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"A Lot
of Talent
There":

2025 Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest

"We went to this, and it was very well done. The volunteers were very helpful, and there was a lot of talent there." That's what one happy attendee had to say about this year's **Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest**. and we couldn't agree more! With full parking lots, fantastic music, and volunteers providing a welcoming atmosphere, the event truly felt like a celebration of old-time fiddle music and community.

Of course, a contest like this doesn't just happen on its own. Our deepest thanks go out to the incredible volunteers who kept things running smoothly all day long. From registration and tabulation to stage management, it takes a dedicated team to put on a contest of this scale, and we're so grateful for every person who pitched in.

We especially want to give special recognition to **Linda Parks** and her daughter **Talley**, who have faithfully run tabulation at this contest for many years, ensuring that scores were calculated accurately and that the event maintained its impeccable reputation for fairness. This was their final year in that role, and while it's daunting to imagine moving forward without them, we are deeply grateful for the dedication, precision, and countless hours they have given to this contest. *Thank you, Linda and Talley—you will be greatly missed in the judges' room!*



New this year, **Eileen Walter** led a fundraiser featuring vintage violin-shaped vases, adding a unique and fun way to support the contest. And speaking of support, a huge thank you to the districts and individuals who contributed financially. Every donation helps keep this contest sustainable.

Eileen won first place in the Senior-Senior Division at the State Fiddle Contest.

A poster for the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association Annual State Convention. The poster features a rustic wooden background with a large fiddle, a guitar, and a banjo. Text on the poster includes: "OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION", "ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION", "LOVE PERFORMANCE! SATURDAY 2PM! BOONER BROTHERS", "ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH WINSTON, OR", "WORKSHOPS: FIDDLE - GUITAR - BANJOS - MANDOLIN - UKULELE - TIPS & TRICKS!", "JAMS: SLOW, BLUEGRASS, SWING, CELTIC, YOUTH & TEACHING JAMS", "JAMS/ CONCERTS / DANCING / WORKSHOPS/ RAFFLES", "APRIL 3, 4 & 5", and "For more information: OOTFA.ORG". There is also a QR code and a small logo for the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association.

SEE PAGE 3 FOR CONVENTION INFO!

At the heart of it all was the music. 63 fiddlers took the stage to share their passion and skill. Whether they were seasoned competitors or first-time contestants, every player brought something special to the day.

With strong community support and a successful event behind us, we're already starting work on next year's contest. **Thank you to everyone who made this contest possible, and congratulations to this year's winners!**

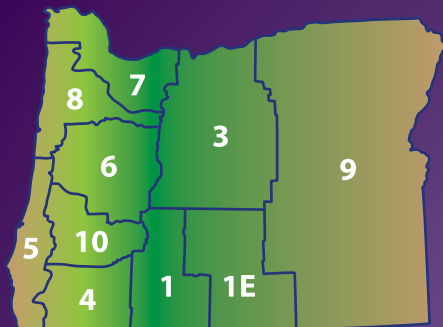
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McLain Family Campout

April 30 - May 4

**Booster Building
Christmas Valley**

Featuring
**Hot
Night**



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Hello Everyone,

I'm writing you from Brookings; the doors will open soon for the **Brookings Jamboree!** A few of us arrived early and got in some tunes last night. So fun!

Thank you, **District 5**, for putting on this event. It is always a great time, raining or not. :)

OOTFA State Open Fiddle Contest in mid-March was a big success! Congrats to all the participants and winners! Special congratulations to **Cat McClintock** and everyone who pitched in to help make this event happen and kept it running smoothly. I also want to thank the Districts and others who helped support the contest with your generous donations. Thank you!

OOTFA Spring State Convention is just around the corner, April 3,4,& 5, in Winston. Remember we will have a **Membership Meeting** Saturday morning and will be electing officers. Please plan to attend. Breakfast will be available. **Jude Kuether** and the dedicated State Convention planning committee have been hard at work planning a fun packed event for us.

Looking forward to seeing you soon! Keep the music going!

Oregon is going to be "Host State" at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser this year! Come join the fun!

