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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Our next big event is the convention which is coming up soon, April 9th for the early birds and 10th--12th for others. We hope everyone is getting ready to come and have a great time! There will be an election of officers so be sure to put your name in the hat if you wish to become an officer.

One important way to help pay for our conventions is our raffles so everyone that can bring a nice raffle item, please do so. Pick something that you, yourself, would want to get. If each district would bring a nice raffle item also, it would be great. Also, remember that each district is to furnish 3 center pieces for the tables at the banquet. Lets have something for everyone this year!

Chuck and Pat Gates and Linda Easley will be setting up some workshops for us this year and it sounds like they have some really nice ones. They will be posted at the convention. Thank you!!!!

Be sure to let Fred Hardin or Lew Holt know which meal you wish to eat at the convention dinner, chicken or beef. They will need a head count soon. Thank you Lew and Fred!!!

If you can, bring your campers, trailers, RV's, etc. so that the parking fee will stay low. I realize that gas prices have gone up but lower parking fees will help a little.

Hope to see all of you at the convention!

From you president
Irene Ruddock

From the Editor Emeritus:

(Here is part of a letter I wrote to my mother. It was Alice's and my first exposure to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. Our young son was bored and Alice wasn't too excited - how times have changed. Thought maybe you might enjoy reading it.) North Bend, Ore. Sunday Dec. 10 -71

Dear Mom,

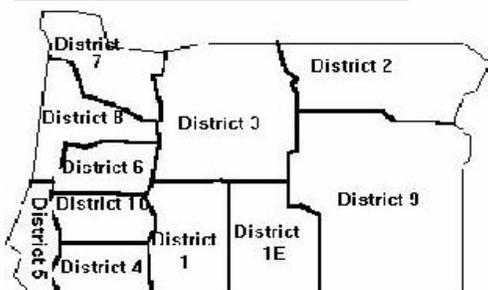
... This afternoon was extremely interesting and I wish you could have been with us. Last week I heard on the radio that there was going to be a fiddle jamboree in town so Alice, Tim, and I spent from 1:00 until 4:00 listening to old time fiddlers and guitars. People had come from all over Oregon to play together. They played until 3:00 and moved back chairs and danced for an hour to the old time music.

There must have been 15 fiddle players and they each played 3 tunes. There were some special numbers - guitar and mandolins, etc. The gal that played the piano really bounced.

We left at 4:00 - Tim had sat real patiently for 3 hours - and we needed to get home to put up the Christmas lights. Anyway - I really enjoyed listening to the music and watching people dance - as they did at Bridgeport. From the Hoedowner: January 1972

SOUTHERN DIVISION REPORTS First the jam session in North Bend. It was another big success. We had fifteen fiddlers; Cliff Buker, Dick Frankland, Sue Walker, Mary Walker, Jim Rose, Jim Morris, Russ Hall, Billy Warwick, Carl Van Hooser, Sherman Wilson, Fred Virtue, Buck Aulman, Cecil Davidson, Bud Ryan and Don Gish. As back-ups we had: Bessie Buker, piano; Earl Aulman, Wilma Ryan, Steve Hall, Ken Ryan, Pete Oden, Jim Clark, Billy Warwick, and Jim Morris all on guitar. As extra solos we had George Cabal and Pete Oden on their mandolins. The I.W.A. Local 3-261, donated their beautiful new hall for our jam session. Russ Hall and his wife were responsible for all the wonderful help we had. We want to thank all of those that helped to make this another successful Jam Ses-

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A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate and promote Old-time fiddling and Old-time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle 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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We are back home from our trip south, enjoyed the warm weather down there, while most of you had a ton of snow. I want to thank Bud Ullman for taking care of the news letter for me in my absence. I sure did miss the jams and monthly playing. Glad to be back to playing and visiting with the folks here. We had a good time at the Shasta Community Center this past Sunday the 9th. I seen some strange faces so I thought I had better get around and introduce my self, and get their names and birth-days for the newsletter. First was a Mr. Sherman Taylor he hails from the town of Malin, Oregon. Down in John Northcraft's neck of the woods. He plays guitar. Next was Carrol & Phil Fulbright from

here in K Falls, he plays fiddle mandolin and banjo, and Carrol says she is learning the guitar. Then Dennis & Pamela White, and if I have my information correct Dennis is learning Fiddle

Also I would like to say thanks to Betty Chapman for coming over to play with us Sunday at our senior dance and jam. Everybody enjoys her singing and yo-deling.

