

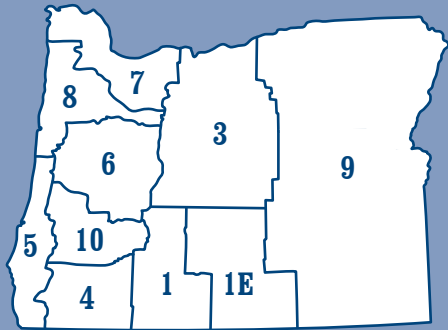
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## From Your President

The Contest and Convention 2018 are important events for OOTFA. The Oregon State Contest was a resounding success. We congratulate all the participants and winners. A big thank you to Eileen Walter who for the 3rd year in a row has assembled qualified judges and talented contestants for the nationally certified contest. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible. As for the Convention in Rickreall at the Polk County Fairgrounds, it's April 5-7 with early birds starting on April 4. Pavilion opens at 8 AM. Early birds on Wed April 4 in Annex at 8 a.m. Looking forward as usual to having a great time. For me it's meeting all those I haven't had a chance to see for a whole year. There will be some sadness not being able to see those who have been with us for so long. But our fond memories will embolden us to carry on. Don't forget this is just the first campout of the year with several more to go: Silver Lake, Burns, Fiddle Camp, Winchester Bay, and Prineville. We get 4 or 5 vacations a year! Being involved in these events is a holistic approach to getting the most out of OOTFA. But first things first. Join us at Rickreall for a really great time.

Your humble servant,

~Jim

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!!

Caryn & Holly Ackerman	Estacada	Judith Pinson	Eugene
Avery Anderson	Portland	Audrey, Meg & Jessa Preston	Blackfoot, ID
Cecil Bailey	Butte Falls	Sharlee Pymm	Lake Oswego
Erin & Mia Dawson	Salem	Jamie & Reagan Shoote	Vancouver, WA
Paul & Christina Deming	Vancouver, WA	Knight Starr	Mt Shasta, CA
Ruby Edwards	Butte Falls	Dan & Marena Stewart	Newman Lake, WA
Janet, Lee & Ruby Gunter	Vancouver, WA	Tricia & Isabel Swift	Sandy
Diane Harrison	Camas, WA	Debra Taevs	Portland
Miles Johnson	Hood River	Ramonda, Maria, Risa &	
Kerri & Emilie Miller	Otis Orchard, WA	Adam Thompson	Diamond
Chris, Michelle and		Shirlee, Joe, John &	
Shelby Panter	Bandon	Bailey Weedman	Albany
Maya Peterson	Vancouver, WA		



## Strings Swap

Lowrey electric organ to give away. Very good condition. Model H25 with foot pedals for bass. It is not large, 54" by 30". Contact: Ron and Ella Beatty, District 7 503-297-6431

## From the Editor

The fiddle contest was the big news for March. It was an amazing event, and we have many volunteers to thank for its existence. Eileen has worked tirelessly for months to organize the logistics and encourage musicians to take part. Many volunteers from various districts, back-up musicians, and board members spent their entire day (from 7 o'clock 'til almost midnight) working hard to make it happen. And it came off without a hitch. We have some wonderful musicians in our state who were recognized at the Fiddle Contest and who will go on to Weiser in June and make us proud. Thank you to all!

~ Karen

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Greetings All from District One,

It's dreary and cold, rainy and dark outside...perfect weather to make a person want to jump in the car and drive to an OOTFA function and change their fate! As I write this, it's almost Fiddle Contest time. YIKES. I don't know about you, but thinking about it too much can strike fear in a person's heart and yet it also makes one curious as to what actually happens there?? I have to say, if you ever decide to take a chance and play in a contest, Eileen Walters is an amazing resource person, let alone coordinator! She has been so helpful and giving of her time and advice to questions concerning the contest. A contest is very intimidating at first...but with focused practice, it's attainable. Over and over, the advice throughout OOTFA has been to play what you know at the contest and have FUN. Pretend it's a jam. Hey! We can all do that, right? So, next year plan to play! It's for all skill levels, not just the best! Following the Fiddle Contest is State Convention in Rickreall. How I wish I could join all of you there! I would love to put some names to faces, learn some new tunes, and JAM. Some of our Junior Fiddlers and their families, I've heard, will be traveling there

## District 1E (Lakeview, Silver Lake Area)

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Winter returned since my last writing and covered Lakeview with the most substantial snowfall of the whole season! However, today is definitely feeling like springtime must be very near. We're all looking forward to the trip to Rickreall and the State Convention, and that will be followed by our **Silver Lake Campout May 3-6!!!!** With luck, we'll have nice weather for both events.

