

OREGON • OLD TIME • FIDDLERS' THE HOEDOWNER

Volume 29, Issue 12

Established 1964

ootfa.org

December 2021

2022 OOTFA Household Membership Dues NOW!

REGULAR Households

Hoedowner emailed in PDF	\$20.00
Hoedowner MAILED	\$25.00

LIFETIME Households

Hoedowner emailed in PDF	No Charge but of course donations are encouraged
For the Hoedowner MAILED	\$25.00

Get your dues to your District Membership Chair or to Patti Luse by DECEMBER 31. Your District Membership Chair info can be found in your District Report in this issue of the Hoedowner or they were all listed on the back page of the November 2021 Hoedowner. You may also MAIL DUES to Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Dr., Eugene, OR 97401



Fiddler Geraldine Mathias from Coos Bay



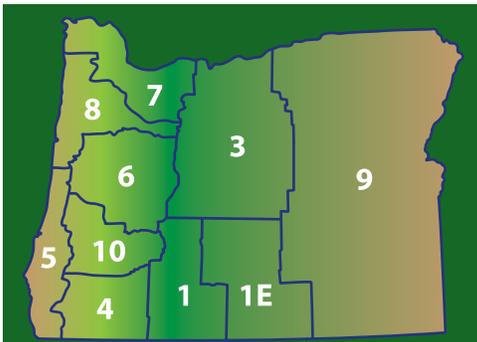
District 10's Jude Stensland teaches Leo Wadsworth the basics. Leo is Kelly Wadsworth's grandson.

2022 OOTFA Household Roster Coming Soon

Patti will soon be preparing the new OOTFA Household Membership Roster, which contains personal information about every member. It is a valuable tool as it includes the current District and State officers, as well as historical information.

OOTFA State Quarterly Meeting
Lebanon Senior Center
January 21 & 22, 2022

OOTFA State Convention
Douglas County Fairgrounds
May 19-21, 2022



Officers

President

Marcella Easley
503-855-3535
503-805-0717
15568 SE Cobalt Loop
Damascus, OR 97089
marlueasy@gmail.com

Vice President

Donna Reuter
541-386-2633
650 Vineyard Road
Hood River, OR 97031
fiddledr@gmail.com

Secretary and Membership

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

Treasurer

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

Hoedowner Editor

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



Hello, all! As I write this, another **Thanksgiving** will be in the history book, and I hope you had a good one. Also, we all got “an extra hour” of sleep due to the wonderful daylight savings time swing Ha!

November found us still wearing masks and struggling with the continuation of COVID. Currently, Oregon unfortunately continues to report between 1,000 and 2,000 new cases, and around 50 deaths daily. Therefore, masks or face coverings are still required throughout Oregon in all indoor public spaces and in outdoor public spaces where physical distancing is not possible until February 2022. The light at the end of the tunnel still seems far away.

However, more people are getting vaccinated and wearing masks, so thankfully we can carefully enjoy jams while complying with these requirements.

So, here it is December – the end of another “interesting” year! But **Christmas Holidays** are always welcome and fun. I love this time of year when everything is so festive with lights, decorated trees and parties. I hope you will be able to safely enjoy time with family and friends – and jams!

Good news: our **January State Quarterly Meeting and Winter Gathering** is still scheduled *in person* for January 21-22, 2022 at the **Lebanon Senior Center**. More information to come, but put it on your calendar now and plan to come if you can – wearing a mask! It will be fun to safely jam with each other in person, and I really look forward to that. **District Chairs**, please have your reports prepared to give and hand out to **Patti**. She will send the forms to you by email.

On a personal note, District 7 is losing our wonderful friends, **Dick and Donna Foreman**. They are moving to Washington to be near family, and will be missed. They were our “anchors” for so many years, in our district, as well as statewide, and we have all been blessed by them.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, MERRY CHRISTMAS and God Bless each of you!

~ Hugs, Marcella

Unfunny Spoofs

Recently I have been receiving emails from my sweetie, Aleta, with important messages I need to see. Strange she would email me when we are sitting in the same room. I also get similar "important alerts" from a number of OOTFA members. Thing is, they aren't messages from anyone I know. They are scams called "spoofs" which are messages disguised to look legitimate, but clearly aren't. I know I am not alone as Marcella and Patti have both sent out alerts regarding this problem.

Personal data can be mined and misused in a number of ways and it is virtually impossible to know where the "infection" is coming from. If you see an email that seems unusual, hover your mouse over the sender before opening the mail. If the email address that displays is not familiar then it might not be from who it says it is.