We Have a couple members that are under the weather this month of March hope Jerry Ruddock and Isom Patterson are soon back in the pink. I helped unload the sound system, and I see we have a new covered trailer to store and haul our system around in. What a great improvement.

The Schedule for April will be as follows 6th This meeting will be held out at Jerry and Irene Ruddock's I think it will still be pot-luck. Beings we no longer will be using the Villa West building any more. It would be a good idea to check on this meeting and place due to this late date change. 9th - ---12th Rickreal Convention and State Meeting 13th Shasta Community Center Senior dance and Jam 12:00 till 4:00 17th Shasta View care center 1:30 to 2:30 also Linkville House 3:00 till 4:00

Birthdays for the month of April are as follows, Lewis Stork, Allen Meyers, Bill Bonser, Arnold Jones {AJ}, Ila White, Jack Evatt, Bernice Oden.

Johnny Rodgers newsletter

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*Apr.5th Jam Senior Center 4-10pm All welcome.
Apr.14th meeting Senior Center
7pm
May 1-4,2008 Silver Lake Campout*

We would like to thank everyone who helps at the nursing home every other Tuesday. And at the Senior Center every Friday. Not all of us can be there and the folks that are it's great that they can. Had a good jam the 1st of the month. And remember our jams are on the first Saturday of every month. Guest were Ray and Joy Harlan Two sons Mikel and Garritt, Bud and Frankie Garritt, Erin Malony. Great food and great music. And on every Thursday we have workshops at Rosa Lee McLain's house at 1029 So. F St. Lakeview,Or. 97630. From

6pm till about 8:30 or 9pm.
District 1-E Campout
Silver Lake Oregon
Silver Lake Fire Hall
May 1St-4Th 2008
FREE DRY CAMPING AT THE FIRE HALL.
R.V. CAMPING
SILVER LAKE TRAILER PARK (541) 576-2789
K&K R.V. (541) 576-2258
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Officers stay the same.
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Bev Perry-reporter
Larry McLain sent in the news but maybe for Bev.

April 6 VFW Show Redmond

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Our last show was March 3rd at the VFW Hall. Everyone who attended enjoyed the afternoon of good music and dancing. It was great to have Don Hanna and his wife Lee with us once again. Also, we were glad to have Vivian Tucker with us to hear her sing and play the guitar. Visitors were Bill and Betty Chapman from Christmas Valley, District 1E.

The beginner fiddle classes are going good. We also started a beginner guitar class.

We had a good turnout at the Redmond Library prac-

tice. The next practice will be April 19.

The jam and potluck at the Pine Forest Grange Hall for members and guests was well attended. Lots of good music and good food. Thanks to all who brought potluck dishes and also, thanks to Earlene Ervin and Betty Fullerton for being there and getting the food on the table.

Don't forget the convention at Rickreall, April 10-12. District 3 has been assigned to help with the raffle table, so we need members to help with this.

Bob wants to thank everybody for the good turn out of mem-

bers at the March meeting. This shows an interest in the business of the District. Something that is definitely needed. There were 23 at the meeting.

May God bless those who are sick or have lost loved ones. Happy Birthday/Anniversary to all this month.

Joyce Wallace,
District 3 Reporter

District 4

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Our next Jams are April 5th at Roxy Ann Grange on Spring Street in Medford.

May 3 rd Live Oak Grange at 120 Gardner Street Rouge River and June 7 at Fruitdale Grange , Grants Pass.

March 1st we had our business meeting and Jam at Live Oak Grange hall. The Grange Has a huge hall and dining area . The business meeting was unusually large. We had a extra long meeting because of long discussion.

Our members out did themselves well on the food for lunch. Great food and plenty of it. The

hall filled with a crowd for the jam and the dance floor full most of the time.

Some of us are looking forward to the state convention in Rickreall. Gene Williams and Lee Ferguson will be the 2 fiddlers from our District.

Grants Pass Old-Time Fiddler member and guitar player James " Jim " Summers passed away March 6th. Our condolences to his wife Katie and his family.