Last month, Barrett Amacker played his fiddle at the 6th grade fundraiser thrown by the Alger Angels, students devoted to helping generate funds to refurbish and restore our local theater. That event was held at the Elks Club and he was accompanied by the Lakeview Old Time Fiddlers. They also played at the Alger Theater March 18 as part of a series of events to generate community interest in the theater project.

Silver Lake Campout will be here before we know it. There are no changes planned for that event, but for people who are first timers, there is a grassy area next to the fire house for tent camping. One shower along with bathrooms are found inside the firehouse. There is very limited electricity access for RVs and it is on a first come, first served basis. Dry camping is free but there is a charge for electricity. No water hookups are available so it is recommended that RVer's fill up their fresh water tank before arriving. Please make sure you have a full propane tank, too. There is one faucet in the park next door, but to use it requires at least a 100 foot hose and is very inconvenient, assuming the water is turned on. There are 2 RV parks in Silver Lake with hookups that are within a couple blocks of the

### April Events

NO Meeting/Jam	Shasta Grange	
19 gig	Plum Ridge	10:30-11:30 a.m.
19 gig	Pacifica/Brookdale	1-2 p.m.
26 gig	Crystal Terrace	10:30-11:30 a.m.
26 gig	Rogue River Place	1-2 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays 1-4 p.m. Luther Square; check with Irene Ruddock for date and times 541-882-6418.

for the first time this year. We are all very excited to send new district members to statewide functions...I think it reflects well on us as a whole! It helps us grow in experience and fosters new friendships! Our Junior Fiddlers have been learning some new tunes, especially High Desert Waltz...maybe they will share it with all of you while they are there. We have had our snowbirds, Johnny and Darleth Rogers come home, and we are happy to have them back! Maybe they brought warm weather with them??? HA, one can only hope! And, last but not least... Silver Lake Campout is just around the corner in May! Busy spring...something for Everyone! ☺

April Anniversaries: Frank and Karen Ayres, Howard and Virginia Priddy.

April Birthdays: Frank Ayres, Bill Bonser, Allen Meyers, Alanna Kliewer.

Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

### April Events

5-7 jam, concerts, banquet, etc.	Polk County Fairgrounds	all day
12,19, 26 jam	Jam Rosa Lee's House	5 p.m.

firehouse. Some people find lodging at the Silver Lake Motel or in Christmas Valley at the motel there. Food is provided at the site by the McLain family and a host of volunteers. The local Silver Lake Cafe is open as an alternative.

We hope to see everyone at the convention and again the following month at Silver Lake. See you soon!

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter



Cathy Frutchey will be missed by all (see District 4's report). In 2017, she played on stage at the State Convention with other District 4 members.

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Howdy from District 3,

Hopefully all enjoyed the spring weather as it sure did go away fast and we are now in winter! Fortunately for our March 11th Jam/Dance...we had a spring like day! Rain begins again on Tuesday.

Our March Jam/Dance was absolutely wonderful. We had about 45 guests/dancers and 18 musicians. Touchmark in Bend again brought a shuttle with about 10-12 guests. We were happy to have Phil Drain from District 8 join our jam with his banjo. Lots of dancing and visiting as most of our guests have over time become friends. We had 2 new musicians, Gail Davidson from Redmond and Judy Seger from Bend. They both joined District 3, and we do welcome them warmly as new members.

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Yes! Spring is here in our little valley. Frosty nights evolve into wet, dewy mornings that settle into sunny afternoons. Flowering trees and daffodils are in full array and whisper to the iris and tulips, "Come, join us". Our monthly meeting and jam in Ashland was fun and well attended by members and our regulars from the community. As it always is when we are performing in Ashland, new listeners who are out walking and enjoying the day, hear our music and stop in to enjoy. Bruce McGarvey, acting as our host and greeter, did a terrific job of inviting them in and explaining our organization and purpose. Thanks Bruce.

