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Another Successful Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest!

This year's Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest held on Saturday, March 19th at the Lebanon Mennonite Church, was a huge success. The church site was comfortable, accommodating, and appreciated by everyone. It was like a breath of fresh air for many to connect with others they hadn't seen or been able to share music with for the past couple of years.

There were 56 contestants; 30 of them were under the age of 17. See page three for a complete list of Divisions and Placings!



Linda Parks, Patti Luse & Contest Director, Eileen Walter

Crucial to the success of the contest was the assistance of 26 incredible volunteers, many who were new to the fiddle contest world. Thanks to the contestants, accompanists, teachers, parents, families, judges, those who worked on the contest for months ahead of time (Patti Luse and Linda Parks), and those who worked on contest day.

Already looking forward to next year,

~ Eileen Walter



Starr McMullen placed first in the Senior Senior Division, while her backup guitarist, Andy Emert was first in the Accompanist Division



Isabella Matthews, with backing from Rod Anderson, won first place in the Junior Junior Division



Winner of the Senior Division, Sheila Wright, here backed by Rod Anderson and Carolyn Huguenin

Hello everyone!

Well, we had a wonderful **State Fiddle Contest IN PERSON!** Over

50 contestants, and many, many dedicated volunteers. I can't thank **Eileen Walter** and her helpers enough. **Patti Luse, Linda Parks** and **Sharon Thompson** worked tirelessly at the registration desk, and deserve a huge thank you. It was especially encouraging to see so many young folks, who have amazing talent and will continue to keep our great organization alive.

Now that COVID seems to be fading away, I am so hopeful everyone will be able to again represent **OOTFA** at public events and our treasury will increase. It has been a skinny couple of years. Again, I encourage you to be safe for your and others' sake.

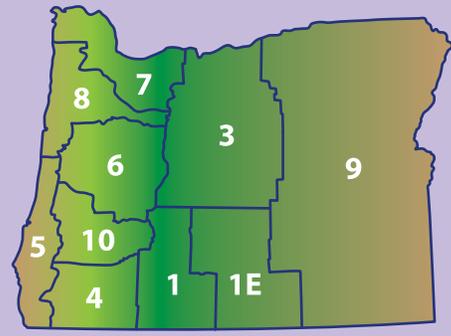
There are a lot of fun events being planned in the coming months, and I hope to see many of you at them.

Speaking of events – don't forget it is not too late to send in your donations for the Contest and Convention. Every bit helps – **Thank You!**

Until next time, "Fiddle on" (and Guitar, mando, banjo,) ~ Marcella

Marcella spent 15 hours greeting those coming in to the Contest with her winning smile!

"As one old gentleman put it, " Son, I don't care if you're stark nekkid and wear a bone in your nose. If you kin fiddle, you're all right with me. It's the music we make that counts."
 – Robert Fulghum, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten



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OOTFA State Convention
May 19-21 • Douglas Co. Fairgrounds

Here it is again, time for the 2022 State Convention and of course to celebrate fine food and awards. Time to decide if you want to buy your food ticket so that the cook will know how many meals to provide. I will be sending out the menu choices along with prices very soon to each district, so watch for that. They will also be in next month's Hoedowner. If any questions arise after you see the menu please phone or text me at 503 260 5972.

Until then ~ Jim Kuether Banquet coordinator.

New Members April 2022

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|--|---------------|
| Holly Butler | Silverton (8) |
| Missy Ellis | Medford (4) |
| Ryan, Tamara & Gavin Loosli | Roseburg (10) |
| Melissa Taylor | Prospect (4) |
| Clayton, Kortney Annabeth,
Cyrus & Rose Wadsworth | Roseburg (10) |
| Nate, Ali, Leo, Cora, James &
Rusty Wadsworth | Roseburg (10) |

2022 OOTFA Roster

A list of all members in OOTFA from all Districts as well as Out-of-State. There are 3 ways to get one:

- PICKED UP \$3 • MAILED \$5 • Emailed in PDF - NO Cost

Available April 10th • contact Patti Luse to get yours! (see her info in the Officers List on the left side of this page)



Contestant Rankings

Small Fry Division:

1. Elliot Christensen – Oregon Certified Winner
2. George Forsythe
3. Skyler Bleeker
4. Jayne Huguenin
5. William Connell
6. Cora Wadsworth
7. Asa Brewster
8. Clark Huguenin
9. Annabeth Wadsworth
10. Hazel Richards

Junior Junior Division:

1. Isabella Matthews – Oregon Certified Winner
2. Lydia Richards
3. Chance Mott
4. Helen Huguenin
5. Carson Tremper
6. Thomas Richards
7. Julia Smith
8. Sadie Melton
9. Graysen Bleeker
10. Leo Wadsworth

Junior Division:

1. Lorelei Hein – Oregon Certified Winner
2. Ruby Gunter
3. Leah Huguenin
4. Kennadi Johnston
5. Natalie Guptill
6. Mia Dawson
7. Tatum Tanchuk
- 8 tie. Gretchen Ropp
- 8 tie. Gavin Loosli
10. Mary Weston



3 year old Bradley Guptill will one day be a force to be reckoned with

Young Adult Division:

1. Maya Peterson
2. Annabel Kroontje – Oregon Certified Winner
3. Zachary Stevens
4. Saxon Ropp
5. Kiersten Doggett

Adult Division:

1. Grant Wheeler – Oregon Certified Winner
2. Jeanine Orme
3. Jessica Bartlett
4. Jenny Dreyer

Senior Division:

1. Sheila Wright
2. Donna Reuter – Oregon Certified Winner
3. Martha Hughes
4. Kelly Wadsworth
5. Joan Harrington
6. Karen Johnson
7. Tom Clausen

Senior Senior Division:

1. Starr McMullen – Oregon Certified Winner
2. Donna Wynn
3. Judy McGarvey
4. Bob Heinith
5. Carrie Dye
6. Jerry Parks

Championship Division:

1. Tashina Lindley
2. Aaron Carter – Oregon Certified Winner
3. Andy Emert
4. Hayley Guptill

Entertainment Showcase Division:

1. Donna Reuter
2. Tashina Lindley
3. Grant Wheeler
4. Maya Peterson & Ruby Gunter
5. Kiersten Doggett
6. Bob Heinith
7. Judy McGarvey & Cindy Crane
8. Jerry Parks

Accompanist Division:

1. Andy Emert
2. Rod Anderson
3. Aaron Carter
4. Jim French
5. Ken Luse



Tashina Lindley from California won the Championship Division



District 7's Donna Reuter dazzled her way to first place in the Entertainment Showcase Division

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Greetings All from District One,

Happy April, Happy Spring! I'm fresh back from the **Oregon Oldtime State Fiddle Contest** and I thought it went GREAT. It was really nice to see everyone and hear all the different levels of fiddling that you hear at a contest. What I loved more than anything was just seeing people out and about and enjoying themselves! It was a lovely day with some amazing fiddling. A huge shout out to all the back-up musicians, **You guys are awesome!**



Jenny Dreyer was excited to compete in the State Fiddle Contest in person this year. She is flanked by Andy Emert and Ron Crane

The volunteers at the contest were very friendly and worked like a well-oiled machine. **Eileen Walter** put on a wonderful contest...the venue was fabulous! I loved that the drive was a whole hour shorter than the past venue, and I thought the hotel lodging was great too! The town was small and friendly and easy to navigate...I'm hoping we might get to use it again. Last but not least, I especially want to thank **Mr. Terry McLain** for helping me practice and get ready for the contest. He put down his fiddle and picked up my guitar and practiced with me just about every time he came over to Klamath Falls from Lakeview... which sometimes was weekly. Thank-you Mr. Terry, you are an awesome friend and an awesome guitar player, which I think I might take full credit for after all the hours you helped me practice, LOL. I'm Thankful for your friendship! I'm looking forward to our next Jam! **God Bless and Keep Fiddlin!**

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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New Officers! We have a new **Chair, Arlene Henny,** and **Vice Chair is Ann Stover.**

We had a great first Saturday Jam. **Johnny Rodgers, Edna Jenkins** and **Mike Foster** came from Klamath Falls and **Jeannette Bondsteel** and **Marlene Stevens** came down from the District 3. **Susana Davis,** a grade school music teacher, came for the first time. It was a great time!

