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## Spring State Convention & Membership Meeting

Douglas County Fairgrounds

Thursday - Saturday

May 11-13, 2023

Show up on May 10th  
for early Meet 'N Greet  
(see details in article)

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It's that time of year and we are in the final stretch of planning for the **2023 OOTFA State Convention**. We've decided to ask folks to pre-register for the event. We promise it won't take long: just a few lines, some clicks, checks and then boom, baby! Submit by Monday, May 1st. It isn't necessary to do so in order to attend, but it will help us plan for the people, the fun and the food. If you don't have the form Patti emailed you, then find it [here](#).

### What's on the form?

- Registration for the many workshops being offered. This will be super helpful for the instructors to know how many plan to attend.
- Band scramble - are ya' gonna join in the fracas?
- A couple of other minor things
- Plus a spot for those who are willing to assist with setting up and tearing down.

**Want to kick off things early?** Please join us for the **OOTFA Meet 'N Greet** on Wednesday, May 10th, 4 pm -10 pm at the **Douglas County Fairground RV Park** at sites 5 & 6. **Patti & Ken Luse** along with **Linda & Jerry Parks** are hosting. Bring potluck finger foods to share, beverage of your choice, a chair and jam away!

**Anything else?** Why yes, there will be opportunity for raffle tickets to win some really cool stuff. If you have anything to donate, please bring it. Each district will be donating a goodie basket for the raffle as well. All proceeds go to OOTFA. The raffle reveal is Saturday evening. And no, you don't technically have to be there to win, but it sure is fun to revel in joy of the winners.

And...the **Douglas County Quilters** will again grace the hall with their beautiful work.

**We look forward to seeing you all there.** It's such a great time to reconnect with friends from across the districts, learn some new licks, jam til our fingers are sore and dance a few steps.

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### Swingin' in Scottsburg

Gathering  
coordinated by  
Joe Ross and  
Luke VerHagen

Mapril Combs &  
Charlotte VerHagen,  
Kitchen Manager for  
the event



Folks from several districts get together and make some music

Hello All, As I write this report, we are heading to the **Brookings Jamboree** and anticipating all the fun to be had there! On April 1st **Ron** and I attended the **Old-Time Music Jam and Potluck** in Scottsburg, hosted by District 5 and District 10. Thank you to **Luke VerHagen** and **Joe Ross** for putting this great event together and to all the OOTFA members who came out and shared the wonderful music, friendship, and food! Thank you to **Luke** and **Charlotte** for hosting Ron and I at their home.

Our **OOTFA State Convention and Membership Meeting** is just around the corner, May 11th thru 13th. It is very important that as many of you as possible attend the Membership Meeting on Saturday morning, May 13th at 8:30 am. We will be voting on the Proposed Bylaws, Proposed Standing Rules and holding the election of State Officers. Plus, we will be recognizing this years' recipients of the **Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award** and the **Bill Yohey Award**. **Patti Luse** has sent out the agenda for the meeting. Please let us know if you did not receive it. This is all happening at the **Douglas County Fairgrounds** in Roseburg. It was voted to hold the meeting early so that we could get busy playing music sooner! Coffee and muffins will be available. See you there!

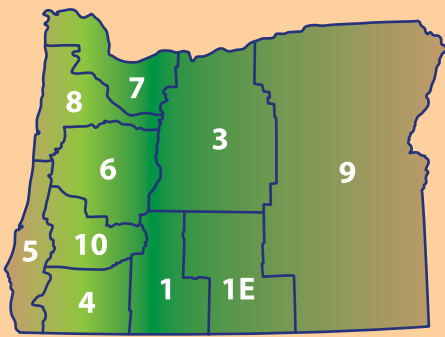
**Eileen Walter** has announced that she is retiring from the position of **State Fiddle Contest Chairman**. She has done an excellent job of keeping our annual contest running smoothly and being a well respected contest. We are now searching for our next Chairperson. The good news is that Eileen has offered to aid in the selection and training of our new Chair. Please contact me with your interest, questions and/or ideas. Again, a huge **Thank You** to Eileen for her hard work and devotion! Let's keep playing, learning, making friends and having fun! ~ Cindy

## West Cascade Fiddle Camp

**July 17-20**  
**Pleasant Hill**  
[fiddlecamp.net](http://fiddlecamp.net)

## Christmas Valley Campout

**May 3 - 7 at the**  
**Booster Building**  
**in Christmas Valley**



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**2023 OOTFA ROSTER**



The **2023 OOTFA Membership Roster** will be available on **May 1**. It is \$4 (\$6 mailed). NEW THIS YEAR...the instrument(s) members play will be included. This is the most up to date information on members with their current contact information. Members who are using an older copy...to save spending \$4... are missing out with wrong emails, phone number and even addresses. It is worth receiving your very own copy. The PDF Roster will be available too. To get your own copy, pick up at Convention 2023 in Roseburg, mail the \$6 to Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Drive, Eugene, OR 97401 or to get the PDF Roster, put OOTFA ROSTER PDF in Subject line and email [pattiluse@comcast.net](mailto:pattiluse@comcast.net)