District 4 Reporter Bea Johnson

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MUSIC REPAIR SHOP

Ken Cartwright/Luthier

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Chairman: Mapril

April

19 Jam, no Potluck Winchester Bay 1-4 p.m.
25 Spring Fling Heritage Place, Bandon 6:30-8:30 p.m.

May

11 Shore Acres 1-3pm
17 Jam Winchester Bay 1-4 p.m.

June

14, Coquille Community Building, Coos-Curry Electric Co-op
annual meeting, time TBA

At our meeting on March 15, we elected new officers. Congratulations to our new chairperson Ruth Weyer, Co-Chairperson Pat Casey, Treasurer Mapril Combs and Secretary Jolly Hibbits. We would like to send a special thank you to Kathy Nash for serving as our secretary treasurer for the past five years and to Mapril Combs and Oren Pruitt for being Chair and Co-chair for the past two years. Also, I will be leaving my role as your erstwhile

reporter after seven years and Pat Fraser will take over my duties in July.

It was announced that our fiddlers for the State convention will be Loren Osborne and David Fraser. Joan Long will be performing a special program. Please remember that District 5 is helping with RV camping this year. Please sign up to help. Our theme for the Winchester Bay campout in August will be "Sun, Moon and Stars", so start practicing your celestial tunes.

Our jam was well attended and we all had a good time playing many Irish tunes.

Our next jam will be on April 19 from 1-4 pm in Winchester Bay.

Happy Foolish Days to all those fortunate enough to have been born or married in April.

Hal Weiner District 5 Reporter

District 7

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April

6 Hattie's Birthday Clackamas
18 Somerset Lodge Gladstone
20 Senior Center St. Helens

May

2, 3, 4 Columbia Gorge Contest Hood River
9 Deerfield Retirement Milwaukie
18 Corbett Grange Corbett

June

6 Tanner Springs West Linn
8 Senior Center Estacada

Mark your calendars so you don't miss this event! On April 5th be sure to tune your radio to KBOO (90.5 fm). Nine young musicians, aged six to sixteen, students of Eileen Walter, will be featured on the Swinging Country show moderated by Don McLaren. This is a wonderful chance for us to support these young, next generation fiddlers.

Sunday April 6 our Good Friend Hattie Kielhorn will celebrate her 85th birthday in the Talbert Room of Miramont Pointe from 2 p.m. until 7. The address is 11520 SE Sunnyside Road in Clackamas. The phone number of the residence is 503-698-1600. Going east on Sunnyside Road from I-205, the building is "down right" off the

road and it comes up fast so watch for it. Come for dessert and coffee and festivities. Bring instruments! All fiddlers and backup needed to help Hattie celebrate!!!

Friday April 18 we'll play at The Somerset Lodge at 8330 Cason Road in Gladstone from 2:30 to 3:30. We haven't been there for a long time so let's give the residents a terrific show! 503-657-5659 is the Lodge.

Sunday April 20 we'll go to St. Helens Senior Center at 375 South 15th Street in St. Helens. Randy will bring in the sound at 11 and we'll play for the public from 1 - 4. The Center will have a fundraiser with a \$5.00 spaghetti plus the trimmings luncheon. Everyone come and

have some fun and help the senior center.

Don't forget, this is in District 7 and we must do all we can to support it! Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 2, 3, and 4, This is the First Annual Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest!! It's at Hood River Middle School at 17th and May Streets in Hood River! For more information go to: www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com

Friday May 9, we are invited back to Deerfield Retirement Living from 1:45 to 3:00 at 5770 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie. Mary Jorgensen is our contact and her cell is 503-653-4064. The people out here really enjoy our music, so let's give them a

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District 6

*April 19 Jam and Potluck 10:30am-4:pm Central Grange
May 5 Jam 10:30am-4pm Lebanon Moose*

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Our February meeting took place at Central Grange on the 23rd. Ken Luse reported on the ongoing discussions with the Shedd about forming an affiliation with District 6. It sounds very doable. Norm Oleman was looking into some sites to hold jams in the northern end of District 6. We hope to encourage more of our members up north to come to jams. The following were elected to office: Darla Knudsen, Chair, Ken Luse, Co-chair and Bernie Roberts, Secretary/ Treasurer. They will take office on July first.