As Lew Holt so fittingly wrote of the many precious leaves we are losing from our Fiddler Family Tree, in District 4 and throughout the state, we are mourning the loss of our lovely fiddler, Cathy Futchey. Cathy lost her battle with cancer, which she fought with the courage of a warrior and the grace of an angel, on March 2. Cathy and her husband Tom and the entire Frutchey/Mason clan are so active in our organization. From the convention to Fiddle Ccamp, camp outs to meetings their huge motor home would pull in and unload sisters, daughters, in laws and grandbabies, all ready to participate and help. Tom graciously opened the family home for a memorial celebration of Cathy's life. He said she wanted a joyous celebration with music. Her family lovingly decorated all the walls with photos from her life with family and friends. As everyone shared memories of her short life and played the tunes that she loved so much, each person was in some way comforted. At the pond where she had spent many happy hours, loved ones gently sent twinkling candles afloat on the still surface of the

### April Events

8 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance Powell Butte CC 1-3 p.m.

During the jam/dance, several members picked out and paid for their camping spots at the Crook County Fairgrounds for our Central Oregon Country Music Gathering. We should be able to post an updated map on our website the 1st of April. Reservations are going fast so be sure to get yours in as soon as possible. The information and forms for the Gathering are on our website.

Jeanette Bondsteel has received an OOTFA Scholarship to help with tuition to the Cascade School of Music. She will be attending a 9 month class of 4 sessions that covers Americana Fiddle Tunes.

We wish all a Happy Easter, and think spring!

**Kim Martin and Pat Borden District 3 Reporters**

### April Events

5-7 State Convention Polk County Fairgrounds  
14 meeting/jam Second Saturday Roxy Ann Grange, Medford  
meeting 11:30, jam at noon, sign-ups 1-3 p.m.  
Check our online calendar for all gigs, jams and meetings or call an officer.

water, each candle carrying a message of love to her. Musicians played a soft tune of farewell and we said goodbye.

Our true "Old Timer" Jim Winslow celebrated birthday number 102 recently. Congratulations Jim! Jim is not enjoying good health lately and Dottie (with the help of two nurses) is caring for him. Dottie is not in good health either. They both would love for you to stop by and visit. They now have an email address, [dottieb4159@gmail.com](mailto:dottieb4159@gmail.com) so it will be easier to stay in touch with them.

Dave Basden recently went to the hospital for a scheduled heart surgery, that unexpectedly became a life threatening procedure. Dave was in the cardiac care unit for days. He has improved and is expected to have a good recovery but will need rehabilitation. Barbara and Dave are so active in our organization, and we appreciate their hard work and dedication to OOTFA. Please keep them and Jim and Dottie in your thoughts and prayers. The annual meeting and convention will be held at the Polk County Fairgrounds April 4-7. Hope to see a lot of District 4 members attending. Remember our April monthly meeting and jam is on the second Saturday, April 14 at the Roxy Ann Grange. Meeting at 11:30 and a slate of officers will be presented. Fiddle jam at noon, sign up jam 1-3 p.m. Bring snacks to share. Y'all come. See you soon.

**~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter**



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Oh my Gosh! Spring is finally here! Are you loving the longer days? My geraniums are still mad at me for forgetting to cover them up. Darn snow on the coast, what's that about?! Well, here in District 5 we will be diving headlong into the spring with newly elected positions in our leadership structure. At the time of this publication the results are still a mystery, however, it will be my honor to clear that up in the May edition!

We had a wonderful time at the Hauser Volunteer Fire Department Fund Raiser Spaghetti Feed. Our dear friends Hal and Sharon Thompson from District 10 came to join us for the event. Our Ellie brought her bass fiddle which is always so impressive on stage. I have great respect for all of you who play that magnificent instrument! That was a big nod to Mr. Ken Luse (District 6) just in case he forgot what he taught me. Hal Thompson (District 10) wants to teach me to be a better guitar player. How many of our OOTFA members know they could be mentored or guided by their senior players? All you have to do is sit beside them and hit a wrong chord. Then you smile and say "can you show me please?" Go ahead, try it.

It is our pleasure to have been asked to add an additional performance for the Inland Point Assisted Living facility here

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Thanks to the many fine musicians who did District 6 proud at the State Fiddle Contest at Chemeketa Community College on St. Patrick's Day. Hours of practice, polishing and mental preparation underlie each performance. Maybe some of you performers will represent us at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, as well. Evelyn Horner, Jerry Parks and Donna Wynn competed in Senior Divisions and Zaylon Cole played in the Junior-junior category. Thanks, too, to the back-up musicians who stood ready to support the fiddlers and to the volunteers who contributed to the smooth operation of this large-scale event.

