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## OOTFA President's Report

**Happy New Year!** We've made it to 2020. I have a feeling that this will be one of our best years yet.

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Marcella Easley as state parliamentarian. Marcella's background and enthusiasm will be much appreciated.

I know a lot of you are snow birding, but I hope the rest of you are all looking forward as much as I am to the get together in Lebanon. Plan your trip carefully and watch the weather.

See you there. ~ Scott Phillips



Linda & Jerry Parks dancing a schottische at District 10's November jam

## WINTER MEANS BUSINESS!...& Jamming

Those who have attended an OOTFA board meeting will attest that they are no ordinary board meetings. Sure, the dry details of organizational business and numbers is typical, however most of run time of these events is focused on playing music and camaraderie!

### OOTFA WINTER GATHERING & BOARD MEETING

**JANUARY  
17-18, 2020**

**Lebanon  
Senior Center  
80 Tangent St.  
Lebanon**

**Friday, January 17 Jamming at the Senior Center!  
6:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, January 18 Senior Center opens at 8:00 a.m.  
with coffee & tea! Jamming begins at 8:00 a.m. and  
goes until noon!**

**OOTFA Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m.  
(each district represented by officers)**

**Potluck Lunch - Bring a salad, entree or dessert to add  
to the coffee, tea, juice provided**

**Jamming from 1-3-ish (Public invited to come listen)  
Senior Center closes about 4:00 p.m.**

**Limited dry camping space for RV parking at the center**

**Motel accommodations in Lebanon:**

**Best Western Boulder Falls: 541-451-1000**

**Shanico Inn: 541-259-2601**

**RV Parks: Gills Landing RV Park: 541-258-4917**

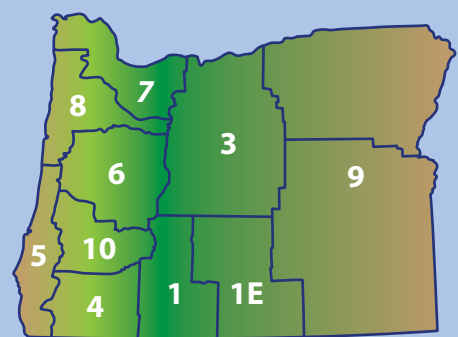
**Waterloo County Park: 541-967-3917**

**In Albany (10-15 miles away) several nice motels**

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Fiddlers  
District 6**

## State Calendar for 2020

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|----------------------|---|
| <b>January 17-18</b> | <b>Winter Gathering and Board Meeting in Lebanon</b>                                |
| <b>March 21</b>      | <b>Oregon State Fiddle Contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem</b>          |
| <b>May 21-23</b>     | <b>OOTFA Convention and Board Meeting at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg</b> |
| <b>June 18-20</b>    | <b>Country Music Jamboree at Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns</b>                 |
| <b>June 22-27</b>    | <b>NATIONAL FIDDLE CONTEST in Weiser, Idaho Oregon State Host!</b>                  |
| <b>July 20-23</b>    | <b>West Cascades Fiddle Camp &amp; Workshops in Pleasant Hill</b>                   |
- Visit the OOTFA Website for forms and other current information: [ootfa.org](http://ootfa.org)



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## New Members Jan. 2020

Anson Berg	Fall Creek (6)
Lora Blackburn	Redmond (3)
Michael Chase	Wilbur (4)
Lynne Loy	Medford (4)
Steve and Luke Lundgren	Redmond (4)
Paul Poling	Medford (4)
Donald Whitehead	Redmond (3)

## OOTFA folks are a good looking bunch of people.

I have yet to meet an Oregon Oldtime Fiddler that wasn't lovely and *quite* photogenic. That is why I wished I had more pictures of you! Any member of OOTFA is welcome to send me pics for potential use in The Hoedowner. Most of the pics I receive have been taken on cell phones, so it is that easy to snap a shot!

