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Rosin Up Your Bows!

Thank you to the many of you who have already registered – it's been exciting to add each of your names to the list and I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing you!

A very tentative schedule has been emailed to OOTFA members – contestants will receive a final schedule which will likely have some changes. This will be the order in which the divisions will appear. But the times may change. Breaks will happen as they appear necessary.



**Saturday,
March 19**

**8:00 am till
10:00 pm**

**Lebanon
Mennonite
Church**

**The Oregon State Open Fiddle
Contest is Returning Live!**

Information for Contestants by Contest Director, Eileen Walter

Arrive at the contest at least an hour prior to the start of your division. Stop at the **Membership Desk** and pay your OOTFA dues if you haven't already done this. Check in at the **Registration Desk**, pick up your name badge, grab a blank "tune sheet", fill it out as much as you can (you may not know your contestant number or your accompanists names yet – you don't need to fill those in), and leave it in the designated box on the Registration Desk – the MC will be using this to introduce you.

Proceed to the "practice/warm-up room" where you can unpack, tune up, and get connected with accompanists. There will be accompanists available (usually guitar & bass players) and if you don't already have one or more lined up, you will need to ask somebody if they'd accompany you (unless you're playing unaccompanied). Let your accompanists know what tunes you'll be playing (including the keys of your tunes), and ask if they have time to run through your tunes with you. You may need to wait in line for this opportunity, as the accompanists are in demand.

If you happen to have chord charts for your tunes, bring those with you – they can be helpful, especially if you're playing tunes that aren't well known. The "Order of Play" lists will be posted around ½ hour prior to the start of your division. Be ready to go on stage at this time, as things will move quickly.

See Additional Information on Pages 2 & 3

**Rules, Directions,
Food & Lodging,
Volunteer Info**

There will be volunteers with clipboards and lists who will assist you in getting from the practice room to the stage at the correct time. They will find you by your name tag and let you know that your turn is approaching. That's when you need to find your accompanists and let them know (they may already be on stage and you'll need to catch

them as you are going on stage), and start walking to the sanctuary. There is no "back stage" so contestants and accompanists will need to enter the sanctuary while the prior contestant is on stage, and be ready to walk onto the stage as soon as the prior contestant is exiting the stage. When you are on stage, take your time placing yourself in front of the microphone (someone will be there to adjust it for you) as the MC is introducing you. You can begin your round after you hear the MC say "judges – this is contestant # ____). Remember – there are many people there to help you.

Have fun!!

Well, friends, it may be that as of the end of the month, we will not be required to wear a mask indoors according to the COVID news! Halleluia! But, if you are more comfortable doing so, please don't hesitate. I know there are still those with compromised health situations, so we need to be mindful of that.

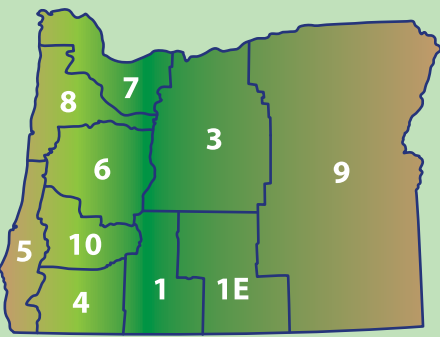
I am concerned about the dwindling membership of our organization, and believe part of the problem is that we have not been able to get together due to the COVID restrictions. I know some people have told me they don't want to pay as they can't play! But, now that COVID seems to be slowly fading away, we can start playing again for jams and paying gigs. Please, each of you, reach out to others who have not been active and encourage them to "come back"!

The Board is scheduled to meet on March 26 by Zoom at 10:00 AM. Non-Board members, if you want to be included on the call, notify **Hal Weiner** (banjowines@gmail.com). We will be discussing the proposed Bylaw revisions.

I am looking forward to the **State Fiddle Contest**, March 19th at the **Lebanon Mennonite Church**. Please let **Eileen Walter** know if you can help, as she needs all the help she can get!

I hope to see many of you at the **OOTFA State Convention** in May in Roseburg. Jude and her group are planning a great, fun filled event with some different aspects! It is also time to elect **State Officers**, so please consider running for an office, and let **Terry McClain** (terry233.tm@gmail.com) know if you have any names to submit.

Take care, stay safe, and play, play, play! ~ Marcella



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Contest Rules & Protocol

Contest rules remain the same as in the past. Read them at www.OOTFA.org, click on the fiddle contest link, and click on the contest rules link.