# 2023 OOTFA Spring Convention

## Schedule of Events



Hall opens 8:00 am; set up fast and let's get to jammin' 🎵

### Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

8:00 am – 11:59pm Open jamming throughout the hall

9:00 – 11:00 am	Adult Beginning Fiddle - Kelly Wadsworth	* Band scramble sign-ups are due by 1pm * Bands posted by 2pm * Find time to rehearse!
10:30 - 11:30 am	Guitar Bass Runs - Jerry Parks	
12:00 – 1:00 am	Swing Guitar/Movable guitar chords - Nancy Yialouris	
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Irish fiddle – Dave Altman   Dance – Jerry & Linda Parks	
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Youth Fiddle - Kelly Wadsworth	

6:30 -9:30 pm Band Scramble Show Time!

### Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

Open jamming throughout the hall

9:00 – 11:00 am	Adult Beginning Fiddle – Kelly Wadsworth	Fiddle Polkas – Judy McGarvey
10:30 -11:30 am	Guitar Backup – Frank Moore	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Fiddle contest clinic – Starr McMullen	Mandolin Double stops - Bill O'Sullivan
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Mando Chords - Dave Altman	Fiddle double stops & more - Allison Lindley
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Youth Fiddle – Kelly Wadsworth	Mandolin Twin & Triple - Joe Ross

6:30 -9:30 pm Dancing to the Old Time Fiddler Music

### Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Open jamming throughout the hall – EXCEPT during membership meeting

9:00 – 11:00 am	Youth Fiddle – Kelly Wadsworth	8:30 – 10:30 am – Membership meeting
10:30 - 11:30 am	Beginning Bass- Joe Ross	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Fiddle Clinic – Linda Danielson	12:00 – 2:00 pm – Celtic Jamming Session
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Fiddle Rags - Judy McGarvey	
2:30 – 5:00 pm	District Show Case and Youth Fiddlers	

6:30 – 9:30 pm Open Mic

Now it's time to help! Please pitch in and help us clean the hall before 11:59 PM

### **DINING at the Convention:**

- Hospitality Table - For Beverages And Snacks in the building
- One food truck - Located near the Building

**A Couple of miles away In Roseburg, all the usual fast food places at all exits**

**I-5 Exit 124:** Thai: Bangkok West • Family: McMenimans & Denny's • Japanese: Ami's Sushi , Sushi and Roll.

**I-5 Exit 125:** Family: Brix 527, Casey's, Elmers, Red Robin & Sizzler • Chinese: Chen's Family Dish, Chi's Garden, Kowloons, Lee's • Thai: Thai 7 • Indian: Shantis Indian Cuisine • Mexican: Los Dos Amigo, Gilbertos

- Italian: Dino' s Pizza: Abby's, Old Soul Pizza, Dominos, Loggers, Round Table • Japanese: Sakura, Ami Sushi & BBQ
- Fine Dining: Parrott House, True

**I-5 Exit 127:** Family: Applebees, Shari's

# 2023 OOTFA Convention

## Workshops

### Fiddle

#### **FIDDLE ADULT BEGINNING FIDDLE** with Kelly Wadsworth

Always dreamed of playing fiddle? This class is for you. No experience needed. We'll start from the very beginning! Need a violin? We can solve that problem too... call me for information! 541 643 7113. (beginner)

**YOUTH FIDDLE** with Kelly Wadsworth (beginner/intermediate) We invite all youth to join us for an intro to fiddling. If you play with an orchestra, or just want to branch out a little, you will enjoy this class. We'll learn a couple tunes, practice a few scales (the key to playing by ear), and become familiar with some standard fiddle rhythms. Rosin' up your bow and come on down!

