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Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers take the stage at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest & Festival



**Adult National Champion
Gary Schuh, Portland**



**Senior Senior National Champion
Starr McMullen, Corvallis**

Weiser Winners!

**Grand National Champion
Luke Price, Portland**

(The last Oregonian to win this was **Alex Hargreaves** of Corvallis in 2009)

**Oldest Fiddler Award
Judy McGarvey, Medford**

**Third Place,
Senior Senior Division
Eileen Walter, Portland**

At this year's National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho, Oregon was the host state. We played on stage for a half hour each evening to open the nightly event, played at a different assisted living facility four afternoons, and rode the **Oregon Float** in the parade on Saturday. With an estimate of about 60 total Oregonians at this week-long event, we had approximately 15 OOTFA members playing on stage each night.

Among the OOTFA members who competed were: **Andy Emert, Brad Guptill, Natalie Guptill, Lorelei Hein, Martha Hughes, Nina Kuhl, Cat McClintock, Judy McGarvey, Starr McMullen, Jeanine Orme, Jerry Parks, Luke Price, Donna Reuter, Gary Schuh, Scott Sumner, Eileen Walter, and Grant Wheeler.** **Judy McGarvey** was recognized as the oldest fiddler at this year's contest, playing a fiddle tune while portraying a very old lady! With the abundant jamming, the competitions, the workshops, I would encourage anyone who has not had the opportunity to attend this awesome event, put it on your calendar for next year.

~ Linda Parks

June passed quickly with so many opportunities to play!

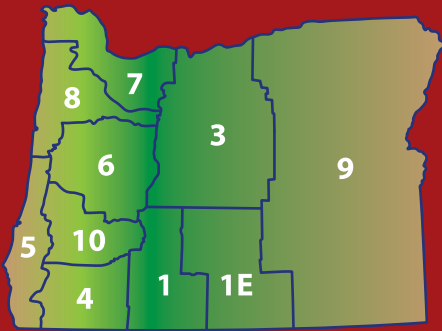
Ron and I are grateful for the warm welcome we receive as we visit OOTFA Districts! We played in District 1E for their monthly Saturday Jam which attracted visiting musicians who were passing by. They joined in and we had a great time. Thank you **Terry** and **Sharilyn McLain**, for hosting us.

The **High Desert Jamboree** in Burns did not disappoint. District 9 did a fantastic job of putting the event together. Thank you District 9!

We are really having a good time in Weiser, Idaho at the **National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Festival**. Please see the report here in the **Hoedowner** for more details and information. I do want to say how proud I am to be part of OOTFA and to give a great big "**Thank you**" and "**Congratulations**" to all of you who represented Oregon in the contest and in the community. You were wonderful and very much appreciated! Also, Thank you to **Donna Reuter** and **Jerry Parks** for taking the lead, planning our tunes and doing a great job as MCs!

Don't forget **West Cascades Fiddle Camp** coming up soon, the committee from District 6 has another awesome camp planned.

So, let's keep showing up, making friends, learning, playing music, singing, supporting one another, and having fun! ~ Cindy



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**West Cascade Fiddle Camp
July 17-20**

Emerald Christian Academy, Pleasant Hill

140 musicians are registered for camp, with intermediate and advanced classes having full rosters. 387 players are signed up for workshops. Jammers are welcome to come to Emerald Christian Academy in the evening, but must wear a wristband while on school property. An instructor concert is scheduled on Monday evening and a dance on Wednesday evening.

There are still a few openings in the advanced beginning youth and they could call Linda Parks for information 541-905-2313.



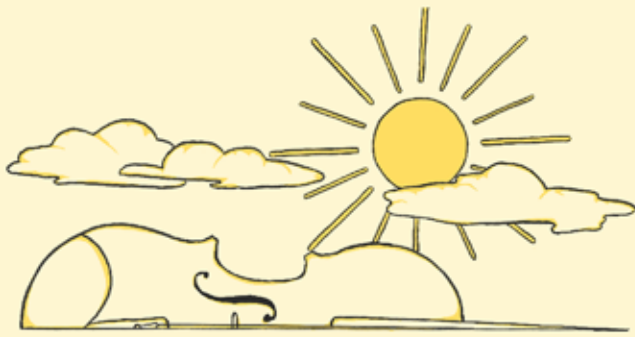
A District 6 Tradition! FIDDLE CAMP

Sometimes it is hard to remember a person's name. We all know the feeling when we have to ask someone "what is your name again?" OOTFA Name Tags help others remember your name without that awkward question. OOTFA Name Tags include the OOTFA logo and your district number. To order please specify whether you want a pin or a magnetic back. State your name, as you want it to appear, address and district number along with a \$10 check payable to:

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Second Annual
SUNNYSIDE YOUTH
 Fiddle Contest
JULY 29TH, 2023

WILSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER-7965 SW WILSONVILLE RD
WILSONVILLE, OREGON

\$2,000 IN PRIZES!

