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## President's Corner - Joe Steiner



Well, now that the 2024 outdoor blue grass festivals are mostly over, we won't be getting to pick outside as much. There will be a few nice days and maybe another camping trip or two, but we're pretty much relegated to indoor events until next spring. Of course, this is a good time to start looking for a new axe – it never hurts to check out other

instruments, since you never know if one might speak to you. On a visit to Elderly Instruments in Lansing, Michigan, a few weeks ago, I happened onto a really great instrument: Tony Trishka's pre-war flathead Gibson banjo. It was interesting to me that the instrument says "Tokai" on the peghead. The instrument started life as a plectrum banjo, and it was originally converted to a 5-string by Frank Neat. Apparently, the Frank Neat neck suffered some irreparable damage, and, in a pinch, it was replaced with the Tokai neck, which is still living happily on the banjo! Although it was way out of my price range (an understatement), it sure was fun to dream about owning such a cornerstone of bluegrass history and imagine the performances and jam sessions it has seen! [editor: of course, I have a video of Mr. President playing this instrument. I was afraid we were going to have to bring it home!]

I was also surprised (and pleased) to learn that Elderly Instruments was designated "America's Top Small Business" for 2023 by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce "for its ability to embrace change, adapt to new challenges, and constantly innovate while remaining true to the company's 50-year legacy and heritage." They were chosen from a field of over 15,000 applicants from all 50 states.

Although all businesses have issues from time to time, I have always felt that Elderly puts a high emphasis on the quality of their customer

service. They have been a strong supporter of the bluegrass and old-time music communities, and a friend to those involved in all forms of roots music.

As you start feeling the effects of the end of the season, and are feeling a bit "cooped-up", don't forget about NIBGA's event calendar, which shows up as part of your newsletter and lists winter concerts and jam sessions. The entire list is available online at [www.BluegrassUSA.net](http://www.BluegrassUSA.net). Please patronize these events if you're looking for something to do – that's the best way to help make sure they keep happening.

Of course, there is the monthly NIBGA winter jam (except in December) at the Southwest Conservation Club on Bluffton St in Fort Wayne. It's always fun to see who is in attendance and try out or trade some new tunes, songs, or licks. So, put that on your list of things to do also.

The NIBGA board and captains will be meeting over the coming months to discuss lessons learned, good and bad, from 2024 and start planning for 2025. As I mentioned last month, we want to hear your constructive comments. To voice your thoughts and suggestions, please approach one of the board members at our monthly winter meetings or contact us at the NIBGA general phone number, 260 918 4790.

I'll see you at one of the winter meetings!

Joe

**The 35th Annual IBMA Bluegrass Music Awards** was held in Raleigh, North Carolina, on September 26, 2024. Hosting these prestigious awards were John Cowan and Missy Raines. Here are the results:

**Entertainer of the Year** - Del McCoury Band

**Vocal Group of the Year** - Authentic Unlimited

**Instrumental Group of the Year** - The Travelin' McCourys

**Song of the Year** - "Fall in Tennessee" (written by John Meador & Bob Minner, Recorded by Authentic Unlimited)

**Album on the Year** - *City of Gold* (Recorded by Molly Tuttle and Golden Highway)

**Gospel Recording of the Year** - "God Already Has" (written by "Brink" Brinkman & David Stewart, Recorded by Dale Ann Bradley)

**Instrumental Recording of the Year** - "Knee Deep in Bluegrass" (written by Terry Baucom, Recorded by Ashby Frank)

**New Artist of the Year** - East Nash Grass

**Collaborative Recording of the Year** - "Brown's Ferry Blues", (written by Alton & Rabon Delmore, Recorded

by Tony Trischka with Billy Strings

**Male Vocalist of the Year** - Danny Paisley

**Female Vocalist of the Year** - Jaelee Roberts

**Banjo Player of the Year** - Rob McCoury

**Bass Player of the Year** - Vickie Vaughn

**Fiddle Player of the Year** - Deanie Richardson

**Resophonic Guitar Player of the Year** - Gaven Largent

**Guitar Player of the Year** - Cody Kilby

**Mandolin Player of the Year** - Jesse Brock

**Music Video of the Year** - a tie between "Fall in Tennessee" (Authentic Unlimited) and "Alberta

Bound" (Special Consensus with Ray Legere, John Reischman, Patrick Sauber, Trisha Gagnon, Pharis and Jason Romero, and Claire Lynch)

