

OREGON • OLD TIME • FIDDLERS' **THE HOEDOWNER**

Volume 31, Issue 10

Established 1964

ootfa.org

October 2023



Jerry Parks & Larry Gallagher

High Spirits in the High Desert

by Karen Bennett, District 3

WOW! We had a great time at the 2023 Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering, September 14-16. This year, the event was held at the Carey Foster Hall at the Crook County Fair-

grounds, which has air conditioning, cushioned chairs, plenty of tables, an indoor kitchen, and plenty of room. Musical activities included Friday and Saturday performances by our members, workshops, and plenty of jamming. There were 12 raffle prizes, including musical instruments (some including lessons), musical accessories and other goodies. On Thursday evening we had pie and ice cream. The evening meals were excellent, and breakfast and lunch services were available. One of the best things was the opportunity to connect with our friends, and make new friends. A big "Thank You" to all who worked to make the "Gathering" possible.



Dave & Janice Lockwood



Frank Borden & John Schultz



Jude & Jim Kuether



Jeannette Bondsteel, Joan Coleman, Marlene & Jeff Stevens

2024 OOTFA Membership Dues

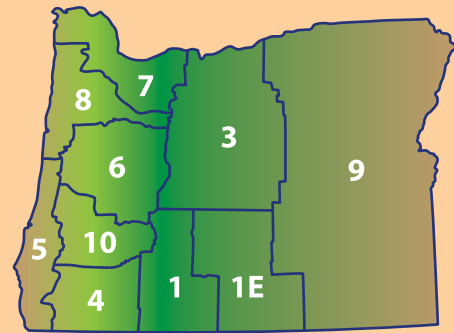
For OOTFA members
(excluding Lifetime)

- \$35 for Membership Dues and receiving the Hoedowner Newsletter in a PDF via email.
- \$40 for Membership Dues and receiving the Hoedowner Newsletter by MAIL.

For Lifetime Members

- No Charge for Lifetime members who wish to receive the Hoedowner Newsletter in a PDF via email.
- \$5 for Lifetime members who wish to receive the Hoedowner Newsletter by MAIL.

Membership dues should be given to your District Membership Chairs or mailed to Patti Luse.



Officers

President

Cindy Crane
530-574-6176
202 Draper Valley Road
Selma, OR 97538
ronandcindycrane@gmail.com

Vice President

Terry McLain
541-219-0896
1011 South "J" Street
Lakeview, OR 97630
terry233.tm@gmail.com

Secretary and Membership

Patti Luse
541-915-3231
979 Ascot Drive
Eugene, OR 97401
pattiluse@comcast.net

Treasurer

Linda Parks
541-905-2313
36989 Deadwood Drive
Lebanon, OR 97355
LindaParks1980@gmail.com

Hoedowner Editor

Robin Lindsey
458-205-9215
845 Taylor Street
Eugene, OR 97402
qat_boy@msn.com

The Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering in Prineville is behind us now for another year. Hats off and **Thank You** to District 3 for a wonderfully fun and well-run event! It was good to see so many of you there and at the OOTFA Membership Meeting, but we really missed those of you who were unable to attend.

Our next statewide gathering and potluck will be the **OOTFA Winter Gathering**, January 19 and 20 at the **Lebanon Senior Center**. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

OOFTA State Fiddle Contest is set for March 16th in Lebanon. **Cat McClintock, Chairman**, is already planning and will be sharing information and asking for help. Start getting your tunes ready and/or getting ready to join in.

OOTFA State Spring Convention dates have been set for April 3-6, 2024 and a new location has been secured. Charman, **Jude Kuether** will be sharing the details. Our **OOTFA Spring Membership Meeting** will be held during the convention. Please plan to attend. Each member matters!

Be sure to list your events on the **OOTFA Event Calendar** at OOTFA.org so we all know where to find the next jam/event/gathering. Contact **Linda Parks**, lindaparks1980@gmail.com for calendar additions or corrections,

Hope to see you soon! Let's keep showing up, making friends, learning, playing music, singing, supporting one another, having fun, and inviting folks to join us! All the best ~ Cindy



Mike Borelli and Ron Crane back up Cimdy Crane at COAMG

OOTFA Financial Report

State Checking	8,012
State Sholarship	
State CD	12,027
State Contest CD	4,513
Kielhorn Money Market	21,914
All Districts Totals	133,663
Grand Total - State & Districts	180,129

