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Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest
March 16th, 2024 8:30am-10:15pm
All Ages & Abilities Welcome
Info and registration forms at
WWW.OOTFA.ORG

Pre-Register by March 9th, 2024
SAVE 5\$
Contest Entry Fees

Small Fry, Junior Junior and Entertainment
\$10 - (Pre-register cost \$5)
Junior, Young Adult, Adult, Senior, Senior Senior
\$15 - (Pre-register cost \$10)
Champion (open)
\$20 - (Pre-register cost \$15)

Audience Admission By Donation
Lebanon Mennonite Church
2100 S Second St, Lebanon, OR
(Exit 228 of I-5)
For More Information
Contact: Cat McClintock CatMcc@gmail.com or 970-219-0256

EVENTBRITE QR CODE

Winter Gathering Wrap-up

The OOTFA Winter Gathering in Lebanon January 19-20 was a very nice affair with about 75-100 members attending. The circle jam on Friday night was attended by about 30 and produced lots of Oldtime Music. On Saturday, it got started again about 9 and they played til after 3 with musicians coming in and out during the day. Districts which were represented were 1E, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10. Due to the weather District 1, 3 and 9 decided not attempt to drive the icy, snowy roads over the Cascades. A few of the Lebanon community came in for the book sale for the **Lebanon Senior Center** happening in another part of the center. There was plenty of good food and conversation.

The hybrid **OOTFA Board Meeting** was held at 10 on Saturday with all but 1 district represented. There were 4 districts represented via ZOOM plus our Webmaster, **Jodi Vaughn** and the **Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest Chair, Cat McClintock**. (See the entire Contest Schedule in this issue of the Hoedowner.) **President Cindy Crane** presided.

We look forward to our next get-togethers... the **Fiddle Contest** on March 16 and the **Convention** on April 4-6. ~ Patti Luse

FIVE REASONS you should enter the Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest

The Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest has been going strong for 58 years. It's fun to watch and an important part of Oregon's fiddling history. Best of all, anyone who plays the fiddle can join in—no matter your age or abilities. So, should you compete? Absolutely. It's helpful to know that contests are not all about how well you play or the prizes. Here are 5 reasons you should enter no matter your playing level:

1. Improving your playing. Competing in contests pushes you to practice and polish your skills. Preparation for a contest will significantly advance the tunes you're already playing. Personally, my most memorable contests were not the ones in which I placed highest, but the ones in which I played my best. There's no better feeling!

2. Performance experience. Contests give you stage time, which helps build confidence and stage presence. The more contests you enter, the less scary it becomes.

3. New friendships. You will meet fiddlers of all ages and skill levels. Over time, many of these people will likely become your friends as you attend multiple contests and see them throughout the year.

4. Great fiddling. You'll get up close to some of the finest fiddlers around. For example, our judges this year are accomplished musicians with years of contest fiddling experience and state and national wins. (Don't miss the judges' show near the end of the evening at the contest!)

5. Supporting fiddling and fiddlers. As a contestant, you're part of a historic tradition and helping to keep it going! You support fiddling any time you participate in a contest, and also by cheering on other players.

It's easy to register. Sign up online at ootfa.org/ContestForm.html.

If you do it before March 9, you'll get \$5 off registration!

For questions or more information, contact Contest Chair, **Cat McClintock** at catmcc@gmail.com

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Hello Everyone,

OOTFA President's Report

2024 is underway! By the time you read this the **Winter Gathering** in Lebanon will be over. I'm sure we will have had a good time getting together for music, potluck lunch and visiting.

Nominations for the **Norm Nash** and **Bill Yohey Awards** are due March 1st. Please get your nomination in. You can find the forms on the website at **ootfa.org**. I'm excited to see the update of the website as it is well underway! Take a look!

State Fiddle Contest is set Saturday, March 16th in Lebanon and **State Convention** which will be held April 4th thru 6th in Winston. We are asking for your help with these important events again this year and hope members and districts will consider making contributions and volunteering. It's great fun!

