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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



It's finally here! ...almost. The Memorial Day Tri-State festival will be upon us very soon! I always look forward to seeing old friends, and finding out what they've been up to. And, of course, finding out what new songs and tunes they've learned. But I also look forward to making new friends as more people find out

about our family-friendly event.

It's especially rewarding to find folks who are new to bluegrass music, and have an eagerness to learn about the genre. It seems that we have a lot of folks like that who have become interested because of groups like Horseshoes and Hand Grenades or The Hillbenders.

It's really interesting to me how "roots" music leads to an interest in the core sounds of bluegrass music. People want to know where the music came from, and why it developed the way it did. And, of course, I love to tell them (at least from my perspective). I love to show them examples of the music I love, and to illustrate how the music has developed.

It has always been the case that there are varying opinions on what bluegrass is, and why. But one small difference these days is that folks don't necessarily want to focus on recreating the sounds of the great first-generation bluegrass and old-timey bands. They want to know and understand them, and they want a certain dose of those core sounds, but they are also very happy moving on in their own way by following today's practitioners who aren't all nested entirely in the "traditional" sounds.

And, speaking of traditional, it's always interesting when people who are new to the music find out that "bluegrass" music was "invented" in the 1940s, and what we refer to as the "traditional" sound was really crafted by Bill Monroe, Earl Scruggs, Lester Flatt and company as they drew upon, and put their own mark upon, the old-timey and "country" music that came before.

This music has such a rich history – it's no wonder we love it so much!

OK – enough rambling for this month! Well, I'll see you all at the Tri-State festival! Gee, I wonder who I'll run into there.

Joe

Memorial Day Weekend Bands

- High Fidelity (S/S)
- Dry Branch Fire Squad (Sat)
- My Brother's Keeper (Sat)
- Appalachian Swing (S/S)
- Debutants (Sat)
- The Matchsellers (Sun)
- New Outlook (S/S)
- Fox Crossing (F)
- Muddy Krick Mtn. Band (T/F)
- Blue Diggity (T/F)
- Ottawa County Bluegrass (T)
- Cedar Creek (T)
- The Carl Bentley Band (F)
- Steve Scott & Scott Bros (F)
- Suzuki Fiddlers (Sat)
- Fresh Cut Grass (Sun)

Scholarship Opportunity



Earlier this year, the club was the recipient of a major grant in the memory of TJ Collins. His wife, Barb, asked for donations to NIBGA for music scholarships in lieu of flowers.

If you or someone in your family is struggling to continue their music passion, maybe a NIBGA scholarship would be of assistance.

For more information and an application contact:

Leslie Ellis Skal, Secretary
217 W. Edgerton
Garrett, IN 46738
260-573-9787

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-??

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

2nd & 4th Thurs Whiteriver Folk & Blue-
grass jam, Emery Lee Building, 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
info: 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

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

06/06-09 Midwest Banjo Camp 2024,
Manchester U, 604 E. College Ave.,
Manchester, **IN** 46962; Lot of great
Instructors! See website for listing.

06/12-15 Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme
Out, Southern Legacy, Kody Norris
show, Po' Ramblin Boys, Price Sisters,
Springstreet, Ralph Stanley II, Larry
Stevenson, Preachin' & Singin', Cicada
Creek, Elkridge, Derek Dillman &
Friends more tba; Bill Monroe BGF,
5163 N. State Road 135, Morgantown,
IN 47448

06/15 Shady Pine; Metamora Opry Barn,
19189 Pennington Rd., Metamora,
IN 47030 6:30p

06/22 Roger Brown & Borrowed
Tyme; Lake Santee Amphitheater, 13
SW Wrenn Parkway, Greensburg, **IN**
47240 7-10p

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, Jack-
son, **MI** 49201 Eagles: 517-782-5622

Jam leader: 248-247-9766 6-9p acous-
tic 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 Sat West MI Bluegrass, Aiden's Place,
42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, **MI** 49343
989-430-2149 jam 1-3p