When people attend an OOTFA event they are enjoying the joys of music and the company of an extended loving family. When folks are doing what they love they are beautiful. **Send your pics to** [qat\\_boy@msn.com](mailto:qat_boy@msn.com) ~ Robin

## Editor's Notes

**I have a choice this morning** of either making out Christmas cards or writing something for my Editor

## Editor Emeritus

**Emeritus.** It is a little late to wish you all a Merry Christmas but not too late to wish you a Happy New Year. Many of us, because of our many fiddling activities, will have a happy new year. I often wonder what my life would be right now if I hadn't been given my grandfather's fiddle back in the mid-1970s. That little old fiddle has taken Alice and me down many roads. One of the main roads has not been the fiddle and its many tunes but rather the people who play their fiddles and those tunes. I think back to Wally Bloom who was from Canada, he was a favorite fiddler in Oregon for many years. He was a master fiddler and played at many dances and jam sessions over the years. He was a part of Old Time Fiddlers here in Oregon. Wally is missed but as he quite often used to say, "We have our memories." It was a great pleasure to have known Wally Bloom and to have my own memories of him.

Many of us remember Wally as a great fiddler and as a good friend – April 5, 1925 – December 31, 2011. Perhaps it isn't up to us to name the fiddlers that are our friends today but rather it will be in the future that fiddlers will look back to remember those who were fiddlers and friends in 2020. Now it is the time to move on and to again wish all of you a "Happy New Year" and "Happy Fiddling" in the year 2020.



**Wally Bloom**

"Without memory, there is no life." ~ Lew Holt, Editor Emeritus

**2020 OOTFA  
Household  
Memberships Due  
by December 31, 2019**

**DUES:**  
**\$25 for  
MAILED Hoedowner**  
**\$20 for  
EMAILED Hoedowner**  
**Give or Send your  
DUES to your  
DISTRICT  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR!**

**OREGON is HOST STATE  
at the  
NATIONAL FIDDLE  
CONTEST**

**in Weiser, Idaho  
June 22-27, 2020**

**Watch for an article  
in the February issue  
of The Hoedowner  
for complete details!**





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### January Events

16	Gig	Plum Ridge	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
16	Gig	Pacifica	1:00 - 2:00 pm
22	Gig	Shasta Care	1:30 - 2:30 pm
23	Gig	Crystal Terrace	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
23	Gig	Rogue River Place	1:00 - 2:00 pm
25	Meeting/Jam	Anthem House	12:30-3:30 pm

*Practice on Saturday's 1-4 pm Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for date and times 541-882-6418.*

### Greetings All from District One,

It's January! Happy New Year, Happy Healthy 2020, Happy start of a new decade! Hopefully everyone enjoyed a wonderful Holiday Season full of joy, friendship, delicious food and fiddle music. We had a bit of snow in December, as well as buckets of rain.

Irene Ruddock had a very nice birthday celebration at Luther Square, December 14th. She was very surprised...District One kept the secret by passing the party off as our Holiday get together. Starting in January, we are back to our normal Gig schedules with the assisted living facilities, as well as our monthly Meet/Jam at the Anthem House on January 25th. Last but not least, please pay your dues if you haven't yet.

Silver Lake Campout is also around the corner, so I'm sure many District One members have already, or will soon be making preparations to attend. The OOTFA Fiddle contest is coming soon as well...please consider actively participating either as a fiddler or as a volunteer. My family has attended this contest the last few years, and it's a fun weekend away! It's fun even for those who don't play music...it's very enjoyable hearing all the ranges of tunes and talents. Consider putting one or ALL of these upcoming OOTFA events on your calendar.

January Birthday's: James Dreyer and Johnny Rogers.

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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### January Events

4	Jam	Chamber of Commerce	2:00 - 5:00 pm
6	Business Meeting	Chamber of Commerce	7:00 pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Weekly Jams	Rosa Lee's house	5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Well, 2019 is behind us.** It gave us many good memories. I am sure 2020 will be just as good. GET READY! Our group played at the Lakeview Christmas Fair on Dec. 6th. We were pleased to be joined by Keven and Monica McMahon from Altruism. Thank you both from all of us.