~ Cindy Crane, OOTFA President

2025 OOTFA Calendar

April 2 - 5

OOTFA State Convention

Winston Assembly of God

(Includes Board & Membership Meeting)

April 30 -

May 4

McLain Family Campout

Booster Building, Christmas Valley

June 12 - 14

High Desert Jamboree

Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns

July 21 - 24

West Cascade Fiddle Camp

Emerald Christian Academy

Pleasant Hill

August 1

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest

Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis

Aug. 6 - 11

2nd Annual Farm Jam

32260 SE Belfils Road, Estacada

Aug. 13 - 17

Fiddle at the Beach

Bandon

Aug. 16

Youth Fiddle Contest

Wilsonville

Sept. 11 - 13

Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering



2025 OOTFA Roster

Available April 3 at

Spring State Convention

Cost will be \$3 or \$5 mailed



2025 OOTFA Spring State Convention

April 3, 4 & 5 • Assembly of God Church
360 Darrell Ave, Winston

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA Saturday - 10 am

Call Meeting to Order – President, Cindy Crane

Confirm Quorum – Parliamentarian, Peggy Mulder

Approval of Minutes –

September 14, 2024 Membership Meeting in Prineville

Financial Report – Treasurer, Linda Parks

State Budget Summary 2024-2025

District Reports

- District 1 – Noranne Sparks
- District 1E – Ann Stover
- District 3 – Ellen Jakab
- District 4 – Melissa Taylor
- District 5 – Ruth Meyer
- District 6 – Jerry Parks
- District 7 – Thomas Clausen
- District 8 – Lynn Gossett
- District 9 – Joan Suther
- District 10 – Chris Cormack

Committee Reports as needed

- State Fiddle Contest – Cat McClintock
- Hoedowner – Robin Lindsey
- Kielhorn Grants – Steve Robare
- Membership – Patti Luse
- Publicity – Joe Ross
- Scholarship – Terry McLain
- Website – Jodi Vaughn

President's Report – Cindy Crane

Old Business:

New Business

- Oregon Host State – National Fiddle Contest
Wieser, Idaho Dates: June 16 thru June 21, 2025
- Election of State Officers – Term: 2025-2027
Proposed Slate:
Cindy Crane, President, Terry McLain, Vice President
Chris Cormack, Secretary, Linda Parks, Treasurer
Election by Office with nominations accepted from the floor

OOTFA Awards Presentation

- Bill Yohey Award
- Norm Nash Award
- Homer McLain Award

Adjourn

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

No food in the Sanctuary/Auditorium
Shower available daily from 6 - 8 am and
from 9 PM to 11 pm

Church open daily at 6 am

Food Truck (Louie's Redneck Dawgs)
onsite daily from 10 AM to 6 PM

Open jamming throughout the facility
from 6 am to ???

- THURSDAY April 3 -

9 pm - 5 pm: Registration & Raffle
"Table of Treasures" Open
(Drawing on Saturday)

6:30 - 9:30 pm: Open Mic Sign up by
6 pm on whiteboard in auditorium

- FRIDAY April 4 -

9 am - 5 pm: Registration & Raffle
"Table of Treasures" Open
(Drawing on Saturday)

4 pm - 5:30 pm: STATE OOTFA BOARD
MEETING (district officers)
Class Room 2

6:30 - 9:30 pm: Band Scramble
Sign up by 3 pm

- SATURDAY April 5 -

6 am to ??? Open jamming throughout the
facility EXCEPT DURING MEMBERSHIP
MEETING.

8 am: Healthy Breakfast hosted by District
10. Donations gratefully accepted.

10 - 11:45 am: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING. Everyone is expected to attend.

10 am - 3 pm: "Table of Treasures" Open
RAFFLE REVEAL at 4:30 pm –

2 - 3 pm: CONCERT Booher Family

5 - 6:30 pm: Dinner: Pizza and Salad Bar.
Please sign up by noon

Entertainment by Youth Fiddle Orchestra.

