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**2023
OREGON STATE
OPEN FIDDLE
CONTEST**

The 2023 Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest is history and what an exciting contest it was!

There were 61 contestants, including the 4 who entered the **Entertainment Showcase** only. The fiddling in every division was excellent and such a joy to hear. We all enjoyed the delicious food prepared by church members. Many thanks to all of you – contestants, accompanists, volunteers, families & friends of contestants, audience – everyone played a part in the success of the contest. See page 3 for contestants' names listed in order of placement. All contestants will receive an email of the tabulation spreadsheet for their division.

~ Eileen Walter, Contest Coordinator



**Grant Wheeler,
Adult Division Winner**



Evelyn Horner performed a lovely rendition of "Somewhere, Over the Rainbow" at the Fiddle Contest



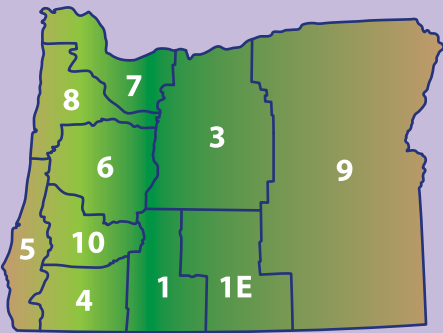
Elliot Christensen was the Small Fry Division winner



Perpetually young Patti Luse celebrated her 80th at Central Grange

Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association
Spring State Convention
 & Membership Meeting
 Thursday thru Saturday
 May 11-13, 2023
 Douglas County
 Fairgrounds
 1-5 Exit 123 Roseburg

Featured Workshops
 Bass Runs on the Guitar
 with Jerry Parks
 Polkas for the Fiddle
 with Judy McGarvey
 Guitar Backup with Frank Moore
 Fiddle Clinic with Linda Danielson
 Swing Class for competent guitar
 players with Nancy Yialouris
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 Mandolin Chords
 Contest Fiddling Workshop
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We really enjoyed the OOTFA State Fiddle Contest last Saturday (March 18th). I want to congratulate all those who participated and say "Thank You" to all of you who volunteered. We couldn't have done it without you. A special "Thank You" to **Eileen Walter** for making it happen! Great Job!

I look forward to seeing each of you as we gather at jams, campouts, gatherings, and the **OOTFA State Convention and Membership Meeting**, May 11th thru 13th.

Oregon has been chosen "Host State" for the **70th Annual National Old Time Fiddlers' Contest** being held June 19th thru 24th in Weiser, Idaho. There are benefits to being the Host State which include passes to several performances and being able to play 20 minutes on stage each evening to open the show. Let's see how many OOTFA members we can get to attend. More info to follow...

Let's keep playing, learning and having fun! ~ Cindy

2023 OOTFA Roster Coming Soon!

The **2023 OOTFA Roster** will be available at the end of April. You can either pick it up at the **State Convention** in Roseburg, May 11-13, for \$4 each or have a printed copy mailed to you at \$6 each. If you wish it sent to you, send money to **Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Drive, Eugene, OR 97401**.

A free PDF formatted Roster will be available about the same time. If you would like the PDF edition when it is available, **email Patti at pattiluse@comcast.net** putting 2023 PDF Roster in the subject of the email.

Along with the normal name, address, phone and email, we will list most of the instruments our members play. We are gathering that information now. If you do not attend your district events, contact your district membership chair or Patti, or call **541-915-3231 Right Now** to make sure we have that information. This is the first year we are doing it...since 2012... so it will take a year to get them all.

West Cascade Fiddle Camp

West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops 2023 will be held July 17-20 in Pleasant Hill. Please visit fiddlecamp.net, go to "sign-up" to enroll.

Please provide a separate form for each member of your family who will be registering. In the next day or two our website fiddlecamp.net will be updated with all camp details, class and workshop descriptions, along with biographies of the instructors. If you have any questions, please email or call me any time. I hope to see you all at camp again in July.