The Silver Lake Camp-out is just around the corner. It starts April 30th and is held at the Fire House. We welcome you one and all. There are 110 spots, but plenty of dry camp areas. Make sure you fill your propane tank as there is none available in Silver Lake. There is an RV park nearby at \$15 per night. Call 541-576-2378 for reservations. Make your plans for a great time!!!

~ Jerry Light, District 1E Reporter



District One 2019 Holiday Get-Together and Surprise Birthday Party for Irene Ruddock

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### January Events

10	Membership Meeting	Redmond Senior Center	1:30-3:30 pm
16	Knee to Knee Jam	Redmond High Room 103	6:30-8:30 pm

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### Howdy from District 3,

Please mark your calendars for the full Membership Meeting. We have several important issues to discuss and need the input and vote of all members. An email has been sent out with the agenda and discussion items. It is a critical meeting to the future of our Central Oregon OOTFA.

The Fiddlers Knee-to-Knee and Ridgeview High School Fiddle club partnership is a great opportunity for everyone in our District to play music and we hope these 3rd Thursday jams at Ridgeview HS in Redmond meet most everyone's needs for playing old time music. We would sure like to see more of our OOTFA members attending this jam.

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

### January Events

<b>4 Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Fruitdale Grange</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>
<b>Open Fiddle Jam</b>	<b>12:30</b>	<b>Sign Up Jam 1:00 - 3:00</b>
<b>Wednesday weekly jam</b>	<b>Roxy Ann Grange</b>	
<b>Beginning fiddle</b>	<b>4:00-4:30</b>	<b>All levels are</b>
<b>Slow jam</b>	<b>4:30-5:00</b>	<b>encouraged</b>
<b>Regular jam</b>	<b>5:00-6:00</b>	<b>to attend</b>

**New year's greetings from District 4.** Hope your holidays were Merry and Bright and you have wonderful memories tucked away with the Christmas decorations.

Every year our district is invited to play our old time tunes for the Central Point Presbyterian Church while they serve a wonderful turkey dinner to about 200 members of the community. The musicians who come and play are in turn fed. It's no surprise this is a favorite gig and usually there is no shortage of musicians.

Plans for the December Jam were to honor our Lifetime and National Treasure members but do to illness and a cold, rainy day many members couldn't attend. Carol Ferrara had the Roxy Ann Grange beautifully decorated in a Christmas theme and several musicians from the beginning fiddle classes performed tunes they have been practicing. Along with the old time tunes some carols were played and there was some enthusiastic dance moves on the hardwood floor. It was a lovely day inside.

District 3 has started an instrument lending library for interested and new musicians playing old time music. We had 17 fiddles and 2 mandolins donated to the library. Luthiers Jim Ariail and Steve Campbell volunteered to rehabilitate the instruments and have them all in working order. To date we have 6 of them checked out to the Ridgeview HS Fiddle Club and expect to be sending more that way in January when a new beginner class starts. We are seeing these kids attending our learning jams as well as staying for the advanced jamming at our 3rd Thursday jams. Marlene and I applied for a Keilhorn grant to pay for the repairs, supplies and maintenance on the Lending Library instruments. Contact Jeannette Bondsteel for further information.

As is common in many rural areas, our fiddlers are having trouble finding an affordable source for bow rehairing. Jeannette Bondsteel and Dave Lockwood have undertaken learning the craft of bow maintenance and rehairing so we can be a resource to fiddlers. We've been diligently studying and practicing the art, and making our anticipated mistakes – but we're making progress. We are looking for a master bow craftsman that would be willing to work with us for a few days to bring us along in the craft. We hope someone reading this article will reach out and help us find that person. Contact Jeannette with leads.

