

The Arizona Fiddler

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Desert Fiesta Music Jam

January 19 - 21 2024



Bluegrass - Country - Fiddling
Jamming - Stage Performances

Gospel Sing Sunday 10 AM

Meals Friday & Saturday

**PUBLIC
INVITED**

MENU

Salome AZ

Friday Noon ~ Chili - \$3.00 ~ Chili Dogs - \$5.00

Saturday

Breakfast - 8 AM - Pancakes, Bacon, Eggs, OJ ~ \$6.00

Dinner - 5 PM -



Lions Club Complex ~ Center & Hall Streets

For more info call 928-859-4621

All proceeds go back to the Community





PRESENTED BY



Silver Spur Rodeo presents:

47th Annual Worthen Memorial

Old Time Fiddlers Contest.

YUMA, ARIZONA

January 12,13,14, 2024

**Held at the Jaycees Hall
2577 E County 14th St**

Dry camping/jamming all weekend!



Fiddlers Show/Dance

Friday 7pm

Dance

Saturday 7pm

Contest

Saturday and Sunday

starting at 9am

arizonaoldtimefiddlers.org/territorial_chapter

more info: janet.shelby@gmail.com

7 Fiddler Age Group divisions

plus top players move to
Grand Champion Division
Fiddlers' Awards to 5 places!

Additional Specialty divisions:

Novice
Trick & Fancy
Twin
Vocal
Accompanist
Other Stringed Instruments
With awards to 3 places

Band Scramble, Games!!

Winter is a busy time in the Yuma fiddle world. Our December meeting and jam was held in the sanctuary of the old St. Paul's Catholic Church, now the St Paul's Event Center, in downtown Yuma with beautiful stained glass windows and high wooden vaulted ceilings. At the meeting we ushered in our new 2024 officers. Helene Geer is our new President with Fred Lapcheska serving as Vice President. Sandy Woods has agreed to continue as our Secretary and Janet Shelby continues as our Treasurer. Our unending thanks to all past, present and future officers who take on these important roles.

We played on December 5 at the Yuma Foothills Library to a packed audience as we do twice a month all winter. We played group fiddle tunes at the beginning and end of the two hour program and round robin tunes of choice in between. It was fun and we even threw in some Christmas tunes. We will do the same thing on December 19. It gives our club a good chance to practice the tunes we learn at the weekly lessons our treasurer, Janet Shelby offers and to show off the individual tunes members have worked on.

On December 12th and 19th and twice a month in January, February and March, our chapter is invited to perform at the local Yuma VFW. The audience there comes to hear good music and to dance. It's always a good time.

Yet another bi-monthly play out is at the Desert Rose Retirement Community. Four to six chapter members play for the residents for an hour and a good time is had by all. Our next engagement with them will be on January 11.

We are planning our annual holiday party for January 8 at the St. Paul Event Center. Janet Shelby has been spearheading our annual Yuma Old Time Fiddle Contest for the past few years. Last year we formed a committee including Guy Selle who also deals with all our sound equipment needs, Helene Geer, and Debbie Dickerson. This 2024 fiddle contest will be held on the weekend of January 12-14, in partnership with the Silver Spurs Rodeo. Special activities will be a fiddler's show and dance on both Friday and Saturday nights, and workshops by some of our judges. Along with the fiddle contest we have a Vocal division, Accompanist division, Other Strings division, and a Band Scramble. We are excited to host Jess Berry, Darwin Long and Maria McArthur as our fiddle judges with Helene Geer, Dave Brinkman and Laura Berry as our vocal judges. Check out our flyer and come join us for a great time.

Our Chapter will be performing on January 19-20 at the Wellton Tractor Pull and Show. On that same weekend some of our chapter members will travel to Salome for one of their annual music jamborees. On January 14 and 15 we will be playing during one of our member's, Troy Luttrell's, neighborhood garage sale, All proceeds are to be donated to our Chapter.

An integral part of our Yuma chapter are the members who do not play the fiddle. They are the guitar players, singers, mandolin, ... players who act as support people, back-up and often function in leadership roles. In November we lost one of those vital people; Dave Wright. He passed away quietly at his home in Spokane, Washington. Dave was all about music in both Spokane and his winter home in Yuma where he was an active member of AOTFA. He played the guitar and had a big, booming wonderful voice that added a lot to our performances. He will be missed.

