

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

Howdy Folks,

I can't believe its November! October flew by. **Our 16th annual student Hoedown show was a big success over there at the Garage Mahal!** Special Thanks to Darrel & Candy for sharing their place with us all. Also Special thanks to volunteers Georgia, Cat, Keller, Keira that helped load up & out and back again. Thanks also to Keller for getting the PA set up, running sound and packing up. There was much spontaneous volunteering help at the end much appreciated as we got back to Fiddle & Pick in record time!

The concert had many special features; newer students and seasoned students. The singalongs were a big hit too. The potluck was tremendous as always, and the fellowship after a show is always its own reward.

Now the next big thing is our **16th annual Students Christmas Holiday Concert. It will be on Sunday Dec 17 at 3:30** (Note: Concert time is 1/2 hr earlier than usual because it gets dark early and the rehearsal will be at 1:30 sharp)

Our beloved annual Old-Time Music event is just after the Holidays! Check out the promo materials attached with this newsletter. See the Instructors & Classes offered. **Eighth of Jan Old-Time Music Weekend two-day schedule is hot off the press ready!** See you on the "Funway"

Right before Halloween, Gretchen went to Colorado for a weekend to visit Emily to work on music because we were hired actors at the Haunted "Stage Stop" (old stagecoach place) in Rollinsville. Really fun! Almost all the actors were also musicians. It was quite a team. I've been to haunted houses & mazes before but being part of it was a new experience! Thanks to Andy Reiner (from Fiddle Hell) is the creator of the event as a fundraiser for the local Fire Department. Andy was a great team leader! Emily & I were rookies who passed the test! We stayed in another little town, Nederland. An interesting small tourist town. We cleared the haunted "pallet" and went to the Carousel of Happiness; this little museum has lovely touching story worth knowing about! We also checked out the Bug Museum. Despite the snowstorm, I flew back in time to get to work and also attend Kingston Springs Downtown Halloween Festival. Very special time.

Announcements

~16th annual Student Christmas Holiday Concert Sun Dec 17 (1:30 rehearsal)
Potluck Reception "bring an item to share."

~ Kids Jam 1st & 3rd Mon 6:15-7:30

~Erinn & Gretchen host Bluegrass Jamming Class on 2nd & 4th Mon 7:15-9:15

~Old-time Jam 1st & 3rd Tues 7:15-9:15

~Irish! Gretchen hosts mid-tempo sessions 2nd and 4th Tues 7:15-9:15

~Paul Abrams hosts Jazz Class series on Tues evenings

~ Eighth of Jan Old-Time Weekend Jan 5 & 6 SEE detailed two day schedule

~annual Fiddle & Pick fundraiser Chili Cookoff & Silent Auction Feb 25

Other announcements:

Two local fundraisers on Nov 4th; both festivals have musical acts including fiddle & pick affiliates, Campbell's Calamity Soup and BluffGrass

Nov 4 10am-4pm Harpeth River Festival (at the Gossett Tract) Music & Food

Nov 4 5-8pm Pegram Elementary festival (see Pegram Elem website for details)

Thurs night fiddle & Pick "picks" at the Fillin' Station in Kingston Springs

Third FRIDAYS 7-9pm at the Marrowbone Creek Brewery in Ashland City

"Fiddle & Pick Features" on location. November's feature is BluffGrass.

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!

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

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

~Our jams are free and open to the public. Donations accepted and appreciated. Spectators are very welcome! Jam schedules on the website "fall to winter" series.

~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 Christmas Holiday Concert is Sunday Dec 17 3:30 (rehearsal 1:30)

Jan 5 & 6 EOJ Old-time Music Weekend (see the details attached)

First weekend Feb Tune Junkie Irish weekend in Oakridge TN

Annual Fiddle & Pick Fundraiser Chili Cook-Off/Silent Auction FEB 25

First weekend in March Breakin' Up Winter Old-time retreat Cedars of Lebanon

April GreenLeaf Festival Oldtime & Bluegrass Weekend Oklahoma

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!