The culprit is likely not an OOTFA member, but rather a criminal data-miner or hacker, perhaps in a country far away. Be careful what you click on!

~ Robin

District I Klamath Falls Area

Chair: Frank Ayers 541-892-3576 karensue4life@yahoo.com
Co-Chair: Noranne Sparks 541-884-2071 delnori1973@msn.com
Secretary: Karen Ayres 541-891-9155 karensue4life@yahoo.com
Treasurer/Membership: Edna Jenkins 541-891-9155 ednaspics@yahoo.com
Reporter: Jenny Dreyer 541-205-6397 doublejj25@gmail.com

Greetings All from District One, To say that it's unbelievable it's December already is an understatement... where did this year go?! We've zoomed past **Thanksgiving** already and **Christmas** is just around the corner. I have to admit this year has been pretty melancholy. District One has lost beloved members this year...and as the **Holiday Season** has begun, it's natural that it feels different and somewhat sad. District One has been blessed with amazing members, whoopin' their hearts, time and talents to all newcomers.

Our most recent "late" member is someone that every single person in District One loved. I think that, in itself, is an amazing accomplishment...to go through your life, and get to the end of it, with a smile on your face and the love of *everyone* around you saying "you were my friend". **Sherm Taylor** was a light in District One! He was a friend to all, the one who made time for you at a jam. With a heart of gold and an infectious laugh...he was one of the sweetest people I have ever known! I just loved watching him play "Under the Double Eagle"...he could really go on his guitar when he was playing that tune! I will miss hearing "Sherm" "Hey Sherm, over here" "Sherm's here" from multiple sources when he would come to our Jams...he was just well loved. He will also be well missed.

Our numbers in District One may be few, but we are a family and **I want to wish my family a beautiful and healthy Christmas/Holiday Season**. We might be still recovering from our summer fires, we might not have gotten together like we wanted to because of COVID, we might have battled with health issues, and we might not



The late "Sherm" Taylor
...light of District One

have played as many tunes as we could have, should have... would have... but we are strong, loving, kind and *there* for each other! We help each other out, and we make do! Is there any other more beautiful way out of this tough year than THAT??? I think not. To all OOT-FA family, near and far...**District One wishes you a very**

beautiful and meaningful Christmas. Happy Holidays and a very Healthy New Year to ALL. Keep Fiddlin!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

District 1E Lakeview, Silver Lake Area

Chair: Terry McLain 541-219-0896 terry233.tm@gmail.com
Vice-Chair: Nancy Yialouris 707-227-0753 yialouris@aol.com
Secretary-Treasurer/Membership: Sharilyn McLain
541-219-0896 P.O. Box 603, Lakeview, OR 97630
Reporters: Nancy Yialouris & Terry McLain

"Ho, ho, ho...!" Can you believer it? Only 31 days left in the year before we all face yet another birthday and who knows what else! What a year it's been too, with wildfires, excessive heat, and drought plaguing our region, but hope springs eternal and with it comes the prospect that 2022 will bring us more good news than bad.

We lost **Sherm Taylor** in October. He may as well have been a member of District 1E because he played with us every chance he got and we so enjoyed his

company. He was an upbeat person and was well loved by the musicians that knew him and played with him. If we played before a good sized crowd and it was Sherm's turn to call a song, he often would suggest "You Are My Sunshine." He said everyone knew it and he would invited everyone to sing along. He was also very good at blues riffs and sometimes he would burst out with an unexpected lick or two at the more intimate jams. Sherm's cousin, **Jeff**, would drive him to our state gatherings and hang out with the rest of us to enjoy the music. We sincerely hope Jeff will continue to attend our gatherings as we are able to resume more normal activities around the state. Jeff was as much a part of our gatherings as Sherm and it wouldn't be the same without him.

continued on next page

District 1E continued

The **McLain's** decided to offer a **First Saturday Jam** in November and Edna Jenkins transported **Sheila Fry, Johnny Rogers** and **Irene Ruddock**, all from District 1, to join us. We had a couple local people participate too so perhaps our membership will grow this year. Our Thursday evening jams continue regularly at **Rosa Lee's**, who by the way, is back on her feet and mobile again so we are already heading into the new year with good news!

We send our best wishes for a **Happy Holiday Season** and a **New Year** filled with family, music and good friends!

