

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

Howdy Folks!

Springing into the Summer at the Center! The season was action packed with student performances. It is so important to set student performance goals to practice for and to get excited to play with others and for an audience!

In March Gretchen's students played an Irish concert on location at the Garage Mahal. Two recitals In April, featuring Erinn Peet-Lukes students and Stephan Dudash's students; both performed at the Fiddle & Pick. The last of the Spring recitals was on May 20 with Becca Darling's Piano Students at the Fiddle & Pick. The Old time music community went out on location to Don & Darlyne's Country place and had a lovely day of Hayride, Jamming, Food and Fellowship. It was the recipe for the perfect Sunday. Thank you Don and Darlyne; You're quite the hosts!

Announcements

**~Becca Darling is following up after her student recital with a great offer for Summer Piano Lessons (see flyer) She teaches all ages, and can boost your playing!
~ Erinn Peet-Lukes will be hosting a Jam Kamp for Kids ages 8-13 for intermediate level (kids that are already playing an instrument) It's a Day camp from 9am-noon
Set dates are on July 24-27 (inquiries text 310-408-3518)**

~Roadside Distraction CD Release Party at Darrell & Candys Garage Mahal was a fun evening of Dinner, a Show, and a pickin' party. The show line up of musicians: Emily Wilson (mandolin) & Gretchen Priest (fiddle), Jeremy Blaes on flatfoot, bones & washboard, Daniel Charlton on guitar, Dave Dillard on Clawhammer banjo, Becca Darling on fiddle, Erinn Peet-Lukes on back up vox; a perfect night to Remember. Thanks to all that attended the CD Release Party. There will be a part two in CO in June that will also have same cast but add in Tim May on guitar, , Big THANKS go out to Darrel & Candy! Also Big thanks to Linda and Cat for making great food. I'm so blessed it all happened! I want folks to know also that In June: Gretchen & Tim will be teaching at CO ROOTS Camp; I'm sharing an adon that too, in case you are looking for a really cool camp that is held on one of the most beautiful places on earth, Rocky Mountain Menonite Camp! After the camp we have another "ROADSIDE DISTRACTION" CD performance at the UNITED CENTER in Idaho Springs, CO (See the flyer and Eventbrite link)

Other announcements:

**Thurs night fiddle & Pick "picks" at the Fillin'Station in Kingston Springs:
May 25 Keira & Keller Campbell & Dante Limon
June 1 "Mind the Moment" Becca Darling & Daniel Charlton
June 8 Darrell & Candy Hoopers music "Home Made Jam"
June 15 Gretchen & Daniel Charlton
June 22 (pending) Nashville Irish Trio
June 29 Gretchen & Daniel Charlton**

The Third FRIDAYS at the Marrowbone Creek Brewery in Ashland City is also a Fiddle & Pick “Features” evening on location.

The May 3rd Friday feature was “Mind the Moment” ; with Becca Darling on Fiddle & Piano and Daniel Charlton on Mandolin & Guitar. I got to play their music with them again; Playing a mix of Oldtime & Irish and some modern instrumentals & Songs. The next 3rd Friday is on June 15 and I will announce the feature in a news update or on Facebook as soon as I get done herding the cats;-) It is a busy gigging time of year.

Come out for a great place to hang. Marrowbone Creek Brewery in Ashland City. MBC is my new favorite place. We were happy to see so many friends coming out; It is becoming a regular 3rd Friday scene of “Fiddle & Pick, features”! (I love their pizza with arugula piled on top!).

Classes and Jam schedules Are listed on the fiddleandpick.com website

~ **KIDS JAM: Instructor led jam 1st & 3rd Mon 6:15-7:30 Meeting May 1 & 15**

Note: Kids Jam is not meeting on June 5, but we are meeting on June 19.

~ **Bluegrass Jamming Class meeting on 2nd & 4th Mon 7:15-9:15**

~ **Old-Time Jam 1st & 3rd Tues 7:15-9:15 (self-hosted)**

~ **Irish Session 2nd & 4th Tues 7:15-9:15 meeting May 9 the last Irish Session**

Note: May 23 starts the summer series of two Irish music classes. One for fiddlers and one more advance for multiple instruments **SEE FLYER AD for the details!**

~ **IRISH Music Class HAPPY HOUR** will return to Fridays in late September and the Irish session will return.

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

The Jams & classes are posted on our website fiddleandpick.com

~ Our jams are free and open to the public. Donations accepted. Spectators are very welcome! Jam schedules on the website “Winter into Spring” will soon have new summer to fall updates.

~ **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 :

SAVE THE DATES!

Student FALL HOEDOWN SHOW is Sunday Oct 22 4:00 (rehearsal 1:30)

Student Christmas Holiday Concert is Sunday Dec 17 4:00 (rehearsal 1:30)

Jan 5 & 6 EOJ Oldtime Music Weekend SAVE THE DATES!

Emily Wilson & Gretchen Priest's recording project "Roadside Distraction" CD

Concert Party at the United Center in Idaho Springs, CO on Sun June 11

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 (we started our 16th year on April 4!); and thanks to the new folks who have found their way to us 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!