THREE DIVISIONS

8 & UNDER | 9-12 | 13-19

DOORS OPEN AT 10AM, CONTEST AT NOON

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 ON OUT FOR ALL AGES JAM SESSIONS!**

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Sunnyside Fiddle Contest Prizes

8 & Under

\$100, \$80, \$60, \$40, \$30, \$20, \$15, \$10

9-12

\$125, \$100, \$80, \$60, \$40, \$30, \$20, \$15

13-19

\$250, \$200, \$150, \$125, \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25

All contestants will play a breakdown and waltz in the preliminaries. Contestants in the final round will play a breakdown and waltz and, if time allows, judges may call for a tune of choice (rag, polka, two step, etc) in the 9-12 and 13-19 divisions.

Contest made possible by a grant from the City of Wilsonville, assistance from OOTFA D7 & D8 and Fiddles on Wheels 501c3.

[Facebook Page](#)

**2023 Willamette
 Valley Fiddle
 Contest**

The Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest will be held on Friday, August 4 at the Benton County Fair on the Oak Grove Stage at 110 SW 53rd in Corvallis. This is the 24th year of the oldest outdoor fiddle contest in the state of Oregon. Contest coordinator is **Starr McMullen**. It is a Weiser Certified Contest.

Contestants and Accompanist get in free to the Benton County Fair with their instruments. You must use the Back Entrance off the West Parking Lot. The contest opens at 8 am and the contest begins after the 8:30 am judges meeting. Divisions order of play are Senior, Novice, Adult, Pee Wee, Junior Junior, Junior & Championship. Finals & presentation of Awards will begin about 2 pm. Contest entrance fee ranges from \$5-15 and prize money varies with divisions. All this information can be found through the following:

1. Phone or Text: **Starr McMullen**,
 541-745-5130; 541-602-1224

2. Email **Starr McMullen**:
 mcmulles@hotmail.com

3. Facebook:
www.facebook.com/3183701981867489
 (Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest group)



Start practicing your Hoedown, Waltz and tune of choice so you will be ready to enter the contest on August 4.

**Booher Family
 Music Jam Campout**

July 6 - 9

**2058 Scotts Valley Road
 Yoncalla**

Facebook:

[Booher Family Music Camp](#)

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District 1 July Events

4 Friends/Fiddler Picnic 5 pm
@ Jay Schindler House
13 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm
27 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

There wasn't very much happening last month for District 1. We had a lot of members that were out of town and others committed to prior engagements.

Jay Schindler has kindly invited us up to his house for a potluck on the 4th of July at 5:00. Jay has a ring side seat for the fireworks if you can stay up that late. Contact him for directions. (541-891-4541)

Karen Ayers is recovering nicely from her shoulder surgery and we hope she will be back playing with us soon.

Wishing Happy Birthday to all of our July members. Have a special day. Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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District 3 July Events

23 Dance at Terrebonne Grange 1 - 3 pm
8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, One block off
Highway 97, behind the Pump House Grill

After a busy June, we have one event scheduled for July. That's the Dance at the Terrebonne Grange on the 4th Sunday of the month starting at 1 o'clock. July is the first full week of summer and people are traveling. For OOTFA members from other parts of Oregon who are traveling to Central Oregon, feel free to stop by and join in the playing, dancing, and listening.

District 3 jam sessions and western swing workshops will resume in future months. No board meeting is scheduled for July. The next board meeting will be held in August.

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Well summer made it and we had a good jam at the Chambers on second Saturday.

Some folks walking by and peeked in the window, so we ask them in. They play music, so they went and got their instruments and played along. Good times!

Jams at Rosa Lee's also have been fun, every Thursday 4 to 7. Come and sit in. If you are in the area, give us a call, we will make music, if at all possible.



