

**April 2023 Newsletter**  
**Musical Heritage Center, aka... The Fiddle & Pick**

**It is officially SPRING!**

March was bustling with much to do. Breakin' Up Winter Old-time music festival at Cedars of Lebanon was tremendous fun! NOTSBA did a fantastic job putting it together. We lost a couple years, but made a profound come back! The contra dance and jamming were well attended. I love the history presentations and the instructors were all great. It was no surprise that TN Fiddler Bob Townsend received the Heritage award. So many great memories over the years at BUW; I enjoy the fellowship of friends we see just once a year and also making new friends.

~March is "ST PADDY'S Month. Lots of Irish music to play and enjoy. Nashville Irish Trio played a concert and hosted a session to kick off Erin, TN week of events. ~The Blue & Grey Ball in Dickson was a huge turnout. Great costumes! Alan O, Tim & Gretchen had a great view of the ball from the stage. Gret & Tim also played a "Post Paddy's" show at the Marrowbone Creek Brewery in Ashland City. MBC is my new favorite place. We were happy to see so many friends come. It is becoming a regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday scene of "Fiddle & Pick, Picks"! (I love their pizza with arugula piled on top). ~The next 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at Marrowbone Creek is April 21 featuring Bluegrass & Country with Sam Stuckey. Sam has taught at Fiddle & Pick with Erinn & Gretchen many times hosting our Bluegrass Class. Check him out April 21 at MBC Brewery

~the last of Paddys month grand finale was our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Students Irish Music Concert hosted at the Garage MaHal. Fiddles, whistle & flute, mandolin. We had lovely piano accompaniment by Becca Darling and a couple guitar students did a great job accompanying some tunes too! Big Thanks to Keller, Keira, Henry & Bonnie, and Doug for helping with loading & setting up and haul back to F&P. Special THANKS to Darrell & Candy for sharing their home place!

**Announcements:**

~SPRING STUDENT RECITALS~

**Erinn Peet Lukes Student Recital** Sat April 29 4-5:30pm (see flyer)

**Stephan Dudash Student Recital** Sun April 30 3:00

**Becca Darling Student Piano Recital** Sat May 20 3:00 (see flyer)

**"Music Weekend Getaway"** Hosted at Washington Hotel in Paducah April 13-17 sweet deals! Music instruction all levels. **See the attached flyers for contact info and schedule.**

**SAVE THE DATE !!!**

**SAT MAY 13 ROADSIDE DISTRACTION CD Release Party** 7pm at the Garage MaHal!

Gretchen Priest, Emily Wilson & Tim May and friends! Pickin' after the show.  
(See flyer)

**Other Classes and Jam schedules. Are listed on the Fiddleandpick.com website**

~ **KIDS JAM: Instructor led jam 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon 6:15-7:30** Meeting April 3 (17 pending)

~ **Old-Time Jam 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 7:15-9:15 (self-hosted)** meeting April 4 & 18

~ **Bluegrass Jamming Class meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon 7:15-9:15** April 10 & 24

~ **Irish Session 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 7:15-9:15** meeting April 11 & 25

~ **IRISH Music Class HAPPY HOUR** (meeting twice a month 6:30-8:30 Friday nights)  
April 28 (maybe meet Mar 31??)

~ **Jazz class with Paul Abrams on Tues nights.**

The Jams & classes are posted on our website [fiddleandpick.com](http://fiddleandpick.com)

~ Our jams are free and open to the public. Donations accepted. Spectators are very welcome! See updated Jam schedules on the website “Winter into Spring”

~ **We continue to offer year-round private lessons online and in person.** We meet you where you are musically! Any age, style, very experienced or *no experience needed!* We have many instructors with different areas of expertise. IF you need to get out of a rut, we can boost your musical skills.

~ If you are interested in lessons, **please Text Gretchen 615-812-2192 to inquire.** We can chat about the style of music that inspired you to pursue playing an instrument, what might be your goals, and we can find the best fit for what instructor most suits your needs.

***important calendar Sneak Peeks:***

**March 26 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Irish Music Concert at the “Garage MaHal” 4:00**

**April 14 & 15 workshops , jams, concert “Music Getaway” Washington Hotel Paducah**

**April 16 Roadside Distraction playing Paducah BeerWerks 5:30-7:30**

**April 18-23 GreenLeaf OldTime Festival (Roadside Distraction concert Thurs April 20)**

**April 21 Marrowbone Creek Brewery 7:00 Sam Stuckey “3<sup>rd</sup> Fri Fiddle & Pick pick’s**

*~Gretchen continues to play Thurs nights at the Fillin’ Station in Kingston Springs.*

*Always special guests “Fiddle & Pick Pics”*

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**Emily Wilson & Gretchen Priest’s recording project “Roadside Distraction” CDs** are here! There are folks waiting to get their CD from us who had supported us in the “Kick Starter” and we are *so thankful for their support* and their patience. Those are getting shipped out and some delivered in person. We are excited about a little tour in April on the way to play at an Old-time festival in Bragg, OK called “Greenleaf”. Em & Gret have added Daniel Charlton and & Jeremy Blaes when we get to KS & OK on this tour.

**Anyone interest in hiring Roadside Distraction; Please let us know if you want us to play a dance or concert, host small group music instruction in your area.**

*See flyer attachment with all the info ...*

Do you want an adventure but also want to relax and have comfort!  
~Washington Hotel is offering sweet deals per night for private and group suites for this special weekend....  
~Very Nice spa like accommodations and down-home small group music instruction on Fiddle, Mandolin and Guitar.  
~Less then 2 hrs from Nashville; Paducah KY is a riverfront town with a historical district.

~Come join us!

**MUSIC WEEKEND GET AWAY!**

**1895 WASHINGTON HOTEL & GUEST HOUSE**

**Bed & Breakfast PADUCAH, KY**

**APRIL 14 -16 FRI-SUN (you can arrive earlier and stay longer)**

Workshops/Hosted Jamming/instructor's concert  
teaching traditional music: **Old-Time, Irish, Bluegrass**

**Fiddle:** Gretchen Priest  
**Mandolin:** Emily Wilson  
**Guitar:** Daniel Charlton

**Friday & Saturday** Multi level Music workshops &  
Hosted inclusive Jams / Instructors mini concert!

**Sunday 5:30-7:30 Paducah Beer Werks music by Roadside Distraction**

(Emily, Wilson, Gretchen Priest, and Daniel Charlton)

**For music workshop reservation contact: Gretchen 615-812-2192**

Reservations & inquires [www.1895WashingtonHotel.com](http://www.1895WashingtonHotel.com)

~This special Weekend Getaway is offering Great Deals per night for private rms & group suites (Breakfast included)! Workshop attendees may like Family or friends to come and enjoy the Getaway Hotel stay and check out the Riverfront town of Paducah.

*(See Flyer) save the date, more details to come!*

Closing I would like to say THANK YOU to all our clientele that have supported the vision of Musical Heritage Center at the Fiddle & Pick all these years and to the new folks who have found their way to us and building our musical community. You are the heartbeat! Our musical family keeps growing!

We treasure the LOVE & Fellowship of FRIENDS & MUSIC (Gods Gifts).

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Musically Yours,  
Miss Gretchen

See You on the Fun Way!