Our April jam and potluck will be at Central Grange, 87200 Central Road, Eugene OR 97403. It will be on April 19th from 10:30am-4pm. Our May Jam may take place before some of you get your Hoedowner, so mark your calendar. It will be May 5th at the Lebanon Moose Lodge, 4070 S. Santiam Hwy, Lebanon. OR 97355. It is from 10:30am-4pm and the ladies of the Moose will be cooking the meal, and boy, can

they cook. The Lodge is south of Lebanon on Hwy 34 toward Sweet Home, about a mile past Wal-Mart on the right.

Our condolences go out to several families this month. First, to the family of Casey Jones. Casey passed on February 27th and was a great fiddle player. Second, to the family of Hiki "Hank" Napier. Hank passed on March 12th and was a wonderful guitar player and singer. Lastly, to the family of Marion "Mac" Moon. Mac passed on March 9th and was the husband of Julia Moon. Julia is a very good harmonica player.

Oral Robbins would like to announce a Relay for Life jam and lunch. It will be May 17th at the Jasper Grange from 11am-4pm. Lunch will be served from 12-3 and tickets will be sold so you can eat at your convenience. I will have more information in the next Hoedowner, but please mark in on your calendar. All of the money will go to the American Cancer Society.

Other jams: Wayne Carpenter hosts a jam on the first Saturday of the month from 11am-4pm at Jasper Grange. The ladies of the Grange cook the lunch for a nominal fee. He also hosts a jam and potluck on the fourth Thursday of the month at Jasper Grange. Bernie Charlebois hosts a jam and potluck the second Tuesday of the month at Central Grange. The Friday night jams are the first Friday at Central Grange and the second Friday at Crow Grange. They are from 7:30-10:30 and are finger-food potlucks.

Birthdays: Alice McDowell 4/4, Julia Moon 4/8, Carol Ede 4/12, Don Peeler 4/15, Sherry Dobson 4/18 and Irene Oleman 4/25. Anniversaries: Lynn and Joan Nelson 4/8, Joe and Leah Canaday 4/9, Arlo and Louise Hamilton 4/13, Joe and Emily Moyle 4/22, and Jerry and Linda Parks 4/29.

Darla Knudsen,
District 6 Reporter

District 7 cont.

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good pre-Mother's day show.

Sunday May 18, we'll have our monthly jam at the Corbett Grange at 37393 Corbett Grange Hall Road in Corbett, Oregon. Take I-84 east from Portland to the Corbett Exit - Exit 22, go all the way up the hill to the Scenic Highway and turn left. Go less than a mile just past the Fire House on the

right. The highway curves right then left again. At the left curve, go straight ahead onto Grange Hall Road and go up the road. The Grange is the only building on this road. Informal jamming will start about 11, with a formal sign-up jam from 1 - 4.

Friday June 6 at Tanner Springs Assisted Living at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn from 3:30 - 4:30. From I-205 take the 10th Street exit (#6?) go up the hill to Day Road, left onto Day Road, the first left is Hori-

zon Drive which ends in their parking lot.

Sunday June 8th our regularly scheduled OOTFA Jam will be at the Estacada Senior Center at 200 SW Clubhouse Drive down behind the Boots and Spurs Restaurant off 224. We can get in the building about 11 for informal jamming and from 1 - 4 we'll perform for the public. Bring all your friends and neighbors. This is a fun one! Public Invited.

District 7 Reporter, Gail Foster

District 8

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CALENDAR:

*April 10 - 12 OOTFA Convention Polk Co. Fairgrounds Rick-reall
May 3 Dallas Civic Center on Jefferson St. 1:00
May 16-17 OOTFA Contest Chemeketa Com. College Salem*

Convention is coming! Convention is coming! In the almost 30 years since Lew and I joined OOTFA, the state convention has been one of the highlights of the year. It's a time to see old friends, make new friends, learn new tunes, hear some awesome fiddling, and just generally have a good time.

Since District 8 is the host district, we do have some responsibilities. We want to make everyone welcome so they enjoy themselves. Wednesday is early arrival day and we need finger food snacks. Please call Darlene Bryant to volunteer to bring food. Peg Tucker and others will be helping with the food in the Craft Building behind the main hall.