In accordance with the current **State of Oregon mask mandate** requiring that masks be worn at all public indoor gatherings – masks will be required. We will amend this requirement if the state mandate is changed.

Hello, My name is Evelyn Horner,

I taught fiddle for some 40 years. I am now retired, but still have much to offer. I am concerned about the low participation of District 6 fiddlers in the State Fiddle Contest and am offering my assistance to anyone who is hesitant to enter.

I can help you with your turns, timing, bowing, tune choices and much more. There is no charge, all I want is to see a healthy showing in the contest from District 6 fiddle players. Please call me and I will help you out. Call me at 541-602-7233



Evelyn Horner





Volunteers Needed! Information for Volunteers:

Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to assist at the OOTFA Oregon State Fiddle Contest! Your willingness to help out is appreciated. If you've volunteered in the past, you know that it's fun, and if this is your first time, I believe you'll have a great time. I'm looking for more volunteers in all areas. It takes many volunteers the day of the contest to ensure that everything runs smoothly in a fast paced environment. There are many things happening behind the scenes as there's a new contestant with accompanists on stage about every five minutes.

Contestants are checking in at the **Registration Desk**, contestants and accompanists are being rounded up to appear on stage timely, judges are listening and awarding points to each tune, tabulators are crunching the numbers, timekeepers are timing the rounds, and a whole lot more.

That being said, additional volunteers are needed. Please consider being a part of this exciting way to have an excellent show and hear lots of wonderful tunes played by many talented fiddlers with different styles. If you can help out, even for a couple of hours, please contact me.

Volunteering is an excellent thing to do! Eileen Walter gdaewalt@comcast.net 503-701-1578 call or text.



Directions Food Lodging

Lebanon Mennonite Church
2100 S. Second Street in Lebanon, Oregon

Directions: On I-5 take Exit 228, also known as Hwy 34, to Lebanon. Continue into Lebanon to the "Y" - take the right curve around the Library, then immediately take the right turn which becomes Second Street - follow it all the way to the church on the right, just before the bowling alley.

Plenty of parking at the church
Plenty of rooms and seating in the church

District I

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Greetings All from District One,

The month of March not only hosts St. Patrick's Day but also our **OOTFA State Fiddle Contest!** I know many of you throughout all the districts are polishing up your tunes and getting ready to hit the road for **Lebanon** on March 19th. Here in District One, we have a few travelers that will be making the trek to the contest, to not only play in the contest but to attend as listeners and some who may even be volunteers. We wish everyone safe travels and excellent health, as well as fellowship with friends.

We have some members here in District One that have been regularly getting together to practice/jam. We have **Johnny Rodgers, Sheila Fry, Irene Ruddock, Frank** and **Karen Ayres**, as well as **Edna Jenkins** and **Del** and **Noranne Sparks**, all whom are having a ball getting together weekly to play fiddle, guitar and mandolin. A few times, we have even had **Terry McLain** over from Lakeview. Our best wishes go out to **Sharilyn McLain** who is recouping from a broken leg. Ouch. Get better soon Ms. Sherilyn!!!

God Bless and Keep Fiddlin

- Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

Food and Beverage

There are many restaurants nearby. Usually there is about an hour break in competition between morning and afternoon and then afternoon and evening. Water, coffee, tea and snacks will be available on site for a nominal cost. There is a room at the church to bring in and eat your own food. No food or drink allowed in the Sanctuary.

Lodging

Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn is about 2 miles north of the contest site - 505 Mullins Drive - 541-451-1000. The motel is offering a special fiddler rate of \$109.99 plus tax per night and will hold 15 rooms for us at this rate. Complete hot breakfast comes with the room - due to Covid precautions, instead of a buffet, the motel staff will bring your breakfast order to you.

Overnight RV Parking - There is plenty of parking for RVs on the gravel adjoining the paved area at the church on Second.

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Well after two years of not doing anything as OOTFA we finally had a meeting with election of officers. **Arlene Henry** is our new Chairperson, with **Ann Stover** as Co-Chair. **Sharilyn McLain** will stay on as secretary treasurer and membership. **Cambria Anklin** said she will help as reporter.

We are going to start our **First Saturday Jam** at **Chamber of Commerce** starting around two in the afternoon, March 5th, so hope to see some jammers come and give us a lesson.