Brookings Jamboree

April 14th and 15th at the Chetco Grange in Brookings
See District 5 Report on page 5 for more information

Christmas Valley Campout

May 3 - 7 at the Booster Building in Christmas Valley
See next month's District 1E Report for more information





Final Standings

Small Fry Division:

Elliot Christensen (Certified)	Portland
Jayne Huguenin	Post Falls
William Connell	Portland
Clark Huguenin	Post Falls
Asa Brewster	Winchester
Cora Wadsworth	Roseburg
Bradley Travis Guptill	Keiser
Luna Tipton-Johnson	Eugene

Junior Division:

Leah Huguenin	Post Falls
Natalie Eileen Guptill (Certified)	Keiser
Mia Dawson	Portland
Tatum Tanchuk	Vancouver, WA
Mary Weston	West Linn
Gretchen Ropp	Lebanon

Adult Division:

Grant Wheeler (Certified)	Portland
Jeanine Orme	Beaverton
Aaron Fewkes	Merifan, ID
Megan Lepschat	Forest Grove
Jessica Bartlett	Sandy

Senior Senior Division:

Starr McMullen (Certified)	Corvallis
Mary Cooper	Spokane
Barbara Curtis	Davenport, WA
Bob Heinith	Port Townsend
Tom Clausen	West Linn
Donna Wynn	Springfield
Jerry Parks	Lebanon
Judy McGarvey	Medford
Carrie Ann Dye	Olympia, Wa

Entertainment Showcase Division:

Tabby Gholi/Eileen Walter	Lake Oswego/Portland
Grant Wheeler	Portland
Doug Fleener	Gresham
Evelyn Horner	Monroe
Donna Reuter	Hood River
Jonathan Trawick	Portland
Bob Heinith	Port Townsend
Kiersten Doggett	Albany
Jerry Parks	Lebanon
Annabel Kroontje	Salem
Cindy Crane	Selma
Judy McGarvey/Matthew Baker	Medford/Eagle Point

Oldest Fiddler:

Evelyn Horner 92 Monroe

Youngest Fiddler:

Bradley Travis Guptill Keiser

Junior Junior Division:

Nina Kuhl (Certified)	Eugene
Megan Nave	Bend
Helen Huguenin	Post Falls
Emily Fewkes	Meridian, ID
Sadie Melton	Happy Valley
Lucille Reynolds	Roseburg
Carson Tremper	Portland
Julia Smith	Portland
Dayne Ropp	Lebanon
Genevieve Joy Perata	Portland
Amelia Mehlhoff	Willamina
Leo Wadsworth	Roseburg

Young Adult Division:

Tabby Gholi (Certified)	Lake Oswego
Matthew Baker	Eagle Point
Saxon Ropp	Lebanon
Kiersten Doggett	Albany
Felicia Jordan-Winn	Portland

Senior Division:

Sheila Wright	Post Falls
Martha Hughes (Certified)	Salem
Kelly Wadsworth	Roseburg
Robert Waterhouse	Lebanon
Cat McClintock	West Linn

Championship Division:

Tashina Lindley	Mt Shasta, CA
Andy Emert (Certified)	Portland
Doug Fleener	Gresham
Gary Schuh	Portland
Lorelei Hein	Sherwood
Donna Reuter	Hood river
Jonathan Trawick	Portland

Top 5 Accompanists:

Rod Anderson – 55 times on stage	Spokane, WA
Andy Emert – 35 times on stage	Portland
Doug Fleener – 16 times on stage	Gresham
Joe Sites – 14 times on stage	Rigsby, ID
Sheila Wright & Carolyn Huguenin tie – 10 times on stage	Post Falls

Volunteers:

Meg Graf	Linda Parks	Mike Schneider
Erin McMullen	Lisa Ponder	B J Tighe
Robin Lindsey	Talley Richardson	Nancy Yialouris
Patti Luse	Chuck Roehrich	



Nina Kuhl
Junior Junior Winner



Leah Huguenin
Junior Winner



Sheila Wright
Senior Division



Martha Hughes
Certified, Senior Div.



Andy Emert
Certified Chanpionship



Tabby Gholi
Young Adult Winner



Starr McMullen
Senior Senior Winner

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April Events

5 Meeting @ Johnny's House 11:30 pm
 6 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm
 27 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm
 Johnny Rogers every Wednesday 9 am

Practice at Johnny Rogers' House every Wednesday at 9:00. If you would like to come later that is fine too. We usually finished about noon.

