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Patti & Ken Luse of District 6 were the recipients of the 2022 Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award

High Desert Music Campout

June 16, 17 & 18, 2022
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New shower & bathroom facility
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Old Friends & New Ones at the 2022 OOTFA Spring State Membership Convention

See Convention Coordinator, Jude Stensland's
rundown of events on page 3!

Keeping It On The Sunny Side

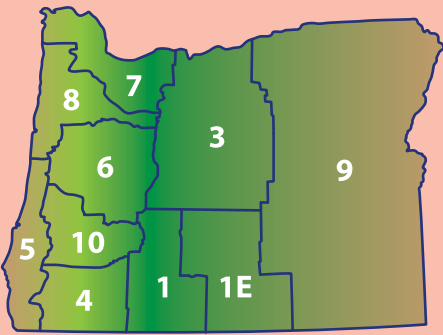
We are excited to announce the 1st Annual Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest & All Ages Jam, held July 2nd, 2022 at the Sunnyside Grange Hall, 13255 SE 130th Ave, Happy Valley, Oregon, 97086. Doors open at 9 am, registration check-in at 10 am, contest at 11 am.

Age divisions 8 & under, 9-12, 13-19. All styles and levels of fiddling (novice to advanced) are welcome, with \$2000 in prizes! Fiddlers and fiddle fans of all ages are welcome to come spend the day cheering the youth fiddle contestants on and participating in jam sessions.

Contest made possible through the Kielhorn Grant and hosts D-8 and D-7 of the Oregon Old-time Fiddlers' Association. Organized by out of state member, **Sherry McKenzie** D-8, out of state member **Laura White** D-6, and **Aaron Carter** D-7.

Our goal is to promote fiddle music to the youth in Oregon and increase public awareness for fiddling and OOTFA. Our event gives youth and people of all ages a chance to hear live fiddle music and an opportunity to join in on the fun as participants or spectators. Net proceeds benefit the Oregon Old-time Fiddlers' Association, thru Fiddles on Wheels 501c3.

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Wow, what a wonderful time we had at the convention! It was so good to see everyone and be able to share our music and talents. We can't thank **Jude Stensland** and her tireless crew enough for a **successful** and **fun** event! I especially thank all those who transported us in the golf cart (and personal cars) to and from the RV Park - that was so helpful. The venue was good, and jamming was going on everywhere! The shows were incredible! I am always amazed at how much **real talent** we have in our organization. Thanks to everyone for your participation.

The **Board** and **General Membership Meetings** were well attended, and I thank all the committees and board members for a job well done.

Congratulations to our new **State Vice President, Cindy Crane** from District 4. **Patti Luse** will continue as **Secretary**; **Linda Parks** as **Treasurer**, and I as **President** for the coming year. Please feel free to reach out to us with any suggestions, thoughts, ideas - this is **your** organization. Welcome and congratulations to newly elected District Officers, whose positions start June 1. They include: District 1E Chair, **Arlene Henry**; District 6 Chair, **Betsy Janeczek**; District 7 Chair, **Elaine Schmidt**, and Vice Chair, **Dave Altman**; District 8 Chair, **Lynn Gossett**; District 9 Chair, **Joan Suther**, Vice-Chair, **Randy Gibson**.

Also, Welcome and congratulations to newly elected District Officers, whose positions start June 1. I plan to have a "**welcome zoom meeting**" in a couple of weeks with you and will get more information out soon. And to those who are not yet involved - **Please** consider which committee you will help on or Chair. It takes ALL of us to be a successful organization, and it is rewarding to see what we can do. I will be calling you, but please call me first!

Very special Congratulations to the **Bill Yohey Award** winner, **Loita Colebank** from District 8, and **Ken and Patti Luse** for winning the **Norm Nash Award**. The **President's Awards** went to **Robin Lindsey** for his tireless and remarkable work on the monthly newsletter. It just gets better all the time! And to **Dave Basden** for his awesome behind the scenes work on our amazing website. Ours is one of the best out there, and includes so much helpful information. **Thank You** to these outstanding workers! You are all winners and very deserved of these awards. Thanks again for your dedication and hard work.