We are fortunate to have a few wonderful old grange halls that allow us to host our regular jams. Granges were created to support local farmers and to provide social hubs in rural areas, sponsoring dances, picnics, fairs, plays and music recitals. Historically, they have filled vital roles in each community. The three granges we have standing arrangements with for monthly jams include Elmira, Central and Willakenzie.

Willakenzie Grange, built in 1913, was included in the National Registry of Historic Places in 2009. Its farmers spawned the Producers Public Market in 1915, now known familiarly and fondly as Lane County Farmer's Market. A jam is held there on the fourth Friday of each month.

The Elmira Grange was built in 1927 and is a charming venue. There is a photo of District 6 jammers on their web page. The Elmira jam is on the second Friday of each month.

### April Events

5-7	State Convention in Rickreall	
4	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
11	gig	Bay Crest 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
11	gig	Evergreen Court 3 - 4 p.m.
18	gig	Pacific View 2-3 p.m.
21	jam	Winchester Bay Community Center Stage Show 1-3 p.m.
25	gig	Avamere 1-2 p.m.
25	gig	Inland Point, North Bend 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

in North Bend. You know you must be doing something really special when they want you twice a month. Dawn and the rest of our members are trying to work some logistics out. I will keep an eye on those developments!

Plans are firming up for the big Brookings Jamboree to take place June 1-2 at the Chetco Grange in Brookings/Harbor. Hope you are able to join us in this lovely community. Brookings is called "The Banana Belt" of the west coast, widely known for warmer weather in this sweet little environmental pocket. We are hoping for a multitude of musicians! Location: The Wild Rivers Motel (541-469-5361) offers a discount to OOTFA members. The Grange will kindly provide overnight parking for RV's and trailers at no charge. More details to come in the May edition.

Trivia question: "Play on McDuff". Where did that come from? Who said it? We live to learn!

~ Kriss Fenton, District 5 Reporter

### April Events

5-7	OOTFA State Convention, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall	
5	jam	Old World Deli, Corvallis 7-10 p.m.
6	OOTFA jam	Eugene Hotel 7-8:30 p.m.
7	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Rd. Annex 1-4 p.m.
9	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran 1-4 p.m.
13	jam	Elmira Grange 7-10 p.m.
14	meeting, potluck, jam	Central Grange 11-3:30 p.m.
20	jam	YaPoAh Terrace 7-9 p.m.
27	OOTFA jam	Willakenzie Grange 7-9 p.m.

Central Grange, built in the Craftsman tradition in 1920, hosts our jams on the second Saturday of each month, as well as our quarterly business meetings, the next of which will be occurring on April 14.

"The purpose (of the grange) was fun, the profit incidental", is quoted from a 1920's-era Granger and reminds us that our primary aim is to enjoy making music and socializing, but that we also need to contribute toward hall rental and upkeep each time we use one of the facilities.

Do join us at the monthly fiddle classes and jams. Bring a little do-re-mi to help underwrite the grange missions and support venues for the classes and consider bringing cookies or snacks to share during the social breaks. We're helping to keep old time music and community spirit alive, part of a grand tradition!

Birthday Felicitations to Alice McDowell, Carol Ede, Cheryl Horner, Richie Stiles and Chris Sytsma.

Best wishes to Arlo and Louise Hamilton, Joe and Emily Moyle and Jerry and Linda Parks on the celebration of their wedding anniversaries.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

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## 2018 OOTFA CONVENTION SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, April 4** ALL Activities in Building B, hosted by Districts 7 & 8 (day only)

**THURSDAY, April 5** MAIN Hall open: 8 am – 11 pm CAFÉ: Lunch & Dinner

9 am – 5 pm Registration & Raffle “Table of Treasures” Open  
 11 am **WORKSHOP** – “Tips on How to Use the Microphone” - Phil Drain, Dist 8  
 Noon **Lunch Break**  
 3 - 4:30 pm **WORKSHOP**– Sing-a-Long – Phyllis Coffin, Dist 6  
 5 - 6:30 pm **Dinner Break**  
 6:30-7 pm On Stage Jam at 6:30  
 7 - 9 pm Sign Up Jam



