

April 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!**

MARCH Reflections: March comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb. Breakin’ Up Winter Old Time music retreat was a blast (as always), but it was really great winning the Cabin Drawing after all these years! Pickin’ til 4:00 am every night. Then switching gears to Irish Music during “St Patty’s Month” events (twas lion like).

The Nashville Irish Trio celebrated a one year anniversary and enjoyed playing several performances and Lucky us, we already have some shows on the book for next March 2019!

Also the Granny’s Irish Band was a hit as was Granny’s Irish cuisine!

Stay tuned for announcements...there will be more Irish music & food at Granny’s in the very near future (just down the Hwy from us)

The Students Irish Concert was tremendous. Beautiful sets and they are smiling when they play. We really appreciated back up musicians, Karl Kersey and Bob Dean. Bobby Owen was so helpful with sound engineering. The food and fellowship was great too. Huge thanks to everyone on this 10th annual Irish show at the Fiddle & Pick.

In like a Lion and out like a Lamb; Our dear friend & neighbor Rodney Watts, will always be remembered by so many lives he touched. He went home to the Lord on St Pat’s Day. He is in the Heavenly Band now. See you when we get there, Rodney.

Announcements: Very recently we had some *serious news* about our dear friend Travis Stuart. There are efforts to help him with the expenses of cancer treatments.

Here is what is going on at Fiddle & Pick to help Travis:

Saturday April 28

John Hatton is hosting two Ukulele workshops at the Fiddle & Pick. John is donating 50% of the Ukulele Workshop money to Travis’s Medical Fund.

SUNDAY APRIL 29, 2018

Fundraiser for Travis’s medical expenses. OLD TIME JAM & POTLUCK

Arrive as early as 5:00 to see some special video.

unseen footage of Travis & Trevor concerts at Fiddle & Pick will be on the projector screen; also Check out some unique Raffle Drawing items!

5:30 Fix a plate, food & fellowship ; bring your peeps; spectators welcome !

6:30-9:00 Old-Time Jam (open)

Donations collected for Travis Stuart at this event. Any amount helps.

There is a go fund me link to help him and his family with medical expenses. The website is <https://youcaring.com/travisstuart-1108836>

Details: “Ukulele WS flyer” and a “Fundraiser for Travis” flyer attached to this newsletter.

Announcements continued:

REGISTER NOW for this June...

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

(registration early April)

The first to be hosted June 11-15 9:00am-12 noon for: kids (ages 7-11) that maybe don't play an instrument (yet) or maybe play a little. Learn about music "FUN-damentals", Get familiar with all of the instrument families, styles of music, learn some history tid bits and how music works. Save the dates! Register NOW. (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.

SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED FOR KIDS MUSIC CAMP: We have a short list of kids that want to attend Music Camp that just do not have the means. We only have \$70.08 in the fund that helps kids with music lessons, workshops or camp. We have not been able to host events to raise the money needed.

*If you would like to help with this cause, you can donate anytime to The Charles E Stuart Memorial Fund (at the Community Bank & Trust in Pegram that is close to the center).

OR; you can sponsor a specific kid on the list below by writing a check to the Musical Heritage Center (Put "Sponsor Kids Music" on the memo!) Mail check to 456 Hwy 70 Pegram, TN 37143

The camp cost per child is \$125. For the week

Aiden age 16

Keira age 14

Keller age 12

Brianna age 16

Jewel age 15

Aaron age 15

Reyna age 10 would like to attend the Irish Whistle Class series (\$140).

IRISH WHISTLE CLASSES! Eamonn Dillon grew up in Belfast, Ireland. He lives here in TN and we are so lucky he will be teaching a beginner and also an intermediate Irish whistle class starting April 18th a 7 week series (see flyer attachment) Text your reservation!

Evan Winsor is a new Instructor at Fiddle & Pick. He is teaching Upright Bass & Guitar. Go to the Instructor page on the website and read about Evan. You can contact him directly or call Gretchen at the Fiddle & Pick to inquire lessons with Evan or any of our other instructors.

Piano Lessons with Rebecca Darling at the Fiddle & Pick / contact Becca (307)256-6083

Jazz classes are continuing:

Besides our regular on going Tues Jazz Class (advanced), taught by Paul Abrams on Tues night; A newer class is on Thurs nights taught by Stan Lawrence.

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

Guitar Chord Melody Class (*just started Jan 8 but it is taking a break and can resume in April*)

You can call Paul to join the class in April.

Chord Melody Class 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; **for more details; call Paul 615-310-727 (might start up again in April on**

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.

April day by day Calendar

March 31 Happy 63 years Anniversary to Jody & Larry Priest!

April 1 Sun "No fooling; Its EASTER SUNDAY" Happy Easter!