Well we are getting closer to the **Christmas Valley Jam.** We are looking forward to seeing everyone we need to park so we can get as many dry campers in as we can, so look it over before turning the key off. The coffee will be hot! I hear some have been working on there that songs that's always fun!

Sharilyn is recovering from a broken leg. She says, "Thanks for all the support."

Rosa Lee's jams on Thursday night have been a lot of fun. We try to play from 4:30 to around 7.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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Kids with Fiddles = Smiles!

Last week I met up with District 3 fiddler, **Jeannette Bondsteel,** and a couple of young folks who have been learning to play from her. Both are 12 years old and having a lot of fun with the instrument. **Sydney Pierce,** of Terrebonne, has been playing fiddle for about a year. She is learning to play by ear and exploring different styles. She is also well on her way to becoming an awesome guitar player. She says she has a five dollar guitar at home she is starting out with, and then showed me what she could do with even a starter model Teton brand guitar while visiting

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Sunday Guitars in Bend. I was mighty impressed! She is a great young lady who is currently home-schooled, and also enjoys jewelry making. Her older brother **Carter** is also a musician, and makes it to Jeannette's lessons when he can. Sydney's fiddling partner is **Chance Mott**, who has been playing the fiddle for about 3 years. He couldn't help but be inspired by all the music he is exposed to by his Grand-ma, **Janice Railton**, and Great- Aunt, Jeannette. As Chance's skills accelerated, he added local musician **Scott Foxx** as an instructor, and has been learning new styles from him for the last year and a half. They have been jamming together at open mic nights in the backroom at **Big E's Sports Bar** (in Bend) and these opportunities to learn to play with others have really moved Chance's skills along. And, boy, is he having fun... smiling and dancing a bit while he plays! He also recently performed on stage at the **Prineville Follies**. Chance loves Ragtime and Blues, as well as the old fiddle tunes. And he loves to play fast! Chance is a 6th grader at **Powell Butte Community Charter**

School and also enjoys snowmobiling, biking, and soccer. Jeannette treated both kids to a cross country trip to Lawrence, Kansas last year (Home of the Lawrence Busker Festival), where they got to do some busking on a street corner. They took in \$31 which they split evenly; Jeannette received the leftover dollar! These kids are an inspiration and have a great future ahead that will be all the richer from these experiences.

District 3 will finally be having official monthly OOTFA jams on the third Sunday of every month, from 2:00 to 5:00. The location is the **Powell Butte Community Center**. The hall will be offering a free meal to the community at 1:00 on the same Sundays. The first jam was Sunday, March 20th. Hopefully there was a good turnout of District 3 folks to get reacquainted again! And finally, planning is in the works for the **Central Oregon Music Gathering** for September 15 – 17th.

Happy Fiddling and may music carry us through the year of 2022!

~ Judi Seger, District 3 Reporter

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District 4 Website: OOTFA4.org Check Us Out!

April has dropped in and hopefully she's bringing those lovely showers she's famous for to grow our May flowers! Also the end of March is the end of the indoor mask mandate and we're all soooo!! looking forward to seeing the smiles on the faces of our audiences and they also they can see our smiles and really understand how much we enjoy bringing the old tunes to life for them.

The District 4 March **Monthly Jam** was held at the **Firehouse**, in the beautiful Applegate Valley, attracted a group of listeners made up of families with children. During the performance the musicians decided to play some tunes to engage the kids. **Judy McGarvey** had the kids and some of the adults out on the floor doing the Hokey-Pokey and one young lady requested Judy to play a Irish jig so she could dance to the tune. District 4's "Wild Banjo Man", **Curtis Schaffer**, had the kids singing "Old McDonald had a Farm" with the violins creating the animal sounds. A truly fun day.

District 4 also performed at Fountain Plaza Senior Living Facility. For years this has been one of the musicians favorite places to play. The residents are so friendly and really seem to greatly enjoy the shows and always ask for them to come back soon. During the warm-up before the show one of the musicians was playing "Red River Valley" on their fiddle and resident, June Crawford, said she knew



"Wild Banjo Man", Curtis Schaefer, had the kids at the District 4 Monthly Jam singing "Old McDonald Had a Farm"

the words to all 3 verses of the tune and volunteered to come up during the show and sing them. She has a lovely singing voice and can and did also yodel. When interviewed later she said in her young-

er years she had sung in her church choir for all her life and also performed with several choral groups in her community. She said hearing the old tunes brings back such happy memories.

