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OOTFA PRESIDENT SCOTT PHILLIP'S REPORT

LIVE FROM FRENCH GULCH

Here it is October and I am still hearing such glowing reports about the fiddle camp in July. That has got to say something for the good folks that put that together for us. Many thanks District 6 and all who worked so hard to help make it a success. I know it has been said before, but it bears repeating.

District 3 has outdone itself again. I was promised no smoke, and all I got was beautiful blue sky, warm sun, gentle breezes, comfortable nights, great people and all the jammin' a fiddler could want. And don't forget the workshops and demonstrations. Left you wanting more. Well done!

And now a word from our sponsor. All of our members need to consider seriously, what they can do to help our association keep running smoothly. It only takes a little bit from everyone to get the job done. Let's make this 'my' time to step up. The state and district boards are looking for replacements to fill slots emptied by people running into term limits. Please think what you can do to help.

(This is actually written at Prineville at 5:30 in the morning listening to the coyote's song in the distance. What a treat.)

See ya next time.

~Scott

State Calendar for 2019 - 2020

November 2, 2019	American Music Roots Festival at The Tabernacle in Turner (see info on page 8)
January 18, 2020	Winter Gathering and Board Meeting in Lebanon
March 21, 2020	Oregon State Fiddle Contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem
May 21-23 2020	OOTFA CONVENTION at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg
June 11-13, 2020	High Desert Jamboree at Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns
June 15-20, 2020	NATIONAL FIDDLE CONTEST in Weiser - OREGON HOST STATE
July 2020	West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops in Lebanon - More Info next month

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FROM THE EDITOR

House Music: Your Living Room Might Be Your Next Concert Venue

Last Sunday, I attended my very first "house concert". A couple months ago, I received an email from a woman in our town whom I did not know. She said she'd heard I liked old time music, and she was hosting a house concert featuring a couple of musicians. She shared her address and the details of the evening. We were excited to have been invited to this intimate venue.

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When we arrived, we met a whole bunch of new friends and a few old ones too. We shared a little potluck dinner and then went into the living room to hear the music. With only a dozen or so folks in the audience, we could watch the musicians and hear the music like in no other venue.

This idea was new to me, so I looked it up on the internet. Simply put, a house concert is an invitation-only music performance in someone's home, presented by a host who does not profit from the event. Traditionally, artists are paid by a suggested donation (\$10-20) requested of each attendee. Most house concerts are:

- attended by 15-50 people
- put on inexpensively. Attendee donations pay the performer.
- often include light snacks, beverages or a pot-luck dinner
- attended by the host's friends, neighbors, co-workers, and maybe a few fans of the artist

EDITOR EMERITUS

Let me tell you a banjo story that has contributed to our association – no joke, this is for real. One summer Frank Geelan walked up to me with a banjo. He said, "Here, take it, do what you want with it." It was a valuable old banjo. Hal sold it to a man in Denmark for \$950 – clearing \$933.00. I wanted the money to go towards a project that would perpetuate Frank's gift to the fiddlers. Working with others, it was decided to use the money to print the 2nd OOTFA History book. The book would have a paragraph dedicating it to Frank for his generous donation. And hopefully, the money would come back through sales to perpetuate the fund for printing future books. I asked for volunteers to type newspaper articles about fiddling activities asking for 10 volunteers, 28 responded. They emailed the typed articles back to me. They are now in a document of over 300 pages. I have scanned many pictures that go with the articles. They will be inserted in the proper place in the book. Recently I went through the 300 pages attempting to put the articles in chronological order. Some I can't date. The

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Greetings All from District One,

As I write this, we are fully into a beautiful fall; we've had days in the upper 70's and cool nights dipping down into the upper 30's...it's been perfect. Hopefully all of you were able to enjoy the Harvest Moon of 2019 that fell on Friday the 13th this year. It was beautiful, and interestingly, we will not have another Harvest Moon fall on a Friday the 13th again for another 30 years...it was one to remember!

In September, we had OOTFA visitors come to our monthly jam. We had a local man, Phil Morris, as well as: Judy McGarvey, Judy Lyons, and Lenny & Carol Ferrara who traveled to come play music with us. It was a fun time had by all, and everyone who was at that jam was happy to see new faces and hear new tunes! Thanks for coming guys!