Crook County Fairgrounds
Prineville, Or
Sept. 14—16, 2023

Everyone is welcome to join us in a
celebration of old time acoustic music

- Open Jam sessions
- Stage shows
- Workshops
- Dancing
- Family friendly fun
- Alcohol free event
- Good food
- Camping spaces \$30 or \$15/night
- FREE Admittance



For more information and campsite reservations
centraloregonfiddlers.com or OOTFA.org

On June 3, 2023, District 3 OOTFA members played at the Saturday Market in Sahalee Park in Madras.

The High Desert Jamboree was held on June 15, 16, and 17 in Burns. District 3 members were well represented. We jammed, played on-stage, sang, danced, socialized, made new friends, and generally had a great time. The District 9 folks did a fantastic job of running this friendly, low-key event. Plenty of camping space was available. If you didn't make it this year, try to make it in 2024.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

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[District 4 Facebook: OOTFA4.org](https://www.facebook.com/OOTFA4.org)

Summer is here and District 4 is busy playing gigs indoors and outside. The group ended May, on Memorial Day, with a performance at **Anna Marie Assisted Living Center** and, after their performance, were treated to a lovely lunch.

There was great turnout for the first gig of the summer at the **R.V. Park** in Prospect. The beautiful park in the mountains was full with visitors and many came out to enjoy the old time music, learn the "Virginia Reel" and eat some hot dogs and smores. The musicians welcomed **Allison Lindley** and her grandson from district 10 who drove down from Roseburg to join the fun. It's always great to have musicians from other districts join in.

Another gig was held at an **Adult Foster Care Home** where the musicians were playing very near the ladies in the home and were able to visit with them after their performance, which the residents really enjoyed.

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Here we are, not wading, but fairly splashing into our summer month schedule. We have lots of music and friendship in store, not to mention our annual event everyone is invited to, as **Linda Sweatt reports on Page 7!**

District 5 July Events

- 12 Bullards Beach State Park 6 - 7:30 pm**
Amphitheater, outdoor performance
- 15 Stage Show & Jam 11 am - 3 pm**
Winchester Bay Community Center
- 26 Bullards Beach State Park 6 - 7:30 pm**
Amphitheater, outdoor performance

Winchester Bay

Fiddle at the Beach Campout
August 17th - 20th (see page 7)



Nikki Wilkinson, Melissa Taylor, Gary Preston, George Pettijohn and Carol Ferrara warming up for the gig at the R.V. Park in Prospect

District 5 musicians played for the **Jackson County Historical Society** at the **McKee Covered Bridge** in the beautiful Applegate Valley. The bridge is a treasure and well maintained by the society.

On the calendar for July is the gig at **Hanley Farm** on July 10 th from 1-3 pm. The musicians will play under a large tree while the visitors enjoy the farm. The second gig of the summer at the **R.V. Park** in Prospect will be July 15, 7-9 pm. The jammers are still meeting through the summer, every Tuesday from 4-6 pm, at the **Methodist Church** in Medford. All musicians are welcome.

Check the online calendar often for added gigs.

Happy 4th of July to everyone from district 4!

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

Our summer performances at Bullards Beach State Park in Bandon began Wednesday evening at the amphitheater with dozens of tourists and some locals who were camping there. They heard we were playing and came out of their tents to enjoy an evening of our music. We had such fun and played happily for the group for an hour and a half, under fairly chilly and windy conditions. This did not dampen our spirits, though. We play at this venue the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June, July and August. (In September, we are welcomed back to the nursing facilities for our regular schedules there.) My favorite tune of the night, "Living on Borrowed Time", was written and performed by our **Verna Lee**.

The subject matter involved our aches and pains and maladies as we grow older! It is an engaging, humorous and quite revealing piece. Favorite line: "We got all kinds of ailments, you name 'em we got 'em or we'll have them by the end of next week..." I think we can relate, Verna! The other most delightful moment of the night was delivered by our Bill Winfrey, who invited the kids in our audience up to sing his arrangement of "Old Macdonald Had a ZOO!"