Sunday, March 16th, we celebrated St. Paddy's Day a day early by fiddling at the Keizer-

Salem Senior Center. They served Irish stew with cornbread, green jello, and pie. We had informal jamming until the food was served. We ate first and then played on the stage while others ate. A good crowd of seniors stayed to listen and dance after dinner. Nice to have guests from Districts 6 and 7 join us, as well as a good crew of District 8 folks. We played all the Irish tunes we knew, and lots of others tunes as well. With 17 signed up, we had a great time.

We will have had a jam at the Grange in McMinnville on March 22nd. An old location, that will be new to some of you.

May 3rd, Saturday, we'll have a jam at 1L00 in Dallas at the Civic Center. It's on Jefferson St., a one-way street going north. It's part

of the Dallas City Hall and south of the Courthouse Building. Hope to see you there. We had a nice crowd last year when we played there.

Our best wishes to Marie Cunningham, who is recovering from shoulder surgery, and Jeannie Hascall, who is scheduled for surgery on March 20th. Everyone take care of yourselves.

Fiddle music fits here too: Jazz will endure just as long people hear it through their feet instead of their brains. John Philip Sousa

Alice Holt, reporter

District 9

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On Valentines Day a trio called "Geriatric Swing" consisting of Ron Jahns (dobro, guitar, fiddle and mandolin), Walt Cooper (guitar and voice) and filling in for Joan Suther who was out of town was Julia Milleson (fiddle and guitar) who played during lunch hour at the Aspens. The Staff and residents really appreciated the music.

Dennis and Donna Townsend made it back from their football game break in Arizona in time for the election of officers on Sun., March 9th at the Senior Center. Dona was elected as new chairperson and Walt Cooper will be co-

chair. George Sahlberg will take over the Sec/treas/membership position which Rose Mody Johnson has held for the past several years. Thanks to all.

We also voted to send \$200.00 to the State Contest. Upcoming play dates were discussed. We are to play a birthday party for a shut-in on Sat. April 5th at 1:00 and help Pioneer Day in mind as we will be playing during that program as well.

Lloyd Louie has returned to playing after his recent surgery and it is so good to see Linda and John Borelli back from California and once more in resi-

dence at Drewsey where Linda is recovering nicely from her cancer surgery. Florence Krueger will be among the missing for about three weeks as she will be in Idaho for hip surgery On a recent trip to an eye clinic in Bend I was fortunate to run into Chester and Betty Fullerton who were also in the clinic building. We had a brief visit. I sure miss getting out to see and play with all my "fiddle friends". Next month we play the Aspens on April 11th at 7:00. Out potluck and jam at The Senior Center will be Sunday April 13th at 1:00 and Ashley Manor will be Monday the 21st at 6:30. Janet Brayman, Joan Suther and Billie Lanier are still doing the Ashley Manor gig for the group.

Julia Milleson Reporter

District 10

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Co-Chair: Bob Hanson

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Secretary and Membership:
Jo Barnes
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We didn't have many people for the potluck, but thanks to all that brought the good food.

There were many new faces at the jam. Some guests sang and played guitar, and a few new people joined. Also there were some young people there that are hoping to learn to play the guitar and fiddle. We'll do all we can to help them. It was nice and enjoyable having so many new ones. Hope to

see you again in May.

By the way, we WON'T be having a jam in April, because of the convention. Most of us will be in Rickreall.

We play at the nursing homes every month, and in April. Also April 19th we'll be playing at the Riddle Community Center for the Lions Club at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and play.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them, and hope everyone is well, and are allergy free with all the grass cutting etc.

Remember, NO jam in April. We start again May 10th, meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon, jam at 1:00, at the Buckaroo Barn. Hope to see you all there.

Joyce Pickett District 10 Reporter

From the Editor Emeritus:

sion. I hope I have mentioned all those who helped. Martha Warwick.

I wrote recently about seeing 96 year old Carl Van Hooser at the adult center in Canby on Feb. 11. We had a nice visit, I took two pictures. On Feb. 20 Carl died. Alice and I went to his funeral. Carl was one of the fiddlers when our association was just beginning.