1st Sun Farm Pickin', River Saint Joe,
15475 Walton Rd, Buchanan, **MI**
49107 1-3p M

1st & 3rd Mon Library; 7215 Headley St SE
UNIT 309, Ada, **MI** 49301 5-7:45p

1st Tues Presbyterian Village 32001 Cher-
ry Hill Road Westland, **MI** 48135
313-617-4864 7-9:30p 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 Fri Lake Diane Jams, Hillsdale Commu-
nity 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

4th Sat Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Arm-
strong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins
Dr., Flint, **MI** 48506 6p 810 736-5332

06/02 Aaron Jonah Lewis, Lindsay
McCaw, Alex Belhaj Vámonos!,
Square Dances @ Studio 18, 1818
142nd Ave., 4444 W Vernor Hwy
Detroit, **MI** 48209 4-8p \$20 suggested

06/03 Corn Potato String Band; Filling
Station, 300 Detroit St, Ann Arbor, **MI**
48104 6p free 734 224 2161

06/06 Square Dances @ Studio 18, 1818
142nd Ave., Dorr, **MI** 49323
616-318-5270 6:30-9p

06/08 Schlitz Creek; Bluegrass Festival,
Amphitheater, Delton, **MI** 49046
(269) 623-5171

06/20 Schlitz Creek; Farmer's Market
Evening Concert, Bank St. Market,
1204 Bank St, Kalamazoo, **MI** 49001
269-359-6729 6-9p

06/20 The RFD Boys; Bellville, **MI** 48111
(by the Lake) - 7-9pm

06/22 The RFD Boys; The Ark 316 S Main
St, Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104-2108
734-761-1451 8p

06/22 Howdy Fest III noon-2am, Square
Dance Society, The Old Miami, 3930
Cass Ave. Detroit, **MI** 48201
313 831 3830 8-10p

06/26 The RFD Boys; Glacier Hills, **MI**

OHIO

3rd Sun Church of the Nazarene (south
entrance), 7951 Tylersville Rd, West
Chester, **OH** 45069 937-530-2127 3-5p

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

06/01 Echo Valley, Kentucky Heritage,
Appalachian Swing, Bill Purk & Reed
Jones, Lonesome Lost & Foggy, Jenny
Walker & Spellbound; Bluegrass and
Barbecue @ Pastime Park, 370 N Chil-
licothe St, Plain City, **OH** 43064
Noon-8p

06/01 Nicole's 28th Chapter @ The Old
Barns @ Dry Run, 20521 Pherson Pike,
Williamsport, **OH** 43164, 6p
614-323-6938

06/01 Blue Diggity; Clifton Opry, 5 S.
Clay St, Clifton **OH** 45316
937-767-1767 7-9p

06/02 Ramblin Bluegrass; Combustion
Brewing, 80 W Church St,
Pickerington, **OH** 43147, 4-7p

06/05, 12, 19, 26 Vernon McIntyre's
Appalachian Grass Vinoklet Winery,
11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH**
45252 513-385-9309 6:30-8:30p

06/14 Larry Sparks & The Lonesome Ram-
blers; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26
E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143
614-323-6938 7p

06/14-15 Willow Creek Band. Union
Town, Pinnacle Ridge, Poplar Ridge, 7
Mile; Highland Cty BGF, Fairgrounds,
7335 Fairground Rd, Hillsboro, **OH**
45133 \$10/day camping available

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Spring Festival Activities you Don't Want to Miss!

Workshops/Activities

FRIDAY
Intro to Dulcimer w/Shari Wolf
3:00-4:00 Log Cabin
Learn about and try out a mountain or hammered dulcimer
(bring your own, also, if you have one)

Kids' Korner
10:00-11:30
Mini Barn
w/Rachel Lehman &
Christina Paul

SATURDAY
Bring your instruments and/or your
voices and Sing Along/Play Along
w/Shari Wolf (Buckeye Road Show)
10:30-11:30 am

10:30-11:30 am
Beginning Fiddle w/Alexis Goldsmith
Noon-1:00
(Appalachian Swing Instructors)
Guitar w/ Adam Schlenker *
Mandolin w/Hayes Griffin *
Banjo w/Keith Billik *

* geared towards intermediate & above skill

Bring your dancing feet and join the Clogging/Flatfooting
workshop! 1:30-2:30 Instructor Patty Page

BUNCO (cards) Hosted by "Girl Camper" organization. 4pm
See Log Cabin for more information on this event

SUNDAY
Gospel Sing w/Buckeye Road Show
10:00 am at the Stage
Bring your singing voices and join us!