New OOTFA Members • October 2023

Tana and Casselin Clark	Bend (3)
Jeani & Rob Hamilton	Powers (5)
Cat McClintock	West Linn (7)
Megan, Steve and Ann Neve	Bend (3)
Zach Rotwein	Trinidad, CA (OS)

District I Klamath Falls Area

Chair: Noranne Sparks 541-891-2870 delnori1973@gmail.com
Co-Chair: Frank Ayres 541-892-3576 karensue4life@yahoo.com
Secretary: Karen Ayres 541-281-3444 karensue4life@yahoo.com
Treasurer/Membership: Edna Jenkins 541-891-9155 ednaspics@yahoo.com
Reporter: Noranne Sparks 541-891-2870 delnori1973@gmail.com

District 1 October Events

5	Practice at Luther Square	12 pm
	2314 Homedale Rd. 97603	
11	Practice at Johnny Rogers' Home	9 am
12	Pelican Pointe	2:30 - 3:30 pm
19	Practice at Luther Square	1 pm
21	Potato Festival	start playing at 9:30 am
25	Practice at Johnny Rogers' Home	9 am
26	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 pm

Fall is here in the Basin; cooler temperatures are now an everyday thing. No frost has been reported yet so the gardens are still producing.

September was a busy month for us, playing at our different venues. October will be a little quieter. We will be playing at the **Potato Festival** in Merrill, Oregon. The festival will be the 86th year of celebrating. This year's theme is "Potatoes - A Family Tradition!" Come help us celebrate the end of the harvest season. We would love to have any members from other districts come and play with us. There will be a free BBQ, Parade, Exhibits, and Vendors, come and have fun.

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

Happy Trails and Best wishes from District 1

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

District 1E Lakeview, Silver Lake Area

Chair: Arlene Henry 541-947-5026 ziggyh@centurytel.net
Vice-Chair: Ann Stover 541-621-5265 snag44@earthlink.net
Secretary-Treasurer/Membership: Sharilyn McLain 541-219-0896
P.O. Box 603, Lakeview, OR 97630
Reporter: Terry McLain 541-219-6152 terry233.tm@gmail.com

Well, I put this writing off as long as I could. Robin keeps me on track every month. One day I will surprise him and get it in early.

We had a great time at Prineville. Thank you, District 3, for a grand time!

We are planning to play at the **Sky Watch** event here in Lakeview. Plans have changed to the fairgrounds and we will share the stage playing from 8 to 10 am. Come and have a grand time.

Our last jam at the **Chamber of Commerce** was fun. **Mike Foster, Edna Jenkins, Sheila Fry**, all from District 1, came for a good jam.

Still having a jam at Rosa Lee's on Thursdays 4 to 7. It's fun! Keep the music going, it's good for the soul!

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter



Terry McLain shared his talents at the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering



OOTFA musicians playing at the Hildebrand Threshing Bee

District 3 Bend, Redmond, The Dalles

Chair: Art Bigelow 541-848-1058 bigelowa680@gmail.com
Co-Chair: Ellen Jakab 541-548-2387 iamejs@webtv.net
Secretary: Joan Coleman 503-798-6286 joanmarie.coleman@gmail.com
Treasurer: Karen Bennett 208-869-0343 bennetk@msn.com
Reporter: Karen Bennett 208-869-0343 bennetk@msn.com

[District 3 Website: centraloregonfiddlers.com](http://centraloregonfiddlers.com)

District 3 October Events

22 Dance at Terrebonne Grange 1 - 3 pm
8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, just a block off Highway 97, behind the Pumphouse Grill
Open to the public!

Mondays Jamming with Jeannette 2:30 pm
1898 NW Davidson Way, Terrebonne
Contact Information: 541-410-5146 or
jbond@bendcable.com

Western Swing Workshop hosted by LeRoy Newport
2105 NW 12th Street, Redmond, OR
These popular workshops will resume autumn
Dates are to be determined. Contact information:
541-604-6564 or leroynwpt@aol.com

Now that autumn is upon us, with shorter days and longer nights, maybe we'll have time to get a little more practice on our fiddles & other instruments. Try the "Tune of the Month" from the **Hoedowner**.

Improve your skills by "**Jamming with Jeannette**" and/or attending the "**Western Swing Workshops**". If you've never played "in public", get started at the monthly **Terrebonne Grange Dances**.