Still playing at **Rosa Lee's** Thursday nights. Good times! **Edna Jenkins** and **Sheila Fry** were over last week; adds a lot to our little group.

We are looking forward to the **Christmas Valley Jam**. Should be a good time! Always good to see everyone and play a tune or two. Any questions on Christmas Valley just give me a call I'll do my best to come up with the answer.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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It's still pretty quiet in Central Oregon in regards to jamming. As we wait for restrictions to lift soon and more gatherings to be planned, it is fun to go through old photo's of past gatherings and remember all of the great people in our organization who volunteer, play, and influence and encourage others to keep up the great acoustical music tradition! So, here are a few photos I found of some special folks at past gatherings. **Have a Happy Spring until we exchange songs and dance to those fiddles again!**

~ Judi Seger, District 3 Reporter



clockwise from top left: 1. Frank & Pat Borden 2. Oran Barr
3. John Schultz 4. Ron Larson

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Welcome March! We know you're bringing with you happy reasons to celebrate! First up will be **St. Patrick's Day** for all the Irish, (and want to be Irish) folks. Next we'll welcome more daylight hours with the beginning of Daylight Savings Time and then best of all is SPRING!

At the District 4 February Monthly Meeting and Jam **Carol Ferrara** and **Edna Chitwood** had the Grange beautifully decorated with **Valentine's Day** decorations. Lovely red and white tablecloths, hearts and flowers adorned the tables. Carol also baked her, "Special Recipe" Lemon filling cake for everyone to enjoy and to celebrate 4 members birthdays. **Edna Chitwood, Lenny Ferrara** and **Barb** and **Dave Basden's** birthdays are all within days of each other in February. Along with the cake they each received a little primrose plant.

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Celebrating February birthdays were Barb Basden, Edna Chitwood, Dave Basden and Lenny Ferrara

All the musicians at the jam were happy to welcome back long-time member, **Jim Howe**. Jim joined OOTFA in 2007. he is a great fiddler and also plays a terrific back-up guitar. He was a friend for many years with **Jim Winslow**, who passed away a few years ago and was also a Lifetime Member and they probably have played hundreds of gigs together; A friend to the very last of Jim Winslow's life. When Jim was confined to his home, Jim Howe would visit him and bring his guitar and get Jim Winslow to get his guitar out and together they would play and sing the old tunes bringing back sweet memories. Good friends are a blessing.

March also brings the **State Fiddle Contest** presented by OOTFA. This year it will be held on-site at a new venue, the **Lebanon Mennonite Church** in Lebanon on March 19. District 4 Chairman, **Judy McGarvey**, who has attended the contest almost every year, including last year when it was held in a Zoom format, has already registered for two divisions. She will be fiddling in the senior- senior division and is arranging a special tune for the Entertainment Showcase division.



Bob Pantel, Judy McGarvey, Jim Howe and Lenny Ferrara fiddling a tune at the February jam

Good Luck, Judy! It takes many hands to prepare and keep a contest flowing and District 4 member, **Cindy Crane**, the **Fiddler Rustler** for the district, has already signed up to volunteer to help at the contest. Anyone else who is interested in competing or volunteering should contact the contest Director, **Eileen Walter** at gdaewalt@comcast.net. Check the February Hoedowner for further details.

The District 4 March Monthly Meeting and Jam will be held at the **Applegate Valley Firehouse**, 1095 Upper Applegate Road, Jacksonville, Oregon. Meeting at 11:30, Warm-up Jam 12:30, Sign-up Jam 1-3:00. Bring snacks to share. Check the **District 4 Online Calendar** for all gigs and meetings and for directions and maps or call an officer they are happy to help.

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

District 5

Southern Coast Area

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Happy St. Patrick's Day from District 5! Here's hoping that you will all have opportunities to play music while you enjoy "**The Wearing of the Green.**"

District 5 had a fun performance last month at **Inland Point Retirement Community**, one of our favorite venues and a place where we always feel welcome. We had a small group of 7 playing but a good time was had by all.

February 19th was our **Membership Meeting and Circle Jam** at **Winchester Bay Community Center**, which is another favorite venue. Our next Circle Jam at Winchester Bay is scheduled for 1 pm on Saturday, March 19th. So if you happen to be on the south coast during that time, stop on by and play with us!