Wishing all a Very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

~ Kim Martin and Pat Borden, District 3 Reporters

Our "banjo lady", Niquita Wilkinson, was in an automobile accident just before Thanksgiving and has been recovering at home. Lenny Ferrara, also, has been ill and Lola Williams is rehabilitating at home from hip surgery.

Our best wishes for good health soon.

It was with much sadness that longtime District 4 member, Bea Johnson, passed away in Arizona where she was



District 4 musicians playing for their supper at the Community Dinner sponsored by the Central Point Presbyterian church.

living. Our sincere condolences to her husband Don and their family. We hope to see Don back in Oregon soon.

The new year brings a slate of great opportunities to gather from around the state for music and fellowship. The first being the Winter Gathering and Board Meeting in Lebanon, January 18.

~ See y'all soon. Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

# 2020 Oregon State Fiddle Contest

**Less than 3 months until the contest!**

I'm excited to announce a talented and experienced

panel of judges: Jeanine Orme from Beaverton, JayDean Ludiker from Spokane, and Megan Lepschat from Forest Grove.

A registration form is included at the bottom of this page. There is a \$10 fee to enter the contest – HOWEVER – the fee will be waived if you pre-register. Pre-registering is very simple – check out the various options mentioned on the registration form. Register now so you won't have to remember to do it later!

If you're entering the Entertainment Showcase, please be sure to [read the rules](#) pertaining to this division and ask me if you have any questions. See Section 6 under Article III of the Bylaws – [there's a link on the OOTFA.org website](#). Other than your accompanists, you may have one other fiddler perform with you in this division. There is a place on the registration form for the name of the fiddler performing with you. Also, for clarification, a fiddler can appear only once in this division and the two fiddlers performing together will share any prize money & trophy.

**There are many motels in the area – here are a few:**

Shilo Inn 3304 Market St. NE 503-581-4001

Double Tree 1590 Weston Court NE 503-581-7004

Comfort Inn 1775 Freeway Court NE 503-588-0515

Red Lion 3301 Market St. NE 503-370-7888

**Here are directions to the contest site in Building 6 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. If you use the college address, you will end up somewhere on the west side of the campus and the contest is on the east side:**

Take the Market Street exit from the I-5 Freeway; travel east on Market Street, turn left and travel north on Lancaster Avenue, turn right and travel east on Silverton Road, turn left and travel north on 45th (the first traffic light you come to on this road) – after you've traveled about a half a mile on 45th you'll see Building 6 on your left – there's a large parking lot in front of the building.

Let me know if you have any questions

**Eileen 503-701-1578 [gdaewalt@comcast.net](mailto:gdaewalt@comcast.net)**

## Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Annual Contest Pre-Registration & Regular Registration Form

**Please note:** Contestants must be members of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association (join at the contest)

**Location:** Building 6 Auditorium at Chemeketa Community College in Salem (45th Avenue NE)

**Contestants may enter only one of the following divisions, in addition to the Entertainment Showcase. Contestants entering the Entertainment Showcase are not required to enter a regular division**

The entry fee is \$10.00 at the contest. There is no charge for those contestants who pre-register. Pre-register by mail prior to March 13, or by email, text message, or phone call prior to March 18 to:

**Eileen Walter**

**6020 SE Lexington, Portland, OR 97206**

**503-701-1578 [gdaewalt@comcast.net](mailto:gdaewalt@comcast.net)**

**Circle or Underline those divisions you are entering:**

Open (or Championship)  
any age

Senior Senior  
70 or older

Senior  
60 to 69

Adult  
37 to 59

Young Adult  
18 to 36

Junior  
13 to 17

Junior Junior  
9 to 12

Small Fry  
8 or younger

**Entertainment Showcase – any age – If performing with another fiddler, please list their name here:**

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

PhoneNumber\_\_\_\_\_

EmailAddress\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your Date of Birth (all divisions)\_\_\_\_\_





**Melinda Grant**

## Five Miles of Ellum Wood

Suggested by Melinda Grant (District 4)

This month we head into the back woods of Kentucky for a beautiful A-modal tune that comes to us from Bruce Greene, perhaps the best-known collector and performer of old Kentucky tunes.