We welcome two new members. We look forward to seeing you at our events: The **Nave** family, **Steve** and **Ann**, along with **Megan**, a youth fiddle player. The **Clark** family, **Tana**, who plays guitar, **Cassel**, who plays fiddle, and **Chip**

Have a great October! ~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter



Nevaeh Davidson, Megan Nave and Sydney Pierce

Pics from the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering

More of Karen's event coverage on front page



OOTFA President, Cindy Crane backs up District 3 Co-Chair, Ellen Jakab



Jeff Stevens conducted a ukelele workshop

District 4 Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland

Chair: Melissa Taylor 360-267-4288 melissataylormlt@gmail.com
Co-chair: Judy McGarvey 541-779-8145 jmcgarvey97@charter.com
Secretary: Ron Bolstad 541-488-3593 bolstad@mind.net
Treasurer: Christa Price 503-267-1577 Darysta@gmail.com
Membership Chair: Carol Ferrara lencarol2000@gmail.com
Fiddle Rustler: Cindy Crane 707-489-8954 roncindy@gmail.com
Reporter: Judy Lyons 541-956-0618 blacklyon317@gmail.com

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

October brings with her leaf strewn lawns and days short of sunlight while in the night softly glowing Jack O'Lanterns patiently await small goblins ringing door bells and demanding treats. As we move most of our activities indoors let's create more opportunities to fellowship with friends and let old-time tunes fill the Autumn air.

At the September monthly meeting **Chairperson, Melissa Taylor**, reported on some comments she received from a questionnaire she recently emailed to District 4 members. She also reminded those who had not yet responded there is still time to do so. She brought forward that she had been researching ideas to expand and improve the district website and **Lenny Ferrara** gave a report on prices he had researched for cost of services to build and maintain a website. **Membership Chair, Carol Ferrara** reminded all members organization dues have increased to \$35 for households in the coming year. This includes receiving a copy of the Hoedowner online. Those wishing to receive the **Hoedowner** by mail will pay \$40.00. Lifetime members will receive the Hoedowner online for no cost but those life members wishing it by mail will pay \$5.00. All dues are due by January 1, 2024. Carol will be collecting dues at the monthly jams or you can mail them to **State Chairperson, Patti Luse**, at 979 Ascot Dr., Eugene, OR 97401.

District 4 musicians performed for the **Prospect Community Center BBQ**. The food was delicious and the audience quite welcoming. Eight couples (and one confused dog) danced the "Virginia Reel" energetically and at the close of the jam the musicians had them marching to the "St. Timothy's March". It was for all a fun afternoon.



District 4 musicians performed for the Prospect Community Center BBQ

October will be a busy month for District 4 musicians. Beginning on October first from 1-3:00 they will perform at the **Harvest Festival** at Pheasant Fields Farms in Phoenix, OR. This is a fun filled afternoon of music on a large, lovely deck built around an old, spreading walnut tree around which little tots dance and march to the old tunes being played.

There will be no monthly meeting in October. In its place the district musicians will perform at the **Talent Oregon Harvest Festival**, Saturday October 7 from 1-3:00. Directions are on the online calendar or contact spokesperson, **Ron Bolstad** at 541-488-3593.

On October 14th, 12-3:00 the **Siskiyou County Museum** will host a Family Day. Musicians wishing to attend should contact **Judy McGarvey** for details 541-779-8145.

A joint jam and potluck with District 10 at the **Azalea Grange**, 142 Pisqually Lane in Azalea, on October 21, 3-6 pm, is being planned and anyone wishing to attend should contact Melissa Taylor at 360-269-4288 for additional info. Also see this month's **District 10 report** to see what dishes you should bring (based on your last name). Car pooling is recommended. District 4 musicians will finish the month on October 28, 1-3:00 with the second gig at **Pheasant Fields Farms** in Phoenix.

The **Tuesday Jammers** meet from 4-6:00 every Tuesday at the **United Methodist Church** in Medford. Call **Judy McGarvey** for details, 541-779-8145. The November monthly meeting and jam will be held on November 4th at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. Meeting at 11:30, warm up jam 12:30-1:00, sign up jam 1-3:00. Bring snacks to share. Please check the online calendar for all gigs, meetings, jams times and directions, or call a district officer.

We are sorry to report that our former **District Treasurer, Barbara Basden**, has passed away. Please read more **In Memoriam** on last page

District 4 members wish you Treats **not** Tricks!

~ Judy Lyons,
District 4 Reporter



Linda Parks and Judy McGarvey at COAMG in Prineville

HOEDOWNER

Tune of the Month

Thanks to
Sheila Hunter of
District 8 for this
month's tune

This familiar tune is a traditional Irish composition of which there are many variations. This is the one that **Shelia Hunter** chose for **Tune of the Month**.