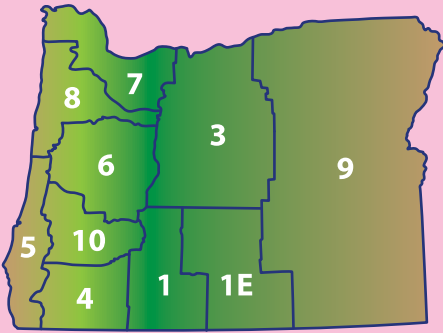
Remember it's time to renew your membership for 2024 if you haven't already. Please do this through either your **District Membership Chair** or our **State Membership Chair, Patti Luse**. All the best! ~ Cindy

Our 2023 year end membership equaled the end of the year in 2022.

That is excellent news. As we start the new membership year, registrations are coming in slow and are down about 18% over same time last year. We can blame it on the weather!!!? Those who have not registered will not receive this February issue of the Hoedowner.

2024 OOTFA Calendar

- March 16** Oregon State Fiddle Contest
Lebanon Mennonite Church
- April 4 - 6** OOTFA State Convention
Winston Assembly of God
- May 1 - 5** Christmas Valley Campout
Booster Hall, Lakeview
- June 13 - 15** High Desert Jamboree
Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns
- July 22 - 25** West Cascades Fiddle Camp
Emerald Christian Academy, Pleasant Hill
- July 27** Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest
Wilsonville
- Aug. 2** Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis
- Aug. 15 - 18** Fiddle at the Beach
Winchester Bay
- Sept. 12 - 14** Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering,
Cary Foster Hall, Crook Co. Fairgrounds, Prineville



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Mark Ross

Tillamook (8)
Lebanon (6)
West Linn (7)
Burns (9)
Sutherlin (10)
Lebanon (6)
Portland (7)
Eugene (6)





Tentative Schedule

subject to change depending on registration*

- 7:30 Registration Opens
- 8:30 Judges & Contestants Meeting
- 9:00 Senior Round 1
- 9:30 Senior-Senior Round 1
- 10:00 Adult Round 1
- 10:30 Young Adult Round 1
- 11:30 Junior-Junior Round 1
- 12:30– 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Junior Round 1
- 1:30 Small Fry (one round only)
- 2:00 Senior-Senior Round 2
- 2:30 Senior Round 2
- 3:00 Junior-Junior Round 2
- 3:30 Adult Round 2
- 4:00 Entertainment Showcase
- 4:30 Awards – Small Fry, Junior-Junior, Adult, Senior, Senior-Senior
- 5:00 – 6:30 Dinner
- 6:30 On stage jam led by Donna Reuter. All musicians welcome!
- 7:00 Championship Round 1
- 7:30 Young Adult, Round 2
- 8:00 Junior Round 2
- 8:30 Championship Round 2
- 9:15 Judges Perform
- 9:30 Awards – Entertainment Showcase, Junior, Young Adult, Accompanist, & Championship

Note: In the event of a time crunch due to an unexpected number of contestants, the following measures may be taken: 1. Round 1 and/or Round 2 in some divisions may consist of a Hoedown and a Waltz. 2. The Entertainment Showcase may be limited to the first 5 contestants who registered or it may be canceled entirely.

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District 1 February Events

8	Pelican Pointe	2:30 - 3:30 pm
22	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 pm

WOW! It's February and it's time to do the **Hoedowner**. The 14th of each month comes way to fast and then I'm late getting it submitted. We have finally been getting our snow, whoopee. There is one bad thing about it, it caused us to cancel practices and other scheduled events. We will soon be getting out those love tunes for February. Wish you all a **happy Valentines' Day**.

Special wishes for all of our February Birthdays, have a special day.

Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter



Jay Schindler with the Klamath Chorale

District 1E

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Been shoveling snow here in Lakeview. Larry McLain came over with the little John Deere. Saved me lots of work.