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

District 3 Bend, Redmond, The Dalles

Chair: George Bretz 503-705-4593 georgekellybretz@gmail.com

Co-Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Karen Bennett 208-870-4009 bennetk@msn.com

Membership: Amber Turnage 541-280-8842

jaynamber@gmail.com PO Box 73, Powell Butte, Oregon 97753

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



Last June Jeanette Bondsteel traveled with two 11 year-old fiddlers, Chance Mott & Sydney Pierce to Kansas to tour with their host, her sister and banjo player, Janice Railton. Here they are busking in front of a Wendy's. This photo was taken from the Slack.com workspace Jeanette set up for OOTFA members.

If you are interested in seeing what Slack is about, refer to District 3's report from the October, 2021 issue of the Hoedowner. It will tell you what you need to know. Also, visit this link:

<https://www.makeuseof.com/what-is-slack/>

District 4 Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland

Chair: Judy McGarvey 541-779-8145 jmcgarvey97@charter.net

Co-Chair: Judy Lyons 541-956-0618 blacklyon@charter.net

Secretary: Ron Bolstad 541-488-3593 bolstad@mind.net

Treasurer: Barbara Basden 541-772-0579 barbara.basden@gmail.com

Membership Chair: Carol Ferrara lencarol2000@gmail.com

Fiddle Rustler: Cindy Crane 707-489-8954 ronandcindy@mail.com

Reporter: Judy Lyons 541-956-0618 blacklyon@charter.net

[District 4 Website: OOTFA4.org](http://OOTFA4.org) [Check Us Out!](#)



Lenny Ferrara, MC for district 4 conducts the "Warm up Jam" before the performance at the District 4 November Jam

At the November District 4 Monthly Jam 16 musicians came to play the oldtime tunes. Lenny Ferrara has been doing a great job of MC at the jams and he keeps the music flowing. John Pumilia, a member since 2017, who has been learning to play the fiddle for a little over six weeks by attending Judy McGarveys' Tuesday evening jams, and with some instructions from other fiddlers, chose this jam to make his public fiddle debut. When Lenny,

introduced John he bravely stepped up to the microphone and announced he was going to play the tune "Boiling Cabbage Down", and he did! And he did it well! And the audience clapped their approval and District 4 welcomed their newest fiddler! Later in the program John also performed, "Old Joe Clark", and he's practicing some Christmas tunes for the December program. John's auntie Lillian, who lives with him, attends his practice sessions daily which John affectionately describes as "listening to the cat caught in the dryer". I think all fiddlers remember those "early fiddle sessions".

At the monthly business meeting, Chairman, Judy McGarvey, presented the new schedule of meeting sites and dates for the calendar year 2022. It will soon be posted to the District 4 online calendar and is available now on business cards she has printed up for distribution. Contact her for more information.

continued on next page



John Pumilia in his public fiddle debut at the District 4 November Jam

District 4 continued

District 4 musicians have begun to return to performing gigs at the assisted living facilities in our community. This is so welcome for the residents. A performance of tunes they often remember hearing one of their parents play or they might have danced to when they were young is time spent for them enjoying old memories. Recently 8 musicians from District 4 performed at **Morrow Heights** home in Rogue River and after the music was over each resident from the audience replied "please come back again soon, it was so nice!". It is a blessing to the musicians to bring some joy to others and we hope circumstances with COVID continue to improve so we can keep coming to perform and eventually take off the masks so they can see us smile back at them.

The December monthly business meeting and jam will be held on 12-4-2021 at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. The meeting will begin at 11:30, warm-up jam 12:30, sign up jam 1-3:00. Please bring individually wrapped snacks to share and come have fun!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone from all of us at District 4.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

District 5 Southern Coast Area

Interim Chair: Luke VerHagen 541-587-4313 lukenchar@msn.com
 Interim Vice-Chair: Al Pierce 530-227-1230 enkidu444@aol.com
 Secretary: Jolly Hibbits 541-982-4445 egretflats@wildblue.net
 Treasurer: Dawn Vonderlin 541-347-4561 dawndoreen@hotmail.com

Membership: Pat Foht 541-412-8169 plfoht@gmail.com
 Reporters: Al & Nicole Pierce 530-227-1230 enkidu444@aol.com

Greetings from District 5! Hope all is well in your OOTFA districts as we all prepare for the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. The month of November has not been as busy performance-wise as we would have hoped due to the ongoing pandemic, but we did manage to put on a great show at **Pacific View Senior Living** in Bandon on November 8th. We had a good turn out with District 5 members from Coos Bay, North Bend, Bandon, and beyond.