The provenance is unknown, but generally credited as Irish. The "Swallowtail" title may possibly refer to the type of coat with tails typically worn by early 19th century dancing masters. Bayard (1981) identifies the melody as another member of his "protean" "Welcome Home" tune family. Ken Perlman (1979) dates "Swallowtail Jig" to the mid-nineteenth century (perhaps on the strength of its appearance in Ryan's Mammoth and Kerr's Merry Melodies collections, published in the 1880's), and says it is often used as the vehicle for Northumbrian sword dancing (for five dancers with two handled swords). See also O'Neill's related tune "Dromey's Fancy." French-Canadian fiddler Joseph Allard (1873-1947) recorded the tune as "Gigue de Barnabé" in 1931 in the key of A minor, perhaps in honor of Barnabé Morin, one of his neighbors in Ville St-Pierre, Quebec

Swallowtail Jig

Irish

The musical score for "Swallowtail Jig" is written in treble clef, 6/8 time, and the key of D major (two sharps). The score is divided into four staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and includes chords Em, D, and D. The second staff includes chords Em, Em, D, and Em. The third staff is labeled "Part B" and includes chords Em, Em, Em, and Em. The fourth staff includes chords Em, D, Em, Em, D, and Em. The score includes first and second endings, indicated by "1." and "2." above the notes.

Swallowtail Jig on YouTube

[Tutorial](#)

[Tutorial 2](#)

[Tutorial 3](#)

[Peak Fiddler](#)

[The Petersons](#)

[Hillary Klug](#)

Also known as The Custom House, The Dancing Master, The Dancingmaster, Drioball Na Fáinleoge, From The New Country, From The New World, Gigue De Barnabé, The Swallow Tail, The Swallow's Nest, The Swallow's Tail.

Chair: Mapril Combs 541-572-5532 maprilcombs5532@gmail.com
 Vice-Chair: Bill Winfrey 541-808-2493 bill1938@outlook.com
 Secretary: Barbara Scheirman 541-297-7151 echo9@charter.net
 Treasurer: Dawn Vonderlin 541-347-4561 dawndoreen@hotmail.com
 Membership: Pat Foht 541-412-8169 pfoht@gmail.com
 Reporter: Barbara Scheirman 541-297-7151 echo9@charter.net

District 5 October Events

- 3 Pacific View Sr. Living gig 1:30 - 2:30 pm**
 - 10 Evergreen Court gig 2 - 3 pm**
 - 17 Inland Point gig 2 - 3 pm**
 - 25 Practice, every 4th Wednesday 1 - 3 pm**
- Bill and Pat Winfrey, hosting

With music from the summer events still playing in our heads and renewed friendships warming our hearts, we started our fall season with our regular senior care center schedule of performances. At our opener gig held at **Pacific View**, we took a few moments to celebrate our **Verna Lee**, whose birthday fell on that day. What better way to enjoy your birthday than to play for folks with your gang!

We sang "Happy Birthday" to her and several of our audience members whose birthdays were in September too. Then we requested our birthday girl to gift us with her signature song, "Chime Bells", which she sings melodiously with her smooth brand of yodeling. It is always a crowd pleaser, and it also pleases us no end! Smiles were seen all around.



Verna Lee sings and yodels "Chime Bells"

Another delight at the same performance at Bandon's **Pacific View**, revealed the voice behind **Bill Winfrey's** harmonica: darned if Bill didn't bust out in song, belting out "I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter," which he sang with style and gusto! After this debut, we are going to expect more singing from Bill now that we know he has some "pipes" beyond his great harmonica playing. It reminded us how his wife, **Pat**, also surprised us one day with her yodeling ability! I guess we should not confine ourselves to what we usually play and be a little more adventuresome. Who knows? We may discover another talent if we take a chance.



District 5 at the Dora Corn Feed

We are just fresh from enjoying the **Dora Corn Feed** this past weekend. The weather was lovely, the potluck fare was delicious and the graciousness of the **Dora Friendly Club** cannot easily be surpassed. The corn that the club supplied was summer-good from local farms and prepared by good old-fashioned country cooks. After our meal, we played for the folks, sitting as tradition holds, under the old historical incense cedar tree, as those who sat and listened tapped time, sang or sat contentedly, digesting their meal and enjoying our music. This is one of our favorite events at summer's end and is a soothing step back in time, as I've observed each year.