We are still jamming (non-OOTFA) at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday nights. It's always a good time; 4 to 7 second Saturday at the **Chamber of Commerce**, noon to when ever.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter



Here's a list of Lebanon motels:

Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn

505 Mullins Drive, 541-451-1000 - this is the best motel and includes a great breakfast, but is more expensive

Shanico Inn 1840 S. Main Street, 541-259-2601

Cascades City Center 1296 S. Main Street, 541-258-8154

Valley Inn 2885 S. Santiam Highway, 541-258-8184

Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest Registration Form

Location: Lebanon Mennonite Church, 2100 S. Second St, Lebanon, Oregon Hours: 7:30 am to 9:30 pm

Divisions: Contestants may enter only one of the following divisions in addition to the Entertainment Showcase Division. Contestants entering the Entertainment Showcase are not required to also enter a regular division.

Contestant entry fees are as follows:

(pay entry fees by check, charge, or cash during check-in at the Registration Desk)

Small Fry, Junior Junior, & Entertainment Showcase \$10 (\$5 if pre-registered by March 9)

Junior, Young Adult, Adult, Senior, & Senior Senior \$15 (\$10 if pre-registered by March 9)

Championship (Open) \$20 (\$15 if pre-registered by March 9)

Contestants can now register online at ootfa.org/ContestForm.html

To register using the form, print, fill out, and either

Mail to Cat McClintock 19500 Hidden Springs Rd Apt. 34, West Linn, OR 97068
OR

Text a photo of the completed registration to (970) 219-0256

Entry fees are not due until the morning of the contest. However, those who register before midnight on March 9th qualify for a \$5 discount on registration on the day of the contest.

QUESTIONS: For any questions about the contest or registration, contact Cat at (970) 219-0256 or catmcc@gmail.com

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

For all contestants - please provide your date of birth (not your age) _____ / _____ / _____

Circle or Underline the divisions being entered:

Small Fry - 8 or younger

Junior Junior - 9 to 12

Junior - 13 to 17

Young Adult - 18 to 36

Adult - 37 to 59

Senior - 60 to 69

Senior Senior - 70 or older

Championship (Open) - Any age

Entertainment Showcase - Any age - If performing with another fiddler in this division,

please list their name _____

If you have any issue with photos of you being taken at the contest, please let Cat know.

Contest Rules can be found at the ootfa.com website

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

District 3 January Events

- 10 & 24 Jamming with Ellen Jakab 1 pm**
15484 SW Hahlen, Powell Butte, OR Contact
Information: 541-548-2387 or iamejs@webtv.net
- 25 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!

Our next OOTFA dance and show is Sunday, February 25, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the **Terrebonne Grange**. See the address and location directions above. You, our members, provide the music, either instrumental or vocal. We sign up to take turns performing, while others provide background musical accompaniment. We'd love to hear your danceable songs and tunes. This is open to the public, so feel free to invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives.



Karen Bennett, Treasurer

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Winter storms are sweeping across our state. Mammoth waves are pounding the coast, downpours inundate the valleys and snow blankets our majestic mountains making it difficult to doubt that it's winter but the Oregon Grape Hyacinth shoots bravely proclaim, Spring, is right under your feet and only one month away!

OOTFA members from other districts are welcome. Recently, we have enjoyed the music provided by **Edna Jenkins** from Chiloquin in District 1. This January in Central Oregon has been cold and snowy. So, when the weather permits, come on over.

Looking for an informal and fun place to jam? Come to **Ellen Jakab's** home in Powell Butte, every other Saturday at 1:00. See the dates, address, and contact information above.



Ellen Jakab, Chairperson

We thank **Jeannette Bondsteel, Marlene Stevens, Jeff Stevens, Marcel Potvin** (and his accompanying musicians), and **Dale Anderson** for donating proceeds from musical performances to the District 3 Event bank account. We appreciate your support of the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering**, which is scheduled for September 2024.



Pat Borden, Secretary

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our members whose special day is in February. We wish a speedy recovery to those with health issues.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

District 4 President, Melissa Taylor, has been busy booking performances to keep the musicians happy and "On the Road Again" with gigs in both counties.