If you remember last month, I said I wondered if the Klamath Basin would come in like a lion or a lamb. The lion roared. We have had almost more snow than we have had all winter. We had to cancel a lot of our practices and care home performances. Needless to say, it was a very quiet month for us. It's so special when the residents are so excited to see us each month at the care centers. We have had one lady asking for an autographed picture of all us. We have gotten that accomplished and plan on giving it to her this month.

We have become aware that on the District 1 roster there are members that we haven't seen for a while and would sure like you to come and join us.

Congratulation to all the **State Fiddle Contest** participants, and a special thank you to all who worked so hard to make it happen.

Johnny shares this thought for all of us, "Happiness is: A good tune and a good friend".

Wishing Happy Birthday to all of our April members. Have a special day.

Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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Well it's that time again, snow just keeps a coming, not deep, just makes for slick roads.

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April Events

- 10 **Western Swing Workshop** 6 pm
 Hosted by LeRoy Newport, 2105 NW 12th, Redmond. These are instructional workshops (not jam sessions). Each workshop will feature about 6 tunes. Instruction will include the use of multi-media backgrounds. For further info contact LeRoy (see contact info above).
- 19 **Board of Directors Meeting** 6 pm
 All members are welcome. Home of LeRoy Newport, 215 NW 12th Street, Redmond. For further info contact LeRoy.
- 23 **Dance at Terrebonne Grange** 1 - 4 pm
 8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, One block off Highway 97, behind the Pump House Grill
- 24 **Western Swing Workshop** 6 pm
Every Monday Jam Sessions 3:30 - 5:30 pm
 Hosted by Jeannette Bondsteel at 1898 NW Davidson Way, Terrebonne, OR. The jams will be at whatever level the jammers want to play at. If it's primarily beginners, we will stick to beginner level. If it's primarily intermediate or advanced level players, then we will play at that level. Contact Jeannette at 541-410-5146 or jbond@bendcable.com for further info.

The length of time of our monthly dances at the Terrebonne Grange has been changed. Beginning time is still 1:00 p.m. Ending time is 3:00 p.m. Coffee and snacks are available. Bring your fiddle, guitar, mandolin or other appropriate acoustic instruments. The public is welcome, so invite your family and friends to come and dance or just listen to some fun music. *continued on next page*

Still jamming at **Rosa Lee's**, Thursday nights 4 to 7 and **Chamber of Commerce**, second Saturday of each month, noon till we quit; always a good time.

Looking forward to **Christmas Valley Jam**, May 3 to 7, Sounds like a good crowd will be there. The coffee pot will be on and music in the air!

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

District 3 continued

District 3 members have been busy in March 2023. **Rose Wittenauer** played at the Bowman Museum in Prineville. **Chance Mott** played "Orange Blossom Special" at the 49th annual **Prineville Follies**. His backup guitarist was **Brian Hansen**, whose grandfather, **Bob Hansen**, was one of the founders of OOTFA in Central Oregon. Go to the **YouTube** link to see Brian and Chance on stage: [Click Here!](#)

Jeannette Bondsteel and **Marlene Stevens** took three young fiddlers to Bend to jam with **Amy Stinard**. Amy is a long time OOTFA member and an established leader of Old Time Jams in the Bend area. This was the first jam for young fiddlers **Neveah Davidson** and **Genessa Ferris**. Jeannette Bondsteel is trying to put together a group of young fiddlers to go to the **OOTFA Convention** in Roseburg in May of this year.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

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A little March snow storm put a damper on the District 4 monthly jam at the meeting hall in Rogue River, however, in the room the music was inviting some visitors to get out on the floor and dance. The musicians kept the audience involved with a sing along tune too. The musicians finished out the month with a performance on March 17, **St. Patrick's Day**, at the Weatherly Senior Facility.

The **OOTFA State Fiddle Contest** was held in Lebanon on March 18. **Judy McGarvey** and **Matthew Baker** drove up to compete in the contest. Judy entered the Sr.-Sr. division and Matthew in the Young Adult division. They both performed in the Entertainment Showcase division.