Sharon Gallagher was the MC at District 5's Fiddle at the Beach in August

On a more serious note, it's time to take a moment to thank our **Dawn Vonderlin** for serving in so many capacities over the years. She quietly takes care of so much for our District, including being Treasurer, advertising and sending the schedule out to the membership. She is finding it necessary to step back a bit and give some things up, including her duties as Treasurer, in favor of caring for her 95 year old mother. "She took care of me all my young years and now it's time for me to take care of her. She deserves my time," Dawn recently shared. **Sharon Gallagher** will be

appointed to serve as Treasurer and Dawn will be back up support until Sharon gets the lay of things. Sharon comes with experience and knowledge, since she has been State Treasurer as well as District Treasurer in the past. We are grateful for both of these competent and generous ladies.

And now, keep the music and friendship flowing.

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

District 6 Eugene, Corvallis. Lebanon Area

Chair: Jerry Parks 541-905-2312 fiddlescratcher67@gmail.com
 Vice Chair: Peggy Mulder 541-912-4040 peggyjm2@icloud.com
 Secretary: Amy Burrow 541-998-6294 aru.bur6294@gmail.com
 Treasurer: Bernie Roberts 541-689-5764 beroberts285@comcast.net
 Membership: Linda Parks 541-905-2313 LindaParks1980@gmail.com
 36989 Deadwood Dr. Lebanon, OR 97355
 Scholarship Chair: Gabi Ford 541-231-3330 gabiford@hotmail.com
 Reporter: Robin Lindsey 485-205-9215 qat_boy@msn.com

District 6 October Events

- 5 Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam 1 - 3 pm**
Corvallis Community Center
- 7 Intermediate Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 9 Basic Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene
- 13 Kids' Fiddle Jam 6:30 - 8 pm**
Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com
- 14 Monthly Jam & Meeting 10 am - 3 pm**
Central Grange, 87200 Central Road

Several members of District 6 headed over the mountain to Prineville for the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering. I had every intention of going and taking a bunch of pictures, but, alas, I could not go. Thanks to **Nina Hoffman** and **Peggy Mulder**, as well as some from District 3, I got a bunch of nice photos to choose from that are seen in this issue and probably the next, as well.

We are having a quarterly **District 6 Meeting** October 14 at 11 am at **Central Grange**. As usual, there will also be jamming and an informal potluck. Bring returnable cans and bottles to donate to help boost our district's income. We have suffered the cancellation of a number of gigs due to lack of participation and we need dollars to keep running. It is an easy and simple money generator. Email **Jerry Parks** (fiddlescratcher67gmail.com) for information regarding the meeting.

Dates for the **West Cascades Fiddle Camp** have been set for July 22-25, 2024. Once again, it will be held at **Emerald Christian Academy** in Pleasant Hill.

Birthday Greetings: Birthdays: **Wayne Carter** (10/4), **Chuck Roehrich** (10/7), **Ila Mae Carmickle** (10/8), **Lisa Ponder** (10/13), **Robin Lindsey** (10/17)

Anniversary: **Jim & Teresa Bowers**
~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter



Margot O'Sullivan in Prineville



Nina Hoffman is flanked by fiddlers, Sydney Pierce and Nevaeh Davidson at COAMG



Jenny Jonak provides a spacious, welcoming environment for the monthly Kids' Fiddle Jam. Contact Jenny for details: Jenny@jonak.com

District 7 Portland, Northern Coast Area

Chair: Elaine Schmidt 503-318-5045 elaineschmidt79@yahoo.com
 Vice-Chair: Thomas Clausen 408-402-2283 t.b.clausen@gmail.com
 Secretary: Claudia Zinser 503-630-3950 czmusic@aol.com
 Treasurer: Fred Davis 503-598-6692 cynfred01@icloud.com
 Scheduler: Marcella Easley 503-855-3535 marlueasley@gmail.com
 Membership: Marcella Easley 503-855-3535 marlueasley@gmail.com
 Reporters: Nancy Christie 503-348-5374 nancy.d.christie@gmail.com
 Larry Vining 360-878-5871 larryvining45@gmail.com

District 7 October Events

- 7 Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm**
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
- 21 Oregon Old-Time Jamboree 9 am - 4:30 pm**
Wilsonville Community Center
7956 Wilsonville Road, Wilsonville

District 7 Report on next page

As autumn approached, District 7 musicians had a rousing good time playing in September at **Creekside Village Retirement Residence** in Beaverton, where we also helped some residents celebrate their birthdays and were treated to cake and ice cream. This was our first gig at Creekside, and we hope for a return engagement soon. **Cherrywood Village** in Portland was another lovely gig location for us in September, and we'll be returning there on November 3.