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Tune of the Month

Special Thanks to
Karen Bennett
of District 3
for providing
Tune of the Month
for March

An old-timey reel.

This tune changes mode while keeping the the same tonal center.

It begins in D-Maj, then switches to D-Mix in the second part.

The original was composed by musician and dancer, Peter Lippincott.

YouTube Versions

[Ambrose Verdibello](#)

[The Vinegar Flies](#)

[The Dust Covers](#)

Snake River Reel

A (D major)

Musical notation for section A in D major, measures 1-6. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, A, G, D, D, A, G.

B (D mixolydian)

Musical notation for section B in D mixolydian, measures 7-14. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, G, D, C, G, D, C, G, D, D, G, D.

A1

Ladies go forward to the center for a wave and balance as the ladies fall back the men go in and balance

A2

Men allemande left 3/4 to an ocean wave, all balance

Allemande right neighbour to a wave with ladies in the center, all balance

B1

In the direction you face all promenade up/down, turn and come back

B2

Balance and swing original neighbor

District 4 continued

This is the reason OOTFA members and musicians volunteer their time and talents to their communities and the senior facilities in them to bring back happy memories. What **James Barrie** quoted. "What God gave us so that we might have roses in December."

Many thanks to District 4 **Fiddler Wrangler, Cindy Crane**. Cindy is one of the busiest musicians in the district, but she always has time to send out emails to alert the musicians about upcoming gigs and jams. The district is becoming quite busy with bookings so watch for emails from Cindy or check the online calendar which **Scott Phillips** faithfully keeps current.

The April **Monthly Meeting and Jam** will be held at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford on the first Saturday of the month 4/2/2022. Meeting at 11:30, warm-up jam 12:30, sign-up jam 1-3:00. Bring snacks to share.

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

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There will be a District 6 meeting on April 9 at 11:00 am at **Central Grange**, Central Road & Fleck Road on the Eugene side of Veneta. Look for Central Road just directly opposite of the entrance to Perkins Peninsula Park at Fern Ridge Lake. Purpose will be to elect officers and get an update on District activities. It will be followed by a jam. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be served. Masks are optional. Please be vaccinated.

The position of performance coordinator and the position of scheduling the performers and the set-lists has been filled. Since there was no one to step up to take over as the performance scheduler and coordinator, **Bernie Roberts** decided to come out of his "brief retirement" and fill in.

Amy Burrow has agreed to be the person that will organize the musicians and the set-lists for the performances once we get started again. She had just started in this position before the virus restrictions set in about 2 years ago. She has agreed to continue.

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

District 5

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April Events

5	Pacific View Senior Living Community, Bandon	1:30-2:20 pm
5	Pacific View Memory Care	3-4 pm
19	Inland Point Retirement Community, North Bend	2-3 pm
21-23	Brookings Jamboree, Chetco Grange, Brookings	
27	Avamere Rehabilitation, Coos Bay	2-3 pm

Greetings from District 5! This month we have some exciting news to share about one of our youngest members, **Rachel Eickhoff**. Rachel was nominated by her band teacher for the prestigious **Oregon Ambassadors of Music** and will be playing music in Europe this Summer. She will be playing the trombone and will be playing 14 different pieces. Only 400 students from Oregon have been chosen for this trip, which will be from July 6th-20th and will have performances in Austria, Germany, Switzerland, and France.

Rachel is a very talented musician and in addition to trombone she plays ukulele, mandolin, fiddle, guitar, and piano. She also sings and has just started learning the trumpet. Her family is very musical as well, and her family had a band called the 3 B's. Rachel has been playing the fiddle since she was 4 years old; she began playing the trombone in 5th grade, and began playing ukulele in 7th grade. In 6th grade, she was invited to play in the Jazz Band. She is currently a sophomore at Bandon High School and it is always a treat to hear her play music! In November, she attended band camp in Seattle, and played her trombone in a concert there as well.