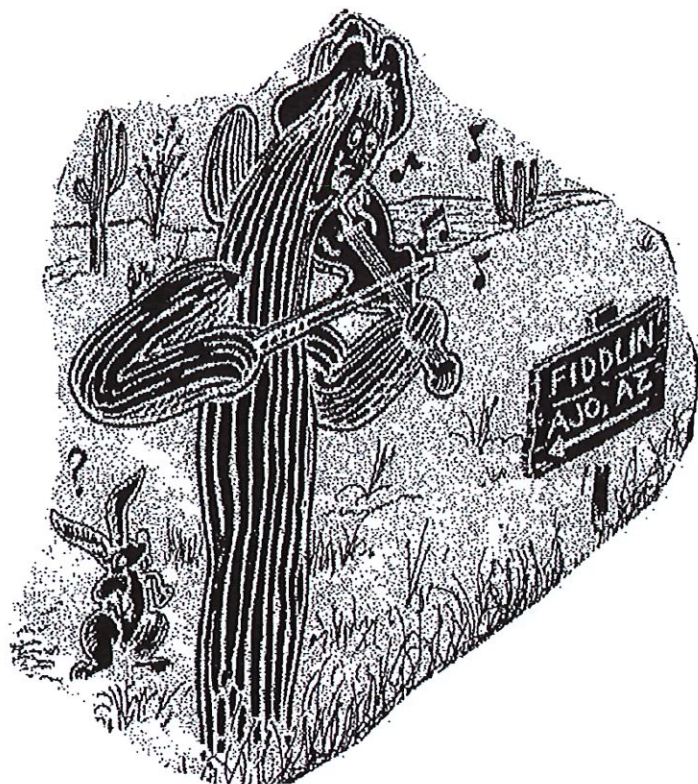
We wish all of you a blessed holiday season filled with music, friends, peace and joy.

Debbie Dickerson AOTFA Winter Editor (December - March)
Helene Geer AOTFA Summer Editor (April - November)

**Welcome to the
45th Annual
Ajo Old Time
Fiddlers Contest**

January Birthdays

Donna Cook	1	1
Jim Martens	1	5
Janet Shelby	1	11
Joe Teague	1	12
Elaine Arneson	1	12
Bud McKirryher	1	14
Brenda Coderre	1	17
Darlene Selle	1	31



February Birthdays

Noe Alvarado	2	1
Grunkemeier	2	5
Ivan Judd	2	5
Starre Barnett	2	7
Jordan Ray Brambila	2	8
Carole Silver	2	11
Ed Johnston	2	15
Barbara Armstrong	2	18
Guy Selle	2	25
Arline Peterson	2	26
Dan Everts	2	26
Omer Coderre	2	27

February 2, 3, 4, 2024

Ajo Country Club
"A Community Club"
77 Mead Road
Ajo, Arizona



Send your 2024 DUES to
Noreen Johnston
or your chapter treasurer

AJO CONTEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Contest times are approximate

THURSDAY, FEB 1

8:00AM Doors open
8:30AM - 4 PM Bar Snacks
11AM - Noon Senior Center Show-----free

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

8:00AM Doors open
8:30AM - 10:30AM Burrito of
Chorizo/Egg/Potato/Cheese, Orangejuice/coffee-- \$10
10:30 AM - 4 PM Bar Snacks
2 PM - 3 PM Plaza Show free
4:30 - 7 PM Fish Fry -- \$10
7:30PM - 10:00PM Dance -
Music by the Fiddlers -- \$5 cash

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

8:00AM Doors open
8:30AM - 10:30AM Homemade Biscuits & Sausage
Gravy, Orange Juice, Coffee--- \$10
10:30 AM - 4 PM Bar Snacks
11 - 12:30 Registration
1 PM Opening Ceremonies
1:15 YoungAdult/Adult/Senior/Sr-Sr/
Accompanist Pee Wee/Junior-Junior/Junior
4 PM Awards
4 - 6:30 PM Spaghetti meat Sauce,
Salad, Garlic Bread --- \$10
7:30 - 10PM Fiddler Show -
Music by the Fiddlers----- \$5 cash

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

8:00AM Doors open
9 AM - 11:00 AM Mimi's Marvelous Brunch -
An Ajo Staple --- \$12
10:00 AM Gospel Sing----free
11 - 12:30 Registration
1 PM - 3 PM Sloppy Joes w/coleslaw & chips ---\$10
1:30 PM Contest Begin----- \$ 5 cash
Twin Fiddling/Trick & Fancy/Hot
Fiddle/Runner Up/ Grand Champion
4 PM (approximate) Awards

For more info 520 387-5011 - 520- 387-6750 -
928-671-0474

ADMISSION Show and Dances-\$5/ Contests - \$5 per
day/per person

Dry RV Parking - 2 nights - \$15, 3 nights - \$20,
4 nights \$25

Full Hook Up - 928-210-3541

Contestants have first priority Come Early - Stay Late
RV Clubs Encouraged to attend

At Salome I asked if anyone had sources for free sheet music. No one spoke up, so i'm offering 2 I know of here, and maybe others will add something in the future. The 2 websites are:

Tater Joes Old Time Musical Mercantile. He would like a donation but its not enforced.