Our monthly circle jams at **Sunnyside Grange** in Happy Valley continue to draw 20 or more musicians plus a loyal audience.

We are excited about the continuing opportunities to bring our music to the public, thanks to the City of Wilsonville grant, which funded the **Youth Contest** in July and the upcoming **Oregon Old-Time Jamboree**. It will include workshops and concert (all free, open to all). and will happen Saturday, October 21, at the **Wilsonville Community Center**. Pre-registration will be helpful to the workshop organizers—sign up for the free “ticket” through the **Eventbrite** link at the bottom of the poster.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

To find out more about Oregon Old-Time Jamboree workshops offered, visit

Oregon Old-Time Jamboree

Oregon Old-Time Jamboree
Experience the Joy of Old Time Fiddle Music!

Date: October 21, 2023
Time: 9:00am-4:30pm
Location: Wilsonville Community Center
7956 SW Wilsonville Rd
Wilsonville, Oregon

OLD TIME FIDDLERS Performance: 3pm

Workshops:
9:00 am - 11:00 am
CAROL ANN WHEELER, Fiddle Workshop
Low to High Intermediate Fiddle
JODI VAUGHN, Bass Workshop
All ages & skill levels
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
EILEEN WALTER, Fiddle Workshop
All ages & skill levels
DEAN BORING, Guitar Workshop
The Chord-Pattern Approach
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
AARUN CARTER, Fiddle Workshop
All level Fiddle Masterclass
DAVID ALTMAN, MANDOLIN WORKSHOP
Improvisation and Chord Syncopation

Made possible by a grant from the City of Wilsonville

For Tickets and More Info, Visit: ootfa.org or
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oregon-old-time-jamboree-tickets-718280274637>



District 7 musicians at Oswego Hills Winery

District 8 Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport

Chair: Lynn Gossett 503-831-1505 gossettyllynn@yahoo.com

Vice-Chair: Sheila Hunter 503-442-7928 sheilamhunter0@gmail.com

Secretary/Membership: Martha Hughes 503-393-2271
mh.hughes8@gmail.com

Treasurer: Marie Bailey 503-835-7185 bambailey36@yahoo.com

Scheduler: Rae Parlier 503-474-7544 raeparlier@gmail.com

Reporter: Lynn Gossett 503-831-1505 gossettyllynn@yahoo.com

District 8 October Events

- 4 **Brookdale McMinnville gig** 1:30 - 2:30
721 NE 27th St., McMinnville
- 5 **Martha's Basic Class/Jam** 9:30 - 10:30 am
Kathy Yale's home
- 5 **Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home** 1 - 3 pm
Subsequent slo-jam schedule TBA
- 12 **Martha's Basic Class/Jam** 9:30 - 10:30 am
Kathy Yale's home
- 13 **Jam at Marilyn Owen's home** 1 - 3 pm
- 19 **Martha's Basic Class/Jam** 9:30 - 10:30 am
Kathy Yale's home
- 27 **Battlecreek Memory Care gig** 1 - 2 pm
- 28 **District 8 Jam at Marie's home** 1 - 3 pm

Mel Fuller has provided us with a social media presence by building a FaceBook page for District 8 that provides info on meetings and gigs, along with some other fun things that have to do with fiddling, such as live music, open mics, etc.

September found us doing gigs at **Brookdale** and **Jefferson Lodge** and more of the same is scheduled in October at **Jefferson Lodge** and **Battlecreek**. Our new slo-jam schedule at **Marie Bailey's** is "under construction".

At our September district meeting we discussed scholarship awards, tune learning apps, health reports, along with a number of other topics. **Lynn** and **Sheila** attended the annual music gathering in Prineville and found it to be well organized and fun, as always.

As part of her preparations for her annual sojourn to the desert southwest, **Gayle Clarity** is stepping down as District 8 reporter. Also known as the "Fiddler on the Road", Gayle has been an integral part of District 8 activities for many years, and to that end she has dedicated her time

continued on next page

District 8 continued

and talents to being the District 8 reporter, fiddler extraordinaire, jam, gig and convention attendee, and all-around staunch supporter of OOTFA. In her youth, Gayle was a classically-trained violinist and played in the **Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra** for several years. Transitioning to fiddler, her repertoire increased and she has recorded

seven CD's with fellow musicians, and has won numerous fiddle contests in California, Oregon, and Arizona. Gayle won the Senior Senior division in 2008 at the Weizer, Idaho **National Fiddle Contest** and judged the Weizer fiddle contest in 2009. Gayle, please know how much we appreciate all you have done for us here in District 8 as well as statewide. We wish you "Happy Trails" on your journey to Arizona in October and look forward to welcoming you back home come spring.



