazz Class with Instructor Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm
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- Jan 18 Thurs **Gypsy Jazz Night Jam is Back!**
Hosted by Suzanne, Tim & Stan 7:30-10:30
- Jan 19 & 20 Fri 3:00-Sat 6:00 Gretchen teaches at fiddle camp in President
George Washington's Nephews Home
Paducah Inn Boutique Hotel
1310 Broadway Paducah KY 42001
www.PaducahBedandBreakfast.com
- Jan 20 *Happy Birthday Jody Priest!*
- Jan 21 Field trip to TPAC Shen Yun!
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- Jan 25 Thur **Slowjammers Night "not always slow"!** hosted by Gretchen
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- Jan 26 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry with Gretchen starts back up today! 3:15-5:00pm
First Baptist Church Of Pegram
- Jan 27 Sat Bears Adult fiddle Class with Gretchen **NEW TIME! 10:30am-12:00 noon**
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
- Jan 28 Sunday Fiddle & Pick hosts NOTSBA 4th Sunday Jam (2:00-5:30 or so)**
Snack break at the half; bring a treat to share! Spectators very welcome!
(Nashville String Band Association)
- Jan 30 Tues Jazz Class with Instructor Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm
Call Paul 615-310-7275
- Tues **NO Old-Time Jam night (meets on 1st & 3rd Tues each month, not 5th)**

February Sneak peaks

Irish enthusiasts: Tune Junkie weekend in Oakridge TN the first weekend in Feb.

Bluegrass enthusiasts:

If you want us to bring back pickin parties, text... "BBPP" at 615-812-2192 .

Also text... "Fri" or "Sat" preference. We will fill a need if its there IS a need!

Jazz enthusiasts: Some new Jazz courses will be offered very soon.

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** (TBA either Feb 16 or 17)

FREE Movie after show!

March 1- 4 "Breakin' Up Winter" Old Time Music Retreat at the Cedars of Lebanon

April Tradional Song Weekend will not be this April. We hope to bring it back next year.

And one more thing...

JUNE!

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

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

We are going to have two kid's Music Day camps: This year on **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)

And, a second one **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.

Closing I would like to extend a Big Thank You to everyone for supporting the Musical Heritage Center at the Fiddle & Pick. We are here for you, and couldn't do this without you. We continue to pray for our friends that have health problems, or who are struggling with recovery after floods, fires, or other afflictions. I know God will be with you every step of recovery. I am looking forward to this years' musical journey with you; God Bless you all; and a VERY HAPPY & SAFE NEW YEAR to you!

Musically yours,

Miss Gretchen