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Tune of the Month

Thanks to
Joe Ross of
District 10 for this
month's tune

"Waltz for Frank" was written by David Brinkman for Frank Moore, and we enjoy playing it in District 10. There's more about David on his webpage:
<https://sites.google.com/site/banjodb/home/fiddle-and-banjo-tunes>

Waltz for Frank

David Brinkman
November 2018

G C A D

Musical notation for measures 1-7. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the harmony is written on a bass clef staff. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F#31, G31, A31, B31, C32, D32, E32, F#32, G32, A32, B32, 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District 5 continued

This was quite spirited and creative—Bill gets the Pied Piper Award! The kids had a good time and we were all charmed by his troupe. Here we are, not wading but fairly splashing into our summer month schedule. We have lots of music and friendship in store, not to mention our annual event everyone is invited to, as Linda Sweatt reports below:

FIDDLE AT THE BEACH CAMPOUT

by Linda Sweatt

Grab your travelin' boots, friends, it's time to come to beautiful Winchester Bay for the District 5 campout, August 17-20! The magic of the Oregon Coast and old time music make a wonderful combination. This year's theme is "FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA: ACROSS AMERICA", a chance to find and prepare songs we enjoy about special places and monuments for the contest Friday night. Of course, costumes are an added plus and there will be prizes for the best performances! We will kick off the festivities with a stage show starting at 6 pm on Thursday, August 17, then the theme song contest on Friday the 18th, and a gala stage show on Saturday the 19 at 6 pm. There will be a sign-up for each 6 pm show for all three days. Meantime, there will be nonstop jamming, special food from the kitchen, and we will round up the weekend with a gospel show at 9 am Sunday before the clean up.

Schedule:

Thursday August 17:

Doors open at 8 AM, coffee's on! Free jamming all day until 4 PM. Spaghetti dinner for members and their families, sundaes for dessert, sign up stage show at 6

Friday, August 18:

Doors open at 8 AM, coffee's on! Free jamming all day, gala themed sign up stage show at 6 (PRIZES!)

Saturday August 19:

Doors open at 8AM, coffee's on! Free jamming all day, sign up stage show at 6

Sunday, August 20:

doors open at 8 AM, coffee's on! Gospel show at 9, runs until all signups play, CLEANUP PARTY until we are finished.



District 5's Linda Sweatt



Bill Winfrey invited the kids in our audience up to sing his arrangement of "Old Macdonald Had a ZOO"

Thank you, Linda! That's a thorough rundown of our annual **Fiddle at the Beach** event. For any questions or more information, you may call any of our officers or friends in District 5. We are always glad to provide encouragement, too!

Our summer performances at **Bullards Beach State Park** in Bandon began Wednesday evening at the amphitheater with dozens of tourists and some locals who were camping there. They heard we were playing and came out of their tents to enjoy an evening of our music. We had such fun and played happily for the group for an hour and a half, under fairly chilly and windy conditions. This did not dampen our spirits, though. We play at this venue the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June, July and August. (In September, we are welcomed back to the nursing facilities for our regular schedules there.) My favorite tune of the night, "Living on Borrowed Time", was written and performed by our **Verna Lee**. The subject matter involved our aches and pains and maladies as we grow older! It is an engaging, humorous and quite revealing piece. Favorite line: "We got all kinds of ailments, you name 'em we got 'em or we'll have them by the end of next week...." I think we can relate, Verna! The other most delightful moment of the night was delivered by our **Bill Winfrey**, who invited the kids in our audience up to sing his arrangement of "Old Macdonald Had a ZOO"!

This was quite spirited and creative—Bill gets the **Pied Piper Award!** The kids had a good time and we were all charmed by his troupe.

Please plan to join us in August for our **Fiddle at the Beach** event in Winchester Bay and keep the music and friendship.

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

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July Events

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| 1 | Intermediate Fiddle Class | Canceled |
| | River Road Annex, Eugene | |
| 6 | Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam | 1 - 3 pm |
| | Corvallis Community Center | |
| 7 | Eugene Hotel Jam | 7 - 8:30 pm |
| 8 | District 6 Monthly Jam | 10 am - 3 pm |
| | 20455 Shadows Drive, Springfield
(Off of Marcola Road, across from Pine Ridge Golf Club) | |
| 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 | |

Important Change for District 6 on July 8: DO NOT drive out to **Central Grange** for the Second Saturday Jam on July 8! Instead, **Margot** and **Bill O'Sullivan** have graciously invited us all out to their place for a BBQ and jam. They live at 90455 Shadows Drive, in the first house on the corner of Marcola Road and Shadows Drive. Please bring something for the potluck, a drink and a chair. It would be courteous to email the O'Sullivans an RSVP so that Bill can plan for the BBQ. The event is 10-3, with lunch served around noon. (2sullys225@gmail.com)