The big news for our District this month is that we have an opportunity to play at the Potato Festival on Saturday, 19th from 10 a.m. until whenever! Come play your heart out at this fun and informal Jam...See you there! 😊

- performed by solo acts, duos and small groups
- performed with a very small sound system or no amplification. Artists usually bring what they need.
- intimate — audiences sit close and are attentive
- hosts usually are willing to house and feed the artists for the night

Janet Brayman (District 9) has been hosting house concerts in her home since 2012. She works through [Concerts in Your Home](#) which has now morphed into Listening Room Network. It's an online community to connect hosts and artists. She generally gets 2-4 inquiries a month from artists wanting to play in her area. She selects favorites that fit into her schedule and has hosted 2-6 concerts every year since she started.

Who knows? Your living room could be the next concert venue!

~Karen

purpose of the whole project is to make available much of the history of OOTFA that has been recorded through newspaper clippings. Scrapbooks in closets do not allow many to have the information. But a book gets 100 "scrapbooks" out there for members to read and to remember those who have made our association what it is today.

We enjoy the significance of OOTFA because of the contribution of the old-timers that are told about in the books. Today another segment of our association is contributing to making the present time valuable for the future. I would hope that you take a minute and go to this web that tells about one of the books, I think that you would enjoy it. <https://oregonoldtimefiddling.org/history-master-ootfa-newspaper-clippings-4/> You will, also, find this book, equally as interesting. <https://oregonoldtimefiddling.org/the-story-of-ootfa-history/> So on a rainy day pull up a chair, sit back, and enjoy some of our history.

~Lew

October Events

8	gig	Shasta View Center	10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
8	gig	Plum Ridge	12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
12	gig	Farmer's Market	11:30-1:30 p.m.
17	gig	Pacifica	1-2 p.m.
19	jam	Potato Festival	10 a.m.-whenever!
24	gig	Crystal Terrace	11-12 p.m.
24	gig	Rogue River Place	1-2 p.m.
26	meeting/jam	Anthem House	12:30.- 3:30 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays 1-4 p.m. Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for date and times 541-882-6418.



District 1 members playing at the Klamath Falls Farmer's Market

October Birthdays: Ann Bonser, Bob Dorsey, Howard Priddy, and Noranne Sparks.

~Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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It's October. What a summer we had! On August 31 we played for the 100th Lakeview Round-up. We were blessed to be joined by Edna Jenkins (District 1) and Jodi Seger (District 3). Two Song Birds! There were overflow crowds. We all enjoyed playing for them.

On September 2, we played in the Labor Day Parade in Lakeview. Sharilyn McLain did a great job decorating the float, so we rode in style. Thanks to everyone who made it happen.

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Howdy from District 3,

As this is being written at our Central Oregon Country Music Gathering which is in full swing at the Crook County Fairgrounds. The Gathering is going exceptionally well with lots of jamming, visiting and catching up with old friends. Our gospel show was excellent. We are so fortunate to have such talent and good people in the OOTFA.

We want to get the below information on the "Thursday Jam" into this issue for everyone, and our website will be updated. For now...we are all back to the event and will talk to you next month! Look for more details and photos of Prineville in the November Hoedowner!

STARTING OCTOBER 24

After much thinking and input from many on dates for the OOTFA 3RD Thursday jam, we've decided to move the jam over to Ridgeview High School (RVHS) 4555 SW Elkhorn Ave, Redmond, OR 97756 and become partners with the RVHS Fiddle Club. This group will be known as Fiddlers Knee-to-Knee.

We will continue meeting on the 3rd Thursdays of each month EXCEPT for October, we have to move our jam to the 4th Thursday - October 24th..

This change in venue gives us the opportunity to make other changes to our program. The evening is going to take on a

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We have a serious problem here in District 4. We need members to step up and fill important posts that are required to keep our district moving forward and not regressing. Scotty Philips, our Chair, and Jessie Lotts, our Co-chair, have served

October Events

5	monthly jam	Chamber of Commerce	2-5 p.m.
7	monthly business meeting	Chamber of Commerce	7 p.m.
1, 10, 17, 24, 31		jams Rosa Lee's house	5-7 p.m.