The April monthly meeting and jam will be held on April 1 at the **Roxy Ann Grange**. This is a very important meeting as the members will be voting for new officers, so please plan to attend. The meeting will begin at 11:30, warm up jam at 12:30 and the Sign up jam 1-3:00.

The **Brookings Jamboree** will be held on April 14-15 at the **Chetco Grange**. All members are invited to come to the coast and join the fun. The **OOTFA State Convention** will be held at the **Douglas County Fairgrounds** in Roseburg on May 10-13. There will be plenty of room to jam and enjoy meeting friends from around the state.

Looking forward to the month of May. District 4 has been invited to perform at the **Vintage Fair** in Eagle Point on May 20. Later that month on April 27th at 1:00 pm the district will play music for the **Roxy Ann Grange Arts and Crafts and Garage Sale**.

Happy Spring from all of us in District 4

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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April Events

- 1 Potluck/Jam in Scottsburg 11 am (all day)**
Combined District 5 & 10 Event
- 4 Pacific View Gig, Bandon 1:30 - 2:30 pm**
- 11 Practice at Inland Point 1 - 3 pm**
- 14 & 15 Brooking Jamboree Chetco Grange**
97895 Shopping Center Ave on Brookings Harbor
Friday, OOTFA jams all day!
Saturday, Performance day for the public on stage; Show, Lunch, Raffle, Music!
- 18 Island Point Gig 2 - 3 pm**
- 25 Practice at Inland Point 1 - 3 pm**

It's sure a happy change from our past several years and now we have lots to look forward to! First, we have the combined **District 10 and 5 Potluck and Jam** to be held in Scottsburg on April 1. This was conceived and concocted by District 10's **Joe Ross** and our **Luke VerHagen**, who, by the way, lives in Scottsburg. We reported on this last month, but again, the event takes place at the **Scottsburg Hall** located right on main street. Parking is tight, so consider car-pooling. Members of both districts will contribute to the potluck. Members with last names beginning with letters A - H, please bring a salad; I - P, a main dish;

Our Membership Meeting on Saturday, February 18, was just a little more exciting than usual, since we found we are beginning to plan several events.

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Tune of the Month

Thanks to Donna Wynn and Robin Lindsey of District 6 for this month's tune

Jay Ungar is an American folk musician and composer. Ungar was born in the Bronx, New York City. He frequented Greenwich Village music venues during his formative period in the 1960s.

In the late 1960s, he became a member of **Cat Mother** and the **All Night News Boys** and later, the **Putnam String County Band**.

Although he performs with **David Bromberg**, he is probably best known for "**Ashokan Farewell**" (1982), composed as a lament, and used as the theme tune to the Ken Burns documentary "**The Civil War**" (1990).

Many of his other compositions are familiar as contradance tunes, notably "**The Wizard's Walk**."

Jay's music can be found performed by himself as well as many others on YouTube



Jay Ungar

The Wizard's Walk

Jay Ungar (C)1995

Musical score for "The Wizard's Walk" by Jay Ungar. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of several sections: A1, A2, B, and Coda. Chord symbols are provided above the notes.

A1

Em Em Em B7 Em

Am Am Am E7 Am

A2

B7 C B7 C(Am)

B7 C B7 C B7

B

Em B7 D A

C Em Edim B7sus4 B7 D.C al Coda

Coda

Em Em B7 Em

District 5 continued

and Q - Z, well, you guys get to bring dessert. This begins at 11:00 am, with the music to which the public is invited, begins at 1:00 pm, ending at 3:00 pm. We thank Luke and Joe for their creative ideas and we are anxious to participate in this event which marks our emergence from winter, more or less. It will be terrific! And if you are trying to decide whether to come or not, please do come! You'll be happy you did.