Our November 20th Membership Meeting, Circle Jam and Holiday Dinner was held at the Winchester Bay Community Center and was a rousing success! Many District 5 members were able to attend, and a lovely holiday feast was enjoyed by all. Newly elected Board members include Albert Pierce (Chair), Bill Winfrey (Vice Chair), Barbara Scheirman (Secretary), Dawn Vonderlin (Treasurer), and Pat Foht (Membership Chair). Congratulations everyone!



District 4's Naomi Bruhns with Pat Winfrey

As reporters for District 5, we wanted to take this opportunity as the holidays are fast approaching to emphasize how thankful we all are for OOTFA and its members. The pandemic has not been easy for any of us, and it is especially difficult for those of us who are isolated from friends and loved ones. It has been a challenge for all of us to stay safe and still continue our musical adventures together, but thanks to some careful planning and creative brainstorming we are still able to play together as restrictions permit. We hope that all of you continue to enjoy the benefits, friendship, and musical learning opportunities that OOTFA offers, and that the coming year brings all of us new opportunities to play together.

As a reminder, it is not too late to throw your hat into the ring if you are interested in serving as a District 5 officer! The

elections will be held during the **November 20th Membership Meeting**. Also remember if you plan to bring a dish for the **Holiday Dinner**, surnames A-L can bring side dishes, and surnames M-Z can bring desserts. Hope to see you all there!

~ Al & Nicole Pierce, District 5 Reporters

HOEDOWNER

Tune of the Month

Special Thanks to
Joe Ross of
District 10 for
providing
Tune of the Month
for December

Calvin Vollrath has recorded 72 albums between 1982 and 2021. He composed music for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony. In 2011, Calvin was inducted into the North American Fiddlers Hall of Fame. The two-time Grand North American Fiddle Champion composed "Curtis & Ivan's Two Step" and released it in 1999 on his album called *Bonjour comment cava*. For more fiddle tunes by Calvin Vollrath, check out his website at www.calvinvollrath.com. He also has fiddle videos, gives online lessons, and hosts Camp Calvin.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIC7KbhnaZU>

Curtis and Ivan's Two Step

Music by Calvin Vollrath (September 1998)

Notation by Trent Bruner

Intro
D7 D7 Tacet D7

A
1 G Amin D7
3 G Amin
6 D7 G Amin
9 D7 G Amin A7
B
12 D A7
16 D
20 D D/F# D/A A7 D D7/F#
24

D.S. al

District 6 Eugene, Corvallis, Lebanon Area

Chair: Hal Weiner 541-999-5149
banjowines@hotmail.com
Vice Chair: Betsy Janeczek 541-852-9188
path303@gmail.com
Secretary: Michael Schneider 541-554-0170
dyna88mike@yahoo.com
Treasurer: Bernie Roberts 541-689-5764
beroberts285@comcast.net
Membership: Linda Parks 541-905-2313
LindaParks1980@gmail.com
36989 Deadwood Dr. Lebanon, OR 97355
Scholarship Chair: Tony Humphreys 541-505-9792
gtfarma@peak.org
Reporter: Robin Lindsey 485-205-9215
qat_boy@msn.com

All I want for Christmas is to play music with my OOTFA family again. Maybe **Santa** will be good to us and let us have our jam at **Central Grange** on Saturday, **December 11th!** We've been good kids all year, after all. Hard to get in trouble when you're stuck at home. At this time the **jam is on from 1-3 pm**, but unfortunately there will be no **Holiday Dinner**. Wear your masks, practice social distancing and you must be vaccinated. There will be no beverages served.

District 6 needs a **Program Scheduler**. This person is responsible for booking and scheduling performances for District 6 at venues in the area. **Bernie Roberts** has held this position for 6 years and while he continues to be our District 6 Treasurer, he wishes to resign from the scheduler position. Bernie will give the next person all the information they need to do fill the position. See the information box above to find his contact information.

Tony Humphreys is recovering at home after some recent health scares. He was in River Bend Hospital. You can send a card to **Tony at 1076 N. 65Th, Springfield, OR 97478** or reach out to the Humphreys at **sahlannhump@gmail.com**.