As a reminder we also have a few other upcoming events for the spring and summer:

April 22 & 23	Brookings Jamboree Chetco Grange in Brookings
June 18	Membership Meeting and Circle Jam Winchester Bay Community Center
July 16	Circle jam Winchester Bay Community Center

~ Al & Nicole Pierce, District 5 Reporters

Tune of the Month

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

The Maids of Mitchelstown is a wonderful tune that was made popular by The Bothy Band, on their album "Out Of The Wind Into The Sun". YouTube has a number of versions of this tune, including a nice lesson by Kevin Burke. If you go searching for information you will find a number of variations on the tune. Here are two variations:

Links for this tune:

Traditional Irish Fiddle Lesson by Kevin Burke

The Bothy Band

Discussion regarding variations on the tune here

The Maids of Mitchelstown

The image displays a musical score for the song "The Sound of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel. It consists of four staves of music, each with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The first two staves are for guitar, and the last two are for piano. Chord diagrams are provided above the notes for each staff. The guitar part features a mix of open and fretted notes, while the piano part is primarily composed of chords and single notes. The overall mood is somber and reflective, characteristic of the original recording.

Staff 1 (Guitar): Chords: Dm, Am7, Dm, Am7, Dm, Am7, Am7, Dm. Notes: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, Bb5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, Bb6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, Bb7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, Bb8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, Bb9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, Bb10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, Bb11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, Bb12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, Bb13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, Bb14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, Bb15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, Bb16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, Bb17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, Bb18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, Bb19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, Bb20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, Bb21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, Bb22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, Bb23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, Bb24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, Bb25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, Bb26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, Bb27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, Bb28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, Bb29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, A30, Bb30, C31, D31, E31, F31, G31, A31, Bb31, C32, D32, E32, F32, G32, A32, Bb32, C33, D33, E33, F33, G33, A33, Bb33, C34, D34, E34, F34, G34, A34, Bb34, C35, D35, E35, F35, G35, A35, Bb35, C36, D36, E36, F36, G36, A36, Bb36, C37, D37, E37, F37, G37, A37, Bb37, C38, D38, E38, F38, G38, A38, Bb38, C39, D39, E39, F39, G39, A39, Bb39, C40, D40, E40, F40, G40, A40, Bb40, C41, D41, E41, F41, G41, A41, Bb41, C42, D42, E42, F42, G42, A42, Bb42, C43, D43, E43, F43, G43, A43, Bb43, C44, D44, E44, F44, G44, A44, Bb44, C45, D45, E45, F45, G45, A45, Bb45, C46, D46, E46, F46, G46, A46, Bb46, C47, D47, E47, F47, G47, A47, Bb47, C48, D48, E48, F48, G48, A48, Bb48, C49, D49, E49, F49, G49, A49, Bb49, C50, D50, E50, F50, G50, A50, Bb50, C51, D51, E51, F51, G51, A51, Bb51, C52, D52, E52, F52, G52, A52, Bb52, C53, D53, E53, F53, G53, A53, Bb53, C54, D54, E54, F54, G54, A54, Bb54, C55, D55, E55, F55, G55, A55, Bb55, C56, D56, E56, F56, G56, A56, Bb56, C57, D57, E57, F57, G57, A57, Bb57, C58, D58, E58, F58, G58, A58, Bb58, C59, D59, E59, F59, G59, A59, Bb59, C60, D60, E60, F60, G60, A60, Bb60, C61, D61, E61, F61, G61, A61, Bb61, C62, D62, E62, F62, G62, A62, Bb62, C63, D63, E63, F63, G63, A63, Bb63, C64, D64, E64, F64, G64, A64, Bb64, C65, D65, E65, F65, G65, A65, Bb65, C66, D66, E66, F66, G66, A66, Bb66, C67, D67, E67, F67, G67, A67, Bb67, C68, D68, E68, F68, G68, A68, Bb68, C69, D69, E69, F69, G69, A69, Bb69, C70, D70, E70, F70, G70, A70, Bb70, C71, D71, E71, F71, G71, A71, Bb71, C72, D72, E72, F72, G72, A72, Bb72, C73, D73, E73, F73, G73, A73, Bb73, C74, D74, E74, F74, G74, A74, Bb74, C75, D75, E75, F75, G75, A75, Bb75, C76, D76, E76, F76, G76, A76, Bb76, C77, D77, E77, F77, G77, A77, Bb77, C78, D78, E78, F78, G78, A78, Bb78, C79, D79, E79, F79, G79, A79, Bb79, C80, D80, E80, F80, G80, A80, Bb80, C81, D81, E81, F81, G81, A81, Bb81, C82, D82, E82, F82, G82, A82, Bb82, C83, D83, E83, F83, G83, A83, Bb83, C84, D84, E84, F84, G84, A84, Bb84, C85, D85, E85, F85, G85, A85, Bb85, C86, D86, E86, F86, G86, A86, Bb86, C87, D87, E87, F87, G87, A87, Bb87, C88, D88, E88, F88, G88, A88, Bb88, C89, D89, E89, F89, G89, A89, Bb89, C90, D90, E90, F90, G90, A90, Bb90, C91, D91, E91, F91, G91, A91, Bb91, C92, D92, E92, F92, G92, A92, Bb92, C93, D93, E93, F93, G93, A93, Bb93, C94, D94, E94, F94, G94, A94, Bb94, C95, D95, E95, F95, G95, A95, Bb95, C96, D96, E96, F96, G96, A96, Bb96, C97, D97, E97, F97, G97, A97, Bb97, C98, D98, E98, F98, G98, A98, Bb98, C99, D99, E99, F99, G99, A99, Bb99, C100, D100, E100, F100, G100, A100, Bb100, C101, D101, E101, F101, G101, A101, Bb101, C102, D102, E102, F102, G102, A102, Bb102, C103, D103, E103, F103, G103, A103, Bb103, C104, D104, E104, F104, G104, A104, Bb104, C105, D105, E105, F105, G105, A105, Bb105, C106, D106, E106, F106, G106, A106, Bb106, C107, D107, E107, F107, G107, A107, Bb107, C108, D108, E108, F108, G108, A108, Bb108, C109, D109, E109, F109, G109, A109, Bb109, C110, D110, E110, F110, G110, A110, Bb110, C111, D111, E111, F111, G111, A111, Bb111, C112, D112, E112, F112, G112, A112, Bb112, C113, D113, E113, F113, G113, A113, Bb113, C114, D114, E114, F114, G114, A114, Bb114, C115, D115, E115, F115, G115, A115, Bb115, C116, D116, E116, F116, G116, A116, Bb116, C117, D117, E117, F117, G117, A117, Bb117, C118, D118, E118, F118, G118, A118, Bb118, C119, D119, E119, F119, G119, A119, Bb119, C120, D120, E120, F120, G120, A120, Bb120, C121, D121, E121, F121, G121, A121, Bb121, C122, D122, E122, F122, G122, A122, Bb122, C123, D123, E123, F123, G123, A123, Bb123, C124, D124, E124, F124, G124, A124, Bb124, C125, D125, E125, F125, G125, A125, Bb125, C126, D126, E126, F126, G126, A126, Bb126, C127, D127, E127, F127, G127, A127, Bb127, C128, D128, E128, F128, G128, A128, Bb128, C129, D129, E129, F129, G129, A129, Bb129, C130, D130, E130, F130, G130, A130, Bb130, C131, D131, E131, F131, G131, A131, Bb131, C