The monthly jam is Oct 5 at the Chamber of Commerce from 2-5 p.m. Please come on down. The monthly business meeting is October 7 at the Chamber of Commerce at 7 p.m. If you have something to share, let us know. The weekly jams are at Rosa Lee McLain's house from 5-7 p.m. on the October 1, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Please don't sit on the sidelines! Join the Game !!

~Jerry Light, District 1E Reporter

October Events

24	Fiddlers Knee to Knee	Ridgeview High School	4:30-9 p.m.
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new flow starting with our first RVHS Jam October 17. We will continue with the learning portion of the evening and start the jam session out at a slow pace for 30 minutes. At 6:30 the jam will move into an intermediate level speed and difficulty. It is important to push yourself when it comes to speed and technique, and the intermediate level jam will help develop those skills. This evening is still intended to get musicians comfortable playing old time music in a safe, fun, teaching environment for both new and experienced musicians.

- 4:30 - 6 p.m. - Learning session - We start the evening working on technique, tone, tune, scales, tune keys, and other basic knowledge for playing the fiddle
- 6- 6:30 p.m. - Slow level jam. We play tunes while other folks join us. We sit in a circle (it's called knee-to-knee) and move the tune choice around the circle. Everyone plays along (as your skill allows) through every tune.
- 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.- Intermediate level jam. The tunes will move right along, probably not calling tune names, keys or chords; any old-time genera, speed should stay playable for most of the group.
- 8:30 - 9 p.m. - Follow up - After the jam we can work on things folks found they want to nail down or work on a new tune they heard in the jam.

~Kim Martin & Pat Borden, District 3 Reporters

October Events

October Monthly Meeting and Jam Phoenix Grange 11:30 a.m.
Check our website for the whole schedule. www.OOTFA4.org

several terms and must be replaced when elections come up in the spring. Our most current problem is that Everett Costs who has served faithfully for several years as our sound person and the one who brings our trailer each month to the jam that

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carries all our sound equipment and supplies that we use to set up the kitchen for our hospitality is retiring after the October jam. This means we will have no microphones, we will be totally acoustic, and we can serve no food or drinks. You Don't Have To Be A Musician To Serve! Just be a member to serve as an officer or in one of our many volunteer positions. We have many members serving in positions that they have held for 10 years or more. Please, if you can help notify Scotty Philips at 541 601 5753 or scottp307@gmail.com. The volunteer position to bring the trailer each month pays a mileage stipend.



Nikita Wilkerson (District 4) brought home the trophy for Best Banjo Player at the Winchester Bay Festival.

Many members from District 4 attended the Winchester Bay Festival, and it was a huge success. The skits were so amusing and the costumes were terrific. The lunches and Ruth Weyer's right out of the oven cinnamon rolls every morning were delicious. Sitting and jamming with so much talent. The room

echoing with a combination of guitar, banjo, bass fiddle, fiddle and mandolin was inspiring and made you want to work harder on your instrument. The evening performances were chock full of great music. Thank you District 5. District 4 members who brought home trophies were: Nikita Wilkerson for best banjo player and Judy McGarvey for her dynamite performance on "Orange Blossom Special".

The recent Ken Burns presentation on Country Music on the PBS station featured a interview with Don Maddox, the last surviving member of the "Maddox Brothers and Rose" country band. Don and his wife Barbara are members of District 4. The air date was September 15 but there's sure to be an encore performance.

Coming up this month we will be performing at the Pheasant Fields Farm in Phoenix. We will play two days, Saturday October 12 at 1 p.m. and Sunday October 20 at 1 p.m. These events are well attended by families and an excellent time to present our music to prospective members and musicians, so please try to come to both performances.

Our October meeting will be at the Phoenix Grange. There is a map on the online calendar which holds all the information about our jams and gigs, so check it out! Don't forget about the weekly jam on Wednesday from 4-6 at the Roxy Ann Grange. Everyone is welcome.

See you soon.

~Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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The Magic happened again! The magic of music, fun, friendship and the making of warm memories didn't just happen, they were created by each and every one of you dear people who came to our 16th annual Fiddle at the Beach event at the Winchester Bay Community Center on August 15-18. Together, we enjoyed one another and contributed to all that made our District 5 event so wonderful. Thank you all for coming and those of you who weren't able to join us, we hope to see you soon. Or, hopefully, next year at the coast!