Birthday Greetings: **Thelma Steele** (12/1)
Doug Wise (12/6) **Brian Neal** (12/12)
Anniversaries: **Dave & Lena Stubbs** (12/11) **Jim & Gabby Ford** (12/23)

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

Patti Luse: A Real Trooper by Patti

As you probably already know, I prefer to “work behind the scenes” than “perform on the stage! I was born in 1943, just 9 months after **Ken** at the same Portland’s **Emanuel Hospital**. I moved with my family to Eugene in 1948 and have remained there for 72 years (except for 3 years in Corvallis while **ken** was at OSU and where our two children were born,)

Way way back while in 4th grade, I started playing the violin and continued in orchestra through my senior year. However, I changed to Viola for 3 years while at **SEHS**. (I think they knew I would never excel in **violin**.) I graduated from **South Eugene** in 1961 and attended the **University of Oregon** leaving my violin experience behind. The U of O was just 4 blocks from my home. I joined a sorority, **Gamma Phi Beta**, which gave me the on-campus college experience and 100 “sisters”.

After graduating from the U of O in 1965 with a degree in Sociology, I began working for the **Girl Scouts** as an executive member on the staff and worked for 5 years before we started a family and then another 25 years after our two children were fully established in school. The majority of my time with the local GS council, which covered 6 Oregon counties, was to help leaders and girls work their way through the ins and outs of the **Cookie Sale**.

My first experience with **District 6 OOTFA** was visiting a jam at **Franklin Grange** in about 2006. **Ken** was the instigator of following OOTFA so I tagged along. One member of District 6 whom I will always remember is **Dorothy Sather** who is a Lifetime member living at **Churchill Estates Retirement** in Eugene. She **welcomed me** with her friendly smile, trying to make me comfortable. **She made a difference!** I would like to impress that each district remember the new people who come thru the door and appoint **one person** in charge to **welcome them**. I know some district have a **Greeter**. Don't rely on a general announcement to do this. Fill the position.

continued on next page



OOTFA State Membership Chair & State Secretary, Patti Luse, backed by husband Ken, in Burns, 2018

After 45 years, I thought I would try the violin so we attended the **Wallowa Fiddle Camp** for two years. It was fun knowing I could pick it up so quickly... but it just wasn't that fun!. I'd rather "play my computer" and help for the good of the order than stand on stage!! In 2020 I hung up my fiddle for good due to arthritis in my hands but I do cherish the friendships I have made thru OOTFA. In my spare time, I am still involved with my college sorority, the Girl Scouts, a bridge club or two and really enjoy taking our motor home to OOTFA and Bluegrass musical events.

Here are some of the hats I've worn in OOTFA:

- **Since 2012, I have been State OOTFA Membership Chair**
- **Since 2016, I have been State OOTFA Secretary**
- **Since 2011, I have helped organize the West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops (WCFCW)**

The memories I have had at **Fiddle Camp** have been priceless. While working with wonderful adults who have become my dear friends, I have enjoyed the hundreds of participants who have attended. **A big plus** was having our granddaughter, **Caylin**, accompany us on this venture for 8 of the 9 years. Now at 16 years, she may have put her/my fiddle aside for a while, but like her "Nanni" she has been given a good solid foundation and may pick it up again someday...

Ken and I enjoy the company of our two grown children, daughter-in-law and our 5 grandchildren ages 14, 16,17,18 and 21 when we can. ~Patti

District 7 Portland, Northern Coast Area

Chair: David Altman 503-320-7177 daltmanpdx@gmail.com
 Co-Chair: Elaine Schmidt 503-318-5045 elaineschmidt79@yahoo.com
 Secretary: Claudia Zinser 503-630-3950 czmusic@aol.com
 Treasurer: Fred Davis 503-598-6692 cynfred01@icloud.com
 Scheduler: Joe Martin 503-709-6867 joe906@icloud.com
 Membership: Marcella Easley 503-855-3535 marlueasly@gmail.com
 Reporter: Elaine Schmidt 503-318-5045 elaineschmidt79@yahoo.com

December Events

4 Circle Jam Sunnyside Grange 1 - 4 pm
13130 SE Sunnyside Road Happy Valley
 (Masks and Vaccinations are required for everyone.)

Greetings OOTFA members. At the end of October, District 7 had a lovely jam organized by **Marcella Easley** to say good-bye to **Donna and Dick Foreman** as they prepared to move outside of Seattle to be near family. (Unfortunately Dick was unable to attend, but I am sure that Donna shared with him how much we were going to miss them.) We had about 20 musicians who sat in a circle and played old favorites and reminisced about memories of Donna and Dick through the years. We had a lot of fun but a few tears, too.