Band Scramble
Sign Up!

Band Scramble during Spring Festival
Hosted by Appalachian Swing

Now is your opportunity to be in a
band with members of
Appalachian Swing!

Sign-ups will be at the Merchandise
Table (first come/first served....
Limited spots)

You will perform onstage on
Sunday at 3:30

No cost to sign-up
T-Shirt prizes for winning band

Thank you to our 2024 Patrons!

Thank-You to our 2024 Patrons. YOU are helping to keep bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area! Check out your opportunity for being a Patron on the membership form below! When you see someone wearing a Patron t-shirt (no matter WHICH year), please tell them "thank you!".

Ron Armstead	Verl & Sue Dasher	Jerry & Sioux McLane	Stephen Troyer	Jim & Linda Winger
Steve Carroll	Keith & Terri Grannis	Anonymous	Stewart White	Roger & Jody Vogie
Jim Chilton	Mark Hauenstein	William Lake	Joe & Chris Steiner	

NIBGA 2024-2025 Membership Form a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit www.BluegrassUSA.net

Due by May 1, 2024* ● NIBGA - 5255 E. 5000 N Rd, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 ● ph: 260-918-4790 ● email: DF24@nibga.com

* Current memberships expire April 30, 2024.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ e-Mail: _____

Yes: e-Mail mine: _____ No, snail mail it _____ Canada: snail mail (1 or 2) \$15, e-Mailed(1) \$10/(2) \$15

New: _____ Renewal: _____ \$10 Single: _____ \$5 ea addl same address 16 & older _____

OR TO BE A PATRON (includes dues and one T-shirt)

I want to be a 2024 Patron and support my club: \$100 _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL XXXL

Optional Additional 2024 Patron T-shirt: \$ 20 _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL XXXL

OR For renewing Patrons - T-shirt : FREE _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL XXXL

(renewing Patrons get the 2nd T-shirt Free)

Patron name(s) as it should appear on recognition board: _____

(Please print clearly)

06/21 Gipson & Fitz; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

06/21 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, Fibonacci Brewing 1445 Compton Rd, Mt. Healthy, OH 45231, 513-832-1422 7-9p

06/22 Silver Grass Band; Clifton Opry, 5 S. Clay St, Clifton OH 45316 937-767-1767 7-9p

06/22-23 Billy Strings, part of the lineup; Buckeye Country Super-

fest, OSU Stadium, 411 Woody Hayes Dr, Columbus, OH 43218

06/22 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Inwood Park, 104 Wellington Pl, Cincinnati, OH 45219 513-607-1874 or fotmc@iglou.com 10-noon

06/29 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Garber Nature Center, 9691 OH-503 North, Lewisburg, OH 45338, 513-607-1874

or fotmc@iglou.com 7pm-9

06/29 Kauffman Road, Junction 144, Slippery Creek, Drivin' 23, 7 Mile; Blystone Farm, 8677 Oregon Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 11a \$20 primitive camping \$50

06/29 Ramblin Bluegrass; Loose Rail Brewing, 37 W Waterloo St, Canal Winchester, OH 43110. 7-10pm

06/29 My Brother's Keeper; Clifton Opry, 5 S. Clay St, Clifton OH 45316 937-767-1767 7-9p

Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, Oct. 20, 2024



It's not too early to be planning for the FALL Tri-State Festival. Mark your calendars for August 29-September 1, 2024.

Hope to see you there!

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



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If your name and address are not correct, please notify us so that our records are up-to-date. Call (260) 918-4790