**FRIDAY, April 6** MAIN Hall open: 8 am – 11 pm CAFÉ: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

9 am – 4 pm Registration & Raffle “Table of Treasures” Open  
 10-11:30 pm **WORKSHOP** – Fiddle Harmony – Judy McGarvey, Dist 4  
 Noon **Lunch Break**  
 12:30- 2 pm **WORKSHOP** – “How To Get More Out Of Your Bow” – Linda Danielson, Dist 6  
 2 - 4 pm STATE OOTFA BOARD MEETING  
 3 – 4:30 pm **WORKSHOP** – “Special Time for Youth” – Amy Burrow, Dist 6  
 The youth will perform 2 times at the concert on stage: 6 pm & 7:30 pm  
 4:30 - 6 pm **Dinner Break**  
 6 – 8:45 pm **“AN EVENING WITH THE FIDDLERS”** – Open To The Public Doors open at 5:15  
**ADMISSION:** OOTFA Members FREE: PUBLIC: Adults - \$5; Youth - \$3; 12 & under - FREE



**SATURDAY, April 7** MAIN Hall open from 8 am – 11 pm CAFÉ: Breakfast & Lunch

8:30-10 am **WORKSHOP** – Twin Fiddling – Evelyn Horner, Dist 6  
 9 am – 1 pm Registration & Raffle “Table of Treasures” Open  
 8:30 – 10 am **WORKSHOP** – “Sing-a-Long”  
 10 – 12 am **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING with ELECTIONS**  
 District Reports and Committee News  
 Old & New Business including Update/Revise OOTFA Bylaw and Standing Rule  
 Elections of OOTFA Officers for 2018-2019  
 Noon **Lunch Break**  
 1-2:30 pm **WORKSHOP** Rhythm Guitar – Jerry Parks, dist 6  
 4:45–6:30 pm **BANQUET** PRE-PURCHASED TICKETS: \$17.50 per person  
 “DANCING TO OLDTIME MUSIC” – Open To The Public  
 Dancing to Sign-up Bands  
**ADMISSION:** OOTFA Members FREE; PUBLIC: \$3 per person OR \$5 couple; 12 & under - FREE  
 9:30 – 11pm **PITCH IN TO CLEAN THE HALL and PUT AWAY TABLE & CHAIRS**



### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE 3 DAY EVENT

**FAIRGROUND RV PARKING:** \$25 PER NIGHT (with or without electricity)

**RAFFLE ITEMS** Bring raffle item(s) for the 3 day “Table of Treasures.” The treasures are items which you don’t want anymore but could be useful for someone else. Musical instruments are particularly treasured. The money we get from this Raffle helps off-set the cost of the Convention. Raffle Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

**BANQUET** Saturday, April 7 at 4:45 \$17.50 per person  
 3 Entree Options: Chicken, Pork Loin and Vegetarian Lasagna  
**MEAL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED by MARCH 31**  
 Contact Sharon Gallagher NOW at [lsgallee@yahoo.com](mailto:lsgallee@yahoo.com) or 541-590-3676

PLEASE BRING THIS TO THE CONVENTION FOR YOUR REFERENCE

# Junior Hoedowner

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## 2018 Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest: Contestants and Places

### Small Fry

- \*1. Jack Mitchell
2. Julian Clark
3. Sorella High
4. Edison Hagen
5. Gabrielle Stasak
6. Madelyn Olson
7. Noah Swift

### Junior Junior

1. Reagan Shoote
2. Leo High
3. Meg Preston
- \*4. Lorelei Hein
5. Kennadi Johnston
6. Natalie Guptill
7. Jordan Stasak
8. Mia Dawson
9. Noelle Stasak
10. Autumn Blaha
11. Felicia Guptill
12. Zaylan Cole
13. Boone Dunn
14. Holly Ackerman
15. Anders Hagen`

### Young Adult

- \*1. Tabby Gholi
2. Sharlee Pymm
3. Annabel Guptill
4. Kiersten Doggett
5. Miles Johnson
6. Isaac Helland

**Oldest:** Lew Holt

**Youngest:**

Sorella High

### Junior

1. Jessa Preston
2. Emilie Miller
3. Marena Stewart
4. Lincoln High
5. Maya Peterson
6. Ruby Gunter
- \*7. Silas Phillips
8. Gideon Stasak
9. Christina Deming
10. Eliza Brooks
11. Mikelle Stasak

### Adult

1. JayDean Ludiker
- \*2. Grant Wheeler
3. Cynthia Hamm
4. Carl Dornfeld
5. Jenny Dreyer
6. Mike Elston

### Senior

- \*1 Hajime Nagashima
2. Maggie Dickerson
3. Rick Bergeron
4. Donna Wynn
5. Bob Heinith
6. Karen Johnson
7. Joan Harrington
8. Tim Clausen
9. Diane Harrison
10. Debra Taevs