You can hear Bruce play it (and download it free) on [Slippery Hill](http://slippery-hill.com). (While you're there, give Larry Warren a little donation to cover his costs of maintaining [slippery-hill.com](http://slippery-hill.com)) And of course some nice renditions on YouTube, including one by [Foghorn](#), and one from [The Balers](#), winning first place at a Clifftop band competition. (Note that Bruce doesn't play it as fast as these guys!)

If you cross tune, this is usually played in cross-A tuning (AEae)  
This tune can be played with just the I, IV, and V chords (A, D, and E in this case)

## Five Miles of Ellum Wood



Discography: BG:CD1, Bruce Greene - "Five Miles of Ellum Wood" (1996).

## District 5

## Southern Coast Area

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**Now that the holiday season is pretty well played-out,** our thoughts turn to a new year and the promises 2020 may bring. Are you a person who enjoys the challenge of a New Year's Resolution or two? Maybe you would find it fun to consider learning some new songs to share, running for a local or state office in OOTFA or becoming involved in some music education, volunteering in the schools or playing at the library? Just a few ideas to fiddle around with. Never mind that New Year's Resolution about losing weight!

We have enjoyed playing Christmas music for the care facilities here in District 5. Christmas songs engage our audience almost more than any other. Folks tend to sing along and we encourage them. When they request a certain song that is familiar to pretty near everyone, we can usually manage to play them for our appreciative audience. Although we embrace the relative calm of January and the return of our good old tunes, we will miss bringing the holiday music to our friends.

Hey, there's room this month to feature a very special person in District 5: Our own dear Verna Lee. She has loved music since she can remember and when she was a child, her heart's desire was to own and play a guitar. After a brief and rather disappointing stint with a clarinet (because that



Verna Lee

was the only available instrument for her), she received a Hawaiian guitar at age 12 and took lessons with her Oregon logger dad. From there, she eventually got an acoustic guitar for which she paid \$19 and she was off and running, playing by ear and learning as many songs as she could.

## January Events

8	Gig	Inland Point	1:30 - 2:30 pm
8	Gig	Evergreen Court	3:00 - 4:00 pm
13	Gig	Pacific View, Bandon	2:00 - 3:00 pm
18	Membership Meeting,	Winchester Bay	11:00 am
18	Stage Show,	Winchester Bay	1:00 pm
22	Gig	Avamere	1:00 - 2:00 pm
27	Gig	Inland Point	2:30 - 3:30 pm

Verna joined the Oldtime Fiddlers in 2009 and is truly considered our guiding light on her big, Epiphone steel string acoustic guitar. Verna is our ready-reference resource for the words and tunes to nearly any song you can think of. She says she doesn't know where the words come from but they are "in there," ready to come out when the music plays! When asked what her favorite song is, she quickly replied, "ALL of them!" In December, when our group was playing Christmas songs for one of our assisted living facilities, Verna surprised all of us and delighted our audience with a rousing rendition of Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer. This brought down the house, as you can all imagine. Verna is very versatile and plays other instruments. She sure plays a mean banjo! She is most at home on her guitar, though. And that's a little bit about our Verna, who has earned the title, "National Treasure" in OOTFA.

~ Barbara Scheirman, Reporter, District 5

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## January Events

2	Jam	Old World Deli, Corvallis	7:00 - 9:00 pm
3	Jam	Eugene Hotel	7:00 - 8:30 pm
4	Intermediate Fiddle Class		1:00 - 3:30 pm
6	Basic Fiddle Class		1:00 - 3:30 pm
11	Jam	Central Grange jam	canceled for Jan.
17	Jam	Ya-Po-Ah	7:00 - 9:00 pm
24	Jam	Willakenzie Grange	7:00 - 9:00 pm

**HO HO HO! Christmas has come and gone.** How exciting it is heading into a new year. There will be lots of places to go and different events to attend in 2020. A special Jam and Christmas potluck feast took place at Central Grange on Saturday December 14th. There we over 40 of us! A big thank you to Amy Burrow for taking on the kitchen duties at Central Grange. You are much appreciated by all of us.

