

The Arizona Fiddler

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REMINDER !!

Starting January 1 2020, The Arizona Fiddler will be emailed to all members. Make sure Noreen has a current e-mail address for you.

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**AOTFA GENERAL MEETING
SALOME LIONS CLUB DURING THE FALLFEST
SALOME AZ
ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS
AND AOTFA BUSINESS
IF YOU WANT TO BE ON THE BOARD, LET NOREEN KNOW
FIDDLERSLADY@AOL.COM
NOVEMBER 2, 10 AM**

**The AOTFA is still looking for a newsletter editor !!
Also, someone to take care of and sell the jewels.
Some body better step up, time is running out.**



Bob Eaton, of Pahrump NV, formerly of Cordes Lakes AZ passed away on July 13 2019. He was 94. He played guitar and his misses, Alice, played the accordion and keyboard.

Dear Fellow Fiddlers,

On behalf of the Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Association, it is again a pleasure and privilege to invite you to the State Championship Fiddle Contest. This will be the 49th year of it's taking place in Payson, AZ and will be held Sept. 28th & 29th this year. If you are not aware or familiar, this contest and event is hosted by the Town of Payson and now run by the Parks & Tourism Director, Courtney Spawn.

We would like to express gratitude to Nelson Beck who oversaw the contest for many years and through his efforts and those of several others was able to keep the town financially supporting the contest so that it remains today. My hope is that the contest might grow and become self-supporting to the point that in a few years it would cost the town absolutely nothing beyond possibly providing a location.

If you have never attended the State Championship Contest it is always a joy to be with the wonderful individuals, families, fiddlers and other non-fiddler musicians who come to the event. Invariably the youngsters are the biggest inspiration to me to return again and again. Seeing their excitement, joy and yearly progression not only as musicians but as premium young people and then adults is as refreshing and motivating for me personally as any experience I've ever known beyond raising my own offspring.

The last several years a group of fiddlers and various other musicians have played music in several care centers around town on Friday (27th this year). The last two years the interest especially by the young players has grown to the point that it is difficult to get everyone in & out of the facilities and get all of the players a fair chance to be heard. The residents obviously love it and we want to keep this tradition going. If you have an interest in playing this year please contact Courtney Spawn at the Town of Payson - 928-472-5111. It would be great if the level of interest is as good as previous years if musicians could split into smaller groups and go play at various businesses around town to raise awareness in the community.

The Arizona Bluegrass Association has also graciously offered room in their monthly The Beacon newsletter to let their members know that the State Fiddle Championship is also a great place to come camp and jam with acoustic musicians even if you're not a fiddler. Over the years there have been many of us who belonged to both organizations, recognizing the distinctions between the two genres but also enjoying playing both. Far more enjoyable though is associating with the wonderful family of fine people who have always been attracted to and play old time fiddle, bluegrass, old-timey, country and other related styles on primarily acoustic instruments. If you camp or have an RV (some today are hardly camping :-)) there is ample room at the Event Center in Payson where the contest portion of the event is held. It is dry camping with no amenities for \$10 a night.

On behalf of the Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Association, I'm hopeful that you might have time and can come participate and enjoy a wonderful weekend in Payson, September 27th – 29th. Be safe and looking forward to seeing you.

Most Cordially,
John Kennedy, President AOFTA



ACOUSTIC MUSIC CELEBRATION AND FAMILY FUN SEPTEMBER 27-29

FRIDAY

SPECIAL CONSENSUS WITH SPECIAL GUEST CISCO AND THE RACECARS

SATURDAY

FIDDLE CONTEST AND BAND COMPETITION

INCLUDES BOUNCE HOUSES, VENDORS, AND TONS OF FAMILY FUN!

DINNER CONCERT BY ARIZONA WILDFLOWERS

CAMPFIRE JAM SESSION

SUNDAY

GOSPEL PROGRAM

FIDDLE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



PRICES, TICKETS, LOCATIONS, AND DRY CAMPING
@ PAYSONRIMCOUNTRY.COM/FIDDLE

September Birthdays

Bob Harrington	9	1
Lee MacDonald	9	2
Fran Riggs	9	3
June Reynolds	9	5
Dave McCormack	9	7
Mel Davis	9	8
Madison Dietrich	9	9
John Robertson	9	9
Gordon Page	9	9
Bethany Beck	9	9
Jim Page	9	9
Mary Schneider	9	13
Nelson Beck	9	13
Joyce Norris	9	16
Ray Blumenstetter	9	17
Roni Kennedy	9	18
Gene Goforth	9	18
Jane Hosler	9	20
John Kennedy	9	24
Sherry Johnson	9	25
Darell Johnston	9	26
Emily Beck	9	28

Hooray ! It's birthday time !!