April 2 Mon Melody Chord Class (call or text Paul 615-310-7275) 6:00-8:30 pm

April 3 Tues Jazz Class (advanced) with 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

April 5 Thurs New! Beginner Jazz Class (meets weekly) 6:00-7:00pm
Call or text Stan 615-668-2426

April 5 Thurs **Gypsy Jazz Jam Night Hosted by Suzahn, Tim & Stan 7:30-10:30pm**
In house Real Books available/*Spectators are very welcome!*

April 6 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry w Gretchen First Baptist Church 3:15-5:00pm

April 7 Sat *New time!* Bears Adult fiddle Class with Gretchen **10:00am-12:00pm**
Support Pegram Station; annual fundraiser for the PCC/ EAT Lunch at the Fish Fry!

Happy Birthday to Stephen Buyers "The Shepherd"!

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

April 9 Mon Melody Chord Class (call or text Paul 615-310-7275) 6:00-8:30 pm

April 10 Tues Jazz Class (advanced) with Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm
Call Paul 615-310-7275

April 12 Thurs New! Beginner Jazz Class (meets weekly) 6:00-7:00pm
Call or text Stan 615-668-2426

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

April 13 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry w Gretchen First Baptist Church 3:15-5:00 pm
**Fri PLAIDGRASS plays Nashville Contra Dance 7:30 tutorial 8:00 dance
Gretchen Tim, Alan, and Doug at Second Presbyterian on Belmont near Woodmont**

April 14 Sat Congratulations to Eric & Clelia!

April 16 Mon Gretchen and the “BBB” (Bobby, Bob & Belinda) play music for
Veterans dinner at Granny’s Kitchen
6:00 dinner is free for Veterans; bring your Veteran friend & your meal is just \$5

April 17 Tues Jazz Class (advanced) with Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm
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NEW!

**April 18 IRISH Whistle Class 7 week series with Eamonn Dillon (see flyer ad)
Text 615-812-2192 to make a reservation 6:00 beginner/7:15 intermediate
\$20 per session/ pay as you go**

April 19 Thurs New! Beginner Jazz Class (meets weekly) 6:00-7:00pm
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*Note: these are the last regularly scheduled Saturday Irish sessions for a seasonal break
for summer fun adventures. We will resume Sat sessions in August!*

Announcements will be made of other session times offered on select evenings May-July.

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

April 21 Sat Irish Night at Granny’s Kitchen! Featuring delicious Irish Cuisine!
Irish music by Gretchen & Friends 6:00-8:30pm

More details to come!

April 23 Mon Melody Chord Class (meeting in April) 6:00-8:30 pm
Call to confirm or text Paul 615-310-7275

April 24 Tues Jazz class (advanced) with Paul Abrams (meets weekly) 7:00-8:30pm
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April 25 Wed New! (2nd in a series) Eamonn Dillon IRISH Whistle Classes
6:00 beginner 7:15 intermediate

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April 27 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry w Gretchen NOT meeting today

April 27 Fri OLD TIME MUSIC by Gretchen, Andy & Jeff At Granny’s Kitchen 6-8:30
\$10 All you can eat buffet or \$4.95 3 pc cat fish meal w sides
(On HWY 70 going west from Fiddle & Pick towards White Bluff)
Laid back country atmosphere, good folks, good food

April 28 Sat Ukulele Workshops with John Hatton (see flyer for details) all ages
10:00 am beginners 11:30 am Intermediate

April 29 Sunday: Benefit for Travis Stuart/ arrive 5:00 for fellowship/participate in fun
raffle drawings/ Also see videos of Stuart Brothers mini concerts at “EOJ” OT music
weekends. 5:30 Potluck dinner, Raffle drawings. 6:30-9:00 jamming!
Donations accepted at the door. See flyer for You caring link to donate on line.

April 30 Mon Melody Chord Class 6:00-8:30pm
Call or text Paul to confirm 615-310-7275

May Sneak peaks and beyond...

May 4 Spontaneous Mountain Boys Spring Show”

May 5 Irish Night w Gretchen at Granny’s

May 6 Students of Stephan Dudash Recital 3:00

May 19 Music historian, Bobby Fulche hosts program at James Polk Theatre TPAC

Jerry Douglas & many great musicians. (more details coming)

June 11-15 Mon-Fri KIDS MUSIC DAY CAMP ages 7-11

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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! It will be cancelled without early reservations!

We host our 10th annual Irish Music Weekend 2018 on November 8,9,10 (Thurs night-Sat Night)
Save the Dates! It is our largest event of the year and it might sell out. Registration will be announced.

2019 "EOJ" Old Time Music Weekend is Jan 10,11,12 (Thurs night -Sat night year 2019).
Save the Dates! It is our second largest event of the year and this will be our 7th annual!

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