Have a wonderful June. Hugs ~ Marcella

Letter to the Editor

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers are so fortunate to have so many fine folks and outstanding musicians in our membership. Music is the thread that binds us. I know it is not uncommon for our talented musicians to play other venues outside of the OOTFA District Schedule of events. That is absolutely fine, however, if you are performing under the OOTFA name and collecting payment for these performances, the proceeds should be donated to OOTFA. We are a non-profit organization, supported entirely by membership dues and donations. So please consider this when performing. Using a different name is certainly an easy option, or donating the funds to the organization is another. Without the support of our members, OOTFA would not exist. Thank you. ~ Dawn Vonderlin, District 5

OOTFA State Convention Notes

by Jude Stensland



The **OOTFA Spring Convention** started on Wednesday evening with a finger food potluck provided by District 10. We had a great little circle jam in the **Floral Building** and everyone enjoyed themselves as the out of town members slowly trickled in. We were fortunate that the **Wadsworths** had a golf cart to help ferry folks back and forth to the campgrounds. That golf cart was very busy all weekend!

Thursday morning was crazy, as we frantically set everything up in the three gigantic rooms of the convention hall. We had great fun watching master quilter, **Carol Sheffield** and her family hang over 100 quilts for our viewing (and buying) pleasure. Jamming began in the front lobby, welcoming folks as they arrived. **Carol Ferrera** did a lovely job decorating the raffle area!

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest

This year's **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest** will be held Friday, August 5, 2022 at the **Benton County Fair** in Corvallis, Oregon. This will be the 23rd year the contest has been held at this location and it is the second longest running fiddle contest in the state of Oregon! It is held outside on the **Oak Grove Stage** and there are lots of fun activities at the fair for the whole family!

The contest attracts fiddlers from all over the country, and we even have had children from Europe and Japan play. It is unique in that we have a Novice Division for fiddlers of any age who have never played in a contest before. This is the time for those who have been thinking about playing to get their fiddles out and tunes polished!

All contestants must play a hoedown, a waltz, and a tune of choice other than a hoedown or waltz. Contestants in the Novice and PeeWee Divisions (8 and under) only have to play one set of tunes. For all other divisions, there is one preliminary round in which all contestants play and the top five from each Division play a second set of tunes in the finals.

By noon we had everything set up and **Jerry** and **Linda Parks** held their schottische lesson, which established an atmosphere of fun. The workshops were well attended with almost every workshop having at least 10 or more participants. The Band Scramble was the evening's entertainment and lasted until 9:30. The jams continued until around 11 pm.

Friday, the workshops began by 9 am and carried on until late in the afternoon. It was hard to find quiet spaces to hold the workshops and that is something we will work on next year, but what a cool problem to have; too many people playing music, right?

The Friday evening dance went well with all of the districts playing, and dancers out there showing their stuff. Saturday began with the **Annual OOTFA Membership Meeting** from 10 to 11:30 AM. **Marcel-la** handed out special trophy awards to the District Chairs and OOTFA State Officers and especially thanked out-going Vice President, **Donna Reuter**, for her two years in that position. The 2022 **Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award** was presented to **Patti & Ken Luse** for their hard work over the years. **Loita Colebank** from District 8 was awarded the **Bill Yohey Award**. In addition, several **National Treasurer Certificates** for those 80 years and older were presented.

This whole event was so much fun and I'm happy that everyone pitched in to help. When there were bumps in the road, folks just hitched up their jeans and carried on with a minimal amount of fuss. What a great family of musicians we have! I think the only real casualty was **Sharon Thompson** who fell and broke her shoulder during cleanup. She had surgery on May 27. We all send our get well wishes to her!