On February 2nd musicians will gather in Grants Pass for a performance at the **Rogue Valley Retirement Center** to play for the residents, from 2-3 pm.

The next day, February 3rd, a great turnout of musicians will be needed to support the **Open House Party** for the **Phoenix Grange** from 2-4 pm.

On **Valentines Day**, February 14th, musicians will perform at the **Alderwood Assisted Living Center** from 1:30-2:30. These residents enjoy the old time tunes so much their response to the music is a blessing.

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Tune of the Month

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

I first learned this tune after listening to a workshop with Alan Jabbour in the 1970s. It was Alan who recorded this tune from the Virginia fiddler **Henry Reed** which was archived in 1966. Apparently the tune dates back to the 1800s and was often played as a reel. Another tune is named Ducks on the Millpond, and both of these tunes have intermingled over the years. My transcription is based on slowing it down somewhat to create a contemplative feeling that emphasizes the mixolydian mode feeling. Other fiddlers do the same slower tempo, while others play it in reel tempo. ~ David Altman



Alan Jabbour, 1942-2017

Ducks on the Pond

traditional (D. Altman transcription based on hearing Alan Jabbour performance)

♩ = 120

Am G

Am G Am

Am C G

Am C G Am

Here are some videos, including other instruments besides fiddle. Click on these links to enjoy:

[Red Clay Ramblers](#)

[Claude Martin](#)

[Father and son duo on banjo and fiddle](#)

[Clawhammer banjo by Chuck Lee](#)

[Group of women fiddlers doing the Millpond version](#)

[Several versions plus lyrics to "Ducks on the Millpond"](#)

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February 22 will bring a gig at **Northridge Senior Living Center** from 3-4.

The February monthly meeting and jam will at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford on February 24th; meeting at 11:30, warm up jam 12:30, sign up jam 1-3. Bring snacks to share and come a little early to help set up the performance hall, please. (We've changed from meeting the first Saturday to the last Saturday).

February 28th, 2:30-3:30 will be a performance at **Fountain Plaza Senior Living Center** from 2:30-3:30. This is another group of seniors who love the old time tunes.

Looking Ahead.. the March monthly meeting and jam will be held in the town of Rogue River at the **Community Center Annex** on March 23rd. Meeting at 11:30, warm up 12:30, sign up jam 1-3. Bring snacks to share.

District 4 president, **Melissa Taylor**, worked purposely to move the dates for the meetings and jams from the first Saturday of the month to the fourth Saturday of the month so the jams which are open to the public would not conflict with many national holidays that are also near the first of the month causing poor attendance at the jams.

The **Jammers** meet every Tuesday at the **Methodist Church** in Downtown Medford from 4-6 pm. For more info contact **Judy McGarvey at 541-779-8145**.

Check the online website event calendar for complete dates, times, site addresses and maps to all events or call a district officer. Phone and email addresses are in the monthly **Hoedowner**.



Carol and Lenny Ferrara are responsible for the wonderful atmosphere of the granges at the monthly meetings and jams. Carol does beautiful decorating for each season and Lenny sees to the seating arrangement and safety of the hall each jam. Carol is also the district Membership Chairman and Lenny is the MC at each of the jams and they both work on publicity for the jams.

Happy Valentines Day to all members enjoying this day for lovers from all at District 4.

See y'all there ~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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District 5 February Events

- 6 Pacific View Sr. Living gig 1:30 - 2:30 pm**
- 13 Evergreen Court gig 2 - 3 pm**
- 17 Membership Meeting then lunch 11 am**
- Performance Jam, 1 - 3 pm**
Oddfellows Hall, Public Welcome
- 20 Inland Point gig 2 - 3 pm**
- 27 Practice, every 4th Wednesday TBA**

February is a welcome month because most of us celebrate friendship and love with the advent of **Valentine's Day**. It cheers us and warms our hearts during this dark and chilly side of the calendar. Fortunately, we have a full schedule of performance events—it is a delight to play and sing together. It is our special way of giving Valentines!