### Holt Award

#### Recipient:

Evelyn Horner

### Senior Senior

- \*1. Evelyn Horner
2. Donna Foreman
3. Jerry Parks
4. Judy McGarvey
5. Lew Holt
6. Alice Holt
7. Judith Lyons

### Anything Goes

1. Doug Fleener
2. Gary Schuh
3. Avery Anderson
4. Tabby Gholi
5. Grant Wheeler
6. Shawn Morford
7. Donna Reuter
8. Lorelei Hein
8. Bob Heinith
8. Kiersten Doggett
11. Lena Dreyer
12. Jenny Dreyer
13. Mikelle Stasak
14. Gideon Stasak
15. Noelle Stasak.
16. Gabrielle Stasak
17. Jordan Stasak

### Accompanist

1. Jeff Walter
2. Rod Anderson
3. Ed Miller
4. Andy Emert
5. Ken Luse

### Championship

- \*1. Doug Fleener
2. Andy Emert
3. Avery Anderson
4. Gary Schuh
5. Donna Reuter

### Twin Fiddles

1. Donna Reuter/  
JayDean Ludiker
2. Meg Preston/  
Jessa Preston
3. Tabby Gholi/  
Eileen Walter
4. Rick Bergeron/  
Donna Foreman
5. Andy Emert/  
Bob Heinith
6. Leo High/  
Lincoln High
7. Evelyn Horner/  
Karen Johnson
8. Joan Harrington/  
Maggie Dickerson
9. Kiersten Doggett/  
Isaac Helland
10. Jessica Bartlett/  
Iola Bartlett Mehan
11. Lena Dreyer/  
Jenny Dreyer
11. Judith Lyons/  
Judy McGarvey
13. Mikelle Stasak/  
Gideon Stasak
14. Noelle Stasak/  
Gabrielle Stasak



# The Oregon State Fiddle Contest

Greetings: The 2018 Oregon Open Fiddle Contest is history. I will be thinking fondly about it for a long time, and I believe many others will also. It was a fast-paced day packed with music, visiting with old friends, and making new friends. To me, everyone who gets up on the stage is a champion. I appreciate all of you because we wouldn't have a contest without you. In addition to the fiddlers, accompanists, and judges, I want to thank all the many volunteers who made everything work out just right – from our wonderful MC Erin McMullen, the backstage crew, the “runners”, time-keepers, tabulators, registration desk, the front door crew, video recording, photography crew, and Oregon Oldtime Fiddler's Association Treasurer Sharon Thompson and Membership Chair Patti Luse. I appreciate all of your numerous and invaluable contributions to the success of the contest.

This year we entered new territory as our contest is now open to residents of all states and countries. This change proved to be a good move, as 16 talented fiddlers from Idaho and Washington added a lot to the contest, and were appreciated by everyone. We had 67 contestants registered in the regular divisions. Many of them also played in the Twin Fiddle Division and/or the Anything Goes Division. 5 contestants played in the Twin and/or Anything Goes Divisions but not in the regular divisions, so we had a total of 72 contestants. The day was full, right on schedule, and there was never a dull moment (at least from my perspective)!

Looking forward to next year!

~Eileen

As the contest is now open to residents of all states and countries, the \* indicates the highest placing Oregon resident in the division. These Oregon residents are “Certified to Weiser”.



Oregon's Champion, Doug Fleener



Eileen Walter & Tabby Gholi



Erin McMullen & Scott Phillips



Small Fries



Junior Juniors



Juniors



Lew & Sorella, oldest & youngest fiddlers



Senior Seniors



Hajime Nagashima, Senior Champion.



Donna Reuter & JayDean Ludiker, Twin Fiddles champs



Gabrielle & Noelle Stasak



Kiersten Doggett & Isaac Helland, twin fiddlers

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I know that all of you are enjoying the longer days and spring flowers that this time of year brings. Also I hope everyone is getting in lots of time to play music in jams and gigs or just by yourself. The State Convention is coming up soon and it is a great opportunity to play music with others in large or small groups. In addition there are workshops available and other fun activities in which to participate. I am sure that you have all the information about the Convention that you need and I hope to see many of you there.