The Maids of Mitchelstown (Variation/Descant)

The image displays a musical score for the song "The Sound of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The first two staves represent the guitar part, and the last two represent the piano part. Chord diagrams are provided above the notes for each staff. The guitar part uses chords Dm, Am7, and Dm. The piano part uses chords C, D, Gm, Am, Bb, and Gm. The melody is written in a simple, accessible style, suitable for a beginner-level guitar and piano arrangement.

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District 6 is looking for volunteers to do performance booking and performer scheduling. This could be two positions: one to book places for us to play and another to get members to play at those gigs. Contact **Hal Weiner** for more information (see info above). Hal is looking to schedule a meeting and jam on April 9 where we would elect officers and address any business that needs to be discussed. Hal will not be returning as Chair and there may other positions to fill, as well. **Betsy Janeczek** will chair the nominating committee. If you want to be considered for a position, please contact Betsy (see info above).

District 6 is the silent host for the **Oregon State Fiddle Contest**, as it is in our district. We need to get more people involved by volunteering for an hour or two. The contest runs for 15 hours, so other volunteers will need breaks! If you can't volunteer, Come support the fiddlers on stage with your clapping. Please call contest coordinator, **Eileen Walter** (503-701-1578) if you can give a little of your time.

There are no District 6 jams or events in March, so keep in shape at home or with friends, but don't let your hands go idle. Last year, when we had the virtual State Fiddle Contest, I was fortunate to have kept my calluses intact because I jammed at home, pretending I was backing up each contestant with my trusty Martin. It wasn't like the real thing, but it was something.