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Intermediate and Basic Fiddle Classes continue to be popular. Thank you to Ila Mae for giving us your time and expertise in helping us practice and learn in our classes. A big thanks to Linda Danielson for giving us a lesson on how to learn music by ear at the basic class. We tend to forget to do the things that make learning music easier for us.

A Gig was played at Junction City Residential on December 3rd. The people there are friendly and showed much appreciation for the Christmas music we sang and played. Bayberry Commons in Springfield was the site of a Christmas Eve Jam on December 24th.

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### January Events

4 Jam Sunnyside Grange 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
13130 SE Sunnyside Road  
26 Jam NW Jam, NE 8th Ave. Gresham  
Doors open at 11:00 12:30-3:30 pm

**Happy New Year everyone!** We hope you all are rested from the holidays and ready to begin a new year. District 7 members had a lovely celebration on December 7th at the Sunnyside Grange to start off the holiday season. We had a good turn out and lots of good food. There also were a number of neighborhood folks who came to hear us play and a number of them visited us because they saw our new 8' banner in the front of the grange welcoming them. Marcella Easley and others arranged for the large sign to be permanently posted. During this gathering we also were happy to meet a new member who just transferred to our area from District 8. We would like to give a warm welcome to Alberto Feliciano who plays the fiddle.

District 7 Chair, Dave Altman has set a goal to be more proactive in reaching out to and involving other fiddling groups in our area. One of these groups is the Portland Fiddle Camp for children. Many of us were not aware of this Fiddle Camp and if you would like to know more just "google it". If you know of any other groups that meet to play the fiddle (and other instruments) just let Dave know.

We would like to encourage District 7 members to take part in the 55th!! Oregon State Fiddle Contest on March 21, 2020. There are opportunities to compete, accompany, or to volunteer and being there is wonderful fun. Please refer to the December Hoedowner for all the information. Thank-you to Eileen Walter for all her hard work.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

Birthday Greetings: Joe Moyle and Gerald Clark (1/1), Galen Ness (1/14), Zane Coffin (1/18), Leah Canaday (1/26)  
Wedding Anniversaries: Galen and Kathy Ness (1/12)

Happy New Year to all!

~ Shirley Humphreys, District 6 Reporter



### District 6 Holiday Potluck at Central Grange

### District 8 Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport Area

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### January Events

2 Jam Slo Jam at Marie's house 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
16 Jam Slo Jam at Marie's house 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
**Please let Marie Bailey know that you can come.**  
19 Basic Fiddle Class 9:00 - 10:00 am  
Chapel at Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community  
**Let Martha know if you are coming. Call her at 503-393-2271 (leave a message) or email: mh.hughes8@gmail.com**

**A small group played** at Willamette Heritage Center on December 23rd for the Magic at the Mill's Christmas show. Thank you for filling in for all of us who couldn't make it. We appreciate your support.

**Reminders:** Dues for 2020 are due now.  
Please make check to OOTFA and mail to:  
Patti Luse 979 Ascot Dr. Eugene, OR 97401.

Our District #8 contest for the most participation from District #8 members in OUR public performances starts this month (January 2020). Three top prizes will be awarded at our December 2020 jam. This does not include participation in workshops, camps or other districts or State events.

Our officers and those who have regularly supported District #8 have excluded themselves. We're looking for membership participation above the few who have been our core supporters. Come join the fun. The donations we gather from these performances help provide funds to hold contests and camps. Your support is vital!

