

The Arizona Fiddler

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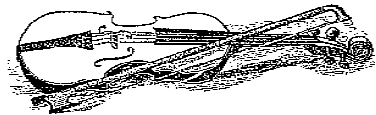
Fiddlers Jamboree

NOV. 3, 4 & 5

Bluegrass - Country - Fiddling
Jamming - Stage Performances

Gospel Sing Sunday 10 AM

Meals Friday & Saturday



MENU

Friday

Women's Club

Sweet Table - 8 AM

Noon

Chili - \$3.00

Chili Dogs - \$5.00

Saturday

Pancakes ~ Bacon ~ Eggs

\$8.00 ~ 8 AM
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**Surprise Casserole**

**Salad ~ Roll ~ Dessert**

**\$10.00 ~ 5 PM**



Lions Club Complex ~ Center & Hall Streets

For more info call 928-859-4621

All proceeds go back to the Community



# November Anniversaries

|             |          |    |    |      |
|-------------|----------|----|----|------|
| Dan & Karen | Holding  | 11 | 10 |      |
| Norm & Judy | Trujillo | 11 | 14 | 1984 |
| Barbara     | Giamalvo | 11 | 27 | 1965 |



# December Anniversaries

|                 |         |    |    |      |
|-----------------|---------|----|----|------|
| Corrine         | Garey   | 12 | 05 | 2009 |
| Linda           | Darland | 12 | 18 | 1974 |
| Charles & Marti | White   | 12 | 20 | 1971 |
| Raymond         | Black   | 12 | 20 | 1980 |
| Gary & Sherry   | Johnson | 12 | 23 | 1978 |

## November Birthdays

|         |           |    |    |
|---------|-----------|----|----|
| Taylor  | Dietrich  | 11 | 3  |
| Wilbur  | Welsh     | 11 | 6  |
| Roy     | Ireland   | 11 | 7  |
| Mark    | Cohen     | 11 | 8  |
| Evelyn  | Haase     | 11 | 10 |
| Wilma   | Luttrell  | 11 | 13 |
| Beth    | Weber     | 11 | 14 |
| Ann     | Shaw      | 11 | 18 |
| Tracey  | O'Brien   | 11 | 21 |
| Jane    | Franks    | 11 | 25 |
| Barbara | Gay       | 11 | 26 |
| Val     | Andreasen | 11 | 28 |
| Andria  | Welsh     | 11 | 28 |
| David   | Franks    | 11 | 30 |



## December Birthdays

|          |            |    |    |
|----------|------------|----|----|
| Peter    | Rolland    | 12 |    |
| Will     | MacDonald  | 12 | 3  |
| Mary Lee | Huntington | 12 | 4  |
| Francis  | Lyons      | 12 | 6  |
| Dave     | Holt       | 12 | 11 |
| Sue      | Martens    | 12 | 19 |
| Starr    | McMullen   | 12 | 20 |
| Troy     | Luttrell   | 12 | 28 |

Greetings from Southeast Arizona. The 2024 Tucson Fiddle Contest will have a new location this year. It will be held at The Southern Arizona Dance Center at 4801 E. 29th Street in Tucson. The date is Saturday February 24, 24 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM with registration beginning at 8:15 AM.

As in past years, the contest will be sponsored by AOTFA, SAOTFA, local businesses, and individual donors. There will be some minor changes from last year but nothing major. We have gotten off to a little bit of a late start but I hope to have the website updated and running by the first of the year.

Individuals, clubs or businesses may sponsor a division or make a donation in any amount. If you wish to sponsor a division, the total amount would be as follows: Pee Wee, Junior-Junior, & Junior \$165.00 each. Young Adult, Adult, Senior, & Young at Heart 265.00 each. Twin Fiddle and Trick & Fancy \$100,00 each. Sponsorship or donation may be made by check payable to ARIZONA OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION with "Tucson Fiddle Contest" on the note line. If you wish to make a contribution in cash you may do so at Salome or any other AOTFA event where myself or the AOTFA Treasurer is present.

Volunteers will also be needed for Registration, runner, score tabulation, stage assistance and other tasks. Persons wishing to serve in any of the above areas can contact me at the number or Email listed below. Thank you

Darwin Long  
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Green Valley, Az 85614  
[darwinlong@gmail.com](mailto:darwinlong@gmail.com)  
520-240-3306



The **Rim Country Chapter** of the Arizona Old Time Fiddlers holds a jam on the second Sunday @ 1 pm and the 4th Tuesday each month. Address is Rock of Ages Luthern Church 204 W Airport Road Payson AZ Tom Barthel president 928.612.8463

The **Southern Arizona Chapter** (Tucson area) Meetings are Tuesdays 2 pm at Mission View RV Park Contact Wilbur at [wlwelsh@comcast.net](mailto:wlwelsh@comcast.net)

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Greetings fiddlers,

November has arrived and we almost have a full complement of members to start the season off with a bang. Janet has us booked at the Foothills Library for the 7th and 21st of November and the 5th of December. Hopefully every first and third Tuesdays through April 2024 will follow. Guy has us starting at the VFW on hiway 95 on November 14th and 28th. We will continue playing there on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays through April, 2024. Our agreement to play at the Desert Rose Retirement center was renewed but changed to the second Thursday of each month through April 2024. We want to thank our members who endured the summer heat to keep the residents of Desert Rose entertained. Only four players at a time were requested so we traded off. The one constant was Alex Cheeny with his Guitar. Thank you Alex.