I first met Donna and Dick by taking a class at **Trinity Lutheran Church** in Gresham. They came all the way from Estacada once a week and always had a lot of students. Donna provided the music and encouraged us to play by ear. She taught in other locations as well, with Dick right beside her. Later for a few years we met at the **Estacada Library** for a circle jam (so nice that she and Dick were closer to home). We all brought music and Donna was always ready to share her musical knowledge with us.



Donna & Dick Foreman are leaving Oregon, but they will never leave our hearts

Donna also taught many years at the West Cascades Fiddle Camp where all districts were able to learn from her musical talents.

In addition to our jams and classes, Donna and Dick faithfully attended most of District 7's many monthly gigs. I will especially remember her leadership when we played at the **Clackamas Country Fair**, at the **Valentine's Dinner at Eagle Creek Grange**, on February 14 for **Oregon's birthday**, and at the **Sunnyside Grange Jam** each month where she would give new players private lessons in the basement rooms.

In addition to all of her teaching, Donna was also District 7's chair and vice chair many times. She also offered classes at the many state conventions and gatherings. Thank you Donna for all the fiddle teaching over the years and Dick for all your support and kindness. You both will be missed very much. We look forward to receiving your address so that we can keep in touch with you.

continued on next page

District 7 continued

According to **Joe Martin**, our **Sunnyside Grange Jam** in November was great fun with about 20 musicians attending. **Marcella** kept the players choosing tunes and **Carol Ann** gave short tutorials on the significance of keys when jamming or performing. Our **Morningstar** gig was equally as fun. There were about a dozen players for a very appreciative audience of Seniors, and there was some great fiddling, picking, and strumming!

Happy Holidays to all

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



District 7 members Joan Harrington and Jeanine Orme playing at the Morningstar Retirement Center in Beaverton

District 8 Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport

Chair: Dennis Brutke 503-835-3723

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

Treasurer: Loita Colebank 971-432-9122 loitajc@gmail.com

Scheduler: Ted Hunt 503-837-0446 trhunt315@gmail.com

Reporter & Notices: Gayle Clarity 503-899-7485 gaylrose@gmail.com

December Events

- 3 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home** 1-3 pm
Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes.
- 11 Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class; revised; by EAR via zoom**
- 16 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home** 1-3 pm
- 18 Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class; revised; by EAR via zoom**
- 18 Unofficial fun jam at Marie's house** 1-3 pm

[The district meeting is canceled]

Basic Fiddle Class revised: ear training, we learn 2 tunes by EAR; We go over and over the notes until you learn the tune on the spot! All tunes on Dist #8 performance list. Meets online via zoom. Contact Martha Hughes at 503-939-2271 for details.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

Note from Marie regarding state membership:

Please be sure to let your membership person know of any changes in your status such as moves, contact changes or deaths in the family. It's hard for us to get current info to you without this communication happening. With so many Life Members it is critical for us to be notified so you won't be "carried" on the roster well past the time you've dropped out.

Thank you for making note of this as it saves many hours of needing to track down where you've gone.

Sincerely, your membership people all over the State.

Making Them Smile, By Joyce Orsini, District 8

"Great!" "Wonderful!" "Delightful!" "Uplifting" are a few of the praises heard at the District 8 concert at the pre-pandemic **Yamhill Valley Heritage Center Harvest Festival** in Amity.

As I talked with attendees, I found that some had come to the Center specifically to listen to **OOTFA**, and others were drawn to the music while watching horse-drawn plowing, an operating 100-year-old threshing machine or sawmill, or inspecting other vintage agricultural equipment at the center.

From those who came specifically to listen to us, I heard such things as

"It's the best Saturday I've had all year. When I heard they were playing here again, I marked my calendar, so I wouldn't miss it. I've heard them before."

"I'm from Kentucky, and my whole family used to gather 'round and play like this. It brings back pleasant memories."

"The man on the left (pointing to Dennis Brutke) is a real cowboy and has some good riff technique going."

"The Heritage Center is a great venue for oldtime music. So fitting."

"It is amazing how well they play together. Each one is supporting the others."

continued on next page

Making Them Smile continued

"I like the way they go round-robin, so each person gets a chance to show his specialty."

"There is a congenial, warm feeling on the stage between performers."

"That guy to the right (pointing to Johnnie Williams) has some special talent. Not only does he play the harmonica and guitar, and sing; but, he does some great shredding and adds special sound effects that make the songs more lively."