**IRISH FIDDLE** with Dave Altman What are the tune categories for "Irish Fiddle?" This year's workshop will be an introduction to what constitutes the categories if you want to hang out with an Irish jam at any level. Depending on time constraints and interest, we will learn a tune to practice hearing each category, starting with Slow Airs, Double Jigs, Slip Jigs, Hornpipes, Marches, and Reels. (intermediate/advanced)

**ADDING DOUBLE STOPS** for fiddle with Allison Lindley In this workshop we will apply drone notes, and one and two finger chords to add fullness and old-timey flavor: Westphalia Waltz G, Kentucky Waltz C, Soldiers Joy D. Handouts to take home: Old Joe Clark A, Bile them Cabbage Down A, First 3 notes of Faded Love D, Last time variation through Goodbye Liza Jane G, Ida Red A, and The Yellow Rose of Texas D. (advanced beginner/intermediate)

**RAGS FOR FIDDLE** with Judy McGarvey Learn a couple old-time rags. Why, what and how -- and we'll make the hall swing (advanced beginner/intermediate)

**POLKAS FOR FIDDLE** with Judy McGarvey Learn some lively polkas to get your audience dancing. All levels of play. Let's have fun. (advanced beginner/intermediate)

**CONTEST FIDDLE** with Starr McMullen Playing in a contest can be intimidating, especially for the first time. However, preparing to play in a contest will improve your fiddling overall by making you work on tone, rhythm, and overall fiddle feel. In this workshop Starr McMullen, two-time National Fiddling Champion and veteran contestant and fiddle judge, will answer your questions and provide advice on how to best present your fiddling. Participants should come with a proposed three tune round (Hoedown, Waltz, and tune of choice other than a waltz or hoedown) for discussion and possible demonstration. (intermediate/advanced)

**FIDDLE CLINIC: IDEAS, PROBLEMS, SOLUTIONS** with Linda Danielson Let's explore what you've been playing lately, what's been giving you problems, what you've learned about the fiddle that you could share to help somebody else. What's a good tune you've learned and why is it good? What happens when your bow squeaks and shudders? Why do your shoulders hurt when you play? Is there an easier way to do the hard stuff?--or anything else you want to talk about. It's an open roundtable. (all levels)

### Guitar

**GUITAR BASS RUNS ON THE GUITAR** with Jerry Parks A few simple bass runs when going between chords can really add to the sound of your rhythm playing. In this workshop we'll cover several of these simple runs that can be used when playing in any key. We'll work on these with vocals and fiddle tunes. (advanced beginner/intermediate)

**GUITAR BACKUP** with Frank Moore Behind every successful musician is a great backup band. The fiddle player is the boss and director. Learn how to play backup guitar so the boss looks great and the performance shines. (intermediate/advanced)

**SWING GUITAR/MOVABLE CHORDS FOR GUITAR** with Nancy Yialouris This class will offer moveable chord forms for experienced and competent players who want to move out of the first 3 frets and enrich their repertoire. Must have a good ear to hear chord changes. It will be light on theory and long on listening. We will cover 4-5 swing tunes depending on time. If you hear a tune on media and can sit down and play what you heard, this class is for you! (intermediate/advanced)

### Mandolin

**CHORDS FOR MANDOLIN** with Dave Altman Mandolins can often be great backup instruments for Old-Time fiddle music. Chords can be sharp and crisp to provide the steady beat and percussion for string groups. This session will give practical information to create chords with 2, 3, or 4 finger configurations. We will cover all major keys and their minor or "crooked" companion keys. (beginner/intermediate)

**TWIN AND TRIPLE MANDOLIN** with Joe Ross Explore the joys of playing twin and triple mandolin parts for common fiddle tunes like Ashoken Farewell, Snow Deer, Red Wing, Soldier's Joy, Red Haired Boy, Far Away, Liberty, St. Anne's Reel, March of St. Timothy and more. Using tablature, we'll play through several tunes to get comfortable with using a descant or harmony to embellish a jam and complement others' playing. By workshop's end, we'll sound like a well-greased mandolin orchestra. Fiddlers are welcome to bring their mandolins. (intermediate/advanced; must read tabs)

**DOUBLE STOPS ON MANDOLIN** with Bill O'Sullivan Learn basic fundamentals of building and using double stops in a simple chord progression. We'll learn the relationships of the different 2 chord positions. We'll also learn to use the positions to play up the neck. Some very basic theory will be covered. (beginner/intermediate)

### Bass

**BEGINNING BASS** with Joe Ross Get started on the BIG fiddle and be the coolest player of the band. (beginner)

### Dance

**DANCE TO OLDTIME MUSIC** with Jerry and Linda Parks Get out on the dance floor and have some fun. Learn some smooth moves you can try when not being in the band. (all levels)

# 2023 OOTFA Spring Covention • Nearby Lodging/Motels

The first three motels have a reduced rate when you identify that you are with the fiddlers.

• **I-5 Exit 124:**

**Riverfront Inn** 541-672-4836. 315 W Harvard Ave as for ground floor-no elevator  
\$104.00 plus tax Garden View or \$94.00 plus tax City View  
Pet: \$10.00 per night, service animal-no charge  
Outdoor pool, nice park riverside. By far the closest to the fairgrounds.'

