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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



The NIBGA board is now busily preparing for the 2026 Tri-State Bluegrass Festivals, and we'd love to hear from anyone who has ideas to help make these events better. Remember — next year is our 50th anniversary! Let's do it up right!

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I think we need to keep working on ways to make our festival welcoming to new folks. By this, I mean folks who are new to bluegrass music, as well as those who are new to our club and events.

A big part of our mission is to promote this great music, and inviting new members into our community is part of this mission. More fans also mean larger audiences at events, which, of course, provides more opportunities for artists.

And, speaking of artists and opportunities, we don't want to lose sight of the fact that some of those new fans may develop into artists themselves. And, they may find their own take on the music, writing new material for the bluegrass repertory and providing stylistic interpretations that haven't been explored yet. Appreciating and encouraging their efforts further helps fulfill our mission and grow our community.

The possibilities are endless!

See you at an upcoming club meeting at the SW Conservation Club!

Joe

As we prepare for 2026, we're already starting to line up some performers. There will be a couple bands in the lineup that we really wanted to have at the festival in 2025 – for various reasons we just weren't able to make it happen but we'll get in done in 2026. We'll let you know soon who those bands are.

We've had a lot of suggestions for 2026 and we're in the process of narrowing down the list and contacting bands. Please let us know if you have any favorites you'd like to see included – we always want to know about bands that are favorites of NIBGA members. We can't always work it out to get them at the festival right away, but we'll try. And we'll keep them on our master list for future festivals.

If you see someone performing at a venue, street fair, festival, or club that you think would be a good fit for TriState, feel free to talk with them and ask them to contact us. Some of our favorite bands were ones we found when we weren't actively looking! They could be right in your own backyard.

To make sure your favorites are under consideration, chat with a board member at an upcoming club meeting or drop us an email at bands@nibga.com.

Current 2025 (& new 2026) NIBGA Patrons Thank you!

For the remainder of this year (through April 2026), if you sign up to be a Patron and elect to get your newsletters via email, you will receive all of the 2026 Patron benefits, **PLUS receive the remainder of this year's newsletters.** This would make a great holiday gift for your bluegrass friends. Contact us for more information.

Anonymous Families (2) (and 2026)

Evan & Megan Argueta *

Ron Armstead (and 2026)

Randy & Cindy Bellamy *

Wayne Boltz (and 2026)

Steve Carroll

Jim Chilton

Jim Clay

Ben & Connie Crofoot *

Verl & Sue Dasher

Dan Denny *

Larry & Karen Donaldson - new 2026

Charles & Jane Downey - new 2026

Julie Goldsmith

Keith & Terri Grannis

Mark Hauenstein & **Ava Bailey***

Rick & Sher Krassow *

William Lake

Jordan Liebman *

Bob & Carol Mauck

Jerry & Sioux McLane

Jim & Mary Ellen Miller *

Rick & Diane Muhlenkamp - new 2026

Tom & Donya Rondo

Leslie Skal *

Joe & Chris Steiner

Ron & Sandy Tedford

Stephen Troyer

Chris Vogie

Dave & Marianne Vogie

Roger & Jody Vogie

Cathy Voors

Terry & Peggy Wallace

Paul & Barb Welch

Stewart White

Jay Winger *

Jim & Linda Winger

Shari Wolf

* **New Patrons** Thank you very much!

A Note of Thanks from the Wingers

Linda and I are deeply touched by the many who supported the club with donations in memory of our son, Jay, who passed away on August 9.

Jay loved our two annual bluegrass festivals and often talked about how much he enjoyed driving the golf cart to shuttle folks between their cars and campers. It has been very moving to realize how many people he connected with — at the festivals, through his church, and at his job at Kroger in Auburn.

We were truly blessed to have a wonderful son like Jay, and we're grateful for the kindness and friendship shown by our bluegrass family.

— Jim & Linda Winger



NIBGA activities are made possible in part by Arts United, the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

More Volunteers to Thank

In the last newsletter, we thanked some of the people that helped with various tasks during the festival, but I mentioned that I was sure I didn't have all of the names. I've had a few more names trickle in, so I will mention them as they are sent to me. (Thanks, by the way! Keep sending them to me!)

Last month, I mentioned all of the "adult" helpers for set-up and tear down, and I mentioned that Jim Winger's grandchildren and their friends helped in many areas, but didn't have their names at the time. Mark Russo, Brayden, Ryan, Kate and Carissa Winger, Cody, and Tamaha Franks helped with clean up and tear down along with Wayne Boltz's children and grandchildren, Mike, Sophia and Connor Boltz, and Tatum Lockhart. Ryan Winger also handled taxi duties for Dave and Marianne Vogie (taxi coordinators).