The next event to plan is the **Brookings Jamboree** scheduled for April 14th and 15th at the **Chetco Grange** in Brookings. We designated duties for the event, including a raffle, which will be organized by **Ruth Weyer**. **Dawn Vonderlin** presented the t-shirts she designed for the Jamboree and there will be a nice selection of colors in both ladies and men's sizes. Friday will be devoted to us guys, OOFTA, and we will jam all day. Saturday is devoted to performances with the public invited to come enjoy the show. Lunch will be prepared by the Chetco Grange crew. Everything looks like it is set for another much anticipated event in Brookings. Don't forget that overnight reservations can be made by calling **Wild Rivers Motorlodge**, 877-469-5361 in Brookings. If you mention **Dawn Vonderlin's** name, that is a **Golden Key** to receiving a discount, since they will know you are a member of OOFTA. So, see? It sometimes is a great advantage to be a fiddler, *and* to know Dawn! We sure hope to see you at this great State-wide event.

Next up for event planning was the fun task of choosing a theme for our annual **Winchester Bay Campout** in August. Shall I reveal the theme? Yes, yes, because this will give you all time to come up with your song and even maybe an "act" to go with it, for our Friday night stage show which we traditionally base on the theme. So many clever ideas come to play and this is always a super good time seeing what our creative fellow musicians have come up with! So, okay—drum roll please..... the theme for our **August Campout**, will be "Across the U.S. States, Landmarks and Waterways" This great suggestion was voted the favorite and most versatile of all the very good suggestions we discussed at our meeting. **Robin O'Neill** was the creative mind who came up with it. Thanks, Robin! Now everybody please be thinking of themed songs and acts to go with the songs! Stay "tuned!" More information to follow in time.

Then, as is our custom, we adjourned to the big room after enjoying some finger food snacks, to play on the stage for the public and anyone who wished to hear some good old music. I think perhaps we would all agree, one significant standout highlight, was when our **Linda Sweatt**, took her turn, stepped up to the mic on stage,



Linda Sweatt, in rapturous mid-song, performing "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose", which she dedicated to her Valentine, her husband, Dana

gracefully swept her hand over us, and declared, "For this song, I won't need back-up. It's for a Special Someone." And with that, she began to sing, her lovely voice delivered not only a beautiful performance of "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose", but also an expressive tribute to her valentine, her dear husband, **Dana**, who was sitting supportively as he always does, in the back, smiling, pleased and proud! It was a wonderful and moving moment and we were lucky to have been there to be part of that sweetness.

That song, which is Scottish, was written by the poet, **Robert Burns** in 1794. You can see we've included the photo of the very moment Linda delivered that song to her valentine! Too bad we couldn't have included Dana in the photo also, but he was not to be captured. Except by his wife!

We certainly hope to see you on April 1st in Scottsburg and also April 14th and 15th in Brookings. Until then, keep the music and the friendship flowing!

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

New OOTFA Members • April 2023

Dave Crane	Lebanon (6)
Deborah Jay	Burns (9)
Amanda, Ryan, Hazel & Amelia Mehlhold	Willamina (8)
Phyllis Moses	Lakeview (1E)
Leo Raymond	Burns (9)
Kevin Robinson	Portland (7)
J T Trawick	Portland (7)
Brian Weidner	New Pine Creek (1E)

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April Events

- 1 Intermediate Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 6 Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam 1 - 3 pm**
Corvallis Community Center
- 7 Eugene Hotel Jam 7 - 8:30 pm**
222 E Broadway, Eugene
- 8 Central Grange Jam 10:30 am**
87200 Central Road, Across from Fern Ridge
- 10 Beginning Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene
- 14 Kids' Fiddle Jam 6:30 - 8 pm**
Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com
- 21 Ya-Po-Ah Terrace Jam 7:00 pm**
350 Pearl Street, Eugene

Congratulations are in order for all who participated in the Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest in Lebanon on March 18. It was a splendid day full of great music and seeing old friends. District 6 Contestants at the **State Fiddle Contest** were **Luna Tipton-Johnson** in Small Fry; **Nina**

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April Events

- 1 Sunnyside Garnage Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm**
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley

A busy month of "March Madness" for District 7 included a large gathering for our 1st Saturday Circle Jam at Sunnyside Grange, breaking out the green clothing and Irish tunes for a St. Patrick's Day show in Vancouver, and of course, the March 18 State Fiddle Contest in Lebanon. Since our April Circle Jam falls on April Fool's Day, we hope to hear some silly and novelty tunes during the jam.