• **I-5 Exit 127:**

**Motel 6** 541-464-6800 Next to Shari's \$69.99 plus tax \$5/night for fridge & Microwave

**Super 8** 541-672-8880

Other motels in the area include:

• **I-5 Exit 125:**

**Best Western-Garden Villa** 541-672-1601

Comfort Inn & Suites 541-957-1100

Hampton Inn 541-492-1212

Howard Johnson 541-673-5082

• **I-5 Exit 124:**

**Baymont by Wyndham** 541-672-6684

**RV PARK – Douglas County Fairgrounds**

<https://properties.camping.com/douglas-county-fair-ground-rv-park/Reservations>

If you are having difficulty finding affordable accommodations, please call Jude Stensland Kuether for more information. 541-430-2080

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### May Events

11 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm

25 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm

Johnny Rogers every Wednesday 9 am

if you can't be there at 9, come later, we practice till noon

**Our big NewsBreak for the May Hoedowner is that Terry McLain came by for our practice.** It was good to see and hear him after the long winter. District 1 had a quarterly meeting last month and did some officer changes. Noranne Sparks will now be Chair and Frank Ayers will be Co-Chair. All of the other officers will stay the same.

We are still continuing our practices every Wednesday at **Johnny's**, and our two care centers as well. It won't be long and the **Farmers' Market** will be starting and we are hoping to play there as well. I mentioned last month that a lady at the care center had requested a picture of us all. We got the picture accomplished and presented it to her. We had one big happy smile in return. Now we have been asked by a little lady for a sing-a-long book for the old songs we play. We love to please them.



Noranne & Edna with an OOTFA admirer

Spring arrived for a little while enough to make it a little greener in the Basin, looking forward to more. Wishing Happy Birthday to all of our May members. Have a special day. Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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**Well here we go again.** Not much is going on in our world. Still jamming at Rosa Lee's on Thursday nights. Always a good time. Our Saturday Jam at **Chamber of Commerce** was also fun! We are ready for Christmas Valley. **The McLain Jam** is just around the corner. My phone number has changed to 541-219-6152 if ya need to get a hold of me.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

### New OOTFA Members • May 2023

Russell Abresch Woodburn (8)

Bunny and Judie Hanks Gold Beach (5)

Micki McRee Woodburn (8)

Amanda, Ryan, Hazel Willamina (8)

& Amelia Mehlhoff

Adam Twyman Myrtle Point (5)

# HOEDOWNER

## Tune of the Month

Thanks to  
David Altman of  
District 7 for this  
month's tune

The origin of this tune is somewhat obscure. Lafayette was popularized by **Kirk McGee** in the 1960s. Kirk was a regular fiddler on the **Grand Ole Opry** at that time, and according to the **The Fiddler's Companion**, Kirk said in an interview

in 1965 that the tune was "an old Civil War tune." I learned this version in the 1970s from an Oregon fiddler who we would play with occasionally, **Ruthie Dornfeld**. When I play Lafayette, it feels like this tune works well using the Georgia shuffle bowing pattern in various parts. Also, the only recording from online research that sounded similar to me can be found at <https://www.slippery-hill.com/content/lafayette> or by typing "slippery-hill lafayette" in your search engine.



David Altman will be teaching both fiddle and mandolin workshops at the upcoming OOTFA Convention, May 11-13

## Lafayette

(original transcription by D. Altman; source - Ruthie Dornfeld)

traditional

♩ = 140

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D G D A

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**So many learning opportunities!** The Monday Jams are great practice for all of us, but especially for those of you are relatively new to old-time fiddle and acoustic music. With practice, you can develop an "ear" for chords changes, and tunes. At jams, you are not performing for an audience, so you can concentrate on developing your skills. The Western Swing Workshops are for those who want to play music that rates high on the danceability and fun-to-listen-to scales. It's a blend of various types of music --- old-time, country, swing, traditional jazz and more often with the fiddle playing a starring role,

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**Well...The April showers really did bring the May flowers which are busy proclaiming "SPRING" all over our valley.**

The April District 4 Monthly Meeting and Jam was held at **Roxy Ann Grange** on April 1st. The room was decorated with bouquets of lovely colorful spring flowers by **Carol Ferrara**. **Judy McGarvey** called the meeting to order for the business of electing new officers who will take office after the convention. The slate of members standing for election were: Chairperson; **Melissa Taylor**, Vice Chairperson; **Judy McGarvey**, Secretary; **Ron Bolstad**, Treasurer; **Christa Price**, and all were elected by vote of the members present. **Judy McGarvey** and **Barbara Basden** were thanked for their past service to the district. **Carol Ferrara** will continue as Membership Chairperson.