**Inductees to the International Bluegrass Music Association Hall of Fame** - Alan Munde, Jerry Douglas, and Katy Daley

## Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

### INDIANA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sun** mostly Central Indiana BGA jams  
Hontz Hall, 307 E South H St, Gas  
City, **IN** 46933 765-674-5117 noon-??
- 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs** Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree,  
Doc Able Pavilion, 116 W. Waterford  
St, Wakarusa, **IN** 46573 6:30-9p  
Free, since 2000, 574-862-2200
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs** Whiteriver Folk & Blue-  
grass jam, Emery Lee Building,  
Beulah Park Jam, 400 E. 4th St.,  
Alexandria, **IN** 46001 6-9p
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs** Bluegrass Gospel Jam, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Old Bag Factory, 1100 Chicago Ave,  
Goshen, **IN** 46526 6:30-9p  
info: 574-202-5502
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri** Winamac Bluegrass Jam, Knights of  
Columbus, 340E50N, Winamac, **IN**  
46996 Tom 574-205-2274 7-10p
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat** Mar-Nov - Metamora Opry Barn,  
19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora,  
**IN** 47030 6:30p  
MetamoraMusic@gmail.com
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- Every Sat.** 6090 S. Oakwood St., N Jud-  
son, **IN** 46366 219-878-3123 5:30p  
CDST 5:30P
- 11/16** Silvertowne; Metamora Opry  
Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Meta-  
mora, **IN** 47030 6:30p

### 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sat** Manton Jamboree, Ranger room,  
Manton HS, 105 5th St, Manton,  
**MI** 6-p lwestbrook17@hotmail.com
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sat** West MI Bluegrass, Aiden's Place,  
42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, **MI** 49343  
989-430-2149 jam 1-3p
- 1<sup>st</sup> Su** Farm Pickin', River Saint Joe, 15475

- Walton Rd, Buchanan, **MI** 49107  
1-3pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon** Library; 7215 Headley St SE  
UNIT 309, Ada, **MI** 49301 5-7:45p
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues** Presbyterian Village 32001  
Cherry Hill Road Westland, **MI**  
48135 7-9:30p Wendy Hause,  
313-617-4864 whause@frontier.com
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat** Maumee Street Music jam, First  
Presbyterian Church, 156 E.  
Maumee, Adrian, **MI** 49221 6p  
517-607-8085 or 517-270-2870
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues** West MI Bluegrass; Slow Jam,  
Library, 6260 92<sup>nd</sup> St SE, Caledonia,  
**MI** 49316 989-430-2149 5-7:45p  
free
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat** West MI Bluegrass, Aiden's Place,  
42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, **MI** 49343  
989-430-2149 jam 2-4:30p
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat** Heritage Park Barn, 121 Tefft St,  
Hanover **MI** 49241 Nov - April 6-11p
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** Woldumar Nature Center, 5739  
Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, **MI** 48917  
2-5p \$5 donation 517-505-2809
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sat** Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Arm-  
strong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins  
Dr., Flint, **MI** 48506 6p  
810 736-5332
- 11/02** Square Dances @ Studio 18,  
1818 142nd Ave., Dorr, **MI** 49323  
616-318-5270 6:30-9p
- 11/02** Schlitz Creek; Hamilton Memorial  
Service, American Legion,  
425 E Clay St, Schoolcraft, **MI** 49087  
269-679-4339 2-4p
- 11/18** Michigan Fiddlers, Peoples  
Church, 200 W Grand River Dr.,  
East Lansing, **MI** 48823  
616-374-8205 1-5p

### OHIO

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sun** Church on the Hill, 1861 Mill St. in  
Albany, **OH** 45710 (Hosted by Jim &  
Alan Stack of Rarely Herd) 2-4p
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu** Richwood Acoustic Jam, First  
Baptist Church of Richwood. 101 E.  
Ottawa St. Richwood, **OH** 43344 6-8p
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu** Open Bluegrass Jam, Thomas  
Auction Center, 176 S. Main St,  
Fredericktown, **OH** 43019