Rachel has been working very hard to raise funds for her trip to Europe, and has received some money from The Rotary and the local community. She will need a total of \$7,500 to pay for flights, hotel, meals, and other expenses. If you would like to donate, you can contact her and her mom, Linda Eickhoff. Their contact information is available in the OOTFA roster.

~ Al & Nicole Pierce, District 5 Reporters

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April Events

2 Circle Jam Sunnyside Grange 1 - 4 pm
13130 SE Sunnyside Road Happy Valley

Hello OOTFA members, hope you had a fun **April Fool's Day** and are enjoying flowers but not showers at this time. We have received a lovely invitation to play our music and to help **Sunnyside Grange** celebrate an open house on Sunday, May 1st at 2:00 PM. The invitation says there will be a short program and membership awards, and they are inviting all groups who have used the grange. There will be an information table and refreshments in the dining room. Sounds like a good time to play our oldtime music.

Our **Circle Jam** at the **Sunnyside Grange** in March was a lot of fun. We had 25+ people who attended—about 19 fiddlers, several guitars, a mandolin, an upright bass, and some singers! We played a lot of Irish music and some of the tunes were “Wearin’ of the Greens”, “Mountains of Pomeroy”, “Irish Washer Woman”, and “Road to Lisdoonvarna”. Our president, **David Altman**, conducted a business meeting where we elected officers for the coming year. David will be the Chair again, I will continue to be the Vice Chair, **Fred Davis** will continue to be the Treasure, and **Claudia Zinser** will continue to be the Secretary.

Now I will finish my story about **Penny Mead**. When **World War II** started Penny needed to get a job and she found one riding a bicycle delivering **Western Union** messages. She was called the **Telephone Girl** and was paid \$12 a week. She was also paid to deliver a singing telegram for someone’s birthday which she enjoyed! Another job she had was to pump

gas at a service station and then drive the car home to its owner. (She took that job not telling the service station owner that she couldn’t drive. He hired her, but she had to quickly find a place that would give her an official license, which she did.) After that she started driving delivery trucks to the shipyards. She was helping the war effort.

Once the war was over she got married and started a family, but continued to play in small bands. In one band she played with **Willie Nelson** who was just starting out. (When he left the band he became famous and she didn’t see him again.) She loved playing with this local band because she wanted to have a family life and not travel all over the country. She also had a family band. Her son played bass fiddle and she and her sister played music and sang. They had a speaker system that was set up in the house all the time and stayed there. They had great fun playing together.

When she married **Walter Mead**, who was in the tractor business, she gave up her music for many years. In later years he became very sick and needed care. One of his nurses was District 7 member **Donna Foreman!** After 39 years of marriage he died. About this time she started playing with the **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers**, and she was so happy to play music again and loved meeting all the OOTFA members. One of those members was **Barry Bloom**. After awhile they decided to get married and “take care of each other.” They have now been married for 26 years!

Penny talked to me about life having good times and bad times. We all know this. She has had some major health issues which were the bad times and the good times have been when she plays music and gets to dance with Barry. Penny had five children—two of her sons have died. She is the step-mother of **Jeff Walters** and lives nearby Jeff and Eileen. She has seven grandchildren and too many “greats” to count but there are five generations that Penny is a part of. Penny, thank-you for the honor of telling part of your very interesting life story.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



District 7 had a spectacular showing of First Place Winners at the State Fiddle Contest!

Right: Elliot Christensen, Small Fry Division
Lorelei Hein, Junior Division
Grant Wheeler, Adult Division

Seen on Page 3: Donna Reuter, Entertainment Showcase Division, and front page: Andy Emert, Accompanist Division (pictured with Starr McMullen)



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April Events

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| 7 | Basic Theory Workshop | noon-1 pm |
| | Marie Bailey's home | |
| 7 | Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home | 1-3 pm |
| | Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes | |
| 16 | Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class | |
| | revised; by EAR via zoom | |
| 21 | Slo-Jam at Rae Parlier's home | 1-3 pm |
| | (no early workshop) | |
| 23 | Ag Fest at Salem Fairgrounds | 1-2 pm |
| | Jackman Long Building | |
| 23 | Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class | |
| | revised; by EAR via zoom | |

Welcome to our new members! We look forward to having you join in.

New! The Basic Theory Workshop! This is good information to have!