At this time I am not able to play my fiddle so I had the pleasure of sitting in the audience for the monthly jam. The musicians were going to play to full house, the largest audience since the COVID outbreak began. With the six fiddlers standing before the back up musicians, the music began with all musicians playing together. I was so impressed with and extremely proud of the musical magic the group created. For two hours the musicians played

## May Events

- 8 Western Swing Workshop 6 pm**  
Hosted by LeRoy Newport, 2105 NW 12th, Redmond.  
For further info contact LeRoy (see contact info above)
- 10 Board Meeting 6 pm**  
All members are welcome. Home of LeRoy Newport  
For further info contact LeRoy (see above)
- 22 Western Swing Workshop 6 pm**
- 28 Dance at Terrebonne Grange 1 - 3 pm**  
8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, One block off  
Highway 97, behind the Pump House Grill
- Every Monday Jam Sessions 3:30 pm**  
Hosted by Jeannette at 1898 NW Davidson Way, Terrebonne.  
541-410-5146 or jbond@bendcable.com for further info.

Now that spring is here and the mountain passes will be clear, we welcome OOTFA members from other districts to our activities, especially the Dance at the **Terrebonne Grange**. Come enjoy springtime in beautiful Central Oregon!

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

the old-time tunes and included the audience with several familiar sing-a-longs. I heard comments from the audience; "beautiful music", "lovely afternoon", and questions of when the group would be back playing again. The audience filed out with smiles and many thank-yous for a lovely afternoon.

Activities this month begin with a **May Day** celebration at the **Madrone Trail** school at 12:00. The **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association Convention** will be held at The Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg, May 11-13. There will be many opportunities to visit with friends from around the state. There are several workshops scheduled and of course lots of music. May 17th will have the **Children's Heritage Fair** at **Hanley Farm** at 12:00. School age children will be attending. The district will be playing for the **Vintage Fair** in Eagle Point May 20 at noon. We will gather by the Mill and we really need a good turnout for this big crowd-pleaser. The month will round out with a performance for the members of the **Roxy Ann Grange Garage Sale and Fair**. The members have been so good to us do we need to come play for this gig.

Many members will remember **Marcia Zellman** who was a member for many year who passed away recently at her home in California. She and her husband **Bob** were very active members. Marcia loved to stay Current on all the activities of district 4 though the Hoedowner every month. Our condolences go to the family, Marcia was a sweet lady.

There will be activities scheduled and on the calendar for June and July, there will be no activities in August. The district will have no scheduled meetings until September 2nd at the **Fruitdale Grange** in Grants Pass.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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### May Events

2	Pacific View Gig, Bandon	1:30 - 2:30 pm
9	Practice at Inland Point	1 - 3 pm
16	Island Point Gig	2 - 3 pm
20	Stage Show & Circle Jam Winchester Bay	11 am - 3 pm
23	Practice at Inland Point	1 - 3 pm

**What an incredibly fun day Scottsburg was!** This brainchild of both our **Luke VerHagen** and District 10's **Joe Ross** was a lively and creative success. One of the most apropos comments I heard in the happy crowd was uttered by our Chair, **Mapril Combs**: "This was such a GOOD idea," she exclaimed. We all agree that it sure was, and we thank Luke and Joe for conceiving of the idea and implementing it in the seamless way that they did. This was a new way to bring us together and I bet everyone is hoping that this becomes an annual event!

We are grateful to **Bill** and **Pat Winfrey**, who arrived two hours ahead of everyone else to get things prepared and ready for the gang. They set the sound system up and also the chairs, before folks got there. Luke arrived around the same time to open up. Thanks certainly go out to those serving, steadfast members.

As we brought our potluck dishes into the spacious kitchen at the picturesque and historical **Scottsburg Community Center, Charlotte VerHagen** greeted us graciously and had put the coffee on so that the Center smelled like Home and provided some warmth for the folks who traveled in the chilly, wet morning. Charlotte managed the potluck offerings and the entire kitchen all day long. Her welcoming presence was certainly appreciated.

As we lined up and "bellied-up" to the long tables to serve ourselves from the tempting array of dishes, I thought again that our music is not the only good old Old Time skill—cooking and baking is too, for we in OOF TA boast the best cooks. I think it's true! I realized I could not choose the best dishes from the many generous offerings there, but I will tell you that I personally was delighted with **Jude Kuether's** wonderful and nutritious vegetable soup. When I complimented her, she reported that her shiny new husband, **Jim**, says he has "Never eaten so many vegetables in his life!" One does notice apples in his cheeks, lately. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the potluck and fueled us up for the day.