Sure hope we get to do this again next year! ~ Jude

Age divisions are: PeeWee (8 and under) Junior-Junior (9-12), Junior (13-17), Adult (18-59) and Senior (60+). Fiddlers may play either in their age division OR in the Championship Division (which is open to anyone and pays more prize money!)

This event exists solely to promote and preserve an oldtime fiddle tradition in Oregon. Please considering supporting this contest by sending your contribution to:

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
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June Events

4	Sherm Taylor Memorial	Noon
9	Pelican Pointe	2:30-3:30 pm
23	Rogue River Place	1-2 pm
	Johnny Rogers every Wednesday	9 am

Greetings All from District One!

As I write this, we are well on our way to our first 80 degree day! WooHoo, Let's Goooo. It is beautiful here and District One has a few items on the calendar for June. First off, we will not have an official **Luther Square Meeting/Jam** this month due to the **Sherm Taylor Memorial** being held on June 4th at Noon, at the **Malin Park**, in Malin Oregon. Malin is South of Klamath Falls...via a short 30 minute drive. It is a very pretty drive through some spectacular farmland and the memorial will be well attended by many in District One, as Sherm Taylor was a very well loved man in our district.

Also on the calendar are two gigs...see the schedule for **Pelican Pointe** and **Rogue River Place**. Thank-you for participating in those gigs and supporting our District with your time and talents! Last but not least...the **Johnny Rodgers** Wednesday practices and Jam

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It's been a fun month at Christmas Valley. The **McLain Family Jam** featured lots of music. Seems like anytime of the day you could find a tune being played. We only had one sign up event that was the **Hat Song** on Saturday night. **Sharon Gallagher** had best fit to song, **Hal Weiner** was Silliest and **Jude Stensland, Chris Cormack, Jim Kuether** had Most Original. All and all it was a good time but mostly we sat and jammed. It was cold and windy. Some snow some rain, hail and some sunshine, all depending on which hour you where out.



District One Chairman, Frank Ayres playing his banjo at the McLain Family Campout in Christmas Valley

sessions are still happening, so come when you can! All are Welcome!

Thank-you to District 1E for putting on a great "campout" in May! Remember this month is the **High Desert Fiddlers Jamboree** in Burns from Thursday June 16th through Saturday June 18th. And after the Jamboree...for some...it's on to **Weiser for Nationals!** Best of luck to all Oregon Fiddlers who will be representing Oregon at Weiser.

God Bless and Keep Fiddlin!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter.



Terry & Larry McLain with their Mama, Rosa Lee

Still jamming at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursdays 4 – 7 pm. It's been fun. Also, we moved are monthly jam at at the **Chamber of Commerce** to the second Saturday at 2 pm. By the time you read this the **Convention** will be over. I'm sure it's going to be a blast. (It was).

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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A few gatherings have happened at the **Powell Butte Community Center**, with a small group of musicians from District 3. There have been some discussions and a survey sent out regarding the future of District 3, due to the difficulty in keeping the leadership roles filled. There have been opinions both for and against the dissolution of the district. Some would like to put the district on "hold" for now to see if eventually we can find volunteers to take the lead.

Meanwhile, I have received this from **Jeannette Bondsteel**, regarding the young fiddlers she has mentored and encouraged for the last several years:

"The District 3 youth musicians made their debut appearance at a Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser recently. The group is named "**Gypsy Caravan**" and includes **Carter Pierce, 17, Sydney Pierce, 12, Chance Mott, 12, Megan Neve, 11, and 1 yr old Elijah Miller.**

What's in the future for the Gypsy Caravans? This little group of fiddlers have big plans to busk on street corners, find open markets to play at, and join in on any jam that they hear about. **Chance Mott** has declared he's going to be the next **Charlie Daniels** and if his progress and showmanship is any indicator, I think he will make it. **Megan Neve** is currently a student of Mia and is fiddling at a very high level. **Carter Pierce** is 17 and headed out to be the house musician at a private resort in Pine Dale, Wyoming. **Sydney** is the anchor of the group. She is quiet, organized and a very solid fiddler. **Elijah**; well, he's just 1 but he fiddles with his **Amma** (Jeannette Bondsteel) every day. Thank you, **Lew Holt**, for the 1/16th fiddle **Garitt Bondsteel** won at the convention auction one year.