At the end of February, about 15 OOTFA musicians played a gig at Gladstone Christian Church. We had new people there as well as some folks we haven't seen for awhile. Helen Hakanson and new member, Tom Clausen, sang a couple of old ballads together which were a lot of fun. It was a great turnout, and we

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Looking forward to **Convention April 5-7** and hope to see many of our state members for a rip-roaring good time. Don't forget to send your banquet fee and menu choice to Sharon Gallagher no later than the end of March. The banquet starts at 4:45 p.m. this year, so we can eat and get awards over to set up for the 7 p.m. dance. If you have a choice item for the raffle table we would deeply appreciate your donation. **Wednesday April 4, for early arrivals:** All District 8 members: bring finger foods to the Arts and Crafts Bldg. and give us a hand in the kitchen. Thursday morning we need all hands to help set up the main hall. Please pitch in! On Sat. the 7th from 7-9 p.m. the dance will be open to the public this year. Please plan to stay and help put on some good dance music with us for this first effort.

Come help us **Celebrate the Life of Christine Lange**, who was a very active fiddler of our district. We miss her. Take exit #271 off of I-5; head East. Cascade Drive is off to the South of Hwy 214.

**Directions to the American Legion at McMinnville:** Turn at the traffic light on Hwy. 18 bypass, opposite the Hospital over to Cumulus Ave. (left turn in 1/2 block,) and follow it down to Atlantic. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. and we play from 1-3 p.m. If we buy enough lunches to cover our rent (about 6 or 7) we get rent free. They might frown on brown bagging. Service is slow so allow time.

**April 28** we play from 4-5 p.m. for the **Ag. Fest, in the Jackman Long Bldg. at the Salem Fair grounds.** Please come out and help us make this a great show.

From our February 24 meeting and jam in Aurora: Our slate of officers and helpers are all willing to serve another year. We had a small group of musicians who made it to both events, but we had an enthusiastic audience and a nice donation.

### April Events

5-7 State Convention, Membership meeting. Polk Co. Fairgrounds, Rickreall OR

Aug. 15 Save this date and join us at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby. We will play on the stage from 2-4 p.m.

enjoyed playing many old favorites and new ones, too. After playing about an hour the church fed us a lovely potluck lunch, and we enjoyed visiting with the church members.

We had a number of new members this month: Doug and Amy Anderson from Portland. Doug plays violin and Amy plays the guitar. Carl Dornfeld and Sandra Dodd are from Canby. They play the violin and guitar. Marilyn Bloch and Bruce Fahlander from Molalla also play the violin and guitar. Tom and MaryAnn Clausen live in West Linn and Tom plays the violin and guitar. Welcome to OOTFA everyone!

Enjoy our April showers and all the flowers they bring.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

### April Events

5-7 Convention at Rickreall Polk Co. Fairgrounds  
14 Celebration of Life for Christine Lange; United Methodist Church; 700 N Cascade Dr, Woodburn 12-4p.m.  
21 jam American Legion in McMinnville, 126 NE Atlantic St.  
28 gig Ag. Fest at State Fair grounds, Jackman Long Bldg. 2330 NE 17th St., Salem. Play 4-5 p.m.

Thanks to all who came out to support these events. We voted at the meeting to donate \$1000 to the State Fiddle Contest, \$300 to the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest and \$100 to State Convention expenses.

Valentine's Day was Lew and Alice Holt's 65th wedding anniversary. Congrats, you two. Lew and Alice have announced that they will be moving to Corvallis to be near their son's family some time within the next year. A big loss for us and a huge bonus to District 6. What this means is it is now up to the members to fill their positions by next April which are: Secretary, Treasurer, Scheduler and Publicity. Start recruiting now or volunteering, please. Treasurer and publicity need someone familiar with computers. We can provide a mentor there in Phil Drain, so don't be shy.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 reporter



Lorelei Hein as a cat in a rain barrel (Anything Goes)



Jack Fry receives his trophy for small fry division.



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**Reporter:** Marianne Andrews

Remember that to discover the place the Friday Jams are held, call one of the officers. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular and extraordinary musicians.

A small, but lovely crowd attended our March Potluck and Jam. We created some good music, so if you are ever in the area on the second Sunday, October through May, join us at the Harney County Senior Center-1 p.m. potluck and 2-4 p.m. jam. We had 8 musicians, and a few Irish tunes to dance to. We had one first time visitor, Carol Hendrickson, a neighbor of Billy's. We also celebrated Opal Filteau's 98th birthday! She is still enjoying listening to the music and playing pinochle with us.