When one first arrives at the event, there is music all around, filling the air. Musicians in groups in pairs, learning from one another and just playing. Ruth Weyer and Colleen Hodges are busy in the kitchen, cooking, making coffee and laying out yummy cookies on platters in the most organized and generous fashion for all the players. The cooking aroma matches the music for a downright pleasant place to be! It all adds up to make the most delightful environment of friends and old time music. The jamming is dynamic and the stag performances are impressive.

Our theme for the event was "Heroes and Villains." We awarded trophies in three special categories. Best costume was won by Tyler Eickhoff, who was "Wildcat Willie" and was both a cowboy and his horse! He brought down the house with his presentation of "Don't Fence Me In", accompanied by his sister, Cowgirl Rachel, Sheriff Bob Shaffar and Bob's granddaughter, Elli Shaffar, who was an adorable deputy sheriff, dressed in pink and holding a little picket fence in keeping with the song. Elli also received a special trophy for being the "Youngest Performer!" Dawn Vonderlin won in the remaining

October Events

2	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	2:30-3:30 p.m.
5	gig	Mahaffey Ranch Pumpkin Patch Performance	1 p.m.
9	gig	Inland Point	1:30-2:30 p.m.
9	gig	Evergreen Court	3-4 p.m.
14	gig	Pacific View Bandon	2-3 p.m.
19		Winchester Bay Community Center Stage Show	1-3 p.m.
23	gig	Avamere	1-2 p.m.
23	gig	Inland Point	2:30-3:30 p.m.

two categories: Best comedy and best song in keeping with theme for her hilarious skit and catchy song, Along Came Jones. This featured both a villain and a hero and was well played by her cast. Linda Sweatt, cowgirl and songbird, Dawn Vonderlin as the director, narrator, songster and special effects. Larry Costa, as the slick villain with dastardly lines such as, "If you don't give me the deed to your ranch, I'm gonna blow you all to bits!" This was one of his threats to Sweet Sue, who had a penchant for getting tied to the railroad tracks and other perils visited by the villain. This required Jones, played so valiantly by Dana Sweatt, to come to the rescue in his dashing hero outfit, complete with cape! Dawn had some pretty impressively threatening props for the villain to terrorize poor Sweet Sue with: A silver (cardboard) buzz saw, which actually buzzed! We won't let on just how Dawn managed that, but we all heard the thing and there was no doubt that it could have sawed Sue in half! The dynamite and railroad tracks with the switch light was quite something, too!

The special, rotating trophy for Best Fiddler during the weekend, was awarded to the remarkable duo, Maggie Dickerson and Joan Harrington from District 7 for their gorgeous and moving rendition of Jay Unger's Lover's Waltz. Although those three categories and the rotating fiddle trophy were the official competitive awards judged by random audience members, there were many other trophies that our Larry Costa created for so many of the wonderful musicians

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Melinda Grant

Tune of the Month: "Step Around Johnny" Suggested by Melinda Grant (District 4)

This month's tune follows on August's tune, "Johnny Don't Come Home Drunk". As we can see, Johnny didn't follow that good advice... now we have to Step Around Johnny..

The source for this month's tune is Sam Taylor from Blount County, Alabama. You can hear him play it on slippery-hill.com. Dan Levinson and Red Mountain White Trash both have great versions on YouTube. This sheet music comes from "Tunes I Learned at the Tractor Tavern".

Step Around Johnny

Tractor

From WINCHESTER BAY...

WINCHESTER BAY 2019

It was fun-filled with youth and adults showing us their music and acting skills during the 3 day event. The musical skits with the theme of "Heros and Villians" were over-the-top. We have some true comedians in our musical ranks. Much appreciation from the cooks in the kitchen to the emceesMC's and the whole District 5 for putting on a fun weekend for the state. Thanks too to the 2 bass players Ken Luse & Loita Colebank who work "hard in the back of the band"! (SEE DISTICT 5 REPORT.)



to PRINEVILLE

CENTRAL OREGON COUNTRY MUSIC GATHERING 2019



The books on the 2019 COCMG have just closed so more information in DISTRICT 3 Report in November. It was FANTASTIC. What a party the district can put on: with jamming everywhere; workshops; Brenden Booher on stage and his fantastic rendition of Orange Blossom Special; sign-up open mikes; a 9th birthday celebration for Lucy Bragg with a HUGE Fiddle Cake; an Oregon Trail Presentation by Hank Cramer followed by OOTFA members performing songs which were sung along the way; an on-line workshop from Brian Wicklund; the Prineville Potvin girls backed up on stage with dad, Marcel; and Pie 'n Ice Cream for everyone!! A BIG THANKS to all those in GREEN T-Shirts (COCMG Volunteers) headed by District 3 Chair Jeanette Bondsteel. Kim Martin was super active daily too! When you see the date of COCMG 2020, make sure you put it on your calendar and plan to attend. No time is better than the fall in Central Oregon.