140 musicians are registered for the West Cascades Fiddle Camp, July 17-20, with intermediate and advanced classes having full rosters. There are still a few openings in "Advanced Beginning Youth" and you can call **Linda Parks** at 541-905-2313 if interested. 387 players are signed up for workshops. Jammers are welcome to come to **Emerald Christian Academy**, 35582 Zephyr Way, Pleasant Hill in the evening, but must wear a wristband while on school property. An instructor concert is scheduled on Monday evening and a dance on Wednesday evening. Both start at 7:30. Dance instruction will be available at 6:30.

A Publicity Team will be created to bring OOTFA greater community visibility and exposure, with goals of increasing membership and generating performance and outreach opportunities. **Amy Burrow** will Chair. **Bernie Roberts** volunteered to help. **Robin** will be a resource.

In the previous three months performers played fifteen gigs across eight retirement community venues, and two



Donna Wynn conducts the Intermediate Fiddle Classes. Ila Mae Carmickle and Linda Danielson also showed up to add their expertise.

special-invitation events. A total of six performances are scheduled in July and August, and Robin said there are others in the works.

Basic and Intermediate Fiddle Classes have had a steady attendance of fiddlers and back-up players. **Ila Mae** would like performers representing a range of skill levels to attend the Basic Class. The more, the merrier! **Patti Luse** thought it might be a good idea to invite players from Districts 8 and 10 to join the classes.

YaPoAh Terrace and **Eugene Hotel** jam coordinator, **Dick Penny**, explained that performer attendance has been irregular and sought suggestions from the membership for how to increase interest and participation. He encouraged members to email him (d_penny@usa.net) with ideas on how to revitalize these two formerly popular, well-attended jams.

There were nearly 20 OOTFA Members from around the state who traveled to the **Weiser Fiddle Festival and Contest**. Those from District 6 were **Jerry & Linda Parks** of Lebanon, **Beverly Schriver & Hal Weiner** from Eugene, **Nina Kuhl** and her family of Eugene and **Starr McMullin & family** of Corvallis. **Starr** earned the **Senior Senior Division National Champion Trophy**.

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter



District 7 group gig at Portland's Cherrywood Village

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July Events

- 1 Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm**
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
- 22 Gig: Pioneer Days 5-7 pm**
Baker Cabin Historical Society (event starts 10 am) 18001 S Gronlund Road, Oregon City
- 29 2nd annual Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest Open 10am**
Contest starts at Noon
Wilsonville Community Center
7965 SW Wilsonville Rd, Wilsonville
- 29 Jamboree 1 pm 'til done**
Home of Jerry West, 503-695-5798
45220 SE Deverell Road, Corbett

Districts 7 and 8 are co-hosting the **2nd annual Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest**, thanks to a grant from the City of Wilsonville. The **Fiddles on Wheels** nonprofit organization will again provide event management, with **Sherry McKenzie** and **Laura Weber White**. Age divisions are 8 and under; 9 to 12, and 13 to 19 with \$2000 in prizes. Audience admission is free and open to the public. Details and news will appear in a Facebook page titled **Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest 2023**.

A fine group of our musicians entertained in June at **Cherrywood Village** and **Cherry Blossom Cottage** in Portland, and at **Cedar Crest Center** in Tualatin. We're looking forward to more gigs at these locations, plus a special **Pioneer Days** performance at the Baker Cabin in July.

Our loyal audience member, **Jerry West**, invites all OOT-FA musicians and friends to a neighborhood jamboree at his rural home on July 29. A sound system is provided, and multiple groups have been invited to perform or jam, mostly old-time and country-western music. The fun starts at 1:00 pm at 45220 SE Deverell Road, Corbett, OR 97019. Contact Jerry for details at 503-695-5798.