Gayle Clarity, Fiddler on the Road

~ Lynn Gosset,
District 8 Reporter

District 9 Burns, John Day Area

Chair: Joan Suther 541-589-1087 Jsuther10@gmail.com
Vice-Chair: Ronda Metler 541-620-1849 rjcmeter@yahoo.com
Secretary/Membership: Lynn Mims 541-589-1649
lynnandreb@hotmail.com
Treasurer: Janet Braymen 541-589-1481 jbraymen16@gmail.com
Reporter: Don Greenfield 541-589-0816

We continue to meet Fridays at Hines City Hall, 6:30 except fourth Friday at the **Aspens**. The Northern part of District 9 (John Day) meets Wednesdays at Assisted Living. They extend an open invitation to join them. We resume potlucks on the second Sunday of October, followed by two hours of jamming.

We were joined by **Ben, Ronda and Ron** on September 9 on stage at the **Harney County Fair**. We completely filled the stage with old-time musicians. The "**Sage Rats**", (**Janet and Joan**) performed at the talent show on Thursday night, winning first prize, presented in the form of a poster sized check. **Lars Hagbom** also performed, placing second with his family. He performed "Cherokee Shuffle" on guitar, mandolin and fiddle.

~ Don Greenfield, District 9 Reporter



"Sage Rats" Janet Braymen & Joan Suther took First Place in the talent contest at the Harney County Fair

District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

Co-Chair: Christine Cormack 541-391-3021 ccormack57@gmail.com
Co-Chair: Dan Jocoy 541-733-7890 danjocoy@gmail.com
Secretary: Kelly Wadsworth 541-643-7113 queenkellybee@gmail.com
Treasurer: Sharon Thompson 541-430-5898 mamabear3506@centurytel.net
Membership/Kitchen: Sandy Harter, 541-430-3430 sandharter@gmail.com
Sound Person: Jim Kuether, 503-260-5972 j.kuether@yahoo.com
Reporter/Publicist: Joe Ross, 541-673-9759 rossjoe@hotmail.com
Fiddle Wrangler: Jude Kuether, 541-430-2080 jude.kuether@gmail.com

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

District 10 October Events

- Sep 29 - Oct 1 Eagleview Pickout, Eagleview Group Campground (12 miles west of Sutherlin) OOTFA performs 1:30 – 2:25 pm on Sat Sep 30**
- 2 Jam at Hal & Sharon Thompson's**
845 Lone Rock Rd, Glide info: 541-464-5656
- 3 The Landing 12 – 1 pm**
- 9 Monday Jam Time & Location TBA**
- 16 Monday Jam Time & Location TBA**
- 21 Monthly Beginning Fiddle Class 10 am**
Contact Kelly Wadsworth for details
- 21 Joint D-4/10 Potluck & Jam 3 - 6 pm**
Azalea Grange Hall, 142 Pisqually Lane, Azalea
- 23 Monday Jam Time & Location TBA**
- 24 Bridgewood Rivers 2 – 3 pm**
- 28 Sutherlin Senior Center 12 – 3 pm**
Full Moon Potluck & Jam
- 30 Monday Jam Time & Location TBA**

District 10 report on next page

A District Meeting was held before our Fourth Saturday Jam on September 23 in Sutherlin. All business decisions from that will be reported in the November Hoedowner.

OOTFA will play at the 14th **Eagleview Pickout** that **Oregon Bluegrass Assn.** is hosting on September 29 - October 1 at **Eagleview Group Campground** along the Umpqua River. You're invited to come, camp, jam and potluck at the beautiful site about 12 miles west of Sutherlin (1771 Bullock Road, Oakland, OR). On Friday September 29, the gate opens at 2 pm followed by a **National Public Lands Day Volunteer River Cleanup** from 3:30 - 5 pm, in partnership with BLM. Potluck dinner & jamming follow. On Saturday September 30, ten bands perform between 11 am and 10 pm. OOTFA performs at 1:30 pm. Join in! Potluck Dinner, Open Mic & Campfire Jams follow. Sunday's Gospel Jam Open Mic with all will occur from 8 - 10 am, before we cleanup & check out of the campground by 11 am. Bring your own everything, including water.