I asked a few of our members what love or friendship songs they favor and I also thought this might give our District friends ideas for February performances as well as providing a little interest.

Jolly Hibbits had no difficulty choosing two of her very favorites: they are, "Love You You You"; and "Have I told You Lately that I love You". "Don't you know I love old classic Country Western for sure," Jolly quips.



Jolly Hibbits

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When asked what his favorite friendship/love song is, **Dana Sweatt** deferred to his musical wife, **Linda**. He said, "My favorite song is whatever Linda's is!" Now that's sweet, I thought, So I turned to Linda and she brightened and replied that her favored song is "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose", which is a song adaptation of the 18th century poet, **Robert Burns**. In fact, Linda sang this lovely piece at one of our performance events at **Winchester Bay** last summer. She sang it for "a special someone in our audience." This was, of course, her special Valentine, Dana.

Another of our District lovebirds are our dear **Bill and Pat Winfrey**, who have been together since between their sophomore and Junior years in high school and have been married nearly 65 years!

The song they chose harkings back to those high school years when they were first a couple and they both independently, unbeknownst to the other, chose that song as their favorite in the school yearbook: "My Prayer", by the Platters. They still choose this song as their favorite today!

Verna Lee's favorite friendship/love song is also a Valentine song: "My Funny Valentine" (1937) which we look forward to her singing each February at our nursing facilities. We are certainly thinking of Verna with concern and hope since by the time this column reaches you, Verna should be home and recovering from back surgery. Her address is 61879 Seven Devils Road, Coos Bay, 97420, if you'd like to send her good wishes. Godspeed, dear Verna. We are not the same good musical group without your playing and singing! Verna knows all the songs—she says they are "All up here," as she points to her head!



Bill & Pat Winfrey had their prayers answered

My daughter, **Emily**, had a bunch of offerings and since she is all about music, I thought it might be worthwhile to list a few of them here: "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree With Anyone Else But Me" (1940s, WW II), "I Just Called to Say I Love You" (1984), "Valentine Girl" (1990) "All I Have to Do is Dream" (1958), "Undecided", **Ella Fitzgerald** (1930) "There are a bouquet of love songs—some old time, some not so old— for you to share with your friends," says Emily.



Sad news: **Pat Foht**, our membership chair reports that **Sharon Sauter** lost her longtime partner, **John Campbell**, who passed away December 21. Our sympathies to Sharon and we are sorry to hear of John's passing. Sharon tells Pat that she intends to continue her membership in OOTFA District 5 and our hearts are with her.

Pat Casey has been hospitalized in Springfield. Our thoughts are with him and we wish him the best outcome possible.

One last news tidbit on the hopeful and bright side: We have a new member! **David Allard**, who plays the guitar



and sometimes a mandolin. He was born in Portland and moved back here with his wife **Ginger**, to Coos Bay from California six years ago. We are sure looking forward to playing with David and welcome him heartily.

Here's wishing you a very heartwarming month full of valentines and song. There's nothing that warms the heart like some good ol' sentimental love songs played to an appreciative audience with our good friends! **Happy Valentines Day** and keep the friendship and music flowing.

~ Barbara Scheirman,
District 5 Reporter

District 5's John Bealey

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District 6 February Events

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| 1 | Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam | 1 - 3 pm |
| | Corvallis Community Center | |
| 3 | Intermediate Fiddle Class | 1 - 3 pm |
| | River Road Annex, Eugene | |
| 9 | Kids' Fiddle Jam | 6:30 - 8 pm |
| | Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com | |
| 10 | Monthly Jam | 10 am - 3 pm |
| | Central Grange, 87200 Central Road | |
| 12 | Basic Fiddle Class | 1 - 3 pm |
| | Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene | |

District 6 hosted the OOTFA Winter Gathering and Board Meeting on January 19 & 20. See the front page for Patti's wrap-up of events.