One of the fun things about traveling with this group is that they play **everywhere** they go. It doesn't matter if it's at a fast food stop or a museum or the airport, they haul out their fiddles and play a few rounds for anyone that will listen. It's been fun and



Gypsy Caravan (clockwise from top: Carter Pierce, Sydney Pierce, Megan Neve & Chance Mott)

rewarding in so many ways to see them learn spontaneity, presence and confidence."

It is wonderful to hear these reports of the enthusiasm these young people have for fiddling!

~ Judi Seger, District 3 Reporter

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District 4 Website: OOTFA4.org Check Us Out!

Several years ago an historical landmark in **Eagle Point, Oregon** burned to the ground. One Christmas morning the **Butte Creek Mill** was reduced to embers. The Eagle Point community, administered by the Butte Creek Mill Foundation, raised it from the ashes and rebuilt the mill just as it had stood on the same spot for over 130 years.

On Saturday, May 7, District 4 musicians had the pleasure of playing their oldtime tunes on the front porch of the newly rebuilt mill for **Vintage Fair Days**. The public, undeterred by the cold, damp weather, filed through the two lines of musicians to view the inner workings of the mill and shop in the store.

The musicians tried to dispel the gloom of the day with cheerful tunes even as the wind blew and chilled fingers tried to find fiddle notes and guitar chords.

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Tune of the Month

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

You Tube Videos

[Rocky Mountain Old-time Music Festival](#)

[Calamity Street Band](#)

[Two fiddles with Bayou Seco](#)

[Fun one by Katy Adelson](#)

Purple Lilies Polka

Key: D

Mind the 3 extra beats in A2
and the missing beat in B

*Traditional Gu-Achi tune **

A

D A7

5 A7 1 D 2 D

B

11 A7 D

15 A7 D

19 G A7

23 A7 D

* An example of Tohono O'odham Fiddle Music as played by the Gu-Achi Fiddlers. This tune and several others have become popular with many old-time fiddlers. A web search for Gu-Achi fiddlers will turn up several recordings of the music.

The Tohono O'odham are native Americans living near Tucson, Arizona. According to a University of Arizona publication (msw.arizona.edu/content/tohono-oodham-fiddle-music), "O'odham fiddle music was a result of the arrival and influence of European missionaries, which began in 1539." [...] "The Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries taught their European instruments to the Tohono O'odham communities so they could play music for Catholic masses and other Church occasions. ... It is believed that the American 49'ers traveled through the San Xavier community. This is probably where the Tohono O'odham learned the polka, mazurka, waltz and schottische dance music." The music was played for several types of dances, typically on two fiddles with guitar and drum accompaniment. Many of the tunes evolved, and are now what we would call "crooked", meaning they have extra or missing measures or half-measures here and there, compared to the original tunes, or to most tunes in these styles.

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A "pop-up" tent covering erected below the porch gave a seating area to a flow of visitors who came to see the mill, visit the vendors and listen to the 4 hour performance from District 4 musicians.

It was so great to have **George** and **Ramona Pet-tijohn** back with us again and we enjoyed playing some Canadian tunes for their visitors from Maple Sugar land. We also welcomed back **Ron Bolstad**, so happy to have him with the group again. District 4 also welcomed new members **C.D.** and **Michelle Smith** into our Fiddler Family.

June offers several opportunities to play for District 4 musicians. First up will be the monthly meeting and jam at **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford on June 4. Meeting at 11:30, warm-up jam 12:30-1:00, sign-up jam 1-3:00 pm. Come a little early or stay a little late to help move chairs, bring snacks to share. Wednesday, June 8 at 11:00 am is the **Fiddle Fest** at the **Methodist Church** in Medford in the parking lot. There will be food trucks and shade to play under.