District 5 - Southern Coast Area (continued from page 4)

throughout the weekend. Judy McGarvey, District 4, won a firecracker-shaped trophy created by Larry for being a real firecracker fiddler and turning out an impressive performance of "Orange Blossom Special", which was an amazing treat! District 7's David Altman performed a seldom-heard, catchy ballad, Amelia Earhart's Last Flight, which fit nicely with the hero theme. He was backed by some nice mandolin playing by Joe Ross, District 10 and the lovely fiddle duo, Janice Roderick and her granddaughter, Danielle, from out of state. Oran Barr, aka "Mr. Dreamy," so dubbed by M.C., Linda Sweatt, as she announced him, lived up to his handle with a soulful rendition of "Don't Worry About Me", which earned Oran rock star-worthy applause! And our talented "Mrs. Dreamy," Linda Sweatt, earned Best Singing Voice and received a Larry-inspired trophy, herself! Linda sang "Lydia the Tattooed Lady" and other offerings. It should be mentioned that her husband, Dana Sweatt, who goes along with nearly every creative idea and project that Miss Linda comes up with, also won a trophy for his dicey rendition of "Lydia," in which he wore a body suit covered in realistic tattoos, transforming him into the tattooed

lady! He also wore a red satin dress and a long, blonde wig, all of which made him look quite fetching. He caused much excitement and comedic moments. Dana and Linda are quite a team!

I wish I had space enough to report on everyone and all the great music they brought to share with us. Oh my gosh, what a lot of talent in one spot! We were all so lucky to be there.

Lastly, we enjoyed our last Bullard's Beach performance on August 28. By the time you read this newsletter, we have returned to the nursing homes to perform for our appreciative senior audiences each Wednesday. We also look forward to the Myrtle Point Harvest Festival, the Dora Corn Feed and the Mahaffey Ranch Pumpkin Patch gigs coming up during the next two months.

Until next time, a big thank you for making our Fiddle at the Beach event so much fun. A big wave to you from the coast and keep the music and friendship flowing!

~Barbara Scheirman, Reporter District 5

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Winchester Bay on August 15-18 was fun for everyone that attended, especially on the 16th when everyone that signed up to play was in costume. Best performance I have seen in a long time! The evening performances and the music had a lot of variety that everyone enjoyed. There could not be a more perfect day--sunny and nice and cool.

On Saturday August 24 we attended District 10's jam in Sutherlin. There were 5 from District 6, Jim Hoots, Ila Mae Carmickle, Tony and Shirley Humphreys, and Jesse Knudsen. It's nice to go and visit other districts. They were very friendly and excited that we came to visit. Everyone had a good time

On September 27, there was a spaghetti feed and performance jam for the Willakenzie Grange to earn money for repairs on the grange. Same time, same place as our regular jam, but with an audience! The performance started at 6:45 p.m. and there was dessert for the players afterwards. Thank you to Dick Penny for arranging this.

Everyone come and bring your family and friends to the upcoming "OOTFA AT THE OPRY" event on November 9 for Emerald Valley Opry at Powell Auditorium Willamette High School campus. Ila Mae will be in charge of our performance. This event will be an exciting time to share our music with the Eugene community. More information will be coming about the time.

October Events

3	jam	Old World Deli	7-9 p.m.
4	jam	Eugene Hotel	7-8:30 p.m.
5		Intermediate Fiddle Class	1-3:30 p.m.
7		Basic Fiddle Class	1-3:30 p.m.
12	jam	Central Grange jam	Meeting (11a.m.), Snacks (noon) & Jam til 3 p.m.
18	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7-9 p.m.
25	jam	Willakenzie Grange	7-9 p.m.

At the time of writing this article, many of us are planning to head to Prineville on September 12-14. It will be interesting to see how many from District 6 will attend.