Birthday Greetings: **Patti Luse** (3/11),
Linda Danielson (3/7)

Wedding Anniversaries: **Sal and Darlene Fiduica** (3/15), **Wayne and Annie Carter** (3/30)

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

New Members March 2022

Peyton Lieuallen & Gwen Griffith Lieuallen	Salem (8)
Wenlan Hu, David & Isabella Matthews	Eugene (6)
Heather Merrifield	Oregon City (7)
Bill & Margot O'Sullivan	Springfield (6)
Chelsea, Wyatt, Carter & Sydney Pierce	Terrebonne (3)
Alwin, Chana, Asher & Noah Smith	Ashland (4)
Jay Taylor	Gold Hill (4)
Heather & Tessie Webster-Henry	Sweet Home (6)



District 6 Dynamo, Phyllis Coffin,
celebrated her 90th birthday on
February 20

District 7 Portland, Northern Coast Area

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March Events

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

Greetings OOTFA Members. It looks like this month things might be opening up bit in Oregon and perhaps we will be able to get together more often. We definitely will hold our **Circle Jam** at the **Sunnyside Grange** this month and hope to start playing more gigs in the future. We still must be vaccinated and wear our masks this month, but it will be great to play together again.

Last month **Joe Martin** reported that "a baker's dozen" of OOTFA members played on February 13th for the **Annual Celebration of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers** at the Monarch Inn in Clackamas. There were fiddles, mandolins, guitars, an upright bass and even a cello. Joe said the music was a "perfect fit for the descendants of those who had arrived in Oregon many years ago." Afterwards the musicians were invited to share a banquet of steak and salmon, and despite the masking, the evening was a complete success! Everyone there hopes to attend this gathering next year.

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This month I interviewed long-time OOTFA member **Penny Mead**. It was an absolute delight speaking with her for over an hour about her very interesting life. Penny is now nearing 100 years old (in July she will be 99) and began her musical life around 10 or 11. She was born during the depression in Montana, and her family became destitute and decided to move to Oregon where they heard life was much better. They built their own trailer house out of scraps of metal and then were off to a better life. On the way they met up with some people from Missouri who were also moving to Oregon. During the day this group picked fruit and hops, and every night they camped together and played music around the campfire.



District 7 members Penny Mead and her husband Barry Bloom

Once the families got to Oregon they stayed nearby and continued to play together as a group for many years. Penny loved the music and eventually learned how to play the piano, upright bass, the guitar, the fiddle and other instruments. Penny's father bought 40 acres of land near Carver and all the family members including the kids (she had seven siblings) worked on the farm to make a living. They planted strawberries, hay, and had a large garden. Penny enjoyed telling me that there was a waterfall (Rock Creek) near the farm that the kids loved to jump in when they had a break for lunch. She said those falls are still there today and encouraged me to go see them.

As Penny and her siblings grew up the family continued to play music and Penny and her sister sang



Penny and Barry waltzing at a pre-COVID jam

together in their band. As a young girl she worked in the hop fields near her farm and made friends with other workers, and these teenagers all loved to go to the **Rock Creek Grange** for dances. Penny went to high school at **Milwaukie High** and worked in the office to pay for her books. She stayed in High School for a year but then **World War II** started and she had to go to work. Next month I will finish this article and you will learn that Penny once played in a big band with country music star **Willie Nelson**. ~

District 7 needs to have a business meeting at the beginning of our jam at the Sunnyside Grange on Saturday, March 5th at 1:00. We will be electing officers for the

next year. If you cannot attend you will be able to vote by email.

Enjoy the beginning of Spring with the longer and warmer days.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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March Events

3 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1-3 pm
Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes.

12 Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class;
revised; by EAR via zoom

17 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1-3 pm

19 Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class;
revised; by EAR via zoom

26 Unofficial monthly fun jam at Marie's house 1-3 pm

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.

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Marie Bailey, our Vice-Chair says:

I want to encourage our members to think about taking on an office and volunteering. If you have a couple of hours each month you could give to help our OOTFA organization, help at a function or have any special skills or talents, please let your Chairperson and/or State President know.

District #8 needs a Treasurer, a Secretary/Membership and a Chairperson. State officer elections also need volunteers for Vice President.