Evan and Megan Argueta, and Alexis Goldsmith also helped out in many areas. I hope to have a better "gate" list next month, but I know that Evan, and Dan Denny were working there, too.

If you saw the amazing Gospel Sing on Sunday morning, you saw Shari Wolf and Sharon and Mike Wildemuth offering their talents. Thank you very much!

Also a shout out to "Uncle Freddie" and his wife who helped with all the kiddos in Kids' Korner.

And a HUGE thank you to all of the board members and chairpersons who volunteer all year around to make these events successful.

Upcoming Events

Please check the BluegrassUSA.net website for updates to the events and the jams.

INDIANA
1st Sun (mostly) Central Ind.BGA jams
 307 W South H St, Gas City, IN
 46933 317-508-2642 11/2/25,
 12/6/25

1st Thurs Wakarusa Bluegrass Jambo-
 ree, Doc Able Pavilion, 116 W.
 Waterford St, Wakarusa, IN
 46573 6:30-9p Free since 2000
 574-862-2200

2nd & 4th Thurs Whiteriver Folk &
 Bluegrass jam, Emery Lee Build-
 ing, Beulah Park Jam, 400 E. 4th
 St., Alexandria, IN 46001 6-9p

2nd Thurs Bluegrass Gospel Jam,
 2nd Floor Old Bag Factory, 1100
 Chicago Ave, Goshen, IN
 46526 6:30-9p
 Bill Landow 574-202-5502

3rd Fri Winamac Bluegrass Jam,
 Knights of Columbus,

340E50N, Winamac, IN 46996
 Tom 574-205-2274 7-10p

3rd Sat Mar-Nov - Metamora Opry
 Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd,
 Metamora, IN 47030 6:30p
 MetamoraMusic@gmail.com

3rd Sun Northern Ind. Bluegrass jam &
 meeting, SW Conservation Club,
 5703 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne,
 IN 46809 noon-6p free, all wel-
 come, acoustic only instruments,
 food & beverages available.

Last Weds. Bluegrass and folk
 Jam; Davey's Delicious Bagels,
 1006 Broadway, Fort Wayne,
 IN 46802 6-8p 404-960-4210

Every Sat. 6090 S. Oakwood St.,
 N Judson, IN 46366
 219-878-3123 5:30p CDST

Every Sun. Mouse Trap bar, 5565 N
 Keystone Ave, Indianapolis,

IN 46220 317-255-3189 8p
11/20 Molly Tuttle; The Vogue, 6259
 N College Ave, Indianapolis,
 IN 46220 317-259-7029

MICHIGAN
Every Weds. jam with Ron Hammon,
 Moose, 4043 Howe Rd, Grand
 Blanc, MI 48439 6:30-9p
 Ron - 810-309-0032

Every Sun. Bob's Barn Jamborees,
 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa,
 MI 48849 616-374-8205
 bobwarner40@gmail.com

1st Sat Manton Jamboree, Ranger
 room, Manton HS, 105 5th St,
 Manton, MI 6-9p
 lwestbrook17@hotmail.com

1st Sat West MI Bluegrass, FOE, 32 E.
 Lake St, Sand Lake MI 49343
 jam 1-3p 269-806-8561