Our fiddle classes are two treasures of District 6. The **Intermediate Fiddle Class** is conducted by **Donna Wynn** with **Linda Danielson** on board to help with technique. **Amy Burrow** will lead the class in March while Donna is out of state. Class takes place the first Saturday of each month at the **River Road Annex**, 1055 River Road, Eugene, 1-3 pm. **Ila Mae Carmickle** is the instructor for the **Basic Fiddle Class** which happens the second Monday of each month at the **Bethesda Lutheran Church**, 4445 Royal Avenue, Eugene, 1-3 pm.

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District 7 February Events

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| 3 | Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam | 1 - 4 pm |
| | 13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
(Sunnyside Road at 132nd Ave.) | |
| 10 | Eagle Creek Grange Sweetheart Dinner | |
| | Early dinner for musicians | 5:30 pm |
| | Playing for dinner guests | 6 pm |
| | 24491 SE Eagle Creek Road, Eagle Creek | |

Both are excellent venues for improving fiddle playing skills. They are also great places for backup players to hone their skills.

The **Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest** is coming up, Saturday March 16, at the **Lebanon Mennonite Church**. Volunteers are needed! Contact **Cat McClintock**, 970-219-0256, catmcc@gmail.com, if you would like to be a part of the event. You will also see and hear some of the best fiddling Oregon has to offer.

The **Frontier Heritage Fair** is coming up February 17 and 18 and there are quite a few slots open for musicians to come in and play tunes that are mostly pre-1900. **Amy Burrow** would be happy to provide a standard list to interested parties.

We are sad to note that long-time OOTFA member **Gary Barans** has passed. His obituary is on the final page of this Hoedowner. We also send our heartfelt sympathy to **Peggy Mulder** and **Addison Talbot**. They recently lost Peggy's daughter, **Marcy**.

Birthday Greetings: **Joe Moyle** and **Gerald Clark** (1/1), **Leah Canaday** (1/26), **Michael Schneider** (2/10), **Val Adams** (2/14), **Tony Humphreys** and **Phyllis Coffin** (2/20), **Claire Elliker-Vagsberg** (2/24)

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter



District 10's Kim Clary joined us at Central Grange

We are honored and excited to be invited back to the **Eagle Creek Grange** to play for their annual **Sweetheart Dinner**. This event is a fundraiser for the Grange, and they put a great effort into the dinner (\$10 for guests, free for performing OOTFA musicians) and the decorations. Come to dinner, play with us, dance or listen, and take a photo inside the person-sized picture frame, decorated in a Valentine theme.

Our second workshop event plus performances by the instructors at the **Wilsonville Community Center** will be rescheduled later this spring since the original date conflicted with the March 16 **State Fiddle Contest**.

We've confirmed Saturday, July 27, 2024 for the 3rd annual **Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest** at the **Wilsonville Community Center**. The to-be-scheduled workshop and the contest are funded by a grant from the City of Wilsonville, and co-hosted by OOTFA Districts 7 and 8.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

District 8 Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport

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District 8 February Events

- 1 **Martha's Basic Class/Jam 9:30 - 10:30 am**
Call Martha for details: 503-393-2271
- 6 **Practice Jam, Amity 1 - 3 pm**
All acoustic instruments are welcome
Call Marie for details: 503-835-7185
- 8 **Martha's Basic Class/Jam 9:30 - 10:30 am**
Call Martha for details: 503-393-2271
- 15 **Martha's Basic Class/Jam 9:30 - 10:30 am**
Call Martha for details: 503-393-2271
- 16 **Jefferson Lodge Memory Care Gig 3 - 4 am**
Dallas
- 20 **Practice Jam, Amity 1 - 3 pm**
All acoustic instruments are welcome
Call Marie for details: 503-835-7185
- 22 **Marian Estates Gig 2:30 - 3:30 pm**
Sublimity (East of Salem)
- 23 **Distict Jam 1 - 3 pm**
Marie's home in Amity, District Meeting follows

Please note that the practice jam at Marie's changed to Tuesdays. Our district meeting for 2024 will be on Saturday, February 23, following the jam session. We are working on making district meetings hybrid meetings in the future. We feel hybrid meetings are more accessible for members who cannot come to Salem or Amity for a one hour district meeting. Also, it may be dangerous for some, as our district spans a mountain range and includes a lot of the coast. Our concerns are black ice and snow accumulation.