Saturday, June 11, at 7:00 pm will be our first performance of the summer at the **RV Park** in Prospect, Oregon. These events are super opportunities to present our music and the purpose of our organization to the public so lets everyone try to attend and give a great performance. Check the online calendar for maps or call a district officer if you need help!

We in District 4 were so saddened to hear our long time member, **Lee Cushman**, passed away in January. Lee played the fiddle and back up guitar and was an active member for many years attending the district's activities and those around the state. We recently also learned of the passing of District 4 member, **Dottie Birkett**. Dottie and **Jim Winslow** were a sweet pair that were active members for so very many years. Jim passed several years ago and Dottie has been in poor health for several years and unable to attend functions but often stayed in touch by phone. Our sincere condolences go to their family and friends we will miss them both dearly.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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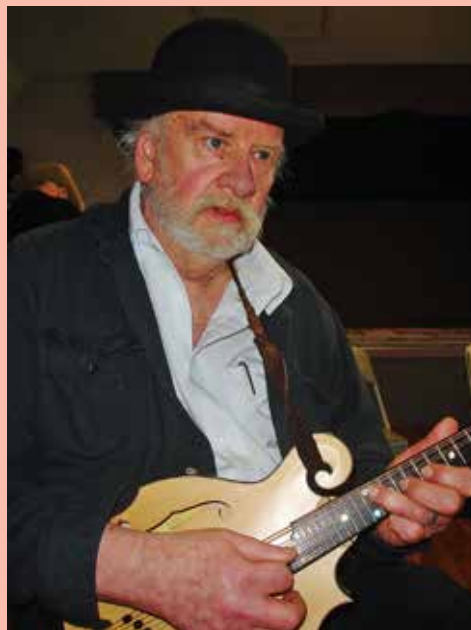
Greetings from District 5!

June promises to be a busy month for OOTFA members here on the lovely South Coast. In addition to our regularly scheduled performances at Bandon's **Pacific View Senior Living Community and Memory Care** (Tuesday, June 7th, 1:30-2:30 and 3:00-4:00) and at **Inland Point Retirement Community** in North Bend (Tuesday, June 21st, 2:00-3:00), we are returning to a previous venue that is well-loved by both OOTFA members and the community. We will be playing at **Bullards Beach Amphitheater** in Bandon on the evening of Wednesday, June 8th, from 6:30-8:00, and on Wednesday, June 22nd, from 6:30-8:00.

This is a beautiful spot and performance area so if you happen to be in town during that time, come play with us! Bullards has horseback riding trails, camping, and has a lot to offer besides being a lovely beach.

Saturday, June 18th is our monthly Membership Meeting (11:00-12:00) and Circle Jam (12:00-3:00)

at **Winchester Bay Community Center**, which is always fun for new and old members alike. Coffee and refreshments will be available. Lastly, we will be playing at an ice cream social being hosted by **Fair-view Rural Fire Protection District** in Coquille from 1:00-3:00. June is going to be a busy month.



District 5 Chair, Al Pierce

Hope you are all enjoying the Spring weather and playing together!

~ Al & Nicole Pierce, District 5 Reporters

New OOTFA Members

John Aschim
Alan & Kim Clary
Darrin Dailey
Tamara, Tatiana & Ruby Marchi
Anne Peterson

June 2022

Oakland (10)
Roseburg (10)
Brookings (5)
Roseburg (10)
Roseburg (10)

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June Events

- 4 Intermediate Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 6 Beginning Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene
- 9 Crescent Park Gig * 2:30 pm**
2951 Coburg Rd., Eugene
- 11 Central Grange Jam 10:30 am**
87200 Central Rd (across from Perkins
Peninsula Park, Fern Ridge) - Bring own lunch
- 23 Junction City Residential Gig * 2:30 pm**
500 E. 6th Ave., Junction City
- * Contact Robin Lindsey to confirm
that you are attending a gig*

Spring is a time of rebirth and it certainly feels as though OOTFA is enjoying a new lease on life. We are getting together again and doing all the things we love to do as members of one of the finest organizations a person can be a part of.