Kuhl and Dayne Ropp in Junior-Junior, **Gretchen Ropp** in Junior, **Saxon Ropp** and **Kiersten Doggett** in Young Adult; **Robert Waterhouse** in Senior; **Starr McMullen, Donna Wynn** and **Jerry Parks** in Senior-Senior; **Evelyn Horner, Kiersten Doggett** and **Jerry Parks** in Entertainment Showcase.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of **Robert Edwin Strelow** (Kellogg, Idaho). He was born in Morenci, Arizona and passed away on March 2, 2023, at the age of 92 in Idaho. He was a hospital administrator before moving to Oakridge where he lived until about 2 years ago. He was the music director at our first **WCFCW Fiddle Camp** in Westridge Middle School. His interest was in big band music and played the violin in that venue for many many years.



Addison Talbot

Gary Baran would like to give away his collection of "Sing Out!" magazines from 1977 to 2007, which takes up about 30 inches of shelf space, along with 20 or so CDs of the songs on the more recent volumes. He also has a collection of the "Banjo Newsletter". Please call Gary if you'd like either of these collections at (541) 868-6750 or email at garybaran@gmail.com

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

Cascade Inn Assisted Living Center in Vancouver was the scene of our St. Patrick's Day gig. **Dave Altman** announced the tunes and provided some historical and cultural background. **Dave, Carol Ann Wheeler,** and **Claudia Zinser** led the group and provided solos.

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Patrick Connell, his son William, and Andy Emert during the Small Fry contest division

District 7 continued

Our district had many members who volunteered and/or were contestants at the annual **State Fiddle Contest**, held again this year at the Lebanon, Oregon Mennonite Church. There was much to do behind the scenes to help the contestants and organizers. **Connie Smith** was one of the "wranglers" (list organizers).

She was a big help with updating the posted lists, checking on the tabulators and judges, and distributing copies to contestants. **Jeanine Orme** entered the contest and played beautifully. She is well known as a teacher, music arranger, and her Mel Bay-published fiddle books. She was always cheerfully available to help the players and wranglers.

In the Small Fry division (ages 8 and younger), 8-year-old **William Connell** from District 7 was accompanied by his father **Patrick Connell** and **Andy Emert**. Patrick was well practiced and fun to hear, and an



District 7 members getting their Irish up at Cascade Inn Assisted Living Center

inspiration to us all. There were 23 contestants in the contest from District 7 (out of 61 total contestants) and there were 7 volunteers from District 7.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters
(grateful for assistance from Elaine Schmidt, Marcella Easley, and Dave Altman)

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April Events

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|----|---|------------------|
| 6 | Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home | 1 - 3 pm |
| | Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes | |
| 14 | Jam at Marilyn Owen's home | 1 - 3 pm |
| | RSVP 503-560-1258 | |
| 20 | Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home | 1 - 3 pm |
| | RSVP 503-560-1258 | |
| 22 | District 8 Monthly Jam & Meeting | 1 - 4 pm |
| | Marie Bailey's home | (Meeting 3-4 pm) |
| 29 | Salem Ag Fest Salem Fairgrounds | TBA |

Martha Hughes' classes will be the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the **Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community** on Wheatland Road. RSVP is required. Call her at 503-393-2271 or email her at: mh.hughes8@gmail.com.

April 15 gig at YCHS is canceled. (They have a new crew & made other arrangements).



Connie Smith and Jeanine Orme were among the many volunteers and contestants from District 7 at the Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest

We have been invited to play at the **Salem Ag Fest** April 29 at the **Salem Fairgrounds** in the Jackman Long Building. Time to be announced. Let **Marie** know if you can come and play. We need to know if we will have enough people to do this.

Gayle Clarity won 2nd place in her age division, "Young at Heart", in the March 11 Tucson contest. She also received a prize-coupon for being the "oldest fiddler" playing in the contest. "Young at Heart" was the first division to play in the contest and she was also "first up" in the contest. That was a "first" for her!"