In **Lynn Gossett's** absence, **Sheila Hunter** represented District 8 at the state meeting in Lebanon. A recap of the meeting will be presented at the district meeting on the 23rd.

Longtime OOTFA member **Keith Eckley** has been diagnosed with ALS; our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his wife **Corinne**.

'Til next month! ~ Sheila Hunter, District 8 Reporter



District 9 Burns, John Day Area

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District 9 February Events

- Fridays at Hines City Hall Jam 6:30 pm**
- 10 **The Hub Potluck, 1 pm Jam, 2 - 4 pm**
- 17 **Fairgrounds Memorial Building for Crossroads**
Perform on stage at the Fairgrounds Memorial Building for Crossroads Ranch benefit dinner. (Crossroads Ranch provides horseback experiences that benefit those with special needs, including PTSD)
- 23 **Aspens Assisted Living Jam 6:30 pm**
Mid June Jambouree at the Fairgrounds

District 9 Fiddlers now meet at Hines City Hall, following some remodeling when we met at **Janet Braymen's** house. Thank you Janet for your hospitality!

We continue to meet on the second Sunday for potluck and jam at the "**Hub**" (Senior Center) in Burns. Thank you fiddlers from John Day for your traveling to Burns to participate – much appreciated!

We also continue to play on 4th Fridays at the **Aspens Assisted Living**, though COVID has interrupted at times. We hope to provide entertainment for folks there consistently because they are always a great audience! We have enjoyed more participation by people from the community who hear about us and want to join in the fun.

~ Don Greenfield, District 9 Reporter



Doug & Ronda in harmony with harmonicas

District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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

District 10 February Events

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| 5 | Monday Jam | 2 - 4 pm |
| | Winston Assembly of God (Host- Allison) | |
| 6 | The Landing | 12 - 1 pm |
| 8 | Garden Valley Retirement | 2 - 3 pm |
| 12 | Monday Jam | 3 - 5 pm |
| | The Painted Lady Tea House, Myrtle Creek
(Hosts - Dan & Wendi) | |
| 17 | Monthly Beginning Fiddle Class | 9 - 10 am |
| | Contact Kelly Wadsworth for details | |
| 19 | Monday Jam | 6 - 8 pm |
| | The Wadsworths, Roseburg
(hosts - Kelly & Scott) | |
| 24 | Sutherlin Sr. Center Potluck/Jam | 12 - 3 pm |
| 26 | Monday Jam | 6 - 8 pm |
| | The Witnauers, Glide (hosts - Rose & Mike) | |
| 27 | Bridgewood Rivers | 2 - 3 pm |

Sunbirds Frank Moore and Karen Bennett are enjoying hot jams and weather in Yuma. Our Monday Jams continue at various locations and times. Everyone's welcome. Contact **Jude** to get on the e-mail and text lists for calendar updates. Practice your Valentine's Day love songs!

Jim and Jude Kuether sold the old trailer, sound equipment and got over \$3,000 for our treasury. A **Kielhorn** application has been submitted for small, compact, lightweight, wireless equipment.

Beginning Fiddle Class will be held once this month (Feb 17). Contact **Kelly Wadsworth** for the 2024 schedule. Loaner fiddles of various sizes are available. Practice hard during winter. Weekly classes will resume in spring/summer.