District 6 members broke out their instruments for a jam at **Central Grange** May 14. We are still not having potlucks. We need someone to step up and act as Kitchen Coordinator for our monthly jams, which usually involves leaving the Grange kitchen as we found it! This includes making coffee, arranging snacks people bring and cleaning up at the end of the day. It is an honorable position to fill. There is always a lovely selection of food to choose from and it is an opportunity to chat with others and get to know them better. Lifelong bonds are often formed over broken bread. We will do it again June 11 and it is advised that you bring your own lunch and drinks.



Hal Weiner & Betsy Janeczek in the circle at Central Grange

Several District 6 members traveled down to Roseburg for the **OOTFA Spring Membership Convention**. Great job, District 10! A big thank you to the following members who donated items to District 6's three Raffle Baskets at the Convention:

- Greg Roberts, owner of Equator Coffee in Eugene, donated 5 two pound packages of coffee beans
- Jessie Kurtz, who works at GloryBee, donated 2 honey products and 3 packages of Honey Straws.
- Amy Burrow, requested a donations from Red Mill and we got Justine's Peanut Butter, Corn-Meal Flour, Sue's Soup Mix & Tom's 3 Grain Cereal.
- Peggy Mulder and Addison donated a bottle of fine wine
- Chris Sytsma donated a bottle of wine and 2 fiddles with cases
- Dave Smith donated some miscellaneous items
- Patti & Ken donated some miscellaneous items.

Just this morning I decided to answer the call for a District 6 **Performance Scheduler**. Long-time scheduler, **Bernie Roberts** and I will be discussing the details of the job soon. Getting out and performing in front of the public is our best bet for growing OOTFA, so I am asking that district members be thinking about venues we might be able to add to our performance schedule. Send me your suggestions and I will look into them.



Greg Roberts and his fancy fiddlin' recently joined District 6

Due to more than two years of pandemic-caused inactivity, the convention featured a lot of familiar faces but very few new ones. Across the state we need to be talking about ways to grow our organization. We took a big hit in membership numbers which is trend that must reverse. So, let's talk!

Birthday Greetings: **Ken Luse** (BIG 80th) and **Lena Stubbs** (6/6), **Bob Strelow** (6/10), **Peggy Schneider** (6/16), **Linda Parks** (6/28)

Wedding Anniversary: **Lisa Ponder & Chuck Roehrich**
~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

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June Events

4 Circle Jam Sunnyside Grange 1 - 4 pm
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
16-18 High Desert Campout
Harney Co. Fairgrounds, Burns

Hello OOTFA members! Hope everyone is enjoying some good old sunshine about now. This has been the coolest Spring that I can remember.

District 7 members had a good time playing at the open house put on by the **Sunnyside Grange** on May 1st. Our playing was very much appreciated and we even got to sing together with the audience—"She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain". A few days after that we met again for our monthly circle jam where about 12 members (and some new folks) played together for a couple of hours before we had a break for cookies and coffee. Some of the tunes we played were: "When You and I were Young", "Maggie", "Michael Turner's Waltz", "Buck Fever Rag" and, sung by Nancy Christie, "All of Me" and "In the Good Old Summer Time".

We also had fun listening to **Gary Evans** play his saw which was specially made for playing. The hard part about playing the saw is bending it so that the player can get the right notes. The first time Gary started playing his cat ran out of the room howling. Gary plays only slow pieces on his saw now because it is easier for him. He enjoyed showing us how to play vibrato on the saw by shaking his leg up and down—it really was a good vibrato.