Eileen Walter is begging for helpers on March 19th, for the **Oregon State Fiddle Contest** in Lebanon. If you can give a few hours please call Eileen for details.

Marie adds: I think I've mentioned before that those now holding office are all over 80 and needing to pass the torch.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

State Treasurer's Report

As of 2-13-2022

State Checking Account	13,587
State Scholarship (inc.in above)	1,897
General Certificate of Deposit	12,161
Contest Certificate of Deposit	4,581
Kielhorn Money Market	8,486
All Districts' Accounts	133,673
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	172,488

Amelie Redman

Singer, Songwriter and Earth Advocate

By Joyce Orsini

Raised in Willamina, Oregon, Amelie Redman spent most of her first three years of life in Nicaragua, where her father, a mining engineer, worked on a project. Mostly she's lived in Oregon and California.

Amelie has chronicled her ideas, philosophies, and songs since she was a teenager. Her journal also includes stimulating viewpoints, poems, and expressions she's heard along her way, with sketches interspersed throughout. At the moment she is contemplating just what is a "premature afterthought."

Amelie took piano lessons as a child, played mellophone and French horn in grade school and flute in high school.

She loved to sing and wanted to play guitar for accompaniment. She was thrilled when she learned that the ukulele her parents had given her was the top four strings of a guitar. After college, Amelie saw a guitar mounted on a wall in a house she was visiting, and asked the owner "how much do you want for it?" It was hers for \$25. She taught herself to play the guitar and later, the harmonica, too.

Amelie would have loved to major in forestry or other natural conservation subject in college, but there were no such courses available where she was, so she focused on English literature and art education. She graduated from **University of Oregon**.

Amelie wrote her first song for the wedding of a friend, "This is Who I am Without You." She later wrote "The World Would Be a Better Place to Live."

She loves folk songs that tell a story and loves equally to have fun with her music. Bubbling up from a defensive subconscious, she starts a feisty ditty with:



Amelie in her element

I don't want to talk it over.
I just want to yell and fight.
I don't want to hear your side.
I want you to say I'm right. ...

Way ahead of her time, in the early 1980's Amelie created "That's Recycling," a lively sing-along that cites examples of recycling.

In 1992 Amelie enlisted in **Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)** in Alaska. She planned on staying there a year, but, wound up living there for sixteen years. She learned much and taught about recycling while there. She also got to sing and play at the **Bethel Cultural Arts Center** and other venues.

As a Hertz car rental agent for a short while at the San Francisco airport she got to meet many celebrities, most memorably Alfred Hitchcock and John Wayne.

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Amelie created a game she calls Trashball – a ball made from recycled plastic bags is attached to an elastic string that returns the ball after you throw it. She crochets useful purses and tote bags from plastic grocery bags, also, and has taught others how to make them, too.

She has worked on recycling at a county landfill and taught recycling. She was involved in **McMinnville Yamhill County Recycling** before she retired.

Amelie is well-known throughout Yamhill and Polk counties for her environmental work, that includes teaching others what can be done. Always

helping others, she has a 1,500 hour pin for her work with **Henderson House** in McMinnville, and has been a volunteer librarian at the **Grand Ronde Library** since 2013.

Her signature song is “The Frozen Logger,” a jolly folk song about a logger who stirs his coffee with his thumb, written by **James Stevens**. The audience clap their hands and stomp their feet along with her sprightly rendition. Amelie sings and plays with District 8 of OOTFA.

Amelie said, “There is a song for everything, and if there isn’t, you should write it.”



Amelie in tune with nature

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Reporter: Marianne Andrews

The Friday Night Jams will continue. We now will be having the jams at the **Hines City Hall** for a while. It is wonderful that they will share their space with us. We gather at 6:30 pm. Call **Joan** or **Randy** to confirm, or if you have questions. We still have no word on when we can return to our **Sunday Potlucks and Jams**. We miss you all.



Joan Suther, Janet Braymen, & Judy Seger took a break from jamming and took a selfie, during Judi's visit to Burns

We were thrilled to have visitors in January. First, **Judi Seger** from District 3 popped over for a Friday Night Jam, on a night when two new local guest musicians stopped in. The following two weeks, Grant County members drove over, so we were blessed with the presence of **Ron Phillips, Carl Stinnett,** and **Ben Richardson** for great jams. The guys have determined Ron's pickup drives in the key of E. We are always happy to have friends join us.

The **High Desert Jamboree/Campout** committee is beginning the planning process for June 16th, 17th, and 18th. More news will be forthcoming as it comes available.