9:30 – 11:59 pm: PITCH IN TO REMOVE
ALL BELONGINGS by 11:59 pm

We must be out of the church completely
by 11:59 pm

Sunday morning: RVs need to be out of parking
by 8:30 am so church goers can park

2025 Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest Top 5 Competors (OS indicates Out of State)

SMALL FRY

- 1 - Bradley Guptill
- 2 - Lincoln Landon - OS
- 3 - Clark Huguenin - OS
- 4 - Archer McCubbins
- 5 - Leah Fewkes - OS

JUNIOR-JUNIOR

- 1 - Leo Kuhl
- 2 - Thomas Richards
- 3 - Helen Hugueni - OS
- 4 - Emily Fewkes - OS
- 5 - Hazel Richards

JUNIOR

- 1 - Megan Nave
- 2 - Roslyn McCarver - OS
- 3 - Leah Huguenin - OS
- 4 - Nina Kuhl
- 5 - C.J. Callahan

YOUNG ADULT

- 1 - Libby Rogers - OS
- 2 - Maggie Magee - OS
- 3 - Isaac Helland
- 4 - Natalie Guptill
- 5 - Saxon Ropp

ADULT

- 1 - Aaron Fewkes - OS
- 2 - Ben LiaBraaten - OS
- 3 - Jeremy Sher
- 4 - Anne Sumner
- 5 - Jenne Ferrars - OS

SENIOR

- 1 - Jeanine Orme
- 2 - Martha Hughes
- 3 - Kelly Wadsworth
- 4 - Robert Waterhouse

SENIOR-SENIOR

- 1 - Eileen Walter
- 2 - Donna Wynn
- 3 - Barbara Curtis - OS
- 4 - Thomas Clausen
- 5 - Louise Terpstra - OS

CHAMPION - OPEN

- 1 - Tashina Lindley
- 2 - Doug Fleener
- 3 - Jacie Sites
- 4 - Andy Emert
- 5 - Alisha Townley - OS

ENTERTAINMENT:

1. Jacie Sites
2. Doug Fleener
3. Donna Reuter
4. Jennie Ferrer
5. Kiersten Doggett

ACCOMPANISTS

- 1 - Ben LiaBraaten (a heckuva lot)
- 2 - Rod Anderson (51 times)
- 3 - Andy Emert (41 times)
- 4 - Anne Sumner (40 times)
- 5 - Doug Fleener (13 times)

1st Place Winners



Bradley Guptill with Anne Sumner



Leo Kuhl



Megan Nave



Libby Rogers



Aaron Fewkes



Jeanine Orme



Tashina Lindley



Jacie Sites

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District 1 April Events

10 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm
16 Skylakes Hospital 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
24 Pacifica 10:30 - 11:30 am
Luther Square Practice Every Wednesday 9:30 am

"April Showers Bring May Flowers". March was another wild weather month. Snow and rain mostly, with a little tease of some spring days. We want to say congratulation to all the participants at the Oregon State Fiddle Contest.

District 1 continues with our monthly care centers and playing at **Skylakes Hospital** every other month. At our care center last month (**Pelican Point**) we had a special lady, **Jennifer**, get up and dance and sing to the tune of "You Are My Sunshine". **Debbie Cornelison** got up to accompany her on her guitar. She had a great time and it warmed our hearts to see it. We had not been there since December because of weather conditions. Some of the people were missing because they had passed on.

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District 3 April Events

27 Dance at Terrebonne Grange 1 - 3 pm
8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, just a block off Highway 97, behind the Pumphouse Grill
Coffee and snacks are available. Open to the public, including dancers!

Sorry, to say we have no volunteers for any of the District 3 officer positions (Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Hoedowner Reporter). There will be further information to follow later. Thank to **Kim Martin** for sending out multiple notices to District 3 in regards to the Election.

District 3 would like to say **Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary** to all members who are celebrating in April.

Condolences to anyone going through health issues.

~ Ellen Jakab, District 3 Chair & Reporter

It's so sad for us but we know we did give them a little bit of pleasure when we were there.

We all are looking forward to going to the **Christmas Valley McLain Campout** and playing with that Lakeview crew. Hoping for sunshine in April.

Special wishes for all of the **April Birthdays**.

Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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As time slips away the **Christmas Valley McLain Campout** is just around the corner, April 30-May 4, but don't miss the **State Convention** (April 2-5) first. It's all a good time! If you can find Christmas Valley you can find the **Booster Building**. It's pretty easy with lots of room for dry camping. There are a few 110 plugs we want to keep for the ones who need them, I'll put the coffee pot on every morning and we can jam all day and night, if you would like to. On Saturday we will have our fabulous **Hat Night**. Play a tune to fit your hat or hat to fit the tune. Its fun!

