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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



Chris and I are taking the camper out for one more trip this year, and after that it will be time to batten down the hatches and get ready for winter. It is always sad to pack up knowing there won't be any more bluegrass events until next year. Well, except for... indoor concerts... and jam sessions.

The NIBGA newsletter is a great place to get info about upcoming concerts and jams. And, of course, there are NIBGA club jams every month, except December, over winter at the South West Conservation Club at 5703 Bluffton Rd in Fort Wayne.

The club jams are a great way to get out and socialize with other bluegrassers and pick up a few musical ideas. Of course, you never know who will be there and that is part of the fun – if you're a musician, it's interesting, and often challenging, to get in the same groove as folks you don't typically get to play with.

And, if you're a listener, you'll often get treated to sounds that only the energy of a jam session can create. While a jam session isn't polished like a performance, it often produces, out of the sense of reckless abandon created in the energy of the moment, sounds and musical concepts that couldn't live under the scrutiny of a performance. A first or uncommon meeting of musical minds can create that sense of abandon and willingness to experiment.

Before signing off for another month, I want to make mention of the International Bluegrass Music Awards. As I've mentioned before, it is encouraging to me that we see so many young folks who are adopting "bluegrass" as the basis for their signature sound. As far as I'm concerned, how these folks define bluegrass, and the take they have on the genre, is not nearly as important as the enthusiasm and energy they impart on the finished product.

Folks like Trey Hensley and Molly Tuttle are paying great homage to bluegrass music and its history while taking the music to new venues and new fans. How cool is it that we see the bluegrass torch being carried into the future by folks like The Po Ramblin' Boys, Appalachian Road Show, Alison Brown, Billy Strings, Sister Sadie, the Henhouse Prowlers, Brooke Aldridge, Tray Wellington, and Steve Martin? What a wonderful, diverse group of musicians! And these are just a few of the folks nominated this year. Some were winners, while others weren't (at least not this time), but there is no doubt they are all moving our music forward and helping make it pertinent in today's world.

There is a full listing of award recipients elsewhere in this newsletter. Or, you can check out a full list of all those nominated on the final ballot at the Billboard web site:

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There is, of course, only one winner, but I think the winner is only part of the story. Anyone whose efforts impressed their peers enough that they made the list of nominations is a cornerstone of bluegrass music!

Well, I think I'll go pick a little bit. See you at one of the club jam sessions this winter!

Joe

2023 IBMA Winners

**34th Annual
IBMA Bluegrass Music Awards**
Held in Raleigh, North Carolina on
September 28, 2023

Inductees into the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame:

Sam Bush
Wilma Lee Cooper
David Grisman

Distinguished Achievement Awards to individuals and organizations to recognize their significant contributions to bluegrass music with its highest honor outside of induction into the Hall of Fame:

The Bluegrass Situation
Terry Baucom
Tom Ewing
Carl Goldstein
Red Wine

IBMA Momentum Awards focus on artists and industry professionals who are in the early stages of their bluegrass music careers:

Industry Involvement

Matt Hutchinson

Mentor of the Year

Dan Boner

Instrumentalist of the Year (2 recipients)

Maddie Dalton

Gaven Largent

Vocalist of the Year

Carley Arrowood-Thrailkill

Band of the Year

Crying Uncle Bluegrass Band



2023 IBMA Winners, continued

Entertainer of the Year: Billy Strings
Vocal Group of the Year: Authentic Unlimited
Instrumental Group of the Year: The Travelin' McCourys
Song of the Year: "Crooked Tree" Molly Tuttle & Golden Highway
Album of the Year: "Crooked Tree" Molly Tuttle & Golden Highway
Gospel Recording of the Year: "The Scarlet Red Lines" Larry Sparks
Instrumental Recording of the Year: "Kissimmee Kid" Jason Carter
New Artist of the Year: Authentic Unlimited
Collaborative Recording of the Year: "Alberta Bound" (Special Consensus with Patrick Sauber, Ray Legere, John Reischman, Trisha Gagnon, Claire Lynch, Pharis & Jason Romero)
Female Vocalist of the Year: Molly Tuttle
Male Vocalist of the Year: Greg Blake
Banjo Player of the Year: Kristin Scott Benson
Bass Player of the Year: Vickie Vaughn
Resophonic Guitar Player of the Year: Justin Moses
Fiddle Player of the Year: Jason Carter
Guitar Player of the Year: Trey Hensley
Mandolin Player of the Year: Sierra Hull