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter



## District 9 Burns, John Day Area

**Chair:** Randy Gibson 541-589-1866  
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**Secretary/Treasurer/Membership:** George Sahlberg  
541-420-3583  
**Reporter:** Marianne Andrews

### January Events

3	Jam	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm
10	Gig	Aspens	7:00 - 9:00 pm
12	Sunday Potluck	1:00 pm Jam	2:00 pm
17	Jam	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm
20	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:00 - 7:00 pm
24	Jam	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm
31	Jam	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm

## District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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### January Events

2	Gig	Bridgewood	1:30 - 2:30 pm
8	Gig	Rosehaven	10:00 - 11:00 am
20	Gig	Callahan Court	2:30 - 3:30 pm
25	Meeting/Jam	Sutherlin Grange	12:00 - 3:00 pm
27	Gig	Callahan Village	3:30 - 4:30 pm

**We had a very busy December** with several jams, gigs and parties. I hope your holidays included some joyful music making. In January, we celebrate birthdays for Joyce Pickett (Jan 1), Julie Yarbrough (Jan 11), Bernice Orr (Jan 14), Francis Stephenson (Jan 24) and Allison Lindley (Jan 30). An old Irish proverb says "The older the fiddle, the sweeter the tune!"

We're working for a more cohesive group sound. On Monday nights, we work on new tunes. We listen to each other to be aware of what's going on during a song. We don't want to miss important cues (like an intro, someone taking a solo, a tag at the end, etc.). Thanks to everyone for their friendship, talent, energy, and enthusiasm.

**Christmas dinner was successful** with Joan Suther on the turkey and gravy, George and Joyce Sahlberg on the dressing and famous deviled eggs. Mashed potatoes were plentiful. Many desserts, veggies, pickles and salads were brought by the rest of us. We danced, played music and ate to our hearts content. The John Day contingent came out in full force, with Ron Phillips, Ben, Rhonda Metler, and Carl joining our group with good eats as well as great music. We had 10 musicians. The dancers especially enjoyed the littlest Peyrollaz's gracing the dance floor with their daddy. Thanks to all the clappers. We had 40 folks. Mary Ausmus did a bang-up job on the cleanup. Ian Dawson was the muscle behind Joan to put away the sound system. Thanks to everyone.

Our next Potluck and Jam will be January 12th. Hope to see everyone return and bring your friends and your instrument.

We had a wonderful Christmas Jam at the Aspens and one of the residents put on their antlers and red nose and sang Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer.

We would all like to wish you a very happy and productive New Year. May it be filled with many opportunities to make music and meet with friends old and new.

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 7:00 pm.

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

I was sad to hear that Ron Bishop passed away from a heart attack in the early hours of Nov 29. He was only 73. Kathe has a lot to deal with, and her daughter Suzanne is helping her. I'm sure she could use more help. Ron and Kathe traveled a lot during his 23 years in the Air Force, and they found old-time fiddle and bluegrass music everywhere they went. Contact Kathe at 503-927-7401 or email ronkatbishop@centurylink.net. If you'd like to send a card, her address is 1816 Ridge View Drive, Sutherlin, OR. 97479.



District 10 at the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds Christmas Craft Fair

There will be a District 10 members meeting at 11 am on Jan 25 before the afternoon jam at Sutherlin Grange Hall. We hope to have a good turnout at the jam and always welcome folks from other districts.

Dues for 2020 are due by Jan 1. Sharon Thompson will be available to collect the dues at our monthly jams, or they can be mailed directly to Patti Luse at 979 Ascott Dr. Eugene, OR 97401.  
~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



**January 2020**

Patti Luse, Membership Chair

**Oregon Oldtime  
Fiddlers' Association**

**979 Ascot Drive  
Eugene, OR 97401**

**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.**

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These name tags are yellow with blue letters, OOTFA logo and your district number. To order please specify pin or magnetic back and send your name, address and district number along with a \$10 check made payable to:

**Ken Luse 979 Ascot Drive Eugene, OR 97401**



If you do not specify type of back, you will be sent the pin type.

This Website Index is a new addition to The Hoedowner email edition. Feel free to contact me if you would like to add an appropriate website to the list or have suggestions.

