

**January 2024 Newsletter**  
**Musical Heritage Center, aka... The Fiddle & Pick!**

**I hope you all are enjoying the Christmas Holiday and the time surrounding it!**  
**I'm writing on Christmas Eve and so I will say now..**

**"MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEWYEAR"!**

**We are looking forward to another year of music at the MHC. If you are someone who reads our newsletter, then you are the first to know as we have much coming up. I hope this letter gets to you before the New year gets here!**  
**Essential Juicy information follows...**

**Eighth of Jan Old-Time Music Weekend!**

**PLEASE, READ the promo materials attached with this newsletter.**

Thank you in advance! See the Instructors & Classes offered. See the EOJ stellar two-day schedule!

**Likely all your questions will be answered in the Orientation page 1 and tips on this Event's Jamming etiquette page 2 (you might chuckle at the info too).**

I thankfully have **two EOJ Door Shepherdesses! Shannon and Elizabeth** to greet you at check-in. I am still needing a volunteer to be the "Shuttle Shepherd"; that will simply give folks (and their instruments) a ride in my van in case that do not want to walk across the street or around the corner to get to Pegram Station, or Church. It's a fun job for that special volunteer person! **I hope that all of our friends that are Old-Time Music enthusiasts can attend; I'll See you on the "Funway"!**

**December Reflections**

**~16<sup>th</sup> Student Christmas Holiday Concert** twas a night to remember. Students of all ages showed their skills, and how fun it is to ride! Special features were awesome and the Tennessee Christmas "Sweet" was a hit!

**~Spontaneous Mountain Boyz Christmas Spectacle** was very special. Great local gathering. Bluegrass Christmas Eve Service, always heart felt and fun with audience sing along.

**Announcements:**

**WHATS COMING UP IN FEB! MARK YOUR CALENDAR! DON'T MISS...**

**THE ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF & SILENT AUCTION SUNDAY Feb 25**

**No plan B this year. Got to do this!**

**FUNDRAISER FOR THE CENTER.**

**SEE Flyer ad and the Chili Entry form Flyer!**

**We need support with this one. It is the only fundraiser of the year when we most NEED IT!**

**TWO IRISH MUSIC CLASSES STARTING IN JAN! Friday nights!**

**Two levels!**

**Sign up for the series there is a deadline. See flyer attached for the details!**

### **Event and ongoing Jams & Classes !**

- ~ Eighth of Jan Old-Time Weekend Jan 5 & 6 SEE detailed two day schedule!
- ~ Kids Jam 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon 6:15-7:30 Next meet in new year Jan 15 & 29
- ~ Bluegrass Jamming Class 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon 7:15-9:15 Gret & Erinn  
Meeting next Jan 8 & 22
- ~ Old-time Jam 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 7:15-9:15 Meet in new year Jan 2 & 16
- ~ Irish! Gretchen hosts mid-tempo sessions 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 7:15-9:15 (Not Jan 9 but yes meeting Jan 23)
- ~ Paul Abrams hosts Jazz Class series on Tues evenings

### **Thurs night fiddle & Pick “picks” at the Fillin’ Station in Kingston Springs**

Featuring our musical affiliates in trad music and beyond!

### **Other important Announcements:**

Mark your Calendar! **SUNDAY Feb 25** We hope you all can save the date and attend our Annual Chili Cook-Off Contest and Silent Auction. It is the single fundraiser of the year to keep the Center afloat in the toughest part of the year. See flyer ad but also note we need your support in many ways you can get involved!

- ~NEEDS: (Text 615-812-2192 if you want to volunteer)
- ~ CHILI ENTRIES! Prizes !!! fill out entry form and show up!
- ~Silent Auction Items (Drop off dates Mon & Tues Feb 5 & 6. 12 & 13  
Call if dropping off Large items (deliver to Pegram station day before Sat Feb 24)
- ~We need a couple front lines people at the Door at Pegram Station.
- ~Help in making bid sheets/ Help in getting items to PCC the day before.
- ~ Help in closing out/pay out of bid winners.
- ~ Help to Bring items back across the street.
- ~ Help with clean up.

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

The Jams & classes are posted on our website [fiddleandpick.com](http://fiddleandpick.com) ~Our jams are free and open to the public. Donations accepted and appreciated. Spectators are very welcome! Jam schedules on the website “Winter to Spring” 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!***

***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 Braggs, Oklahoma***

***May Alabama folks School Bluegrass Camp May 2-5***

***June 9-15 Kaufman Camp Old-time week***

***June 16-22 Kaufman Camp Bluegrass Week***

***Aug 11-17 Colorado Roots Camp***

**Closing I would like to say THANK YOU to all our clientele for another great year of supporting the vision of Musical Heritage Center at the Fiddle & Pick all these years (April 4 2024 starts our 17<sup>th</sup> year!)**

**Thanks as well to the new folks who have found their way to us, building our musical community. You ALL are the heartbeat! Our musical family keeps growing!**

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

**Musically Yours,  
Miss Gretchen**

**See You on the Fun Way!**