

October 2023 Newsletter Musical Heritage Center aka... Fiddle & Pick

October News; So sorry its a wee bit late!

Howdy All. October is a beautiful and a busy month! Finally getting to an Oct newsletter. So much extra work gets piled up and things get put on the back burner. On top of lesson planning and event planning. I try to keep up on getting supplies needed at the center, and weeding, and grounds keeping, cleaning, recycling and then there is all those little surprises that spring up.

For example, yesterday (I'm calling it skunk day; we have occasional ant's day or mice day in the course of the year, but this is a new experience!) While we were all teaching in our studios, and we started smelling a skunk 1:00 in the afternoon! Thought it was hit by a car, but this is daytime, and skunks are supposed to be nocturnal. It must have sprayed in the basement (the old root cellar), and the aroma was easing in through the ducts. Anyway, all is good now; but it was another thing to take care of. I'm so glad I didn't have to set a trap for the poor little critter and then wear a hazmat suit to transport him to the woods! Although this news blast is a wee bit late; it does have some very important info I would like to share with you.

Announcements: This Sat is Hoedown set up day where I load out all the tables, chairs, PA, Kitchen Items and Hoedown props out of Fiddle & Pick and load in at the Garage MaHal (our dear friends Barn).

This Sunday Oct 22 is our 16th annual Hoedown Concert (See flyer)

It's at 4:00 on location. A potluck reception just after. It's an amazing variety show. All levels and all ages. Some students are getting so advanced, it's amazing to hear them. The wee ones are learning much too. We Hope you can come join the fun and wear your hoe down attire. Some trad singalong songs for everyone too! If you are curious about learning an instrument, this is a good way to see many instruments and styles of music. You might want to try?

"Eighth Of January" Old Time Music Weekend is getting close to announcing more details.

See the "SAVE THE DATES" flyer attached. You'll want to mark your calendar If you are interested in Old-time string band music. It's a favorite event with group Instruction on fiddle, clawhammer banjo, guitar. Bits of History, a Contra Dance, and Lots of Jamming!

Gretchen plays on **Thurs nights at the Fillin' Station** in Kingston Springs. Thurs feature our Fiddle & Pick affiliates; Talented students, instructors and their band mates.

Gretchen also hosts Fiddle & Pick Features on **3rd Fri each month at Marrowbone Creek Brewery** Oct 21 This Friday; Gretchen (fiddle) plays Irish & Old Time with Daniel Charlton (mandolin & guitar)

NOV 4 two back to back local fun fundraisers: **Harpeth Harvest Fest 10am-4pm** (at the Gossett Tract). All day many music acts, The Campbell Family Calamity Soup plays 1-2:15 and next Gretchen will play with BluffGrass 2:30-3:30. Then both groups go play at **Pegram Elementary fundraiser that runs 5-8pm** on location in Pegram. The school will have the details.

On November 30, Alan O'Bryant & Gretchen and a cast of players-actors-singers will put on a production of "The Soldier's Song" at the Historic Franklin First United Methodist in downtown Franklin, TN. This is on the anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. The Civil war history through Songs and instrumental music. Tix are available.

Dec 23 Spontaneous Mountain Boyz Christmas "Spectacle" Kingston Springs Methodist Church.

Feb 2-4 Tune Junkie Irish Music Event (Oakridge TN)

Feb 25 Annual Friends of Fiddle & Pick Chili Cook-Off and Silent auction Fundraiser.

Would you like to help? Donate auction items, Volunteer, Attend and bid, Enter your Chili and win prizes or even a trophy!

Mar 1-3 Breakin' Up Winter Old Time Music Retreat (hosted by NOTSBA)

March 11 Nashville Irish Trio Concert (Eamonn Dillon, Robert Johnson, Gretchen Priest)
Historic Methodist Church in Erin TN. Inclusive hosted Irish session after the show.

April 18-21 Greenleaf Old Time Music Campout (Braggs OK)

June 2-8 Colorado Roots Camp I

June 9-15 Kaufman Kamp Oldtime week and other Trad styles (Gretchen is teaching Irish fiddle)

June 16-21 Kaufman Kamp Bluegrass week (Tim is teaching flatpicking guitar)

July 26 (pre camp for Cliff top fest)

Aug 1-4 Cliff Top

Aug 11-17 Colorado Roots Camp II (Gretchen is teaching Old-Time & Bluegrass Fiddle)

Those all are events very dear to me and wanted to let you know. Below are flyers for

Regularly Scheduled Jams & Classes :

Mon Kids Jam (flyer)

Mon Bluegrass Jamming Class (adults)

Tues Old Time Jam

Tues Irish Session (mid tempo)

Musically Yours, Miss Gretchen

See you on the FUN WAY!