If you are interested in upcoming events, go on line to Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. This will give you all of the upcoming updates that you might be interested in.

If any one has any pictures you would like to put in the Hoedowner, please send them to Karen Johnson ksjohnson10@gmail.com before the 14th of the month.

WOW! Fall is here. It's a beautiful time of the year with lots of flowers in orange, red, and yellow, especially the beautiful aspen trees shimmering in the wind.

Just a reminder: If you need to pick up the blue collection bags for the Bottle Drop fundraiser contact:

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Birthday Greetings: Wayne Carter 10/4, Chuck Roehrich 10/7, Ila Mae Carmickle 10/8, Lisa P 10/13

Happy Anniversary to Jim and Teresa Bowers 10/21

~Shirley Humphreys, District 6 Reporter

Strings Swap

VERY OLD FIDDLE FOR SALE - \$500: Has a pretty deep patina and good sound. Possibly from the 1800's but it has no maker's mark on it that we can see/find. It has had some recent professional work done on it so is ready to go to a new home from a 94 year old lady, Em, who is a friend of Jenny's. It has an old case and two good bows. Located in Klamath Falls. Videos/Pictures can be sent on request. Jenny Dreyer, 541-205-6397 or doublejj25@gmail.com

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Bob Huffman at his 99th birthday party ("Bob's Bash")

District 7 members celebrated Bob Huffman's 99th birthday in style on August 17 this year. There was a large gathering of musicians along with Bob's family members and friends. The potluck lunch was delicious and it was fun seeing him visiting with many folks from near and far. He came dressed elegantly in a beautiful handmade suit which went nicely with his blue guitar! A light rain fell during lunchtime but stopped appropriately when the jamming started. Everyone enjoyed playing with Bob under the shady trees at Andy and Teri Jorgensen's. He is a treasure for all of us in OOTFA and we look forward to his 100th birthday celebration next year!

Once again, the senior members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Gresham (TAL--Trinity Adult Luncheon) invited District 7 members to play for them at their August gathering. This is

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We are having a District Meeting October 12 at the United Methodist Church in Fall City at 11 a.m. with a potluck at noon.

Please let Marie Bailey know that you can come to any or all of the above.

We had a good turnout of 10 musicians at our first Slo Jam last month. It was a good session. Our aim is to be able to play our jam tunes together when we start out our play dates.

Our gig at Mt Angel Towers was great and lots of fun. It was a beautiful day and we played outside.

~Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

The American Roots Music Festival

The American Roots Music Festival is a day-long event on November 2, 2019 held at The Tabernacle, in Turner, OR. The Festival starts at 9:30am, with a Free Educational Youth Concert for K-12 students primarily in the North Santiam, Cascade, Salem-Keizer, and Albany school districts. The program will be performed by The Western Flyers and will be "The History of The Fiddle In American Roots Music". We will provide free ticket information to each of the districts to circulate among the schools and invite parents, chaperones and music teachers to also attend the Youth concert for free. We will provide a synopsis of the content of the Youth Concert, so music teachers can incorporate it in their curriculum prior to students attending the concert. The Youth Concert is sponsored by The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers and Oregon Pacific Bank. The festival benefits Keeping The Arts (www.keepingthearts.org) to help fund art and music programs for youth in Oregon.

The main festival includes four daytime performers representing different genres of American Roots Music. They are: Mary Flower - Blues; Lauren Sheehan-Americana; JazzArts Combo-Jazz; and Fern Hill-Bluegrass. There will be jam sessions and workshops throughout the day. Our headline evening concert features The Western Flyers, one of the top Western Swing bands in the country.

Tickets for the main Festival are \$20 for adults. Youth 18 and under are free, thanks to our Presenting Sponsor - Coastal Farm (www.coastalfarm.com) For more information visit our website at: www.armf.info or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/americanrootsmusicfestival/

October Events

- 5 circle jam Sunnyside Grange 13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley, OR 11-4 p.m.
- 20 jam Harding Grange 21551 S. Fisher Mill Road Estacada, OR 4-6 p.m.
- 27 N.W. Jam 600 NE 8th Ave. Gresham Doors open at 11a.m.
Sign-up playing 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- 28 gig Homewoods on the Willamette 17971 SE River Road, Milwaukie, OR 2:30-3:30 p.m.

the church that Roger and Donna Germundson attend and we have gone there many times to play for various functions.