"I feel like I'm in the middle of a living Norman Rockwell painting."

"I have a violin, but I never learned to play. I came for inspiration because this is the type of music I'd like to play."

"This is real music played by real musicians!"

"There were some cool licks in that last piece."

"There is great emotion and connection between the players."

From Harvest Fest participants who stumbled upon District 8 playing, the tone was one of surprise and joy:

"I was just wandering around, heard the music, sat down, and I'm having the time of my life!"

"That lady with the great big violin (pointing to Loita Colebank on bass) reminds me of a nightclub singer. She sure can sing."

One young man said "They totally don't suck!" His father added "What he means is that he really likes the music and it far exceeds his expectations."

"I was in an unpleasant mood an hour ago as I didn't want to come with my husband to the farm show. I was looking for a place to get something to drink when I heard the singing and playing; so, I came in. Immediately, it cheered me up. Now I don't care how long he talks with his farm buddies."

"The musicians are incredible."

"They bring joy, power, and a sense of community to a troubled world."

"I can't believe how lucky we are to have such extraordinarily talented people living around here."

"What a wonderful time I've been having listening to the old-time songs."



Heritage Center Farm Festival, 6-2-19. Left to right: Phil Drain, Amalie Redmond, Dennis Brutke, Brenda Hallgrimson, David Jones, Marie Bailey, Darlene Bryant, Loita Colebank, Johnnie Williams, Marilyn Owen

"They all come together so beautifully. I sure wish I knew how to play. I'd be right up there having fun with them. Since I can't play, I get to just sit here and have fun."

"My dogs were tired. I saw a chair. Sat down. Now my dogs are dancing." (I didn't see any pets around.)

"We absolutely love it!"

"My grandma would have loved to have been here."

"Do you know when the music will end? I was supposed to meet my wife out front 15 minutes ago; but if I go now, I'll miss the end."

Other accolades heard: Good job! Well done! Great! Nice work! Beautiful! Awesome! Very alive! Amazing!

Sometimes just a smile is enough.

HOEDOWNER Trading Post

**Violin 4/4
Tambrovsky Krutz 1994
& Schaeffer Brazil
Silver Bow**

Appraised value of \$2000 by local appraiser. Includes case with humidifier control, tuner. Played in 2 different orchestras and many fiddle events and contests. In excellent condition. Just needs someone to play and love it. \$1500.

Contact Nilda Miranda for inquiries: 971-506-2108



District 9 Burns, John Day Area

Chair: Randy Gibson 541-589-1866
outlawwoodproducts@yahoo.com
Vice-chair: Joan Suther 541-589-1087
Jsuther10@gmail.com
Sec/Trea/Membership: George Sahlberg 541-420-3583
Reporter: Marianne Andrews

The Friday Night Jams will still continue, but you will need to contact **Joan** as to the location. We still have no word on when we can return to our **Sunday Potlucks and Jams**. We miss you all.

It is that time of year again. Please send your membership dues to **George Sahlberg, 788 N. Buena Vista, Burns, OR 97720**

We send our condolences to **Claude** and family and friends of **Fran Sterling-Van Cleave**, who passed away. She was a faithful attendee to our Sunday Jam sessions and loved to make requests.

We have lost **Julia Milleson**, a big part of the fiddlers for 20 plus years. Julia is a testament to the fact that it is never too late to develop a musical passion. At age 60 she took up the guitar and bought herself a Taylor which was her pride and joy. At 65 she started lessons on the fiddle, learning to read music as well as playing by ear. I remember "Sierra Swing" being her signature song. She was an enthusiastic member, helping and playing. She came to most of our **Country Music Jamborees** even when she lived in Milton-Freewater. She even made it to our **2021 Campout**, brought by her sister, **Lynn Mims**. She was 91 and played up to the last.

We are glad to report that **Randy Gibson** is back home and is recovering.

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Merry Christmas.