Rosin up your bow for the **State Fiddle Contest** on Saturday, March 16 in Lebanon, a tradition for 57 years! Registration form and schedule are at www.ootfa.org. **INFO: Cat McClintock CatMcC@gmail.com**

The State Convention at Winston Assembly of God Church will be on April 4 - 6. Please let **Jude** know if you can help with set up, decorations, posters, publicity, camp hosts, emcee duties, stage managing, workshops, refreshments, raffle or clean up. Let **Christine Cormack** know if you can teach a workshop. Besides Jude and Chris, the committee includes **Jim Kuether, Margot O'Sullivan, Dan Jocoy** and **Steve Robaire**



No, Joe Ross' District 10 reports aren't really full of hot air, rather good, useful information and announcements

In 2024, we'd like to again schedule **Joint Potluck/Jams** with our friends in adjacent Districts 4, 5 & 6. They were so much fun in 2023. We may gather again in Scottsburg, Curtin and Azalea or find other midway venues between districts. Camas Valley & Azalea Granges would like music events there in 2024.

Thanks to **Jean Marie** for contacting former members and reminding them about dues. Please hand or mail dues to **Sandy Harter, 2403 NW Edenbower, Apt 312, Roseburg, Oregon 97471**. We want to see you listed in OOTFA's **2024 Membership Roster** that will be available at the State Convention in April.

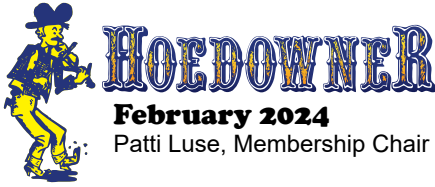
Sharon Thompson has done a commendable job as district treasurer for many years and wants to start training her replacement. This important job isn't difficult or time consuming but does require a computer and knowledge of Excel. She will train the person and help out any time needed. If interested or just want to know more, please call Sharon at 541-430-5898 .

We have no special birthdays or anniversaries this month so let's celebrate every day as if it's special by spreading love, kindness, peace, joy and hope.

Happy Valentine's Month!

~ Joe Ross, District 10

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



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In Memoriam

Gary Baran, a lifetime member from Eugene (District 6) passed away on January 1, 2024 at the age of 80 surrounded by his family. Gary was born in Chicago, Illinois where spent his formative years which laid the foundation for his life-long interest in peace and social justice. He earned a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He taught at University of Wisconsin, California State University & Los Angeles City College. Gary was also a licensed marriage and family therapist and a certified trainer of Nonviolent Communication. In 2006, he and his wife, **Lynne**, moved to Eugene, Oregon, where Gary was active in the OOTFA playing banjo, fiddle and guitar while offering training in Nonviolent Communication to a wide variety of groups, including inmates at the Oregon State Penitentiary. A Celebration of Life will be held on February 9 in Eugene. He is survived by his wife, 2 children, 2 step children and 2 grandchildren. Condolences can be sent to **Lynne Baran and family at 2777 Sorrel Way, Eugene, OR 97401**

John Campbell, a member from Brookings (District 5) passed away on December 22 at the age of 84. John was born in Missouri on a farm and taught himself to play the harmonica while working on the tractor plowing the fields as a young boy. Over the years, he learned to play the guitar along with the harmonica. He and **Sharon Sauter** were together for 49 years and during Covid when the **Oregon State Contest** was via ZOOM, John accompanied Sharon on the harmonica during her competition. Sharon says that he was truly a "Blues Man" and loved the music of the 1930's. John and Sharon moved to Brookings in 1984 and loved the southern Oregon Coast. He will be buried in Missouri where he has requested Sharon to play "Seneca Square Dance" on her fiddle. Condolences can be sent to **Sharon Sauter, PO Box 4022, Brookings, OR 97415.**

Les Tucker's In Memoriam was printed in the January issue of the Hoedowner. The family would like to have people post their condolences on Facebook so everyone can read them. **Joe Ross** got a facebook message from Les' daughter, **Vickie Tucker**, and here is what it said: "Hi Joe, thanks for your note. My sister and I are really the only close family left so cards are always appreciated but I would rather his friends remember him on Facebook so all can see the love. He was 97, in pretty good health. His band members came to his hospice care room and played Amazing Grace for Dad. Not a dry eye in the room. The Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/vickie.edwards.391

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