We jam at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday nights, 4 to 7 pm and our monthly jam is at the **Lakeview Chamber of Commerce**, the second Saturday of the month.

~ Terry McLain,
District 1E Reporter

**For Sale:
Breedlove Guitar
Asking \$1500**



Jack Kerr



Jack Kerr's son has this handmade, to order, **Breedlove Guitar** that he is ready to sell and knows that Jack would like it if the guitar could be kept in the OOTFA family. We think he paid over 5 grand. Hard case, plus there are a few items in the case such as a tuner, strap and picks.

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District 4 Facebook

All of earth is shouting the joy of rebirth. Daffodils, tulips and every green plant that can work its way through the still cold earth decorates every corner. Trees seem to sprout leaves overnight and every bird has composed a new song to proclaim it's Spring!

At the District 4 monthly meeting **Ron Bolstad** described an invitation he had received for the musicians to perform in Guanajuato, Mexico, through the city of Ashland's sister city relationship. A Mexican delegation visited Ashland in 2019 for the 50th anniversary of the sister city relationship at which 10 District 4 musicians performed to the great acclaim of the visitors. The invitation is to travel to Mexico this June 4. Additional information on the trip will be forthcoming.

Four District 4 musicians performed for the first and second grade classes at the **Sacred Heart School**. The students were so delighted they danced and clapped to the happy music.

April 2 will begin the **OOTFA State Convention** in Winston, through Saturday the 5th, at the **Winston Assembly of God Church**. There will be many helpful workshops to attend, food will be available on site for sale, time for lots of jamming and fellowship with other members and the important membership meeting on Saturday morning at 10 for election of new state officers. There will also be a table of great gifts for the raffle.

April 11, 3-4:00 will be a gig at the **Northridge** facility in Medford. There is a tentative gig on the calendar for the **Applegate Partnership** at **Cantrell-Buckley Park** for April 19. Also scheduled that day is **Bob's String Band** at **Twin Creeks Assisted Living** facility in Central Point from 2-3:00. The April monthly meeting and jam will be held on April 26 at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. Meeting at 11:30, warm-up jam 12:30, sign-up jam 1-3:00.

Looking forward to May: keep in mind the tentative date for the annual **Butte Creek Mill** event, planned at this writing for May 19.

The **Tuesday Jammers** meet every Tuesday at the **Methodist Church** in Medford from 4-6 pm. For more info contact **Judy McGarvey** at 541-779-8145. The **Tuesday Kids Jam** is held every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 at the **Roxy Ann Grange**. For more info contact **Lenny Ferrara** at **lencarol2000@gmail.com**, the **Slow Strings** jam meets every Wednesday at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. For more info contact **Melissa**. At 360-269-4288.



Cindy Crane on the right, Matthew Baker in the middle and Dawn Hixon lead the audience in a sing-a-long of Red River Valley

Check the online calendar often for new listings and updates on tentative gigs and meetings.

All of District 4 sends **Easter Wishes** to all OOTFA members. The new jam held in Grants Pass every Tuesday from 2-4:00 at the **Redwood Country Church** is really attracting musicians in the northern part of the district. For more info contact **Cindy Crane** at **530-574-6176**.

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

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District 1 April Events

1	Pacific View, Bandon	1:30 - 3 pm
8	Evergreen Court, Coos Bay	2 - 3:30 pm
15	Inland Point, Coos Bay	2 - 3 pm
19	Monthly Jam, Bandon IOOF Hall	1 - 3 pm
(Meeting at 11 am)		

The Brookings Jamboree was a great success, thanks to the efforts of so many District 5 volunteers and the **Chetco Grange** people. **Bill** and **Pat Winfrey** kept the doors open and the sound on, while **Luke VerHagen** helped with the sound, staging, and acted as emcee. **Ruth Weyer** ran the fundraiser raffle and kept everything humming while the women of the **Chetco Grange** fed us well with breakfast and lunch on the 22nd. The rest of us did what we could when we could and played until our fingers hurt! Many thanks to all who attended. We love seeing longtime friends and meeting new ones!