Note: Change of location for the April 21 Slo-Jam. It will be at **Rae Parlier's** home. Contact Rae for directions at email: raeparlier@gmail.com

Note: We have a Gig at the **Salem Fairgrounds** April 23! We need your support and tunes for this. Let **Marie** know if you can come and participate.

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 District 8 performance list. Meets online via zoom. Contact **Martha Hughes** at **503-939-2271** for details.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

Marilyn Owen • The Purple Fiddle Lady

By Joyce Orsini (D-8)

The color purple is associated with wisdom, spirituality, dignity, royalty, independence, creativity, mystery, magic ... and **Marilyn Owen, the person and the persona.** After acquiring a purple fiddle, Marilyn created a purple outfit with hat to match, and four years ago added a purple chair. Now she has outfits in many additional colors, including a red ensemble for Christmas. To Marilyn, it's all about entertainment and showmanship.

Raised in Maulden, Massachusetts, Marilyn's earliest musical memory is her parents singing along to the radio after supper.

When she was 10, Marilyn's family moved to California, where her father was a welder for **Kaiser Steel.** As a 16 year old she worked at an ice skating rink and was thrilled to be invited to the **Ice Capades.**

In her 20's she started to play piano, but let it go.

She loves country music. **Hank Williams, Johnny Cash,** and **Patsy Cline** are among her favorites. Her song of choice is the one-verse "Kentucky Waltz" by **Bill Monroe.** She created another verse for the waltz, just to make it last longer. The one song she loves is "Till I'm Just a Picture in a Frame" by **Moe Bandy.**



Marilyn Owen Entertaining in Style

She loves hymns and gospel music, as well, and has sung at church. When her two children were young, her family moved to Gold Hill, Oregon, thence to other Oregon cities and today lives on a 50-acre filbert farm in Dayton. She supports the **Future Farmers of America** at the Dayton High School.

She taught herself to sew and made many of her own clothes. She has sewn, also, hundreds of beds for all types of pets.

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Marilyn Owen continued

One day, after the kids were grown, her husband, **Dave**, made noises about learning to play a fiddle. So, she bought him one. After it sat untouched for 15 years, she asked him if he was ever going to play it. He suggested that maybe she should learn to play. And so she did, starting at age 65.

She was encouraged to play with the **Mavericks**. **Norm McGrew** was the leader. They played regularly for five nursing homes and a senior center in McMinnville.

She and her husband became snowbirds, traveling to Quartzsite, Arizona, in the wintertime. There were jams there, day and night, that attracted 400 people or more. She remembers playing two two-hour jams every day for weeks. She plays by ear and self-taught the fiddle using the Suzuki method. She also taught herself digital recorder and how to sing. For three years she has been studying the mandolin. She said "It's hard to play fiddle and sing at the same time."



**Maya Peterson
from Vancouver,
Washington
won First Prize in
the Young Adult
Division**

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The Friday Night Jams will continue. We will now be having the jams at the **Hines City Hall**. We gather at 6:30 pm. Call **Joan** or **Randy** to confirm, or if you have questions. A record number of folks attended the Friday Night Jam in February, with 11 musicians and 5 clappers present. **Rhonda Metler** joined **Ron Phillips**, **Ben Richardson**, and **Carl Stinnett** for the drive down from the John Day area. **John** and **Linda Borrelli** were in town and **Van** and **Loretta Peyrollez** came from Riley. Along with the usual Burns/Hines area folks, we had a super jam.



**Loretta Peyrollez and Ron Phillips
twin fiddling "Faded Love"**

Mike, Loretta, Morgan, and Sadie Peyrollez have moved to Christmas Valley. We'll miss seeing them on a regular basis and will welcome them anytime they can be around for a jam. Congrats to Mike on your new job.

We in District 9 happily plan to have our first Sunday Jam at the **Senior Center**, now called **The Hub**, on April 10 from 2-4 pm. Doors will be open at 1 pm to set up and get tuned up. This time around we will only put the coffee pot on (no potluck). Please use the back entrance.

Congratulations to **Ian Dawson** for earning his **Eagle Scout Badge**. This is his Senior Year.

Look for an update on the **High Desert Jamboree** in the May Hoedowner. Plans are coming together slowly. June 16th, 17th, and 18th.