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

District 9 Burns, John Day Area

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Having a private dance band is pretty special (Gordon and Marianne Andrews love it). We had a small but delightful gathering at our Sunday Potluck and Jam in March. Nine musicians played and about fourteen folks enjoyed the music. Our wonderful John Day contingent of **Ronda Metler**, **Ron Phillips** (plus brownies), **Carl Stinnett** and **Ben Johnson** came down again which really spruces up our band. Thanks to the many hands that make the work of putting on the jam lighter.

Chris Bates' husband, **Greg**, passed away suddenly, much to the shock of everyone. We send our sincerest sympathy to Chris, who is one of our hammered dulcimer players.

We've been invited to play at the **Archaeology Road Show**, June 24 at 2 pm.

District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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April Events

March 31	Curry Manor	2 - 3 pm
1	District 5 & 10 Potluck/Jam Scottsburg Community Center	11 am - 3 pm
4	The Landing	12 - 1 pm
15	Beginning Fiddle Class With Kelly Wadsworth & Sandy Harter	9 - 11 am
22	Sutherlin Senior Center Potluck & Jam	12 - 3 pm
26	Bridgewood Rivers	2 - 3 pm

Let's celebrate birthdays of **Frank McCracken** (April 2), **Mike Gillespie** (April 4), **Nancy Wolf** (April 9) and **yours truly** on April 26. If we forgot your special day, let us know. An old-time fiddler once told me, "Think old, and you'll be old. Think young, and you'll be a delusional old fart".

Don't forget to put the **High Desert Music Jamboree** on your calendar June 15, 16 and 17.

We will have an District 9 quarterly meeting in May.

We hope that by the time you receive this that the front yard will no longer be white. Wow, has Burns ever had a winter to remember!!!



District 9 dancers, Gordon and Marianne Andrews rarely sit down while the music plays

Congratulations to **Don Greenfield** for a fine presentation as the choir director at the **Spring Chamber Music Society** concert. Don also plays in the bell choir and the orchestra and, of course, the Friday Night Jams, which gives him four music nights a week.

The Friday Night Jams continue to be held at the **Hines City Hall** at 6:30 pm. We'd love to see you there. If

you are passing through and wish to join us, call a District 9 officer if more information is needed.

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

Beginning Fiddle Class is Saturday, April 15 at 9 am. Call **Kelly** at 541-643-7113. **Fiddles** and **JayDean Ludiker's "Learn to Play Fiddle"** book are available for loan. Come at 9 am if you're starting out. Come at 10 am if you're ready to learn a new tune.

Congrats to all who entered the **State Fiddle Contest** on March 18. We appreciate **Eileen Walter** and staff on another very successful event. At our February 25 meeting, District 10 members voted to make a \$1,000 donation to support the contest.

Mark your calendars with our three regular monthly gigs. **The Landing** is the First Tuesday from 12 - 1. **Bridgewood Rivers** is Fourth Wednesday from 2 - 3. Our monthly jam at **Sutherlin Senior Center** is Fourth Saturday from 12 - 3. We'll start having a

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small potluck again at the monthly jam. Watch the gig schedule for when we'll be at **Linus Oaks, Brookdale, Riverview Terrace, Curry Manor, Rose Haven** and elsewhere. Some of us will head over to the **Brookings Jamboree** on April 13-15.

A joint District 5 & 10 Potluck/Jam on Saturday, April 1 will be at **Scottsburg Community Center** (35066 Umpqua Hwy 138). Potluck 11 am. Circle Jam from 12 – 3 pm. All OOTFA folks are welcome to join us. If your last name begins with "A – H," bring a salad. If you're "I – Q," bring a casserole or main dish. "R – Z" bring a dessert. Carpool, if possible, as there is limited parking at Scottsburg Community Center.

State Convention in Roseburg will be May 10 - 13. Let **Jude** know if you can help with set up, decorations, posters, publicity, emcee duties, stage managing, sound reinforcement, workshops, refreshments, raffle or clean up. **Christine Cormack** coordinates workshops. The Committee also includes **Jim Kuether** and **Margot O'Sullivan**. On February 25, District 10 members made a \$1,000 donation from our treasury to support the convention.