Contact **Marcella Easley** if you are willing to provide breacktime snacks at our Sunnyside Grange jams. She's also looking for someone to take over the scheduler function for District 7.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

District 8 Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport

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July Events

- 6 Martha Hughes Fiddle Class/Jam 9:30 - 10 am**
- 6 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm**
RSVP 503-835-7185
- 13 Martha Hughes Fiddle Class/Jam 9:30 - 10 am**
- 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 503-835-7185
- 21 Jefferson Lodge 2:30 - 3:30 pm**
664 SE Jefferson St., Dallas
- 22 Dist #8 monthly jam and meeting 1 - 3 pm**
Marie Bailey's home 1-3 pm and
Phil Drain mic tutorial
- 27 Martha Hughes Fiddle Class/Jam 9:30 - 10 am**
- 29 Youth Fiddle Contest TBA**
Wilsonville Cultural Arts Center

See next page for District 8 Report



Rae Parlier presented the 2023 Norm Nash award to Marie Bailey.

June started out with a bang when we played at Newby Elementary School in McMinnville for rotating groups of 4th graders, 60 of them altogether, who were studying the Oregon Trail. Their teacher, Sarah Barr, was dressed in pioneer woman attire as was our own Amelie Redman. The kids were attentive and joined in clapping and singing/shouting along with songs like "Pop Goes the Weasel." Truman Price, a scholar of Oregon Trail music and also dressed in pioneer days attire, joined us as well. Ms. Barr, a fiddler herself, joined us in playing some of the tunes from the days of the Oregon Trail. All in all, a great afternoon!

We were also invited to play at Center 50+ in Salem as part of a celebration of international Make Music Day on June 21.

Rae Parlier is our new scheduler with Ted Hunt continuing as sound man. We have been told that Mel Fuller, Martha Hughes, and the Guptill Family attended the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho, and we will have more about that in the next Hoedowner issue. Martha says that she planned to jam, but not play in the contest. Either way, Weiser is a great experience!

Martha Hughes' (503-393-2271; mh.hughes8@gmail.com) fiddle class seems to be morphing into a jam, all of which will be held at Cathy Yale's in Keizer on July 6, 13, and 27.

District 7 has invited us to help in staffing the 2nd annual Youth Fiddle Contest to be held at the Wilsonville Cultural Arts Center on July 29. This contest was organized by Sherie McKenzie through a grant, and we look forward to helping support this event.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

District 9 Burns, John Day Area

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Fiddlers in District 9 continue to meet Friday evening at City of Hines meeting room. Thank you City of Hines! The exception will continue to be entertaining residents of The Aspens Assisted Living in fourth Fridays every month. Our last potluck and jam at the "Hub" Senior Center was May 7th, and will begin again on the second Sunday in October. We look forward to connecting again with more of our loyal fans.

Loretta Peyrollaz and parents of children from Christmas Valley invited us fiddlers to jam at the Glory Days Pizza in Burns. The students entertained us with a song, and we enjoyed Loretta's fiddle while we jammed. Ronda Metler joined us from John Day.

District 9 Fiddlers were invited to jam at the Broadway Deli to show appreciation to Marianne and Gordon Andrews for their support and contribution to music in Harney County. They are moving to Yakima, Washington to be closer to family members. Marianne and Gordon danced to our music as they have many times during our activities. Thank you Marianne for your service as reporter and for your fiddle tunes during jams. Ron Phillips and Ben Richardson drove down from John Day to show their support and participate in the music. Thank you proprietor Fran Davis for hosting and providing refreshments.

OOFTA District 9 was pleased to host the High Desert Jamboree, June 15 – 17, and provide the venue for the quarterly meeting. It is always fun to see folks jamming in various places around the Fairgrounds, showing up on stage to perform and enjoying spontaneous conversation with friends from near and far. "Old-time" music is the best!

District 9 will be playing for the Archaeology and Traditions Road Show on June 24th.

~ Don Greenfield, District 9 Reporter



Price family fiddlers accompanied by Jerry and Linda Parks, Maddy Bevers and Melissa Tayler at the High Desert Jamboree

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[Website: Facebook Public Group \(OOTFA District 10\)](#)

July Events

4	The Landing	12 – 1 pm
6- 9	Booher family Campout, Scotts Valley	
22	Sutherlin Senior Center Meeting, Potluck & Jam	12 – 3 pm
25	Bridgewood Rivers	2 – 3 pm

Jude and Christine appreciate all OOTFA members who filled out the on-line 2023 Post-Convention Survey and Planning Tool Survey. To date, nearly 100 have submitted input and suggestions. Major findings and results will be reported in the August issue of The Hoedowner.