~ Linda Sweatt, District 5 Reporter

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District 5 continued



We have so much fun at our monthly jams. Look who showed up: (from left) Larry Gallagher, Sharon Gallagher, Willie Walter, Joe Walker, Pat Winfrey, Linda Sweatt, Verna Lee, Luke VerHagen, Bill Winfrey, Jolly Hibbits, and John Bealy. Others who attended are probably in the big kitchen sampling goodies.



OOTFA district members got together for the Brooking Jamboree

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District 6 April Events

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| 3 | Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam | 1 - 3 pm |
| | Corvallis Community Center | |
| 5 | Intermediate Fiddle Class | 1 - 3 pm |
| | River Road Annex, Eugene | |
| 12 | Monthly Jam & Meeting | 11 am - 2 pm |
| | Santa Clara Grange, Eugene | |
| 14 | Basic Fiddle Class | 1:30 - 3:30 pm |
| | Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene | |
| 18 | Third Friday Jam | 11 am - 2 pm |
| | McNail-Riley House, 601 W 13th, Eugene | |

Spring has made it to the Willamette Valley. Which means one day its wintery and cold, rivers running high, snow on the hills. A couple days later, it's suddenly in the 70s, and a perfect spring day for a walk admiring the daffodils in their prime, with sun and music in the air.

The District 6 regular monthly jam started with about 35 people jamming for half an hour, then the quarterly business meeting, then back to music making.

The **Treasurer's report** showed the District doing well financially, with about \$3K earned from performances in CY24.

Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers District 5

ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAM

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY

1-3 PM

**Listen or sit in and play
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Bandon IOOF Hall
88184 Hwy 42 S
Bandon, Oregon**

Questions? Call Ruth 541-297-3419

Amy Burrow (Publicity and Performances) reported that 25 of our musicians have played at one of the 8 bookings we've had since January 1st. These performances are a wonderful way to make people's day brighter. Contact **Amy Burrow: aru.bur6294@gmail.com** to help with future gigs.

The current slate of officers was re-elected to continue in their roles for another two-year term: **Jerry Parks**, Chair, **Peggy Mulder**, Vice-Chair, **Amy Burrow**, Secretary, and **Bernie Roberts**, Treasurer. District 6 then voted to donate \$1000 to the state fiddle contest (March 15) and \$500 to the **Willamette Valley Contest** held during the first weekend in August.

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Fiddle Camp committee reports registrations are on track.

The **Basic Fiddle Class** (2nd Monday of month, 1:30-3:30, at **Bethesda Lutheran**) is the perfect place to get one's fiddling going. To thrive in the Basic class, it's best if one has a basic understanding of the instrument. Co-teacher **Linda Danielson** will work with individuals one on one (in next door room) with any fiddling issues; she always has pertinent suggestions for any issue.

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District 7 April Events

5 Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
(Sunnyside Road at 132nd Ave.)

26 Ag Fest 4 - 5 pm
Oregon State Fairgrounds
Jackson Long Building
2330 17th Street NE, Salem

May 1 Wilsonville Volunteer 6:30-7:30 pm
Appreciation Celebration
(Event begins at 5:30; fiddlers at 6:30)
Wilsonville High School, Performing Arts Center
6800 SW Wilsonville Rd, Wilsonville, OR 97070

We put the May 1 event in the April calendar so you can get it on your calendars. The Wilsonville Volunteer Appreciation Celebration will include remarks from the Mayor, plus refreshments and an OOTFA performance. You don't have to live in Wilsonville to attend so please join us.

Members from around District 7 traveled to Charbonneau, Beaverton, and Gresham for gigs at assisted living centers during March, in addition to the monthly circle jam in Happy Valley and the **State Fiddle Contest** in Lebanon. Thanks to all the musicians and family members who make time in their schedules to bring the enjoyment of old time music to the region. The Beaverton gig was on **St. Patrick's Day**; **Dave Altman** led an (almost) all-Irish set at **Edgewood Downs Senior Living**.

District 7 and 8 members will perform at the **Ag Fest** on Saturday, April 26. Ag Fest is a 2-day family-friendly hands-on event highlighting farming and agriculture. Get those kids on a horse or a tractor, or dancing to fiddle music, take a photo, and you've got your holiday gifts covered! More information: <https://www.oragfest.com/>

The Linn County Cultural Coalition awarded OOTFA State Open Fiddle Contest a grant in the amount of \$1400. Pictured is Linda Parks, state treasure, receiving the check from Linda Zeidrich, president of the Linn County Cultural Coalition.