Gary Evans playing his saw at the Sunnyside Grange



Chlovena Byrd and Owen Ratcliff at the Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam

Gary also plays the fiddle and sent me some information about his musical background. His father was a good fiddler and played in bands but had to put the violin aside for awhile when he needed to support his growing family. His parents started him with violin lessons when he was about 7 years old. They paid an instructor 50 cents to go his house and give him a one hour lesson. He practiced 30 minutes a day and played into junior high school where he made the second violin section. He gave it up in the 9th grade and then went into the service right after high school. While there he purchased a fiddle from a pawn shop in a Mexican border town and began playing again.

Around 1980 he started playing in small groups in Estacada. About this time he discovered **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers** and got involved with workshops and group lessons with **Carol Ann Wheeler**. **Bob Huffman** took him under his wing and they did a lot of playing together. They even went to Alaska, broadcasting out on a Yukon Radio station.

Gary has played his saw for many years; on the streets of Portland, at Saturday Market, and at the Sunnyside Grange last week. He says that his inspiration to play music is probably genetic. His grandmother's brother was a famous gypsy violin player from Slovakia and his father was a very good player even into his later years. That "gene" was probably passed on to his granddaughter who is a good musician, too.

Gary has said, "Why do I enjoy the music so?" His favorite quote is: "Music washes from the soul the dust of everyday life." Great! Thanks for sharing your musical background, Gary. We look forward to seeing you again at the Sunnyside Circle Jam.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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June Events

- 2 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm
Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes
16 Basic Theory Workshop Noon - 1 pm
Marie Bailey's home
16 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm
25 District potluck picnic and jam 11 am - 4 pm
Martha Hughes' classes are on break until August

District 9 Burns, John Day Area

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Our Sunday Jam on Mother's Day was fun, with 9 musicians. **Bonnie Adams** and her son **Ryan Adams** are new to us. They came to last Friday's Jam as well. Delightful to have new folks join us, especially ones with such skill. We also had **Ron Phillips** and **Ben Richardson** from John Day. 14 clappers also enjoyed our Sunday Jam.

We had our first meeting in 2 years and held an election of officers before our Sunday jam. **Joan Suther** will take the reins as chairperson, and **Randy Gibson** will be vice-chair. **George**

Sahlberg and **Janet Braymen** will be working together in the secretary/treasurer/membership office. I will continue to be the reporter.

Lynn Mims, **Janet Braymen**, and **Loretta Peyrollez** had a great time at the **McLain Jam** in Christmas Valley.

Our thanks go to **Lynn Mims** for representing District 9 at the State Convention.



Randy Gibson, Joan Suther, Don Greenfield, Ron Phillips and Ben Richardson of District 9



District 8 wows 'em at "Sheep to Shawl"

We enjoyed playing at the "Sheep to Shawl" event in Salem. We were awarded a hand carved plaque dedicated to the Fiddlers. The artist was a volunteer carver on the animals that went into the **Riverfront Carousel**. The carver died before he could present it to the Fiddlers himself.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

The High Desert Music Jamboree June 16, 17, and 18 is now a reality. We look forward to seeing everyone. The new RV park at the **Harney County Fairgrounds** features pull-through parking, 30 or 50 amp connections, water, and sewer. Overnight camping during the Jamboree will be \$40 for hook-ups and \$15 to dry camp. The new park also has a new shower and bathroom facility. **Smoking Pit**

Barbeque is back providing food from Thursday lunch through Saturday night. We will have nightly shows with **Phil Drain** of Cherry City Sound running the sound board. Folks are welcome to arrive early. District 9 will collect camping fees from Wednesday through Saturday nights. Hope you

can make it; it will be a jamming good time. There is no charge to attend, but we just pass the hat and thank you very much.

The Friday Night Jams continue at the **Hines City Hall** at 6:30.

We will be playing at the **Harney County Library** on June 8 for the little kids and 10 for the older kids.