- 740-507-5392 7p
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat** Jam Central Ohio "Big Jam"  
Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15  
Clinton Heights Ave, Columbus, **OH**  
43202 11a-5p
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** Church of the Nazarene (south  
entrance), 7951 Tylersville Rd, West  
Chester, **OH** 45069 937-530-2127  
3-5p
- Mon** - Central Ohio Bluegrass Jam, Sum-  
mit Music Hall, 2210 Summit Street,  
Columbus, **OH** 43201 6-9p  
(8-9 fast jam)
- 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
- Wed** - Central Ohio Bluegrass, Fraternal  
Order of Eagles, 3800 Westerville Rd,  
Columbus, **OH** 43224 6-9p
- Thurs** - Slow Jam, Violet Baptist Church,  
8345 Blacklick-Eastern Rd NW, Pick-  
erington, **OH** 43147 614-562-9730  
6-8p confirm event status,  
Fstaunton59@gmail.com
- Sat** - Bluegrass Musicians Supply, 1370 S.  
High St. Columbus, **OH** 43207 long-  
est running weekly jam session!  
10a-5p
- 11/01** Gipson & Fitz; Byrne's Pub, 1248  
W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212  
614-486-4722 7-9p
- 11/02** Kevin Prater Band; Clifton Opera  
House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316  
937-767-1767 7p
- 11/02** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian  
Grass; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26  
E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143  
614-323-6938 6p
- 11/06, 13, 20, 27** Vernon McIntyre's Ap-  
alachian Grass Vinoklet Winery,  
11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH**  
45252 513-385-9309 6:30-8:30p
- 11/07** Blue Diggity; Thomas Auction  
Service, 176 S Main St, Frederick-  
town, **OH** 43019 7p 740-694-8010
- 11/07-09** Joe Mullins, The Kody Norris  
Show, Rhonda Vincent, Cutter &  
Cash, Heather Alley & Lincoln Mash,  
Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers,  
The Wyatt Ellis Band, Don Rigsby &

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- The Fly By Knights, Larry Sparks, The Seldom Scene, All-Star Mandolin Mash, East Tennessee State Bluegrass Pride Band, Nothin' Fancy, Balsam Range; Industrial Strength BGF, Roberts Center, 123 Gano Rd, Wilmington, OH 45177 937-372-5804
- 11/08** Wahalla Ramblers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 11/08** Price Sisters, Alum Creek; Pennyroyal Opera House Bluegrass, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, OH 43773 7p
- 11/09** Lonesome Express; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 11/09** Ramblin' Bluegrass; Loose Rail Brewing, 37 W Waterloo St, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 614-321-6634 7-10p
- 11/09** Blue Note; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7p
- 11/15** Slate Ridge; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 11/16** Berachah Valley; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7p
- 11/16** Open Highway; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 11/20** Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder; Memorial Hall OTR, 1225 Elm St, Cincinnati, OH 45202 8 pm.
- 11/22** Hillbilly Chic; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 11/22** Larry Stephenson, New Mountain Heritage; at Pennyroyal Opera House, Exit 198 off I-70, Fairview, OH 7 pm.
- 11/23** New Outlook; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 11/29** Hillbilly Chic; Crows Nest, 4544 W 8th St, Cincinnati, OH 45238-4925
- 11/30** Carson Peters & Iron Mountain; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p

## Over Jordan



**Wayne N. Vincent**, aged 88, of Oregon, Ohio, passed away on August 25, 2024.

If you arrived at the festival the Sunday before the start of the festival you would most likely be greeted by Wayne's smiling face. He would be working the gate while the volunteer team held their usual meeting discussing the details of the upcoming festival.

He made it a point to arrive on Saturday so he could setup his RV. He was always accompanied by his dog. He would then look us up and ask if we wanted his help which we really appreciated.

Wayne could be found near the front of the stage enjoying each performance from Thursday on. In his early bluegrass life he played Dobro.

He was an integral part of the bluegrass community, with a warm and giving spirit. His dedication, especially arriving early to help with the festival, shows his deep commitment. A great friend and supporter of the club, and will be missed.

~ Jim & Linda Winger

A note from daughter Laura:

Thank you for putting the obituary in the newsletter. I am glad that people remembered him. He really enjoyed bluegrass music and looked forward to attending your events. We even played bluegrass music at his funeral.

**Thank-You** to everyone that signed up to be a Patron for 2024... 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. When you see someone wearing a Patron t-shirt (no matter WHICH year), please tell them "thank you!".

Stay tuned for next year's Patron shirt design! This will be number 6 of the limited edition shirts. How many of you have the previous 5 shirts?

Watch for membership renewal information in the newsletter after the new year. Please consider joining the Patron program and helping to support Bluegrass music in the Tri-State area. See the next page for the list of our current Patron members. Remember to tell them THANK YOU!

**Current NIBGA Patrons      Thank you very much!**

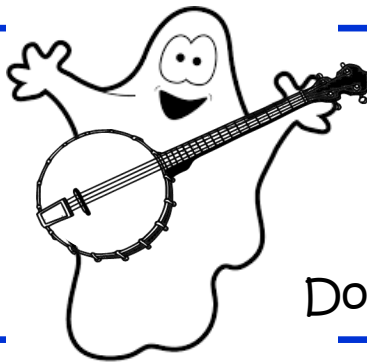
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**Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, Nov. 17, 2024**



Knock, Knock!  
    Who's There?  
BOO!  
    Boo Who?  
Don't Cry! You can play my banjo!!!!

Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association  
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Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4946



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