

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

Hello Everyone,

The New Year is bustling at a fast pace after hosting the Jan Old-time music event and attending the Irish Tune Junkie weekend in Oakridge TN. Now I'm scrambling to get the Feb Newsletter out. I think lots of folks got behind Post winter storm 8 day freeze out. We did at least have a quick news blast at the end of Jan to get time sensitive announcements out. Many of you know that our Newsletter and Facebook are the only means we have to get the information out on our classes, Jams, special events and more. I really appreciate our wonderful community of Traditional music enthusiasts! So often they also help spread the word of our programs and events. Love you folks and appreciate you so much!

Speaking of Community...

In just a few weeks we have a big gathering on **Sunday Feb 25, hosting our annual Chili Cook-Off competition/Silent Auction FUNDRAISER for the Center.**

It is our only fundraiser we have just once a year. This Event is held at the Pegram Community Center "PCC" also known as Pegram Station. This all-ages event is a spectacular mixer! When you walk in to check out the silent auction items and enjoy the chili tasting, you'll hear our open Jam groups playing trad music. Your admission gets you access to the silent auction bidding and Chili tasting, you also get a ticket to cast your vote in the "peoples choice" category.

PRIZES for 4 categories,

people choice category

The Secret Judges determine Best overall, Best vegetarian, and Best most unusual.

See Chili Entry Form to enter chili contest. Anyone can enter. Create a fun name!

See Event Flyer for details on Jam Schedule, Silent auction start/end,

Also contact info if you can volunteer to help. WE NEED YOU!

Event Volunteer coordinator Eliza: picknfriends@gmail.com

~NEEDS: (Text 615-812-2192) Gretchen would like a volunteer (or two) to help her fill out bid sheets on auction items at Fiddle & Pick ... you describe what it is, estimated value, a what is the starting bid .

Need Muscle on Feb 24 Sat Gretchen could use help set up tables & chairs and get the items loaded up and haul across the street to the Pegram Station. Help set up the auction display like a store, (kitchen items here, jewelry there, tools here, etc... making sure every item has a bid sheet.

The Silent auction donations are trickling in. We strategically scheduled the silent auction ITEMS "drop off dates" on the same nights as scheduled jams and classes. Maybe you have an item to donate? *Some ideas...*

Perhaps you have tools you don't use or jewelry you don't wear, any wall art, cool Knick knacks, good kitchen items, Hobby stuff, Sewing items, Craft items, Sport stuff, Camping items, boating items, Home items like small furniture, lamps, shelves, or music stuff!

~ CHILI ENTRIES! Prizes !!! fill out entry form and show up!

~Silent Auction Items (Drop off dates Mon & Tues Feb 12 & 13, 19 & 20

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 when event is over.

~ Help with clean up.

~ Attending this event and bidding is also very important.

~ anyone know a good trophy place?

January reflections: The **Eighth of Jan Old-Time Music Weekend** went about the smoothest I can ever remember! Everyone had such a great time. The teachers were awesome and the jams fun fun! However, the day or two before the weekend the unexpected bombs dropped! We lost some volunteers and had to find a sub for an instructor. It all worked out. We managed, and although we were so sorry to hear that Dave Dillard came down sick and now grateful he is all better. We were blessed that George Guthrie came to teach Clawhammer Banjo two days.

Also other people on staff who saved the two days and made the event even more special; was our Shuttle Shepherd, Cat ; and also a last minute come to the rescue sub volunteer, Bill Vinett graciously was a door shepherd and also Bill ran SOUND for the instructor concert! Kudos also to Shannon Campbell too for being such a solid two-day volunteer even after breaking toes right before she arrived. She's doing great now. Huge thanks to Mary Alice Bernal for the graphic design.

We have two Clawhammer Banjo Classes coming up THIS MONTH...

Our new friend & instructor from EOJ weekend, George Guthrie; is a very knowledgeable and likable teacher, so I asked George (and he jumped on board), to do a Clawhammer banjo class series this Winter. (See flyer attached for dates and times for two classes). Don't miss this opportunity. All levels welcome!

IRISH MUSIC CLASS Happy Hour STARTED IN JAN!

Gretchen hosts 2 Friday nights each month. Two different class levels.

The advanced level class is full, but there is room in the "new to Irish/intermediate" level class that meets 4:15-6:15pm. See flyer attached for the details!

Inquiries Text 615-812-2192

Mon Mar 11 Nashville Irish Trio Concert Erin United Methodist Church Erin, TN
FREE Admission 6:30 show / 7:30 hosted session and sing along

16th annual Student's IRISH MUSIC CONCERT at Fiddle & Pick
ST PADDYS DAY! SUNDAY MARCH 17 (see flyer) All welcome!

Event and ongoing Jams & Classes !

- ~ Kids Jam 1st & 3rd Mon 6:15-7:30 Next meet in new year Jan 15 & 29
- ~ Bluegrass Jamming Class 2nd & 4th Mon 7:15-9:15 Gretchen & Erinn
Meeting next Jan 8 & 22
- ~ Old-time Jam 1st & 3rd Tues 7:15-9:15 Meet in new year Jan 2 & 16
- ~ Irish! Gretchen hosts mid-tempo sessions 2nd and 4th 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!

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 “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!

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 17th year! Big Thanks to the new folks who have found their way to us, joining 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!