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GENERAL NEWS

Sunday, September 30th, we were excited to see a good turn out for the first official Kid's Jam of the 2007-08 school year! Clifton & Amy Booher hosted the jam and potluck at their home in west Salem; about 45 people were present and enjoyed an afternoon of fiddling and visiting with friends. The kids, along with several adults, played a variety of fiddle tunes ranging from old time classics to Texas style fiddle songs. There were players from all over the Willamette Valley, including Salem, Keizer, Silverton, Philomath, Sweet Home, and Dallas. Thank you so much to all of the parents who were willing to devote a Sunday afternoon to driving their kids to the jam. In addition, we'd like to thank the members of OOTFA that showed up to provide back-up on the guitar and bass - It was wonderful!

THE NEXT KID'S FIDDLE EVENT

The next event we have planned is another jam-potluck, scheduled for Sunday, November 4th, at 4 p.m. at Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas, Oregon 97338. The owner of Guthrie Park, Ms. Sally Clark, has generously offered the use of her wonderful facility to our young fiddlers at no cost, and we thank her for that. We'd love to see a great turn out for the jam on November 4th - Guthrie Park can handle a nice big crowd, so let's fill it up! It's very spacious; for those of you who haven't ever been there, it's like stepping back into the past. I love it! We will do a potluck again, and this time we ask that you bring a main dish and a side or dessert. Clifton & Amy Booher will provide drinks and coffee. For the last jam session, Amy sent out an email invitation, and we will be doing that again. It will have directions to the hall, more information, and away to "RSVP" through the website. It was a fantastic way of connecting everyone in preparation for the event. If you did

not receive that invitation last time, and would like to have your email address added to the list, please contact Lew Holt at lewholt@aol.com or Amy Booher at fiddleworksnews@yahoo.com Remember, these jams might be aimed at providing the young people an opportunity to jam together, but all members of OOTFA, as well as family, friends, and neighbors, are always welcome to participate or just come to listen. Fiddle music is meant to be enjoyed by all!

FIDDLE INSTRUCTOR MOVES TO OREGON

Cristin Newhall, a champion fiddle player and accomplished instructor, has moved to Portland, and is teaching in Salem. She teaches all styles and levels of fiddle. For more information, Contact Cristin at (208)850-0619 or cristinnewhall@yahoo.com

A NOTE TO ALL YOUNG FIDDLERS

Remember that music is a social activity.... it is the people you meet and the memories that you make with your fiddling friends that will last a lifetime and motivate you to continue to improve your skills. I am encouraged by young people just like yourselves, who are out in the communities, sharing their talents with people who perhaps have never heard fiddle music before. Many people have had a family member that once played, and it back brings memories and emotions that they have forgotten. Music is a gift to be shared, and I thank each and every one of you who are making a difference by playing for and with others. And I challenge you all to make that extra effort to get together with your fiddle friends to create, improve, encourage, and enjoy.
Amy Booher

Another fiddle teacher: Ginny Hollon teaches fiddle out of her rural east Salem home and has 21 regular students ranging in age from 6 to 76. Ginny's a

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member of OOFTA and two of her students are current OOFTA scholarship recipients. In 2005 she created Frets & Fiddles, a 30-member community string band. She also teaches mandolin, classical violin and beginning guitar by ear and/or music notation. Contact Ginny at 503-589-1420 or ginnyhol-lon@q.com.

And another one: My name is Eileen Walter. I work with around 40 regular students of all ages and a dozen or so who call me for an occasional lesson. There are so many different learning styles and I really enjoy determining which approach to take with each student. I really appreciate the efforts of many supportive parents who find time in their busy lives to make room for music - it's well worth it! I also appreciate my wonderful husband Jeff for providing fantastic guitar back-up. Many of my young

students played recently at the Philip Foster Farm - they put on a fantastic performance and I was very proud of them. Contact me: eileen@portlandfiddleteacher.com 503-701-1578

We want to know about you if you are a fiddle instructor.

A maybe? Todd Whitaker will not know for sure before this Hoedowner is printed but he is working on scheduling a workshop with Hanneke Cassel, Oregon champion fiddler, national Scottish champion and more for Nov. 11. Advanced, limited to 10 students, age 20 and younger. As soon as the information is available it will be posted on our web site and by email.

Whiskey Before Breakfast

This is another bluegrass and old-time standard. It is often played rapidly but does not have to be. The version shown here is reprinted with permission by Jay Dean Ludiker. For another version, see page 290 of the Fiddler's Fakebook. The tune was originally from Canada, where it is sometimes called "Spirits of the Morning", which is just a hop, skip and a jump away from the more well-known title!