Starting in March, District 6 has a new 3rd Friday jam (11 – 2 pm), at the (green) **McNeil-Riley House** at the corner of Jefferson and 13th Avenue in Eugene. Six musicians gathered at this historic house for the inaugural couple hours of relaxed jamming and banter. Parking is limited; let's save the 3 spots next to the building for a bass player and/or those with mobility issues. Lots more parking across the street at the Fairgrounds. Thanks to **Gabi Ford** for making this happen.

The next **Quarterly Schoolhouse Youth Jam** (ages 7-18), will be on April 19, from 12:30-3pm. Contact **Amy Burrow** aru.bur6294@gmail.com for details.

District 6 birthdays and anniversaries: we've dropped the ball on this. So if you'd like yours mentioned in future Hoedowners, please sent name and dates to **Tony Dandurand** at tdandurand@comcast.net

~ Tony Dandurand, District 6 Reporter

Long-time beloved District 7 and state-wide OOTFA supporter and officer Dick Foreman passed away in February 2025. Dick and his wife **Donna** were featured in the **December 2021 Hoedowner** as they were moving to the Seattle area. Dick was 93, and he and Donna were nearing their 62nd wedding anniversary. We will miss his wonderful guitar back-up and sense of humor. **Condolences to Donna Foreman at 514 Kenosia Ave. C101, Kent WA 98030.**



Dick Foreman

Another Dist. 7 / 8 collaboration is the annual **Youth Fiddle Contest** on Saturday, August 16 at the **Wilsonville Community Center**, 7965 SW Wilsonville Road in Wilsonville. Details will be in future Hoedowner issues.

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District 7 continued

Carol Ann Wheeler, an internationally recognized fiddle champion, performer, teacher, and author of many fiddle instruction books, passed away on March 18, 2025. She was an inspiration with incredible talent and touched many of us throughout the years. We were proud to claim her in Oregon's District 7. Enjoy this 2013 video about Carol Ann's fiddling life:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUNihwCrDc>

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

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District 8 April Events

1 & 15 Martha's Hughes' 9:30 - 10:30 am

Beginning Fiddle Class

Call Martha @ 503-393-2271

or watch emails for location

1 & 15 Marie Bailey's Jam 1 - 3 pm

Please call Marie if you plan to attend @

503-835-7185

9 Monmouth Senior Center Jam 6:30 pm

180 Warren St. South, Monmouth

Host: Ted Hunt

10 Vineyard Heights 2 - 3 pm

Golf & Country Club Gig

345 SW Hill Road McMinnville

26 Ag Fest 4 - 5 pm

Oregon State Fairgrounds

Jackson Long Building

2330 17th Street NE, Salem



District 8's Mel Whisler Fuller emceed the evening round at the State Fiddle Contest

March's jam was held in the Loucks Auditorium at the Salem Public Library. Fifteen people participated in the jam, and a good turnout enjoyed the music. Lots of people picking up OOTFA information and fliers off our display table. As we have the auditorium until 4:30, when the jam finished members took turns on stage doing a run through of upcoming performance tunes. Great on-stage practice.



Martha Hughes, Senior Division 2nd place

Guptill, Small Fry Division 1st place; **Hazel Mehlhoff**, Small Fry Division (Her first Fiddle Contest). District 8 member, **Mel Whisler Fuller**, emceed the evening round. Congratulations to all participants and volunteers from District 8. Sorry if I missed anyone from our group.

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District 8 continued

Long time District 8 member, Gayle Clarity, moved to Mt. Vernon, Washington the first week of March. She is moving to be more centrally located to her children. Gayle was featured in the **Hoedowner District 8** section in the July 2021 issue & March 2024 issue. You can find those issues in the **Hoedowner Archive** on OOTFA's website. Gayle started playing violin in the 4th grade. Through her school years, she played various instruments, coming back to the violin in college. After retirement in 1994, Gayle traveled around the United States. She quickly met some fiddlers and bought herself a fiddle. She has played fiddle in RV Park jams across the US. Up until this past year, she was still traveling part of the year. In 2005, Gayle got a residence in Woodburn.