A couple of us oldtime fiddlers also played percussion and cello in the **Chamber Music Society Spring Concert**. It was a tremendous success.

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

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Jude Stensland hosts jams at **Pineview Mobile Home Estates** club house from 3 – 5 pm on Fridays. Please note the time change so as to not conflict with lawn mowing earlier. Everyone's welcome. **District 10's Googlegroup** will keep you updated about jams and gigs as they come up. To subscribe, contact Jude and she'll email you the link.

OOTFA's State Convention in Roseburg is fast approaching on May 19-21. "Roadies" are needed. Let Jude know if you can help with organization, set up, registration, workshops, posters, publicity, emcee duties, parking, refreshments, decorations, raffle, door prizes, camping, logistics, jamming, shows, banquet, sound reinforcement, tear down, clean up and more.

A jam is planned at **Sutherlin Senior Center** (202 E. Central Ave.) on Sat, 23 April from 12-3 pm. Y'All Come! Some of us might also head to the **Brookings Fiddle Jamboree** hosted by District 5, on 22-23 April.

In April, we only have one very special day to celebrate, my birthday on April 26! It'll just be another Tuesday, and you don't really need to remind me. An old-time fiddler once told me, "Think old, and you'll be old. Think young, and you'll be a delusional old fart."

Congrats to all who entered the **Oregon State Fiddle Contest** on March 19 in Lebanon. We really appreciate **Eileen Walter** for her leadership, and we thank all the contestants, accompanists, judges, volunteers and attendees.

I've been watching fiddle videos that **Colleen Hanks** uploaded from **Ila Mae Carmickle's** fiddle class in Eugene. Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/crhanks-ba2001/videos>

If you need music or chords for any of the tunes, look for them at this District 6 link: <http://www.ootfa.org/District6/TuneSelector.html>

Those District 6 tune lists, music & videos are also on-line here: <https://district6fiddleclass.wordpress.com/>

It's also good to regularly review the "Tunes of the Month" from the Hoedowner. Find those tunes (since 2007) here: <http://www.ootfa.org/pdf/TOTM.pdf>



Sharon Thompson and Julie Yarbrough at the State Fiddle Contest



Hal Thompson was at the contest with his lovely wife, Sharon, and his lovely guitar

Many Thanks to **Dave Basden**, **Linda Parks**, and **Robin Lindsey** for their hard work on the OOTFA Website, Calendar and Hoedowner, respectively.

Mid-March was the "Wearing of the Green." Now, we can anticipate the "Sharing of the Green" on April 18 (tax day)!

Jam on! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

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To Provide regular times
and places to meet and play
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2022 OOTFA EVENTS

- April 22-23 Brookings Jamboree
- May 5-8 Christmas Valley Campout
- May 19-21 OOTFA State Convention
Douglas Co. Fairgrounds
- June 16-18 High Desert Campout
Burns
- June 22-26 National Fiddle Contest
Weiser, Idaho
- July 18-21 West Cascades Fiddle Camp
Pleasant Hill
- Aug. 5 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
Benton County Fair
- Aug. 18-21 Winchester Bay Campout
- Sept. 16-17 Oregon Acoustic Music
Gathering, Prineville
(Includes Fall Board &
Membership Meeting)

We are optimistic that we will be able to enjoy these scheduled events, but we must follow OHA guidelines on public gatherings as they may change.

In Memoriam

Our thoughts are with the families

Juanita Poelstra of Winston and a member of District 10 passed away on February 27. She was 91 years old. Please keep her family in your prayers and thoughts. Cards can be sent to **Richard Poelstra, 326 SE Gregory Drive, Winston, Oregon 97496.**

There will be a special Celebration for District 1 member, **Sherm Taylor**, in Malin, Oregon on Saturday, June 4th in the Malin Park at Noon. Malin is near the California border, just about 30 miles southeast of Klamath Falls. The family will provide the main entrée and those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert...AND their musical instruments. Sherm died October 24, 2021 and leaves behind many who enjoyed his music and humor. This is his favorite park and let's fill it with the kind of music he loved. For more information, please contact **Edna Jenkins at 541-891-9155 or ednaspics@yahoo.com**