(By the way, members Roger Germundson and Donna Nichols got married late last spring. CONGRATULATIONS!)

This time we were served a delicious lunch first, did some singing and visiting, and then played about an hour for them. We all had a good time!

We had four lovely gatherings in September and will have five great opportunities to play again in October. We look forward to a good turn-out from District 7 members at the October venues. Enjoy all the beautiful fall colors.

~Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



Bob Huffman and friends jam at Bob's Bash.

October Events

- 3 jam Slo Jam at Marie's house 1-3 p.m.
- 12 jam Fall City United Methodist Church play 1-2 p.m.; see below
- 17 jam Slo Jam at Marie's house 1-3 p.m.
- 19 gig Yamhill Valley Historical Center, South of McMinnville on corner of Hwy 18 and Durham Lane.

Play 1-2 p.m. This is the big Harvest Festival. All Districts invited.



District 8 performs at Mt. Angel Towers

District 9 - Burns - John Day Area

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October 13th we will start up our second Sunday of the month Potluck and Jams. As you all may know, the potluck starts at 1 p.m., and the jam starts at 2 p.m. at the Harney County Senior Center. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

Our playing at the Harney County Fair was a tremendous success—so say the listeners! Thanks to all who played. We had wonderful support from John Day to help us: Ron Phillips, Carl Stinnett and Ben Richardson. The Grand Prize winner of the Harney Fair Talent Show, Lars, joined us Friday.



District 9 performs at Harney County Fair

October Events

4	jam	Friday Night Jam
11	gig	Aspens 7-9 p.m.
18	jam	Friday Night Jam
21	gig	Ashley Manor 6-7 p.m.
25	jam	Friday Night Jam

Most of the time there were 14 on stage! We also played in the Saturday morning Fair Parade. There was even dancing in the aisles. Thanks to Joan for organizing the show each day.

Several musicians played at Don Williams 90th surprise birthday party at the Senior Center in mid-September. Go Don!

Joan, Janet, Randy, Gene, Babe, Loretta, Ron and Ben all attended the Country Music Gathering in Prineville and what a good time was had.

Be certain to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the Friday Night Jams are held in. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians. We start at 7 p.m.

Musically Yours,

~Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

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October Events

3	gig	Oak Park	1 - 2 p.m.
9	gig	Rosehaven	10 - 11 a.m.
26	meeting/jam	Sutherlin Grange	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
28	gig	Callahan Village	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



District 10 performs at Callahan Village (Back: Gene Hodson, Jim Leininger, Frank Moore, Jude Stensland, Colleen Hanks, Hal Thompson. Front: Joe Ross, Bill Kline, Jim Kuether, Allison Lindley)



District 10 playing for the "Swift Watch" to celebrate the migration of 2000 Vaux Swifts.

Several from our district attended the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering in Prineville in mid-September. Jude and Colleen reported that a great time was had by all, and Jude said that her two workshops were well received! We thank District 3 for their wonderful hospitality.

On four consecutive Friday evenings in late August and early September, OOTFA members and friends gathered to play music just before sunset in the parking lot of the Umpqua Valley Art Center for a celebration of the migration of the Vaux Swift. The Umpqua Valley Audubon Society counted about 2,000 birds that circle and dive into the Clay Place pottery shed chimney to roost for the night.

Another "Musical Petting Zoo" was held at the Umpqua Valley Farmer's Market on September 7. We brought instruments for folks to try, gave some quick lessons, got kids jamming along on simple tunes, and provided information about OOTFA. We kept the jam going for three hours that morning!

Monday night "not so slow" jams from 6:30 - 9 p.m. are going strong. Practice pays off, and we sound tighter at gigs. Thanks to all those who have hosted one at their house. As the location varies each week, contact Jude or Kelly to find out where it's happening. All OOTFA members are welcome.

Jude has set up a "Google Group" (like a chatroom) that keeps subscribers informed of District 10 events and breaking news. To subscribe, contact Jude and she'll e-mail you the link.

This month, we'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Don Hamlin (Oct 10), Jerry Hash (Oct 16), Sandy Harter (Oct 17) and a special shout-out to George Breeze who turns 94 on Oct 25! If we missed your special day, please let us know.

Let's Pick!

~Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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Facebook Group... Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association



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