2023 INDUSTRY AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Broadcaster of the Year: Ned Luberecki
Designer of the Year: Grace van't Hof
Liner Notes of the Year: Radio John: The Songs of John Hartford, Sam Bush and Jon Weisberger
Event of the Year: Blue Highway Fest, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Writer of the Year: Chris Jones
Songwriter of the Year: Tim Stafford
Sound Engineer of the Year: Steve Chandler

NIBGA News

Julie Goldsmith is working with Grace Caswell, Noble County Visitors Bureau director, to assemble 14 interested parties to discuss the Fairground and what the future might hold. Invitations were sent by Grace to the two Indiana legislature representatives, the city of Kendallville, the Fair Board, the Apple festival, NIBGA and other interested parties.

A summary of the meeting will be in next month's newsletter.



Board Member elections will be held during the November meeting. We are very blessed that we have many dedicated volunteers that offer to serve on the board, and hope to have in the foreseeable future. Other clubs are struggling to maintain directors, so we feel very fortunate.



We are in the process of hiring bands for the 2024 festivals. Our first board meeting in October will determine our budget and give us a better idea of the bands that we are able to hire. Hopefully, later this year, we will be able to "unveil" the line-up for next year.

We are excited about some of the new bands we have already hired. They will be bands that you have never seen before in this area and I think you will love them.

Also coming back are some old favorites, including the Debutants, Hillbilly Chic, New Outlook, & the Dead Pickers.

One of the new bands for next spring will be "Appalachian Swing", a band out of Denison University in Ohio. They will also be helping with workshops and some other ideas... possibly hosting a band scramble, etc. I'm really looking forward to seeing them at Kendallville!

Also...big news...Big Al Weekley will be back as Emcee for the weekend! And...drum roll... he is bringing his songwriting/musician wife who will do a songwriting workshop on Saturday, and will do a couple pre-show concerts for us. I am excited, to say the least.

October is our first board meeting to start planning next year's festivals, and I'm getting psyched!

CS

Thank you to our Patrons!

Thank-You to our Patrons that have signed up . YOU are helping to keep bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area! If you signed up & your name isn't here please let me know!

Ron Armstead
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Cathy Voors
Terry & Peggy Wallace
Big Al Weekley & Sandy
Paul & Barb Welch
Stewart White
Jim & Linda Winger
Shari Wolf

Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

- 1st Sun** mostly Central Indiana BGA jams, Hontz Hall, 307 E South H St, Gas City, **IN** 46933 765-674-5117 noon-? (11/5, 12/3)
- 1st Thurs** Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree, Doc Able Pavilion, 116 W. Waterford St, Wakarusa, **IN** 46573 6:30-9p Free, refreshments, since 2000, 574-862-2200
- 2nd & 4th Thurs** Whiteriver Folk & Bluegrass jam, Emery Lee Building, Beulah Park Jam, 400 E. 4th St., Alexandria, **IN** 46001 6-9p
- 3rd Fri** Winamac Bluegrass Jam, American Legion, 110 Franklin St., 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 welcome, acoustic only instruments, food & beverages available. (10/15, 11/19, 2023)
- 3rd Sun** Indiana Friends of Bluegrass, Concord Community Center, (southside of Indy) 1310 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis, **IN** 46225
- Every Sat.** 6090 S. Oakwood St., N Judson, **IN** 46366 219-878-3123 5:30p CDST
- 11/18** Pumkin' Holler Boys; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, **IN** 47030 6:30-9:30p