We are already preparing for our fiddle contest for January 13th and 14th, 2024. Contestants will start arriving on the 12th to camp, practice and jam, enjoying band night and dancing. One of our long time members, Dennis Russell, has been in the hospital, and then rehab, he is home now recuperating. He may enjoy a phone call or card from those of you who know him well.

Another long time member, Val Andreasen, our bass player, also has been hospitalized off and on but is home now and would appreciate hearing from friends.

We are excited about our new location for our monthly meetings, held the first Monday of each month. The name and location is : The Old Saint Paul Event Center on 645 S 2nd St, Yuma. The old church is beautiful, complete with kitchen and plenty of parking.

Happy fiddling.

Helene Geer Territorial Chapter AOTFA

**The Territorial Chapter (Yuma) area**  
Contact Dan Everts 509.953.0079



The **Verde Valley Chapter** (Cottonwood area) is NOT having meetings at this time for lack of participation. They are hoping to start again in the early fall.  
Nancy Reynolds 928.300.2113

# 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!



# General Meeting Salome Fiddlefest Sat 11 am.



## November 3 - 5

Fiddlers Jamboree - Salome, AZ - Salome Lions Club - Jamming, Stage shows, meals - Dry RV Parking for a donation - Friday Lunch - Saturday Breakfast and Dinner - For more info please call 928-671-0474 or 928-853-3577 or email [ldarland53@gmail.com](mailto:ldarland53@gmail.com)

## Nov 10 - 12 -

Wickenburg Bluegrass Festival and Fiddle Contest - Wickenburg, AZ - Bluegrass Bands - Band Scrambles - Bluegrass Instruments competition - Fiddle Contest - No other info posted - Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce - 928-684-5479

## January 12-14

Worthen Fiddle Contest  
Yuma AZ  
[janet.shelby@gmail.com](mailto:janet.shelby@gmail.com)

## January 19-21

Spring Fiddlefest  
Salome AZ  
Linda Darland 928.671.0474



## March 15-16

Spring Camp Out  
Lions Club  
Salome AZ  
Linda Darland 928.671.0474



## February 2-4

Ajo Fiddle Contest  
Ajo Country Club  
Linda Darland 928.671.0474  
Please support the Ajo Country Club to the max so they will want us back!!!  
Let's close the bar every night and eat at least 1 meal a day in the cafe!!

**February 10-12** Safford Fiddle Contest  
Safford AZ

**February 16-17** Grande Fiddle Contest  
Casa Grande AZ .  
pig roast Friday night  
Tiffany Dietrich

## Feb 24

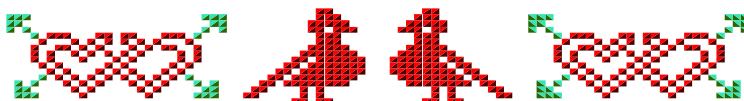
Tucson Fiddle Contest  
see Darwin's letter page 3



**Pinal County Cowboy Church**  
18171 W Hopi Drive  
Casa Grande, AZ  
contest information: 520-709-0150  
facebook: Grande Fiddle Championships  
February 16 & 17, 2024



**JIM DIXON** October 24 1938-September 2023 was a long time member of the AOTFA. Played guitar, fiddle, and sang. Always a good laugh, have a drink, enjoyed being with the fiddlers. He will be missed in this organization.



Jeff Miller passed away August 7, 2023. Jeff arrived in Tombstone AZ in January of 1963 and was working in Ft. Huachuca. Jeff was looking for a place to rent when one of the men he was working with, James Nelson, told him about a place in Tombstone for rent. Mr Nelson invited him to Sunday dinner and that is where he met his future wife, Judy. For her 18th birthday he asked her to marry him. They were married July 13, 1963, in Tombstone. Jeff joined The Vigilantes in 1993. He was active in the group for 43 years. Jeff always said "I was born 100 years too late and on the wrong side of the country."

Jeff is survived by his wife of 60 years, Judy Miller, his brother, Frank (Susan) Miller, and a niece and nephew.

A celebration of life took place Saturday September 30, 2023 at Vigilante Hall.



**Emmett Samuel (Sam) Ole Brown** 99. Our beloved father, grand father, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2022. Sam was born in Spokane Washington. He grew up with his younger brother Jim and sister June in Spirit Lake Idaho. In 1942, he entered the U.S. Navy and served in World War II. His fiddle and banjo playing kept his fellow sailors well entertained. In 1993, Sam moved to Tucson Arizona. He was a member of the Arizona Old Time Fiddlers, Tucson chapter. He spent several years playing fiddle with all his friends of the Desert Sun String Band. He was a fraternal brother of the Masonic Lodge. Sam passed after having a brain bleed. He is truly missed by many, especially his children, Mary Catherine, Joseph Wesley, Sadie Rachel, Laurel Ruth, and Samuel Floyd.



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  
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