Luke VerHagen, Joe Ross & Jeanie Hefner

**Dawn Vonderlin** brought the colorful t-shirts with the graphics she designed for our upcoming **Brookings Jamboree** and arranged them in a corner of the kitchen. We were able to pick up the shirts we ordered from her and others could select and purchase one on the spot. By the time you read this, we will have attended the Brookings event and worn the nice t-shirts and we will report back in June's column. Thank you, Dawn, for your creative offering for our District members. We will wear them proudly!



Dawn Vonderlin

We adjourned to the main room, filling the place with our good music. I imagined the tunes spilling out into the community and beyond. So many good musicians bringing our brand of joy. Then, at the appointed time, 1 p.m., we assembled into our stage show format and played for the appreciative crowd who came to enjoy the music.

One of the more memorable moments was when the musicians played a group rendition of "Loon Waltz" in memory of District 10's **Colleen Hanks**. She was a terrific role model and teacher and will be missed.

**Ellie Keeland** brought a delightful young guest with her, **Hailey Gammon**, who plays guitar and describes herself as a "beginner." She was enchanted with our group, the venue and the surrounding nature, "Everything is so green—so beautiful," she enthused. She also expressed appreciation for our members who took the time to welcome her and give her some pointers. This is what we should be about—passing on the Old Time music to our successive generations.

**Luke VerHagen's** lovely and spirited rendition of "Maggie" never fails to energize and please the ear.

He also made an excellent Master of Ceremonies and host. **Joe Ross** played his distinctive mandolin and was instrumental (pun likely intended) in helping the musicians along during the program. Both he and Luke were the very best hosts for this occasion that they brought us. It was indeed a gift.

Now, let's do this again and again! We hope to see everyone in Brookings in two weeks for the Jamboree there. Come on down and join in. As Joe's lively song puts it: "Y'all come!"

Now, keep the music and the friendship flowing!

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter



## District 6 Eugene, Corvallis, Lebanon Area

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### May Events

- 4 **Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam** 1 - 3 pm  
Corvallis Community Center
- 5 **Eugene Hotel Jam** 7 - 8:30 pm  
222 E Broadway, Eugene
- 6 **Intermediate Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm  
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 8 **Beginning Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm  
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene
- 12 **Kids' Fiddle Jam** 6:30 - 8 pm  
Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com

District 6 also schedules 3 or 4 gigs per month. If you would like to get involved contact Robin (see info above)

**This is that time of year that I fight the urge to go outside and start some Spring-time projects,** but I live in the Willamette Valley, so I will get really wet if I do so. Might as well sit at my desk and do a **Hoedowner**, instead. Not a complaint, mind you. Sure beats housework.

## District 7 Portland, Northern Coast Area

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### May Events

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

District 7 held its April 1st Saturday Circle Jam at Sunnyside Grange with plenty of good-humored "fiddling around" since it was **April Fool's Day**. The weather fooled us the most, with rain, snow, hail, and sunshine while we were cozy inside with our music. Then we got serious while Dave Altman presented a mini-workshop on the fiddle technique of using slides, with the tune "Chinese Breakdown" as his teaching tool.

**We have been encouraging musicians**, particularly fiddlers, to join us at the assisted living gigs for several months now and it seems to be paying off. The last several I played at featured healthy ensembles and I hope to see more of that. The gigs are one of the very few ways we have to raise funds for OOTFA, and it is so fulfilling to play music for an appreciative audience. I still want to urge those of you who are confident enough in your musical abilities and want to try playing for an audience to let **Amy Burrow** or myself know you are interested in giving it a shot. You might like it...a lot!

**Joe Ross**, of District 10, has been encouraging all districts to increase our public presence through publicity and promotion. He acts as District 10's publicist and has been collecting information from each district and sharing strategies with others. It's a great idea and will take people who are willing to put the effort into that kind of public outreach. If you'd like to consider that as an adventure to help your district, I urge you to contact your Chair or Vice-Chair and join OOTFA's publicity team.

We are sad to have lost **Marie Roberts**, a beloved member of District 6, this month. Her husband, **Bernie**, is our district treasurer. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Bernie.

May Birthdays: **Gabi Ford** ((5/30), **Annie Carter** (5/5), **Evelyn Horner** (5/22), **Melody Morrell** (5/28), **Donna Wynn** (5/30)

May Wedding Anniversaries: **Gary and Lynne Baran** (5/17), **Ken And Patti Luse** (5/24)

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

If OOTFA members from any district find themselves in the greater Portland area on the first Saturday of a month, they are always welcome to attend our regular monthly jam at Sunnyside Grange. There is plenty of space for listeners and a great wooden floor for dancers, too! Our OOTFA sign on the fence facing the busy intersection of Sunnyside Road and 132nd has lured a few members of the public to visit.