MICHIGAN

- every Weds.** jam with Ron Hammon, Moose, 4043 Howe Rd, Grand Blanc, **MI** 48439 6:30-9p Ron - 810-309-0032
- every Weds.** Eagles, 301 Detroit St, Jackson, **MI** 49201 Eagles: 517-782-5622 Jam leader: 248-247-9766 6-9p acoustic only!
- 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 & 3rd Sat** West MI Bluegrass, Aid-en's Place, 42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, **MI** 49343 989-430-2149 jam 1-3p or 2-4:30 (call to confirm)
- 1st & 3rd Mon** Library; 7215 Headley St SE UNIT 309, Ada, **MI** 49301 5-7:45p
- 1st & 3rd Tues** Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland, **MI** 48135 7-9:30p Wendy Hause, 313-617-4864, whause@frontier.com, Snack bar.
- 2nd Sat** Maumee Street Music jam, First Presbyterian Church, 156 E. Maumee, Adrian, **MI** 49221 5:30p 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 Fri** Lake Diane Jams, Hillsdale Community Center, 1810 W. Territorial Rd, Camden, **MI** 49232, snack bar, Mullins 517-270-2870, Atkins 517-607-9868
- 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 11/20
- 4th Sat** Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr., Flint, **MI** 48506 6p 810 736-5332
- 11/04** Cedar Creek; Kentuckians of MI, 28391 Bredow Rd, Romulus, **MI** 48174 734-782-0132 8-11p
- Sun** thru Oct, Acoustic Jam Session, Wooster **OH** Square 44691, 2-5p Bluegrass acoustic jam, no amplified instruments, bring chairs if needed. David Gedalecia dgedalecia@wooster.edu
- 3rd Sun** Church of the Nazarene (south entrance), 7951 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, **OH** 45069 937-530-2127 3-5p

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- Tues** - FOMC jam, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Millville, **OH** 45013 7-9p 419-568-1220
- Tues** - Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, **OH** 45873 419-594-2816 6p
- Thurs** Slow Bluegrass Jam, Violet Baptist Church, 8345 Blacklick-Eastern Rd NW, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-562-9730 6-8p Call to confirm event status
- 11/01,8,15,22,29** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery; 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252, 513-385-9309 6:30p
- 11/03** The McLain Family Band, Pinnacle Ridge; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, **OH** 43773 7p
- 11/03** Gipson & Fitz; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 11/04** Kim Robbins; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p
- 11/05** Ramblin' Bluegrass; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church St, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-834-9595 4-7p
- 11/09-12** Thur 6p: Joe Mullins, Ralph Stanley II, Rhonda Vincent Fri noon: The Price Sisters, Kenny & Amanda Smith, The Little Roy & Lizzy Show, Joe Mullins, Danny Paisley Sat: Larry Efaw, Chosen Road, Rob Ickes & Trey Hensley, The Wayfarers, Joe Mullins, Ricky Skaggs; Industrial Strength Bluegrass Festival, Roberts Center, 123 Gano Rd, Wilmington, **OH** 45177
- 11/10** Slate Ridge; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 11/10** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Butler County; 5113 Huston Rd, Collinsville, **OH** 45004, 937-417-8488 7-9p, free
- 11/11** Dailey & Vincent; Red Barn Convention Center, 2223 Russellville Rd, Winchester, **OH** 45697 7p



11/11 Evan Lanier & The Bluegrass Express; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

11/17 Ramblin' Bluegrass; Loose Rail Brewing, 37 W Waterloo St, Canal Winchester, **OH** 43110 614-321-6634 7-10p

11/17 Larry Stephenson, Alum Creek; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, **OH** 43773 7p

11/17 Hillbilly Chic; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

11/18 Jerry Douglas, Daniel Kimbro; Kent Stage, 175 E Main, Kent, **OH** 44240 330-677-5005 6:30p

Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, Nov 19, 2023



Only YOU can prevent empty music venues!
Support your local musicians & music scenes.

Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association
5034 Wapiti Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4946



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