A new one I just found is Jim's Roots and Blues.

Also if you wanted to print the music for Bandelero as several people played that would be cool.

Fred Lapcheska

"Bandoleros" is a song by Puerto Rican reggaeton artist Don Omar featuring Puerto Rican artist Tego Calderón. Released in 2005 as the lead single from his compilation album Los Bandoleros, it was also featured in the 2006 film The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift. It has been referred to as one of the breakthrough songs that brought latin hip hop airplay to the United States.

The song was later featured in the 2009 film Fast & Furious and in the 2013 film Fast & Furious 6.[1]

Background

"Bandoleros" is one of the songs that brought latin hip hop airplay to the United States. It has both Don Omar and Tego Calderón talking about the reggaeton genre, and how they are at this point in their reputation. Tego Calderón talks about his respect for Tempo, who was in jail and got a lot of haters, and eventually regained respect among other rappers.[citation needed]

Omar told Billboard that he wrote the song in 2004 at a time in his life where he was receiving negative publicity. He went on to say that Calderón was the only musician in his genre that stood by his side during his judicial process in Puerto Rico.[2]

If anyone has the sheet music for Bandoleros, please send Noreen a copy. Thanks

January Anniversaries

BOB ALBERT & RITA MARKS	1	1	2018
JIM & SUE MARTENS	1	10	1970
IVAN & FRAN JUDD	1	15	1959
DARWIN & ARLENE KIMBALL	1	18	1957
TRACEY & CAROL O'BRIEN	1	25	1969

February Anniversaries

SHAWN & DEAN CAMERON	2	14	1970
BOB & LINDA WILLIAMS	2	16	1971
TRACY & BARBARA ARMSTRONG	2	18	2000
ROY & RUTH IRELAND	2	21	1976
CHARLEY & HOLLY DEAM	2	24	

Don't Forget!!!

Please remember those that are sick, home bound, hurting. Send a letter, card or just a note!! Let those know we haven't forgotten them.

If you know someone who would like to be on this list, just let Noreen know.

We will start with

Bud McKiryher
Dennis Russell
Wilma Cousins



FIDDLING IN SALOME NOV 2023

Chapter Meetings

Rim Country Chapter Payson area
Jam second Sunday @ 1pm & 4th Tuesday
Rock of Ages Luthern Church
204 W Airport Rd Payson AZ
Tom Barthel 928-612-8463

Southern AZ Chapter Tucson area
Each Tuesday 2pm
Mission Ciew RV Park (31 W Los Reales
Wilbur 520-743-7086/Dallas 520-268-4257

Territorial Chapter Yuma
St Pauls Event Center Yuma AZ
First Monday 1pm
Helene Geer 541-362-6840



Wickenburg Results

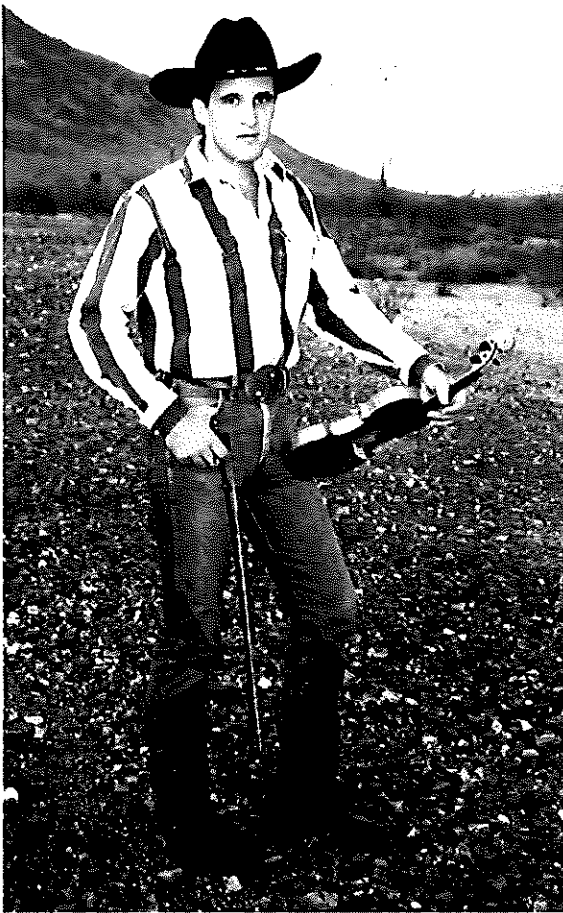
Youth & Championship !!!!

1. Ranelle
2. Aspen
3. Maggi

Adult

1. Katie Bonn
2. Dave Brinkman
3. Corrine Garey





Janero (JC) Cortese passed away on November 8, 2023. He was born on 1/9/1969, in Cortland, NY.