A big howdy to **Robin and Lynn Gadbury**.

So now I worry about too many days of pure sunshine. Snow would be best. Even rain would be welcome. Guess we best not worry about what we can't control out in the High Desert.

~ Musically Yours, Marianne Andrews,
District 9 Reporter



Carl Stinnett, Ben Richardson and Ron Phillips playing a gospel tune at the Friday night jam

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A memorial service took place on February 26 in Tri-City for **OOTFA State Treasurer Gynn Deaton**, who passed away on December 7, 2021. The service included oldtime fiddle music by **Jim Kuether, Allison Lindley, Hal Thompson, Gene Hodson** and **Joe Ross**. Donations can be made in Gynn's memory to **Douglas County Oregon Patriot Camp**, or to the **South Umpqua Historical Society**.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the **Booher Family** upon the passing of **Charles Willis Booher** on January 26 at 11:45 pm, just 15 minutes before his 102nd birthday. He had been living with **Mike** and **Dolores Booher** and passed peacefully in their Scotts Valley home. Mike's parents, **Chuck** and **Dorothy**, always loved playing along and dancing at OOTFA jams, and they leave a wonderful varied legacy to their offspring including a love and appreciation of music and for a Creator who truly gave His Son a ransom for all. A graveside service was held on February 3 at the **Comstock Cemetery** in Curtin. Cards can be sent to Mike and Dolores Booher at 2058 Scotts Valley Road, Yoncalla, Oregon 97426.

In March, we celebrate birthdays of **Jean Hanson** (March 1), **Frank Moore** (March 10) and **Gene Hodson** (March 24). Happy Birthday to All!

Jude Stensland plans to continue hosting jams at **Pineview Mobile Home Estates** from 1:30-3:30 pm on Fridays. 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 e-mail you the link.



District 10's January 15 jam in Sutherlin (Wes Brown, Liz Crain, Kim Clary, Jude Stensland, Alan Clary, Allison Lindley, Jim Leininger)



Julie Yarbrough & Sharon Thompson

Some District 10 members met at the **Douglas County Fairgrounds** to do a walk-through, in preparation for **OOTFA's State Convention** in Roseburg on May 19-21. Let Jude know how you can help. **Christine Cormack** will assist with organization, workshops and various district and state members will help out with posters, publicity, emcee duties, refreshments, decorations and more.

We played at **Brookdale** in February. We also had February gigs planned at **Curry Manor, The Landing** and **Riverview Terrace**. A jam was planned at **Sutherlin Senior Center** on Sat, February 26 from 12-3 pm. Next scheduled jam there is planned for Saturday, March 26 from 12-3 pm. Y'all Come!

Before **St. Patrick's Day**, let's refresh all our Irish jigs, reels, hornpipes, polkas, slides, marches, flings, airs, O'Carolan tunes, folk and pub song sing-alongs. Besides **The Session** (on-line), good reference books (with CDs) are **Patrick Steinbach's "Irish Reel Book,"** and Waltons' three volumes of **"Ireland's Best Session Tunes"** collected by **John Canning**.

Did you know my friend Paddy was recently in court? After an eight hour trial, he pleaded guilty. The judge said, "Why didn't you plead guilty at first and save the court all this time?" Paddy replied, "I thought I was innocent until I heard all the evidence!"

May the luck of the Irish be with you!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

Oregon Oldtime
Fiddlers' Association
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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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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. 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

Charles Booher, our oldest OOTFA Lifetime member and the patriarch of the famous musical Booher Family of Douglas County passed away peacefully at the age of 101 on the eve of his 102nd birthday. He lived in the Drain and Cottage Grove area for most of his life and in recent years lived in Yoncalla with his son and daughter-in-law (Lifetime OOTFA members themselves), Mike & Dolores Booher. **Condolences may be sent to Mike & Dolores at 2058 Scotts Valley Rd, Yoncalla, OR 97499.**

Ann Evans, a Lifetime Member from Gresham, passed away on January 26, 2022. For many years, she was a bright spot in District 7 assisting wherever she could and helping her husband, Gary, when he served as District Chair. **Condolences can be sent to Gary, her 2 daughters, 2 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren at 4010 NW 3rd in Gresham, OR 97030.**

Esther Snider, a Lifetime Member from Portland, passed away in early February. She was a longtime active member of District 7 and a talented musician.