Gayle Clarity

In 2008, Gayle won first place in the Senior Senior division in the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho. Gayle became District 8 Hoedowner reporter in 2017. She did this while she was still

traveling part of the year. She stepped down from reporter about a year ago, filling in a couple of times as needed. In preparation of her move to Washington, she went to a jam with the Old Time Fiddle group in north Washington. Lots of instruments there, but she was the only fiddle player in attendance! Gayle will be missed as an active member and participant in OOTFA & District 8 activities.

~ Cathy Yale, District 8 Reporter



Hazel Mehlhoff, Small Fry Division at the State Open Fiddle Contest

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Initial planning is underway for our High Desert Music Jamboree, which will be held at **Harney County Fairgrounds** in Burns on June 12,13,14. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for good music and visits!

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter



L-R. Loosely: Vern Pifer, Linda Pifer, Bonnie Adams, Ben Richardson, Doug Guinn, Ron Phillips, Carl Stinnett, Cynthia Thomas, Steve Moyer, Janet Braymen



District 9 entertains at Crossroads Ranch Fundraiser

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District 10 April Events

3	Oak Park Retirement	2 - 3 pm
10	Garden Valley Retirement	2 - 3 pm
11	Brookdale Memory Care	2 - 3 pm
18	Callahan Village	Noon - 1 pm
22	Bridgewood Rivers	2 - 3 pm
24	Riverview Terrace	3:30 - 4:30
26	Monthly Jam	Noon - 3 pm
	Sutherlin Senior Center	

We really had fun with a variety of music jams and performances in March. We had two very fun music party's at Oak Grove. One for some friends of mine that I have known for 55 years. They had never seen anything like our music Jams and really enjoyed it. We also had a St. Patrick's Day potluck and jam that was great.

~ Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter



A special song by our Old Time friend Chuck Stayer



A Saturday evening music party at Sandy's place



Sharon & Donna enjoying a break at Monday practice



Kelly and Chris at Avamere Assisted Living



District 10 at Garden Valley Retirement Center

New OOTFA Members • April 2025

Carl Baker	Corvallis (6)
Michael Baker	Eugene (6)
Tim and Donna Dawdy	Ridgefield, WA (OS)
Jim Enemark	Salem (8)
Kim Gasiovitz	Gresham (7)
Celeste Johnson	Portland (7)
Michaela Kilday	Gresham (7)
Gail & Eric Olsen	Coquille (5)
Dirk & Marlys Powell	Keizer (8)
Sandy Provins	Albany (6)
Kevin Reilly	Keizer (8)
Jacie & Joe Sites	Pendleton (9)
Eric & Jill Swanson	Medford (4)

Oregon Oldtime
Fiddlers' Association
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A Nonprofit Organization
Article II:

Purpose: To promote,
preserve and perpetuate
Old Time Fiddling and Old
Time music. To encourage
everyone, especially young
people, to play the fiddle
and other acoustic stringed
instruments and appreciate
Old Time Fiddling and Old
Time music. To provide
regular times and places
to meet to play
this kind of music.

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Amelia Mehlhoff,
of District 8, competed in
the Junior-Junior Division
at the State Open Fiddle
Contest

In Memoriam

Dick Forman, a longtime very active member of District 7 before he and **Donna** moved to Washington State a couple of years ago, passed on February 15, 2025. They were a dynamic duo in **OOTFA**...Dick on the Guitar and Donna with her Fiddle. They entertained and taught so many over the years and attended **West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops** for several years either as participants as well as instructors. He had many years of playing and singing with the OOTFA fiddlers. He left 2 daughters, **Barbara Riecken** of Washington and **Sandra Beam** of Alaska, 4 Grandchildren and 5 Great-Grandchildren. We all send our condolences to **Donna and the family at 520 Kenosia Ave S - Apt A002. , Kent, WA 98030** or email Donna at foremandd@rconnects.com

We have just learned that **Carol Ann Wheeler** passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 in Portland at the age of 82. She has played a very important part in promoting **Oregon Oldtime Fiddling** in the state through the years. At this time, we don't know any details about a memorial services but we will post it on our **Oregon State Fiddler's Association Facebook page** or send an email to members with emails. She has written many instructional books on fiddling for children and adults so google **Carol Ann Wheeler** and see the many publications. Maybe by that time, you will find an obituary.

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