Banquet - We have been asked for specifics about the banquet at the convention. My notes show the following: Food Order: Either -- Tri tips -- 5 oz or Potato crusted chicken -- 5 oz. Baby red potatoes. Green Salad (garden). Rolls. Corn - with peppers and butter. Dessert Each adult banquet ticket \$11.95 -- checks made out to OOTFA and sent to Fred Hardin by April 4th. The sooner the better. Why not "right now!" Thanks. Oh, yes, please note whether you want chicken or beef. Fred Hardin
P. O. Box 1
Dallas, Or 97338

While our editor, Joe, is away I will - if there is room - slip in some information about membership in the National Old Time Fiddlers Association and encourage your membership. You can either mail it in or give it to me at the convention. As president Irene reminds us, Oregon is the host state this year at the Weiser contest.

Several years ago we printed several hundred OOTFA History through newspaper clippings books. Many have sold but I still have a couple of boxes cluttering up my basement. I would like to get rid of them.

As an incentive for you to buy one, I will give you "for free" a DVD of the Friday night show of our convention this year. I know you would enjoy the book and I know you would enjoy the DVD. The books are \$12.00 and the DVD is free. The DVD would cost you \$10.00 by itself so for just \$2.00 more, you get the book and the DVD. What a deal! I would be glad to reserve a book and DVD for you.

President Irene encourages us in her column to donate items for the raffle at the state convention. John Shafar has donated a very nice lap dulcimer - worth several hundred dollars. Shorty Dow donated a nice little guitar for some lucky winner. I have a banjo I will donate.

A great big thanks to District 5 for their VERY generous donation to the fiddle contest. Their support is very much appreciated. I see in the District 9 news they donated, too, so I want to thank them. At our jam this afternoon Helen Washburn from Canby handed me a very generous donation for the contest. She supports us in everything we do. Thanks Helen. So we played "Me and My Fiddle" for her.

Lew Holt - Editor Emeritus and sub for Joe this month

Pat Gates writes: I'd really like something about the field trip and carpooling in now as we are going to 'need' some takers for sure! We are certainly thinking of players and listeners for attendees. It might even be helpful if they contacted Linda Easley or the Gates by email to reserve a seat at the presentation in Grandma's Attic!

(As you can tell we are planning a variety of activities for folks attending the State Convention this year! :-)

One workshop is really a 'Field Trip' to Grandma's Attic Sewing Emporium, Quilt Shop, Quilting Supplies and Fabrics. In Dallas when you see the Polk County Courthouse, which is located right in the heart of downtown, get in the right lane so you can turn right on Court Street 1/2 block. Grandma's Attic Sewing Emporium is on the left! ... 167 SW Court St, Dallas - (503) 623-0451. Check it out online at www.grandmasatticquilting.com You might want to carpool from Rickreall (under five miles and a straight shot to get there). The shop can easily accommodate 12 folks. Rachel does a historical presentation from a quilter's prospective. This event is set for Friday the 11th at 1:30 so start planning your carpooling strategies now!

Here is a tentative workshop schedule for the convention - subject to change. Check the schedule when you get there.

THURSDAY p.m. Genealogy intro?
FRIDAY a.m. Tunes taught by Alice Holt
FRIDAY p.m. 1:30 Field Trip to Quilting Shop in Dallas with presentation by Rachel
3:00 FRIDAY p.m. Fiddle backup for the singer
SATURDAY p.m. 3ish o'clock (on stage area) Sound-person know-how
Randy Yearout



The Hoedowner

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State Calendar

Wednesday, April 9 Crafts building open for early arrivals.
Thursday, April 10 Convention officially begins Cafeteria opens at noon.
Friday, April 11 Convention - public show Friday night
Saturday, April 12 State meeting Saturday morning, set up for banquet. Banquet and dance that evening.

April

9-12 State Convention Rickreall

May

1-4 Silver Lake Campout Silver Lake

2-4 Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest Hood River

16-17 State Fiddle Contest Chemeketa College, Salem

June

7 John Day Fiddle Contest Grant County Fairgrounds

11-14 State Quarterly Meeting Burns

16-21 Weiser National Fiddle Contest Weiser

July/August

July 31 LaGrande Fiddle Contest Union County Fairgrounds

July 31, August 1-3 Diamond Lake Campout Diamond Lake

New Members to Welcome:

Eric & Kristine Guthrie, Burns
Roy Hair, Burns
Phil & Carol Fulbright, Klamath Falls
Tawana & Charles Lewis, Lakeside
Francine & Leroy Schoepach, Lakeside
Coralee Parks, Crooked River Ranch

Mark Ratzlaff, State Membership Chair



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