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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



The 2024 Memorial Day festival is now history, and it carries with it a wonderful bunch of memories! The bands were awesome this time around, and I would certainly be remiss if I didn't thank Chris for her hard working in putting together a fantastic slate of talent. I heard great comments about all the bands, and I think it's the variety on stage that really makes for a great experience.

As usual, I did hear on a couple occasions about bands that were either too traditional or too progressive for specific attendees. Those comments are also part of the process in deciding on talent. Please know that the board and I do, indeed, want to hear your comments and appreciate your stepping forward with them.

Keep in mind, however, that a group that doesn't appeal to you may represent a favorite of others in the audience. Bluegrass music is an art form, whether you are looking from the direction of High Fidelity or The Debutants. It is the performers' personal interpretations that further that art form and will allow it to grow into the future. If a particular band that isn't your cup of tea is on stage, perhaps use that time to grab a bite to eat, or perhaps wander the park to relax in the ambience of the venue or take in part of a jam session.

On behalf of NIBGA's fine board members and captains, I can honestly say there is no cause for concern that your own preferred "flavor" of bluegrass will disappear from our stage. We take the promise of our mission statement, to provide more exposure for our beloved bluegrass music, seriously. So please continue to advise us as to which bands are or aren't your favorites.

Now that the weather is really getting nice, I'm ready to do some serious picking outside. In just a little over 2 months, I'll see you at the fall festival.



This was the "After" picture of the Band Scramble with Appalachian Swing. I think they all had a great time. Winners were:

Verl Dasher – Bass, JD (Jackson) Hall – Guitar, Irvin Eby – Banjo

Tim Cunningham – Mandolin, Steve Gale – Mandolin
Jacob Laczko – Fiddle,
Kirk Dundas – Fiddle,
Cindy Semrau – Bones,
Betty Dobbs – Washboard.



As we look forward to the Labor Day weekend festival, I'm happy to report that we have another great lineup with a lot of variety across the bluegrass spectrum.

I have been hearing a lot of requests over the last couple years for Volume Five, and we made it happen this fall!

We're also happy to welcome the McLain Family Band, touring after over 40 years with many of the original members.

For those who like their bluegrass straight ahead and driving, we welcome back the Kevin Prater Band; and, for those who like to stretch things out, we have Hill-billy Chic returning.

We had Liam Purcell and Cane Mill Road booked in 2020, but the festival was cancelled. After a four-year delay, we'll see this fine group in the fall. Other bands in the lineup are: Steam Machine Bluegrass, Cutter and Cash, Open Highway, The Dead Pickers Society, Tim Coffey and Elk Ridge, Blue Holler, Roger Brown and Borrowed Time, Won Peace, and more!

We want to send out a hearty Bluegrass thanks to the following **folks who volunteered** at the Memorial Day festival. We couldn't do it without you!

Gate Captains

Jim Clay, Pam Keiper, Jim Miller, Patty Page, Leslie Skal

Gate Volunteers

Ben Crowfoot, Dan Denny, Diane Pszotka
Delana Schue

Festival Set Up and Tear Down

Jim Clay, Jim Miller, Wayne Boltz, Roy Fike
Jim Winger, Joe Steiner, Evan Argueta, Rob Hathaway, Paul Welch (and many more that I didn't get names - they just stepped in and helped!)

Kid's Korner

Rachel Lehman & Christine Paul

Emcees

Duffy Brown, Fred Inninger, Jeff Thacker

Gospel Sing

Buckeye Roadshow (Shari Wolf, Joe & Chris Steiner)

Workshop Instructors

Alexis Goldsmith, Patty Page, Shari Wolf,
Appalachian Swing Band (Adam Schlenker,
Hayes Griffin, Keith Billik)

And I'm sure there are many that I missed and for that I apologize! It takes many hands to make the festival happen, and you are truly appreciated.

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, 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
- 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 5:30P
- 07/12-13** Grascals, Lonesome River Band, Clay Hess, Lorraine Jordan, Kim Robbins, Branded Bluegrass, Downriver Collective, 2024 Red Bird BGF, Fowler Pumpkin Patch, 5060 N Greene County Line Rd, Bloomington, **IN** 47403 wknd \$85 camping available 812 327 4895

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 acoustic only! Eagles: 517-782-5622 Jam leader: 248-247-9766 6-9p
- 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 & 3rd Tues** Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland, **MI** 48135 7-9:30p Wendy Hause, 313-617-4864, 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 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 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
- 07/10** Old Crow Medicine Show; Meijer Gardens, 1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, **MI** 49525 616-957-1580
- 07/11** Old Crow Medicine Show; Kresge Auditorium, 4000 Highway M-137, Interlochen, **MI** 49643 231-276-7200
- 07/12** Calabogie Road; Concert in the Park, Mecosta, **MI** 49332 6p
- 07/16** Schlitz Creek; Van Buren County Fair, 55670 CR681 Hartford, **MI** 49057. 7-8:30p
- 07/18** Schlitz Creek; McCarty's M-40 Sports Bar, 46065 M-40, Paw Paw **MI** 49079 7-10p 269-655-0777
- 07/21-27** New Outlook, Larry Evaw & The Bluegrass Mountaineers, Fast Track, Michigan Mafia String Band, Cedar Creek, Uniontown, The Charla Freeland Band, Larry Efaw & The Bluegrass, Mountaineers, The Caleb Daugherty Band, The Country Gentleman Tribute Band, The Kevin Prater Band, Fenced In, Fast Track, The Marshall Bluegrass All-Star Band; Marshall BGF, 720 Fair St., Marshall, **MI** 49068
- 07/31** Schlitz Creek; Amphitheater,