Our members entertained at **Terwilliger Plaza** in Portland on April 18 and joined District 8 members at the **Oregon Ag Fest** on April 29. We also have scheduled playouts in June and beyond, including the **Baker Cabin Historical Society "Pioneer Days"** celebration on July 22.

Contact our temporary scheduler, **Marcella Easley**, if you are willing to provide break-time snacks (cookies, etc.) at our **Sunnyside Grange** jams. She's also looking for someone to handle the scheduler tasks. You'll find her contact information at the beginning of this report.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

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### May Events

- 4 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm**  
Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes
- 11-13 OOTFA State Convention**
- 12 Jam at Marilyn Owen's home 1 - 3 pm**  
RSVP 503-560-1258
- 18 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm**  
RSVP 503-560-1258
- 27 District 8 Monthly Jam & Meeting 1 - 4 pm**  
Marie Bailey's home (Meeting 3-4 pm)

**On May 13, at the Spring OOTFA Convention, the membership meeting will be at 8:30 am.** We will be voting, in person, on updated Bylaws. Please make an effort to attend as this is important for all of us.

Watch for updates on coming attractions. Things are picking up from our long shut down.

Update from **Martha Hughes**: Contact Martha Hughes for current dates, sessions, addresses and general info at 503-393-2271 or email her at: mh.hughes8@gmail.com. When: Generally first three Thursdays in any given month. Where: Private residence in Keizer, sometimes rotating between members homes. What: Ear training warm ups, tune review, learn new tunes by ear, use CD, notes/ tablature for home reinforcement. Current Class Rep: "Boil Cabbage", "Old Joe Clark", "Rubber Dolly", "Cripple Creek", "Edelweiss", "Ida Red". Tune Source: **I Can Fiddle Book 1** via JDLudiker.com. Miss a class?: May elect to learn those tunes via Book 1 or just learn the tunes you are learning live in class. Goal: Memorize repertoire, perform for a retirement home and with OOTFA in 2023, keep fiddling for fun. \*Would appreciate a guitarist to visit one of our sessions so the fiddlers can experience the fun of live fiddling!

In March and April we, in our district, played a few gigs and brought in \$350 for our treasury. It's a welcome departure from previous months of no income and no gigs! So nice to see COVID and its restrictions fading away!

~ Gayle Clarity,  
District 8 Reporter



District 8 musicians at Jefferson Lodge in Dallas on March 17th

## District 9 Burns, John Day Area

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Reporter: Marianne Andrews

**We had a small, but wonderful Potluck and Jam on Easter Sunday afternoon.** Our John Day contingent of **Ron Phillips, Ben Richardson, Ronda Metler** added their usual flair to our event. 9 musicians made for plenty of fun toe tapping and dancing. **Verna Pettyjohn** brought her granddaughter, **Brooklyn**, and **Tom** and **Sandra Sutton** came for their first time. Welcome all.

We've been invited to play at the **Archaeology Road Show** June 24th at 2 pm, so put it on your calendars

Don't forget to put the **High Desert Music Jamboree** on your calendar June 15, 16, and 17. Our planning meeting went well and are looking forward to everyone showing up.

We are meeting the first Sunday in May instead of the usual, and will have a business meeting to elect officers. The Potluck will be at 1:00 and the meeting and Jam will follow until 4:00.

**Janet Braymen** enjoyed a wonderful visit with **John** and **Linda Borrelli**.

Our snow is gone, and the water is running high. It's spring in Burns, Oregon and the birds are out in force.

The Friday Night Jams continue to be held at the **Hines City Hall** at 6:30 pm. On the 4th Fridays we will meet at the **Aspens**. 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. On one Friday Night Jam in April we had two filmmakers show up. We have had up to 5 young musicians show up as well which is exciting.

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

## District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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### May Events

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|-------|--|------------------|
| 2     | The Landing                                    | 12 – 1 pm        |
| 11-13 | OOTFA State Convention                         |                  |
|       | Douglas County Fairgrounds, Roseburg           |                  |
| 17    | Callahan Court                                 | 2:30 - 3:30 pm   |
| 27    | Sutherlin Senior Center Meeting, Potluck & Jam | 11 am - 3 pm     |
| 30    | Brookdale                                      | 10:30 - 11:30 am |
| 31    | Bridgewood Rivers                              | 2 - 3 pm         |

State Convention in Roseburg will be May 11 - 13. It begins with a Wednesday evening (May 10) meet-n-greet with potluck appetizers at the **Parks/Luse** campsite in the **Fairgrounds Campground**. A pre-registration form was emailed by **Patti Luse** to all OOTFA members. Send that back to Jude to give her an idea of how many to plan for. A few more helpers are still needed for set up, decorations, posters, publicity, emcee duties, stage managing, sound reinforcement, workshops, refreshments, raffle and clean up. In addition to Convention Coordinator, **Jude Stensland Kuether**, others on the committee include **Jim Kuether, Chris Cormack & Margot O'Sullivan**.