## District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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Our February 24 jam had a great turnout, lively music and wonderful refreshments. At our April meeting, we'll elect some new officers. Jude Stensland is running for Chair. We need nominations for Vice-Chair. Kelly Wadsworth has agreed to continue as secretary. We thank Colleen Hanks for her many years of service as Chair or Vice-Chair.

Featured member Gynn Deaton was born Aug 7, 1931 in Northfield, Texas, "a town that went from 25 to 15." Farming and mining kept the family moving between Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. After the war, they moved to Visalia, Ca. where Gynn met Jim in high school (his family was from Missouri). They married when she was 17. His family had moved to Oregon, and she finished up high school in Canyonville. She worked as the City's recorder and still does bookkeeping and income taxes for clients. Jim worked as a sawmill lumber hauler, service station owner, then for ODOT. They have five children. Jim passed away on Nov 13, 2015.



Gynn Deaton

Gynn's love of fiddle music came from her Texas grandfather and

### April Events

6	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
8	Sunday potluck/ jam	1 p.m. potluck and jam	2-4 p.m.
13	gig	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
16	gig	Ashley Manor	7-9 p.m.
20	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
27	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.

Janet and Joan went to the memorial jam for Dick Kahall and saw many old friends.

While you are planning your summer schedule, please include coming to our **Country Music Jamboree, June 14-16 at the Harney County Fairgrounds**. Early birds are welcome. Folks mostly camp at the fairgrounds, with plenty of space for all and electric hook-ups. Jamming is found all over. Come join the fun.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

### April Events

5	gig	Oak Park	1-2 p.m.
11	gig	Rosehaven	10-11 a.m.
19	gig	Brookdale	11 a.m.-12 p.m.
19	gig	Riverview Terrace	4-5 p.m.
23	gig	Callahan Village	3:30-4:30 p.m.
28	meeting/jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	11 a.m. meeting; 12-3 p.m. jam

grandmother. "Dad and Granddad bought a farm together. Neighbors would come over and play. It struck a chord with me. At dances, Granddad played fiddle, and Grandmother played piano. There was a love of that music among both sides of the family. An uncle was the New Mexico state champ and competed at Weiser." Gynn played violin herself in elementary school orchestra in Arizona.

Gynn and Jim heard the oldtime fiddlers at the fairgrounds in Roseburg. For years, they ran the kitchen and banquet at the convention. "We made some of the best friends of our lives." Jim was Vice President in 1982-83, and Gynn was Secretary/Treasurer from 1979-81 and 1985-89. "We went to Weiser every year so the guy running Pioneer Days in Canyonville asked me to be a fiddle contest judge. I took over organizing it in 1971, and it went for 40 years. The school trusted me with the premises. I'm sad about the contest ending, but contest day was getting too hard on us physically. The Pioneer Days Committee didn't want to see it end, but there was so much going on during Pioneer Days that we didn't get the crowd we needed. OOTFA people still wanted and supported it. We just couldn't get anyone locally to organize and take over the work of contest day." Now, Gynn spends a lot of time working with the Pioneer Museum and writing grants. For many years, she's also been District 10's Treasurer and has done the year-end audits of all the districts.

In April, the only birthday I know of is mine on the 26th. How time flies when you're having fun! I'm surprised we don't have more in April. If we don't have your special days, please let one of us know

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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## State Calendar

April 4-7	State Convention, Membership Meeting	Polk Co. Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR
May 3-6	Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake, OR (See District 1E's report)
June 1-2	Brookings Jamboree	Chetco Grange, Brookings Harbor (see District 5's report)
June 14-16	High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree	Burns, OR (see District 9's report)
June 18-23	National Fiddle Contest	Weiser, Idaho
July 16-19	Fiddle Camp (WCFCW) near Oakridge. Pre-Registration required. Check out <a href="http://www.fiddlecamp.org">www.fiddlecamp.org</a>	Scholarships available for youth.
August 3 (Friday)	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, OR
August 16-19	Winchester Bay Campout ("Fiddle at the Beach")	
September 6-8	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering	Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville, OR

### A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The **2018** Roster will be available beginning April 5 at the OOTFA Convention in Rickreall for \$2.50 each. Your district may have some to sell or you can have it mailed directly to you by sending \$5 (which includes Roster & shipping cost) to: Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Drive, Eugene, OR 97401.

See you at Convention!!!