- 1st Su** Farm Pickin', River Saint Joe, 15475 Walton Rd, Buchanan, MI 49107 1-3pm
- 1st & 3rd Mon** Library; 7215 Headley St SE UNIT 309, Ada, MI 49301 5-7:45p
- 1st & 3rd Tues** Dyer Center, Wayne Westland Education Center, 36745 Marquette, Westland MI 48185 (between Wayne & Newburg Rd) acoustic only. 7-9p
- 1st & 3rd Tues** Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland, MI 48135 7-9:30p 313-617-4864 Wendy Hause whause@frontier.com
- 2nd Sat** Maumee Street Music jam, First Presbyterian Church, 156 E. Maumee, Adrian, MI 49221 6p 517-607-8085 or 517-270-2870
- 2nd Tues** West MI Bluegrass; Slow Jam, Library, 6260 92nd St SE, Caledonia, MI 49316 989-430-2149 5-7:45p free
- 3rd Wed** (note was Fri) Lake Diane Jams, Hillsdale Community Center, 1810 W. Territorial Rd, Camden, MI 49232, snack bar, Mullins 517-270-2870, Atkins 517-607-9868 6p
- 3rd Sat** West MI Bluegrass, Aiden's Place, 42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, MI 49343 989-430-2149 jam 2-4:30p
- 3rd Sat** Heritage Park Barn, 121 Tefft St, Hanover MI 49241 Nov - April 6-11p
- 3rd Sun** Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, MI 48917 2-5p \$5 donation 517-505-2809
- 4th Sat** Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr., Flint, MI 48506 6p 810 736-5332
- 11/07** Schlitz Creek; Groovin' Grove, 72040 M-43, South Haven, MI 49090 7-10p 269-637-9913
- 11/08** Fiddle Jamborees; Michigan Fiddlers Assoc., Grace Lutheran Church, 239 E North St., Hastings, MI 49058 1-5p 616-350-0761
- 11/13** Sam Grisman Project; The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 8p
- 11/22** Schlitz Creek; The Liquid Note, 119 E. Allegan St., Otsego, MI 49078
- 11/25** Don Julin's Trio 25; The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 8p free, food bank food accepted
- 11/29** RFD Boys; The Ark, 316 S. Main St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 8p
- OHIO**
- 1st & 3rd Mon** Doug Fox & the Cedar Hill, VFW, 1131 Sugar Grove Rd, Lancaster, OH 43130 6:30-9p
- 2nd Thu** Richwood Acoustic Jam, Baptist Church, 101 E. Ottawa St. Richwood, OH 43344 6-8p
- 3rd Sat** Central Ohio "Big Jam" Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton Heights Ave, Columbus, OH 43202 11a-5p
- Mon** Jam, 2210 Summit Street, Columbus, OH 43201 6-9p (8-9 fast jam)
- Last Mon** bluegrass and country jam, Library, 3900 King Rd, Toledo, OH 43617 6:15-8:15p
- Tues** FOTMC, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Millville, OH 45013 6:30-8:30p 419-568-1220
- Tues** Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873 419-594-2816 6p
- 2nd & 4th Tues** Frosty Morning - American Legion Post 285, 108 Waters St, Hebron, OH 43025 6:30p 740-403-7896
- Tues** slow jam @ Violet Church, 8345 Blacklick Eastern Rd, Pickerington, OH 43147 6-8p 614-562-9730 to confirm.
- Wed** Central Ohio Bluegrass, Eagles, 3800 Westerville Rd, Columbus, OH 43224 6-9p
- Thurs** TNT Bluegrass, American Legion Post, 108 Waters St, Hebron, OH 43025 7-9p 740-403-7896
- Sat** Bluegrass Musicians Supply, 1370 S. High St. Columbus, OH 43207 longest running weekly jam session! 10a-3p
- 11/01** Kevin Prater Band; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7p
- 11/01** Appalachian Road Show; Father John's Brewery, 301 W Butler St, Bryan, OH 43506 419-633-1313
- 11/05, 12, 19, 26** Vern McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45252 513-385-9309 6:30p
- 11/07** The Price Sisters, Junction 144; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, OH 43773 7p
- 11/07** Gipson & Fitz; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 11/07** Junior Sisk; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 11/08** Forrest Hills Bluegrass Band; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p
- 11/13** Rhonda Vincent & the Rage; Amish Country Theater, 4365 OH -39, Millersburg, OH 44654 7p
- 11/13-15** Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out, Joe Mullins, Authentic Unlimited, Pitney Meyer, Appalachian Road Show, Danny Paisley, Chris Jones, US Navy Band Country Current, Caroline Owens, Little Roy & Lizzy Show, Daryl Mosley, Rick Faris Band. Kristy Cox; Industrial Strength BGF, Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Rd, Wilmington, OH 45177
- 11/14** Ramblin' Bluegrass Ensemble; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 11/15** New Mountain Heritage; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p
- 11/15** Williamson Branch; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 11/15** Steep Canyon Rangers; Memorial Hall OTR, 1225 Vine St, Cincinnati, OH 45202 8p
- 11/15** Sam Bush; Stuart's Opera House, 52 Public Square, Nelsonville, OH 45764 7p



11/21 Larry Stephenson, Glass Run Road; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, **OH** 43773 7p

11/21 Seldom Scene, Ramblin' Bluegrass Ensemble; McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St, Worthington, **OH** 43085 7-10p

11/21 Molly Tuttle; Memorial Hall OTR, 1225 Vine St, Cincinnati, **OH** 45202 8p

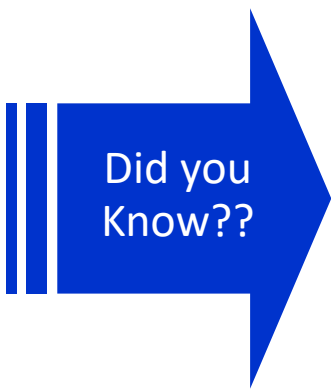
11/21 Kauffman Road; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p

11/21 Woodpickers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

11/22 Molly Tuttle; Athenaeum Theater, 32 N 4th St, Columbus, **OH** 43215 7:30p

11/28 Hillbilly Chic; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

11/29 Kentucky Lap Fiddler Band; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 7p



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