Election of District 10 Officers took place at our May 27 meeting. Our leadership team for the upcoming year is listed above. Congrats to **Christine Cormack** and **Dan Jocoy** who will be Co-Chairs. **Jim Kuether** will take over as Sound Person, and we heartily thank **Jim Leininger** for his years of service in that capacity. We also voted to contribute \$500 to the **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest**, look into getting embroidered vests made, and purchase more of JayDean Ludiker's fiddle books for our district library. **Kelly** was encouraged to submit a **Keilhorn Grant** Application for a few more smaller sized student fiddles, as well as for maintenance of all instruments and bows in District 10's collection. In memory of **Colleen Hanks**, sale of donated student fiddles from her family netted \$250 for OOTFA.

June gatherings and jams in Burns and Weiser are now history, and we're looking forward to **West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops** (Pleasant Hill) in July, **Fiddle at the Beach** (Winchester Bay) in August, and **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** (Prineville) in September. OOTFA will also perform at the 14th **Eagleview Pickout** that I am hosting on September 29 - October 1 along the main Umpqua River near Tyee, Oregon.



Don Jocoy



Joe Ross and Joey McKenzie back up Megan Nave for the Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest

Beginning Fiddle Class by the Fir Grove Park splash pad is every Monday from 10 - 11 am during summer. Loaner fiddles available. All ages welcome. Contact **Kelly** for more info. Everyone, including parents, family and District 10 members, will attend the last **Fiddle in the Park** on August 21 at 10 am. We will jam with beginning youth and adults, but when kids pick a tune, let's play it slow. We'll also play some upbeat fast tunes so they hear what that sounds like too. By then, Kelly will have taught them how to chunk along for backup accompaniment. There will be refreshments. Bring a chair!

The **Booher Family's Campout** in Scotts Valley will be July 6 - 9, with a Saturday night stage show. Local day jammers welcome too. Campsites for Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights are \$150. Day jammers pay \$20/day. Sunday morning gospel jam will be after breakfast. Bring your own food, but they'll have waffles and coffee served outside at breakfast. RSVP to **Dolores Booher**, text or call 541-849-2171, or email doloresb8@protonmail.com.



New District 10 member, Jack Holland

Weekly jams and other gigs are announced on D-10's Googlegroup, Facebook group and in Text Messages to update you about times and locations. To subscribe, contact Jude and she'll e-mail you the link.

In July, we celebrate birthdays for **Richard Poelstra** (July 4), **Kelly Wadsworth** (July 6), **Liz Crain** (July 26), **Mary Oswald** (July 26) and **Jerry Ashford** (July 29).

Keep on a-pickin!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

Oregon Oldtime
Fiddlers' Association
979 Ascot Drive
Eugene, OR 97401



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Purpose - To promote,
preserve and perpetuate
Oldtime Fiddling and
Oldtime Music.
To encourage everyone,
especially young people,
to play the fiddle and
appreciate Oldtime Fiddling
and Oldtime Music.
To Provide regular times
and places to meet and play
this kind of music.

Web Index

Online Resources for Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers

- [Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association](#) Official Website for State
- [OOTFA Facebook](#) Facebook Page
- [National Fiddle Contest](#) Weiser, Idaho
- [West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshop](#) Pleasant Hill
- [Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest](#) Benton County Fair
- [District 3 Website](#) Central Oregon, Bend, Redmond, The Dalles
- [District 4 Facebook](#) Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland
- [District 6 Website](#) Eugene, Corvallis, Lebanon
- [District 6 Fiddle Tunes](#) Alphabetical listing of Fiddle Tune Sheet Music
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OOTFA Event Calendar 2023

- July 17-20 West Cascades Fiddle Camp, Pleasant Hill
- Aug. 4 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
Benton County Fair, Corvallis
- Aug. 17-20 Fiddle at the Beach
Winchester Bay
- Sept. 14-16 Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering
Prineville
(Includes Fall Board & Membership Meeting)

New OOTFA Members • July 2023

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Donna Abare | Oakland (10) |
| Joyce & Gary Alves | St Johns, AZ (OS) |
| Shannon Daily | Terrebonne (3) |
| Gordon Fleig | Oakland (10) |
| Preston & Helen Hones | Bend (3) |
| Anne Rasch | Junction City (6) |
| Jill & Jennifer Wilson | Keizer (8) |



District 6's beloved Phyllis Coffin

Nancy Yialouris thanks everyone at the High Desert Jamboree for sending the get well card. "It was a pleasant surprise, and certainly was a happy point in my day."