~ Robin [qat\\_boy@msn.com](mailto:qat_boy@msn.com)

## Treasurer's Report

Questions have been asked about the 20% contribution paid by each district to the State. I would first like to say that as a member of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association, YOU are a member of the STATE, not just your DISTRICT. The four State officers have been elected by YOU to serve YOU and your DISTRICT and to see that the mission and goals of OOTFA are carried out. The State has no means by itself to earn the funds needed to provide the members with the Hoedowner monthly newsletter, present the State Fiddle Contest and State Convention, nor pay the annual insurance premium. It must rely on the 20% contributions from the Districts (members) to carry out these efforts. At the annual membership meeting, the proposed budget for the new year is presented and approved. If you were not able to attend any of the quarterly State meetings, the budget for 2019-2020 is included here.

Linda Parks, OOTFA State Treasurer

### Proposed Budget 2019-2020

INCOME	
DUES	12,950.00
20% DISTRICTS	4,500.00
INTEREST	125.00
CONVENTION	6,500.00
CONVENTION DONATIONS	2,500.00
CONTEST	9,000.00
JR HOEDOWNER KIELHORN	400.00
DONATIONS	400.00
SCHOLARSHIP	750.00
RAFFLE	1,000.00
ROSTERS	400.00
DECALS	100.00
FIDDLER PINS	100.00
Refund	
Grant Donation	
AMAZON SMILE	100.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>38,825.00</b>
EXPENSES	
ACCOUNTANT	1,200.00
CONVENTION	9,000.00
CONTEST	9,500.00
HOEDOWNER	7,800.00
HOEDOWNER POSTAGE	1,600.00
TRAVEL	4,000.00
ROSTERS	300.00
FIDDLER PINS	
STATE MEETING EXPENSE	1,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLY	400.00
COPY/PRINT	200.00
INSURANCE	2,400.00
POSTAGE	150.00
FILING FEE	150.00
TAXES	165.00
MISC.	100.00
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE	200.00
MEMBERSHIP POSTAGE	110.00
BEREAVMENT-BOARD MEMBER	50.00
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD	200.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS	300.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>38,825.00</b>

As of: 12/16/2019

State Checking Account	12,388.58
General Certificate of Deposit	12,000.00
Contest Certificate of Deposit	4,525.37
Kielhorn Money Market	10,832.56
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>39,746.51</b>

### Actual General Ledger 2019-2020

Beginning Balance 7-01-2019 13,898.69

INCOME	
DUES	2,586.25
20% DISTRICTS	1,771.58
INTEREST	220.06
ROSTER SALES	34.00
CONVENTION	-
CONVENTION DONATIONS	-
RAFFLE	-
DECALS	-
FIDDLER PINS/STICKERS	191.20
CONTEST	500.00
JR. HOEDOWNER	-
DONATIONS	551.00
SCHOLARSHIP	-
AMAZON SMILE	34.83
MISCELLANEOUS	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>6,888.92</b>
EXPENSES	
ACCOUNTING	-
TRAVEL	691.06
INSURANCE	-
ROSTERS	-
FIDDLER PINS/STICKERS	114.22
HOEDOWNER	5,517.40
HOEDOWNER POSTAGE	874.50
STATE MEETING EXPENSE	565.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	7.00
COPY/PRINT	199.00
POSTAGE	129.19
CONTEST	-
CONVENTION	-
JR. HOEDOWNER	-
DONATIONS	-
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED	175.00
FILING FEE	-
TAXES	-
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE	-
MEMBERSHIP POSTAGE	4.69
BEREAVMENT-BOARD MEMBER	-
PUBLIC RELATIONS	-
MISCELLANEOUS	75.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,352.06</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>12,388.58</b>

Kielhorn Money Market:

Balance 6-30-2019	12854.26
Scholarships Awarded	-2,022.15
Int. Inc. (Jul-Aug)	0.45
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>10,832.56</b>