District 10 weekly jams continue at varying sites. Clawhammer banjoman **Stan Moser** is back in town so look for him. Call **Jude Kuether** at 541-430-2080 for times and places. Our **Googlegroup** will keep you updated about jams and gigs as they come up. To subscribe, contact Jude and she'll email you the link.

Ruth Weyer (District 5) now heads up the **National Treasure Program**. OOTFA members (for at least five years and who are 80+ years old) should apply to Ruth. She has the form to fill out, or you can find it on **OOTFA's webpage** under "**Forms & Documents.**" If you see a little yellow "National Treasure" tag below a person's name tag, they are truly special. If you qualify, let Ruth Weyer know!

District members agreed to purchase five copies of **JayDean Ludiker's** "Learn to Play Fiddle" book (for beginners). She also has books called "Gospel



We are saddened that Colleen Hanks, a very active member of District 10, has passed

Fiddling", "Learn to Play More Fiddle Tunes", "Twin Fiddling", "Christmas Fiddling", and "Old Time Fiddle Tunes Our Dads Played". All have music notation, fiddle tablature, accompaniment chords, and CD with all tunes played at a moderate tempo. Info: www.LudikerMusic.com, call (509) 927-7529 or email jaydean1@earthlink.net.



District 10 sure does like making beautiful music

Election of our new district officers will take place at our May meeting. Jim and Jude Kuether are stepping down. We're very thankful for their years of hard work. If you'd be willing to serve in a leadership role, please let them know.

Mid-March was the "Wearing of the Green." Now, enjoy your "Sharing of the Green" on April 17 (tax day)!

Jam on! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Bethany Lander recently joined OOTFA's District 10

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Oldtime Fiddling and
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To encourage everyone,
especially young people,
to play the fiddle and
appreciate Oldtime Fiddling
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To Provide regular times
and places to meet and play
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[Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest](#) Benton County Fair
[District 3 Website](#) Central Oregon, Bend, Redmond, The Dalles
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OOTFA Event Calendar 2023

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Brookings
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Campout
- May 10-13 State Convention
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Roseburg
- June 15-17 High Desert Jamboree
Burns
- July 17-20 West Cascades
Fiddle Camp
Pleasant Hill
- Aug. 17-20 Winchester Bay
- Sept. 14-16 Central Oregon
Acoustic Music
Gathering
Prineville (Includes
Fall Board &
Membership
Meeting)



In Memoriam

Gregory Bates, of District 9, passed away earlier this month. We don't know too much at this time but condolences can be sent to his wife, **Christine**, and family at 63848 Hwy 205, Burns, OR 97720.

Janet Choate, Lifetime Member of OOTFA and a member of District 6, died unexpectedly on March 11. She and **Art** lived in Springfield most of their lives and have 2 boys. Condolences can be sent to Art and the family at 2545 38th St, Springfield. OR 97477.

Colleen Hanks, a Lifetime member of district 10, passed away on March 20. She held many positions in District 10 and we will miss her. Condolences can be sent to her daughters: **Allison Bolen**, 649 Gray Wolf, Grants Pass, OR 97526 and **Adrienne Peterson**, 356 Waterville Dr, Verdi, NV 89439

Bob Strelow, a fantastic fiddler and lifetime member, passed away on March 2. He was a member of District 6 until about 2 years ago when he moved to live with his daughter and son-in-law in Wardner, Idaho. Bob loved to fish and was an expert archer. He loved big band music and played long bowed dance music on his violin. Condolences can be sent to Bob's daughter and son-in-law, **Pamela & David Bearden**, at PO Box 358, Silverton, ID 83887.

Marcia Zellman, long time member of District 4 and a Lifetime Member died on March 7, 2023 and was predeceased by her husband **Bob Zellman**. Both were members of OOTFA. Marcia told her niece last year that she thoroughly enjoyed listening to our music and attending the many events while they were living in Oregon. Condolences can be sent to her sister and family at **Eva McGrath**, 550 Wayside Drive, #A-108, Turlock, CA 95380. Donations can be made in her memory to OOTFA.

(Editors Note: Please send any recent obituaries of OOTFA members or past OOTFA members to Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Dr., Eugene, OR 97401.)