~ Musically Yours, Marianne Andrews,
District 9 Reporter

District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

Chairperson: Jim Kuether 503-260-5972 j.kuether@yahoo.com
Vice-Chair: Jude Stensland 541-430-2080 jude999s@gmail.com
Secretary: Kelly Wadsworth 541-643-7113 queenkellybee@gmail.com
Treasurer: Gynn Deaton 541-839-4501 gynnnde@charter.net
Membership: Sharon Thompson 541-430-5898 mamabear3506@centurytel.net
Sound Person: Jim Leininger 714-852-8144 leinfam@earthlink.net
Reporter/Publicist: Joe Ross 541-673-9759 rossjoe@hotmail.com

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

Some of us went over to District 5's Holiday Jam and Dinner in Winchester Bay on November 20. We thank them for their hospitality and good times. Our informal Friday Circle Jams continue from 1-3 p.m. at the **Pineview Mobile Home Estates** community center. The fourth Saturday Jam at **Sutherlin Senior Center** is canceled (Christmas Day). Watch **District 10 Googlegroup** email for jam updates. To subscribe, contact **Jude** and she'll e-mail you the link. We've been invited to play at **Brookdale's New Years** and **Valentines** parties. Other impromptu jams will be announced as they come up.

Our district's public group on **Facebook** has about 50 members. You're invited to join. Just search on Facebook for "[OOTFA District 10.](#)" Also, "[Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association](#)" has a Facebook group with nearly 700 members. It's a great place to share tunes, photos, videos, jokes, music and more to stay connected. Several of us have also signed up on the **OOTFA "Slack"** group set up by **Jeannette Bondsteel**.

In December, we celebrate birthdays of **Dan Pohl** (Dec 10), **Christine Cormack** (Dec 29) and **Karen Pohl** (Dec 31). **Kelly and Scott Wadsworth's** 43rd Anniversary occurs on December 14. Congratulations to all! If we missed your special day, please let us know.

Barbara Cheppaikode recently told me that **Bill Adney** had his 92nd birthday and is now living at **Adam's House** in Myrtle Creek. They both really miss hearing oldtime fiddle music. If you have time, Barbara would love to hear from you. Her number is 920-992-3440 or send her a card (1350 E. 1st Ave, #30, Sutherlin, Or. 97479).

Dues for 2022 are due by January 1. Please hand or mail your dues to **Sharon Thompson, PO Box 117, Glide, Or. 97443.** There's more info on how to "Register for 2022" on the front page of this Hoedowner.

And, finally, a joke for the times. An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman walk into a pub. Those were the days!

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



That's Sharon Thompson behind that mask with Jim Leininger behind her

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



December 2021
Patti Luse, Membership Chair

A Nonprofit Organization
Article II:

Purpose - To promote,
preserve and perpetuate
Oldtime Fiddling and
Oldtime Music.

To encourage everyone,
especially young people,
to play the fiddle and
appreciate Oldtime Fiddling
and Oldtime Music.

To Provide regular times
and places to meet and play
this kind of music.

Web Index

Online Resources for Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers

[Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association](#)

Official Website for State

[OOTFA Facebook](#)

Facebook Page

[OOTFA Slack](#)

Slack Social Networking Site

[National Fiddle Contest](#)

Weiser, Idaho

[West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshop](#)

Canceled for 2021

[District 3 Website](#)

Central Oregon, Bend, Redmond, The Dalles

[District 4 Website](#)

Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland

[District 6 Fiddle Tunes](#) Alphabetical listing of Fiddle Tune Sheet Music

[District 6 Instructional Videos](#)

YouTube Videos

[District 7 Facebook](#)

Portland, Northern Coast Area

[District 10 Facebook](#)

Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

[Hoedowner Archive](#)

OOTFA Newsletter Since 1967

[Join OOTFA!](#)

Registration Form to Join OOTFA

[Tune of the Month](#)

[Curtis and Ivan's Two Step on YouTube](#)

[Tune of the Month Archive](#)

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

In Memoriam

Joyce Kuether, a District 10 Lifetime member, passed away on November 19 in Roseburg with family by her side. Prior to moving to Sutherlin several years ago, Joyce and Jim raised their family in Portland. Condolences can be sent to **Jim** and the family at 2723 Golfview Court, Sutherlin, OR 97479.

Sherman Taylor of Klamath Falls (District 1) passed away on October 24th after a 23 year battle with brain cancer. He was a valuable member of District 1 and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with his wife and family. Condolences can be sent to **Jacqui Taylor** and family, 1295 Honey Locust Dr, Klamath Fall, OR 97601.

Fran Sterling-Van Cleave (District 9) passed away on October 24 in Burns. A longtime OOTFA member, she spent most of her life in eastern Oregon. Condolences can be sent to her husband, **Claude**, and family at 66270 Hwy 78, Burns, OR 97720.



Hal Thompson, Jim Leininger and Jude Stensland provide expert back-up



Ben Chase joined District 10 earlier this year

