



## MAY & JUNE 2024 Newsletter and calendar

Hello everybody!

Spring has been a wee bit busy with some great things! In April, many of you attended the **Greenleaf Festival in Braggs, OK** at the beautiful Greenleaf St Park. The festival's catch phrase says the truth; Greenleaf Oldtime Festival, "It's worth the drive"! It; is an Old-time music festival but at the same time in another part of the campground is a Bluegrass campout as well! Harry Simpson and his crew made substantial improvements on the grounds and Kudos to the director, Glen Schmidt and his wonderful staff of Old-time enthusiasts who did a fantastic job with this budding festival which has increased in size in just 3 years! All ages & levels welcome. The Canote Brothers were of course a big hit! David Bragger & Susan Platz Workshops & Concert a big hit as well. Howard Rains & Trisha Spencer hosted some lessons, and I (Gretchen), had the great pleasure of hosting another KIDS JAM. The jamming in the big tent and the campground was really fun!

**If you haven't heard of Alabama Folk School, you need to check it out.** I'm so impressed with the campus lay out in nature, the structures, and the whole comfortable vibe of the learning environment. The food was very good, and I loved all the staff, teachers and student of all ages. They teach all kinds of folk arts and music instruments and have different music weeks combined with art classes. There are catalogues at Fiddle & Pick to check it out. Tim & Gretchen taught at the Bluegrass Camp Thurs-Fri on the first weekend of May. It was our first time there, and what a great experience! The instructors were top notch musicians. It was great to see Jim & Joyce Cauthen attending the instructor concert. The student concert and art classes exhibits were amazing. I am so impressed by Director Caitlyn, and other leaders, our own Jason Bailey, Jordan, Jaime among other movers and shakers that just knocked the ball out of the park!

Upcoming excellent camps to check out: These are some of the BEST Camps!

**June 9-15 Kaufman Kamp Oldtime Week and other Traditional Styles**

[www.Flatpik.com](http://www.Flatpik.com) or write: [steve@flatpik.com](mailto:steve@flatpik.com)

June 16-22 Kaufman Kamp Bluegrass Week.

**Colorado Roots Camp**

June 2-8, 2024 CAMP I

Aug 11-17, 2024 CAMP II

Spring recitals are plenty at the Fiddle & Pick. Stephan Dudash's Student recital was at the end of April. I couldn't attend but I heard all the praises about it!

**Erinn Peet-Lukes students recital 1:00 Sat May 11**

**Becca Darling students piano recital Sat May 18** rehearse 2:00/**3:00 recital**

Other important announcements:

~Sometime this year (possibly in September) a National Monument and ceremony honoring Fiddler Arthur Smith, will be at the James cemetery in McEwen Tenn. When I know more... I will make an announcement. I'd like to make a field trip with those interested.

~The Friday Irish music class moves to 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues as the Irish session takes the annual summer seasonal break. No worries, the session comes back in the fall! (see updated Irish music class flyer)

~**The Old-time Jam** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues (see updated flyer) EOJ announcement

~**Monday Kids Jam** schedule (see updated flyer) the pattern is different.

~**Bluegrass Jamming class** has an updated schedule **including field trips to the Full Moon Pickin' Parties at Warner Parks** (see flyer)

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

See updated attachments classes & Jams

**Kids Jam Schedule**

**Old-time Jam Schedule**

**Bluegrass Jamming Class Schedule**

**Irish Session (stops for the season)**

**Irish Music Happy Hour Class Schedule moves to Tues for the season.**

**17<sup>th</sup> annual HOEDOWN SHOW Sunday Oct 27** rehearsal/4:00 show/potluck

**17<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Holiday Concert Sun Dec 15** rehearsal/3:30 show/potluck

Keep on your radar the Annual Fundraiser event with Silent Auction.

If you would like to enter your chili next year; Don't be shy! Win prizes!!!

**Mark your calendar Sun Feb 16, 2025 (Plan B if icy Sun Feb 23, 2025)**

Musically yours,

Miss Gretchen

"See you on the Funway"