On May 11, **Hal** and **Sharon Thompson** celebrate their 27th Anniversary. Congratulations! Upcoming birthdays include **Kathy Ross** (May 19) and **Barbara Cheppaiko** (May 19). Happy Birthday!

Our regular appearance at **Bridgewood Rivers** will now be on the fourth Tuesday each month. Due to the Convention, there won't be a separate Beginning Fiddle Class with **Kelly** in May.

Election of District 10 Officers will take place at our meeting on Sat, May 27 at 11 am. Please contact **Jim** or **Jude** if you are willing to serve in a leadership role.

The **Booher Family** has dates set for a 3-day campout in Scotts Valley on July 8-10. There will be a raffle for a redwood fiddler chainsaw carving to help support future camps. See back page for details.

I've been working through the two volumes of "52 Traditional Tunes from Fiddle Hell." Each 2-CD set has many fun tunes, played both fast and slow, by The **Reiner Family** and guests. They include tunes from many traditions, and these albums are highly recommended. Info: [www.fiddlehell.org](http://www.fiddlehell.org)



Jean Sieger (District 6) and Karen Sue Warwick (District 5) at the Brookings Jamboree on April 15, 2023

Looking for some Fiddle T-shirts, koozies, pint cups, stickers, tune books, digital downloads or CDs? **Montana State Old-Time Fiddlers** have great deals. Click here: ["Montana State Old-Time Fiddlers Association – Store"](#)

Fiddle videos that **Colleen Hanks** uploaded from Ila Mae Carmickle's fiddle class in Eugene are at: [Ila Mae's Fiddle Class](#).

If you need music or chords for any of the tunes, they're at this District 6 link: [District 6 Fiddle Tunes](#).

It's also good to regularly review the "Tunes of the Month" from The Hoedowner. Find those tunes (since 2007) at: <http://www.ootfa.org/pdf/TOTM.pdf>

Many Thanks to **Dave Basden, Linda Parks, Patti Luse** and **Robin Lindsey** for their hard work on the OOTFA Website, Calendar, E-Mail Updates and Hoedowner. Kudos also to our friends in District 5 for their hospitality and all the fun we had in Scottsburg and Brookings.

Jam on! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

**FOR SALE:** Euro bass model # 068 built in 2007 in Reghin, Romania. This is a hybrid bass (front is wood and rest is laminate). Great condition except for a few little dings or scratches. Serial # is 1004008. It's a full 3/4 size and measures about 78" L x 28" W x 16" D. Strings are in good shape and has an adjustable bridge. No case or bow. Joe Ross 541-673-9759 (landline), 541-670-9120 (cell) or email [rossjoe@hotmail.com](mailto:rossjoe@hotmail.com)



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to play the fiddle and  
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To Provide regular times  
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- May 3-7 Christmas Valley Campout
- May 11-13 State Convention, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Roseburg (Includes Fall Board & Membership Meeting)
- June 15-17 High Desert Music Jamboree, Burns
- June 19-24 National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest & Festival, Weiser, Idaho
- 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)

### Booher Family Music Jam Campout July 6, 7, 8, 9, 2023

2058 Scotts Valley Road, Yoncalla Oregon 97499

**What to bring:** acoustic instruments, camping equipment, food (we'll have waffles 'n' fixin's out every morning) potluck suppers, otherwise on your own.

**Jam sessions throughout the day (9 am-5 pm)**

**Optional private lessons** (call Dolores @ 541-849-2171 for info)

**Swimming 3-5 pm** (Parents watch children) Life guard on duty

**Saturday Camp Concert 7:00 pm.**

**Sunday morning gospel hour 10-11 am.**

12 and under, free. 13+, \$100 for all days of the camp: one day pass, (9-5) \$25. Please pay upon arrival with cash or check, or by cell phone with CashApp, Zelle or Square. (Those with a day pass are welcome to stay for the evening potluck and jamming afterward.)

No  
dogs,  
please

For more info, and for RSVP  
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Check out our facebook page  
at [Booher Family Music Camp](#)

**Marie Roberts**, of District 6, passed away on April 7, 2023. Marie was a lifetime member and wife of District 6 Treasurer, **Bernie Roberts**. They were quite a duo and sang together for years while Bernie played the guitar. A memorial service was held. Condolences can be sent to Bernie and family at 285 Jonquil, Eugene, OR 97404

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