He is survived by his mother, Gail Cortese of Gilbert, AZ, brother, Rudy of Leicester, NC, son, Cody Cortese, daughter, Kailee Cortese, and grandchildren Giovanni, Waylon, and Emelina. Also survived by son, Josh Davis and grandchildren. His father, Rodolfo Cortese, had

preceeded him. In addition, he has numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles. nieces and nephews who loved him.

He was the Arizona State Junior Fiddle Champion going on to be the Arizona State Fiddle Champion and Four Corners State Champion. He played with the Band Young Country and also briefly toured with Kenney Chesney.

When he could. JC would fish for those elusive large mouth bass and ride his motorcycle.

He lived a full life, but battled along the way, having beat leukemia and prior strokes.

But the Lord had plans for him and took him from us too soon to be with his family and other friends to play music. ride free and fish forever.

JC, we miss you, we love you, play on.

A Celebration of Life will be held for JC on Saturday, January 6, 2024. at 11AM at Bunker's University Chapel, 3529 E. University Dr., Mesa. For more information go to www.bunkerfuneral.com. Please come and celebrate his life with us, as this is what he would want.

Looking forward to

Jan 12-14 2024
Worthen Fiddle Contest
Yuma AZ
janet.shelby@gmail.com

Jan 19-21
Spring Fiddlefest
Salome AZ
Linda Darland 928-671-0474

Feb 2-4
Ajo Fiddle Contest
Ajo Country Club Ajo AZ
Lina Darland 928-671-0474

Feb 10-12
Safford Fiddle Contest
Safford AZ

Feb 16-17
Grande Fiddle Contest
Casa Grande AZ
Tiffany Dietrich
my7gems@cox.net

Feb 24
Tucson Fiddle Contest
Southern AZ Dance Center
Tucson AZ
www.TucsonFiddleContest.org

March 15-16
AOTFA Spring Camp Out
Lions Club
Salome AZ
Linda 928-671-0474

82nd Annual Tucson Fiddle Contest 2024

*Fiddlers Of All
Ages From Across
Arizona And The
United States*



*Free Admission To
The Public For Arizona's
Longest Running
Fiddle Contest*

7 AGE DIVISIONS
TWIN FIDDLES TRICK & FANCY
ARKANSAS TRAVELER

February 24, 2024
9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Southern Arizona Dance Center
4801 E. 29th Street
Tucson, Arizona

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Website: www.tucsonfiddlecontest.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TucsonFiddleContest2024

Greetings from Southern Arizona,

Just a few updates on the 2024 Tucson Fiddle Contest. The website is up and running and will be 100% updated by January 1st if God is willing. To reach the website go to www.tucsonfiddlecontest.org. There are many interesting facts on the history and origins of what is the longest running fiddle contest in Arizona. The rules of the contest as well as other information can be found as well. I have added some fiddle tune clips to the website if you would like to listen to some fiddling while browsing the site. The contest Facebook (META) page is also up and running. Please post only information pertinent to the Tucson Fiddle Contest on this page. The page can be accessed by going to www.facebook.com/tucsonfiddlecontest2024. I am still looking for volunteers to do things on the day of the contest. That's about it for now. Hope you all have a blessed holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all in the busy fiddling season after the New Year.

Darwin Long Tucson Fiddle Contest Coordinator

FIDDLE RAFFLE



Watch for the start of the fiddle raffle by The Arizona Old time Fiddlers Association. David and Jane Franks have graciously donated a fiddle belonging to George Franks to the Arizona Old Time Fiddlers. To let others enjoy it as well, we thought perhaps a raffle, benefitting the AOTFA would be appropriate. It is not a new fiddle, but one in good shape and plays well, sounds good. It is a German made copy of a Strad. It comes with a bow and a case. Tickets should go on sale at the state championship fiddle contest in Payson Sept 22-24, if we get set up by then.. If

not, it will start at the Yuma contest Jan 12-14. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

George and Ida Mae were members of the AOTFA for many years. Hardy workers, always at hand when something needed to be done. They worked the "jewels" table for many years. George would often participate in the Sunday morning gospel. He loved to play cards and especially when he could beat all three of the women!



Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Association
Application for Membership
Renewal or Change of Address

Annual Dues \$15 per family Over 80 \$10 includes partner

New Member Renewal Change of Address

Please print

Name _____

Summer Address _____

Summer City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

If Different

Winter Address _____

Address _____

Winter City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Man's Birthday _____ Lady's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____ Year _____

Children under age 18 living at home _____

Chapters

Rim Country Payson area

SAOTF Tucson area

Territorial Yuma area

Verde Valley Cottonwood area

Independent Anywhere

Members may join one principal chapter.

and one associate chapter

Please send state dues to:

Noreen Johnston Membership Secretary
696 S Maricopa St Chino Valley AZ 86323