October Birthdays

Wilbur Tveit	10	1
Sawyer Dietrich	10	6
Norma Jones	10	7
Tom Rude	10	7
Bill Wilcox	10	8
Norma Werckle	10	8
Andrew Donald	10	8
Thelma Lindsley	10	8
Sawyer Beck	10	9
Helen Sandoval	10	11
Lavonna Griffin Sr	10	13
Wilma Cousins	10	13
Sue Elsclager	10	21
Joc Rawls	10	22
Harold Caulkins	10	23
Lorraine Andreasen	10	27
Bob Williams	10	28
Brie Dietrich	10	29
Glennis Becker	10	31
Don McNair	10	31

*Happy Birthday to all
no matter if one or a hundred and one!!*



September Anniversaries

Harold & Susie	Pangle	9	02	1989
Forrest & Nanie	Wolgamot	9	04	1967
Norm & Mickey	Long	9	06	1951
Mel & Ruthie	Davis	9	08	2006
Richard & Maren	Aldrich	9	10	1960
Darell & Tamra	Johnston	9	16	1989
Bill & Sue	Elsclager	9	22	
Ron & Diana	Smith	9	28	1985



October Anniversaries

Ralph & Lavonna	Griffin Sr	10	02	2005
Nelson & Bethany	Beck	10	07	2000
Bob	Benson	10	10	1970
Billie	Helm	10	12	1991



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !!



The Arizona Wildflowers, otherwise know as the Dietrich girls, will be performing at the Payson Rodeo on September 7 2019.

They will be featured at the Saturday night dinner concert during the Vertilee Floyd Memorial (Payson) Fiddle Contest, Sept 28 2019.

You can also catch them playing at the Agri Country Bluegrass in Casa Grande, the last weekend of January



Plus Madi

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

Annual Dues \$15 per family

(Starting January 1, 2020) Over 80 + 3 years membership in good standing \$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 _____

Children under age 18 living at home _____

Chapters

- () SAOTF Tucson area
() Territorial Yuma area
() Verde Valley Cottonwood area
() Valley Phoenix area
() Independent Anywhere

Members may join One principal chapter and one associate chapter

Please send state dues to:

Noreen Johnston Membership Secretary

7470 Derryberry Flagstaff AZ 86004

Music Food & Fun!!

Sept 27- 29
Vertilee Floyd Memorial
Arizona State Championship
Fiddle Contest
Rodeo Grounds Payson AZ
dry camping
bring your chairs
Opry concert Friday night 9-27-2019
featuring Special Consensus
Cisco and the Racecars
Arizoan Wildflowers
contact nb@paysonaz.gov

Nov 1 - 3
Salome Fiddle Fest
Salome AZ
Stage music two nights
lots of jamming
awesome food by the LionsClub
General Meeting of the AOTFA
Sat morning 10 am
Election of officers & business
Gospel sing Sunday morning

Dec 25
CHRISTMAS

2020
January
JC's Fiddle Contest
Yuma AZ

January 17- 19 2020
Salome Fiddle fest
Lions Club house
Salome AZ
Lots of music food and fun!!!
contact Linda 928-671-0474

January 25 - 26 2020
Agri-Country Bluegrass
Casa Grande AZ

Feb 6 - 9
Ajo Fiddle Contest
Ajo Country Club Ajo AZ
3 days of fun filled fiddle music
3 nights of dancing to fiddle music
2 days of contest SAT & SUN
gospel sing SUNDAY
full bar and restaurant
golf course
dry camping for a nightly fee
contact Linda 928-671-0474
or skeetercat2015@gmail.com

March 14 - 15
Arizona Bluegrass Association
2nd Annual Festival
High Desert Park
Black Canyon City AZ
More info later

March 20 - 22
AOTFA Spring Camp Out
Salome AZ
Bar & Meals by Lions Club
Friday and Saturday evening stage shows
dry camping - donations accepted
contact Linda 928-671-0474

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