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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Jude Stensland hosts jams at **Pineview Mobile Home Estates Club House** from 3 – 5 pm on Mondays. District 10's **Googlegroup** and **Facebook** group will keep you updated about jams and gigs as they come up. To subscribe, contact Jude and she'll email you the link.

Convention Co-Chairs **Jude Stensland** & **Chris Cormack** would like to thank all the attendees and staff who helped make this year's **State Convention** in Roseburg a big success. It was so great to get back together, jam, dance, perform, scramble and attend workshops. A members' meeting was planned for May 28 to prepare an after-action report about the Convention.

Some planned June gigs include **Rose Haven Nursing Home** (Thursday, 9 June from 10-11) and **Bridgewood Rivers** (Thursday, 23 June from 2-3). Our regular monthly jam is planned at **Sutherlin Senior Center** (202 E. Central Ave.) on Sat, 25 June from 12-3 pm. Y'all Come!

Dolores Booher says their June campout and jam have been cancelled due to some family scheduling conflicts. They would still like to plan for a campout in Scotts Valley later in summer. She will let us know. For more info, call or text Dolores Booher at 541-849-2171, Email doloresb8@protonmail.com.

On Friday evenings during summer, OOTFA members play music just before sunset at **Umpqua Valley Art Center** to celebrate the migration of the Vaux Swift. **Umpqua Valley Audubon Society** has counted 2,000 birds that circle and dive into the **Clay Place** pottery shed chimney to roost each night. For info, contact Sandy Harter at sandharter@gmail.com or 541-430-3430.



Asa Brewster, Cora Wadsworth, Leo Wadsworth getting backup from Harry Stayner

We'll host a three-day membership drive and jam at the **Umpqua Valley Arts Association's Summer Arts Festival** on June 24-26 in Roseburg's **Fir Grove Park**. There will be 100 artist booths, kids' zone, art demos, music, dance, and more on two stages, food court, beer and wine garden. Booth hours are Friday 24 June from 12 pm – 8 pm, Saturday June 25 from 10 am – 8 pm, and Sunday June 26 from 10 am – 4 pm. OOTFA members are invited to join us. Contact Jude to schedule a time, and bring your own chair. Wear your blue OOTFA polo shirt or vest if you have one.

Julia Yarbrough has several nice guitars (Martin, Taylor, Alvarez, Fender), zither, piano, electronic keyboard, Crate amp and

Fender P.A. system for sale. Contact Julia at 541-672-5026 or yarbrough866@gmail.com.

Our sunbirds **Frank Moore & Karen Bennett** are now back in Oregon. In June, we celebrate birthdays for **Dennis Oswald** (June 1), **Ann Hodson** (June 15) and **Sharon Thompson**, (June 23, It's the Big 80!). Any event updates will be sent around via email and posted on District 10's Facebook page.

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Leo Wadsworth with Joe Ross

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To Provide regular times
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2022 OOTFA EVENTS

- June 16-18 High Desert Campout
Harney Co. Fairgrounds, Burns
- June 22-26 National Fiddle Contest
Weiser, Idaho
- July 2 Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest
Sunnyside Grange, Happy Valley
- 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

Dottie Birkett, a Lifetime member of District 4,
passed away on May 4th, 2022 at the age of 93.
**Sending our condolences to Dottie's Family
and friends in District 4.**

William Lee Cushman, a fiddler and Lifetime
member from Shady Cove in District 4, and
known to us as Lee, passed away in January, a
month shy of his 94th birthday. Lee and his wife
Ruth were active members and attended most of
OOTFA events around the state. Each year, they
would go to Quartzsite, Arizona and stay for the
winter, enjoying all the fiddlers and other musicians
who gathered there to play music almost 24/7. He
will be missed. **Condolences can be sent to Ruth
at PO Box 316, Shady Cove, OR 97539**

Sal Fiducia, of District 6, a Lifetime Member and
such a pleasant gentleman, passed away on May
5th at the age of 92. **Condolences can be sent
to his wife, Darlene, and his large family at
84545 Parkway Rd, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455**