Roseburg Folklore Society's Hometown Music Festival will be at **Umpqua Valley Arts Center's** outdoor stage (1624 West Harvard Ave) on Saturday October 14 from 11 - 6 pm. Besides OOTFA, other "joinable music groups" that afternoon include **Roseburg Concert Chorus, Scottish Country Dancers, Oregon Bluegrass Association, Winds of Umpqua Flute Circle** and **Roseburg Folklore Society Sing-Along**. The event is free. Donations appreciated. Bring your blanket or chair. Food truck available. Info: 541-430-2574.

A Joint Potluck & Jam is planned with District 4 at **Azalea Grange Hall** (142 Pisqually Lane) on Saturday October 21. OOTFA is partnering with Azalea Grange #786, as well as local musicians in that area who will join us at the potluck/jam from 3 - 6 pm. Potluck at 3 pm, with Jam to follow



District 10 members at the Vaux's Swift Watch event (hosted by Umpqua Valley Audubon Society) near The Clay Place chimney where about 2000 birds roost each evening in September



Canyonville Pioneer Days Show that District 10 put on in August with guest champion fiddler Starr Page McMullen who joined in on several numbers

from 3:30 - 6 pm. All OOTFA members are welcome too. If your last name begins with "A - I," please bring **Main Dish or Casserole**. If you are "J - Q," bring a **Dessert**. "R - Z" create a **Salad**. Carpooling recommended as there is limited parking at Azalea Grange Hall. It will be a blast!

Beginning Fiddle Class will only be held monthly during the fall, winter, spring. The next one will be at 10 am at Kelly's house on October 21. INFO: **Kelly Wadsworth** at queenkellybee@gmail.com or call

541-643-7113. Loaner fiddles are available. Watch the calendar for more details.

The Family of **Colleen Hanks** made a substantial monetary donation to District 10. Her daughter, **Allison Bolen**, said, "Thanks for your help in May with my mom's fiddles, and thanks for the notes. I forward them to my sister **Adrienne**. My mom really truly loved your group of fiddlers. Fiddling was the highlight of my mom's life during the time she was in Roseburg. I know that it was much more about the people and community than the music, though she really loved that, too. I wish you all the best as you continue to enrich the community!" If you'd like to drop a note to Allison Bolen, her e-mail address is allisonbolen@gmail.com

Cool, crisp autumn days are ahead! Happy Birthday to **Don Hamlin** (10/10), **Jerry Hash** (10/16), **Sandy Harter** (10/17) and a special shout out to **George Breeze** who turns 98 on October 25! We haven't seen him for awhile and hope he's doing well. If we missed your special day, please let us know. I'm getting to that age where I feel like the candles are starting to cost more than the birthday cakes!

Event updates are sent around via e-mail, texts and posted on District 10's Facebook page. Contact **Jude** to subscribe or get the links.

Keep on Pickin'! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

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



A Nonprofit Organization
Article II:
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
[District 6 Instructional Videos](#) YouTube Videos
[District 7 Website](#) Portland, Northern Coast Area
[District 7 Facebook](#) Portland, Northern Coast Area
[District 9 Facebook](#) Burns, John Day Area
[District 10 Facebook](#) Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area
[Hoedowner Archive](#) OOTFA Newsletter Since 1967
[Join OOTFA!](#) Registration Form to Join OOTFA
[Tune of the Month](#) Swallowtail Jig
[Tune of the Month Archive](#)

We're on the Web! www.ootfa.org



Barbara Basden
She and her husband, Dave, were
awarded the 2023 Norm Nash Award

In Memoriam

Barbara Basden, active member of District 4, from Medford, passed away on August 31, 2023. Barbara served as **District Treasurer** and, as the wife of **David Basden**, has helped David with the **OOTFA Website** for the past few years. They met in college when Barbara applied to be David's reader (he's been blind since a teenager) and were married for 61 years. They both earned their doctorates at the **University of Santa Barbara** and both were on the faculty at **Cal State Fresno** for 37 years. Barbara's field of study was experimental psychology and she was a published author in her field of study. Barbara and David were awarded the **2023 Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award** last May at the **OOTFA Convention**. A celebration of life will held on Friday, September 29 at the **Medford Congregational United Church**.

Condolences can be sent to David and her family at 1629 Meadowview Dr., Medford, OR 97504.

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