250 N Anderson St, Plainwell, **MI** 49080 7-9p

OHIO

- 3rd Sat** – Jam Central Ohio “Big Jam” Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton Heights Ave, Columbus, **OH** 43202. 11a-5p
- 3rd Sun** Church of the Nazarene (south entrance), 7951 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, **OH** 45069 937-530-2127 3-5p
- Every Mon** – Jam Central Ohio Bluegrass Jam, Summit Music Hall, 2210 Summit Street, Columbus, **OH** 43201 6-9p
- Every Tues** - FOTMC jam, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Millville, **OH** 45013 6:30-8:30p 419-568-1220
- Every Tues** - Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, **OH** 45873 419-594-2816 6p
- Every Wed** – Jam Central Ohio Bluegrass Jam, Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3800 Westerville Rd, Columbus, **OH** 43224 6-9p
- Every 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
- 07/03, 10, 17, 24, 31** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 513-385-9309 6:30-8:30p
- 07/05** Ramblin Bluegrass; Loose Rail Brewing, 37 W Waterloo St, Canal Winchester, **OH** 43110 7-10pm
- 07/05** Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers; Sonnyalb Fireworks Festival, Shawnee Park, 591 S Park Dr, Xenia, **OH** 45385 7p
- 07/06** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Ottawa Park, 2632 Ada Road, Lima, **OH** 45801 Free 7p
- 07/07** Mark Whitt & Truegrass; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church St, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-834-9595 4p
- 07/09** Old Crow Medicine Show; Rose Music Center, 6800 Executive Blvd Huber Heights, **OH** 45424 8 pm
- 07/09** Hayseed Dixie (Rockgrass); The Winchester, 12112 Madison Ave, Lakewood, **OH** 44107
- 07/10** Hayseed Dixie (Rockgrass); Natalie's Grandview, 945 King Ave, Columbus, **OH** 43212 7:30p
- 07/11** Berachah Valley; Fairgrounds, 645 Infirmary Rd, Dayton, **OH** 45417 1p

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07/12 Lorraine Jordan; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 7p 6p 614-323-6938

07/12 Old Crow Medicine Show; ICON Music Center, 25 Race St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

07/12 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Hamilton's Urban Backyard, 501 Main St, Hamilton, OH 45013 7-10p free. bring a lawn chair.

07/12-13 Hillbilly Chic, Waverly Run, Shortline Junction, Kauffman Road, Cedar Hill, Open Rail, String Therapy, Open Highway, Appalachian Swing, Forked Run, Red Brush; Poston Lake BGF, 4774 Jarvis Rd, Guysville, OH 45735 740-590-6077

07/13 Blue Note; Clifton Opry, 5 S. Clay St, Clifton OH 45316 937-767-1767 7-9p

07/19 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian

Grass; Fibonacci Brewing 1445 Compton Rd, Mt. Healthy, OH 45231 513-832-1422 7-9p

07/20 Borrowed Time; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 7p 6p

07/20 Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder; Ohio Valley Opera, 15 W Main St, McConnelsville, OH 43756 740-542-9218 4 & 8p

07/20 Mark Whitt & Truegrass; Clifton Opry, 5 S. Clay St, Clifton OH 45316 937-767-1767 7-9p

07/25-27 Grascals, 7 Mile Bluegrass Williamson Branch, Dave Adkins, Larry Gillis, Kauffman Road, Little Roy & Lizzy, Tim Coffey, Kevin Prater, Roger Brown, Drivin' 23, Junction 144, Deeper Shade of Blue, Midnight Storm, Ma Crow, Union Town, Burns & Moore, Slippery Creek, My Brothers Keeper,

Paul Bryant; 7 Mile BGF, Fairgrounds, 415 Lancaster Pike, Circleville, OH 43113 740-801-0834

07/25 Kevin Prater Band; Rowdy's Smokehouse, 465 Ralph Street, Jackson, OH 45640 7p

07/26 Deeper Shade of Blue; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 7p 6p

07/26 Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers; Ohio St. fair, Main St. Stage, 717 E 17th Ave, Columbus, OH 43211 5 & 7:30p

07/27 Sugar Creek Bluegrass; Clifton Opry, 5 S. Clay St, Clifton OH 45316 937-767-1767 7 p

07/27 Berachah Valley; Boehringer Blowout, Casstown, OH 45312

07/28 Berachah Valley; United Church of Christ, 10 W Monument St, Pleasant Hill, OH 45359

Thank you to our 2024 Patrons!

Thank-You to everyone that signed up to be a Patron during the festival... YOU are helping to keep bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area! I am so thankful for all of the NEW Patrons this year, and for the continuing support of previous Patrons. 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!".

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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.

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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)

FROM THE MAIL BAG



Hello. My family attended last weekend's Tri-State Bluegrass Festival. First and foremost, I am writing to thank you, the board, and everyone else who helped make such a wonderful festival possible! We had a fantastic time!

Second, I wanted to thank you for booking our favorite band again this year; *My Brother's Keeper*! They rarely perform this close to where we live (Bryan, Ohio), so we typically only get to see them live at this festival. We thought the entire lineup you brought in was great and do not want to, in any way, diminish the other bands. They were all very talented and their shows were great. In fact, my daughter's new favorite band may just be *High Fidelity*. I just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate you booking *My Brother's Keeper* three years in a row! We would love it if you would be willing to book them for a fourth year next year.

Again, thank you for all you do! It is my personal hope that this festival continue for years to come. It is such a unique, family-friendly music experience that my wife and four children are already looking forward to for next year!
~John Shell

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



Show your BLUEGRASS SPIRIT with the new “forever” stamps. Even these days, when you can pay bills online, you will always have a need for a postage stamp now and then. I just went online and ordered stamps delivered to right to me (free shipping!) through USPS.com. I should be set for the next 10 years.

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