

### MIA WINS GRAND NATIONAL TITLE

For those of you who may not have heard, I am very proud to announce that Mia Orosco of Lorena, Texas, is the 2012 Grand National Champion. Mia won after holding off a few former national champions this year in Weiser, Idaho. She is the first Texan to win the National Title in 15 years. We are so very proud of Mia and all of her accomplishments and wish her nothing but the best as she begins her freshman year at Baylor University this fall. Good luck and keep fiddlin' Mia!



Congratulations also to Out of State Fiddler Doug Fleener, of Leitchfield, Kentucky, for a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Grand National Division. Other Top 5 finishers from TOTFA include: Ed Carnes of Franklin, Tennessee, 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Adult Division; Harrison Schumann of San Antonio, Texas, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Junior Division; Gene Banks of Athens, Texas, 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Senior Division; and Eischen Harkins of Austin, Texas, 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Young Adult Division. Congratulations to you all!

Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association  
3209 S. Fredonia  
Nacogdoches, TX 75964

----- PLACE LABEL HERE -----

It is with deep regret that I have to announce that we had to cancel our TOTFA Fiddle Camp this year. It simply came down to a numbers game and we did not have enough students registered to cover the costs of the camp. We are already looking into other alternatives for next year, if not later this year. We think it might be better to look into weekend workshops instead of a full week camp. When we find the right situation, we will certainly let everyone know as soon as possible. I want to take the opportunity to personally thank everyone who has been involved in our camp the past five years. A lot of work has been put into it over the years and I want to thank all the teachers, students, parents, and others who have supported our camp through the years with your time and talent.

Continued on page 7...

## 2011-2013 TOTFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The  
Texas  
Fiddler

Texas Fiddler is the official publication of the Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association (TOTFA), a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. The Texas Fiddler is published monthly and mailed to all members of the association. TOTFA is a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Texas.

**Texas Old Time Fiddlers  
Association  
3209 S. Fredonia  
Nacogdoches, TX 75694**

<http://www.totfa.org>

### PRESIDENT

**Bryan Jimmerson**  
3209 S. Fredonia, Nacogdoches, TX 75964  
(936) 553-8180 ~ phiddlephan@hotmail.com

### DIRECTORS

**Julie Amundson**  
2903 Jorwoods Drive, Austin, TX 78745  
(512) 894-6365 ~ jamundson@austin.rr.com

**Bubba Hopkins**  
4821 Davy Crocket Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76137  
(918) 261-7598 ~ zirl.hopkins@gmail.com

**Julie Morris**  
4821 Davy Crocket Trail Fort Worth, TX 76137  
(817) 683-4317 ~ texasmusicandfood@yahoo.com

**Rick Norton**  
300 Hudson Ln ~ Burleson, TX 76028  
(817) 371-9171 ~ aggieauctioneer@yahoo.com

**Mark Seale**  
PO Box 300907, Austin, TX 78703  
(281) 682-6019 ~ mark.seale@gmail.com

At the moment, the next scheduled contest on our calendar is the annual Chicken and Bread Days in Bowie, Texas, the first weekend of October. We are working on a new contest in Denison, Texas, and we hope to have it sometime in September. Details will be in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, there are other contest opportunities between now and October. The Alvarado Reunion Contest will be held August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Branson Fiddle Festival will be held the weekend of August 24-26. For details, call (866) 523-1190. The Grand Masters Fiddle Contest in Nashville, Tennessee, will be held the weekend of September 28-29. If at all possible, make plans no to attend these fun, great, non-TOTFA events.

Happy Fiddlin'  
Bryan

## ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIALS

- Kenneth Morris is about to retire after almost 44 years of working. He is looking forward to being able to make all of the contests!
- Eric & Julie Amundson are finally back in Texas. They had a safe and fun trip and we are glad they are back in the mother state.
- Branson is shaping up to be a monstrous fiddle contest...you will be sorry if you don't make it!
- Jason Andrew & his wife Wende are expecting a baby boy in September.



**24th Annual Downtown Branson  
Fiddle Festival  
&  
Mid-American Fiddlers Championship  
August 25 - 26, 2012**

**2012 REGISTRATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicant is under 18 years)

**CONTEST DIVISIONS – Circle appropriate ones.**

Pee Wee (up to 9 years): Age \_\_\_\_\_ Junior (10-16 years): Age \_\_\_\_\_

Senior (60 plus years): Age \_\_\_\_\_ Adult (17-59 years): Age \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist (any age): Age \_\_\_\_\_

Entry into the competition is free of charge; however, pre-registration is strongly suggested. Please complete this form and return it to the Downtown Branson Main Street Association.

Please email, mail or fax your registration to: [events@downtownbranson.org](mailto:events@downtownbranson.org)  
DBMA, PO Box 1034, Branson, MO 65615 Fax 417-335-3643

*While I am at the Fiddle Festival as a contestant I would like to perform at a street location in Downtown Branson during daytime business hours on August 25-26, 2012.*

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

This nationally recognized event begins with a FREE kick-off Jam Session, Friday night, Aug. 24, from 6 to 10 p.m.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Bill Mitchell                 | August 01 |
| Garrett Robinson              | August 05 |
| Owen James                    | August 07 |
| Jenny Johnson                 | August 10 |
| Benny Bennett                 | August 15 |
| Ray Franklin                  | August 16 |
| George Robinson               | August 17 |
| Ian Fletcher                  | August 19 |
| Robert Mature                 | August 21 |
| Mel Whirley                   | August 22 |
| Eddie Davis & Harlene Bilbrey | August 23 |
| Karman Hoffpauir              | August 27 |
| Caitlyn Wallace               | August 28 |
| David Holcomb                 | August 29 |



## DONE GONE

(contest results)

### Belton, TX ~ July 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Belton

#### 0-15

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Reagan Newberry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Leah Sawyer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Anthony Orosco
- 4<sup>th</sup> – David Sawyer
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Hannah Sargen
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Bonnie Lawrence

#### 16-35

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Mia Orosco
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Devon McCauley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Heidi Labensart
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Tanner Westmoreland

#### 36-60

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Wes Westmoreland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Michelle Kuhlman

#### 61+

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Larry Boddie

#### Accompanist

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Rex Gillentine
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nick Gillentine
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – David Sawyer

#### Grand Champion

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Wes Westmoreland

## HERE & THERE

(upcoming contests)

### Alvarado, TX ~ Old Settler's Reunion ~ August 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Reunion Building

#### 0-15

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$75
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50

#### 16-25

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$75
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50

#### 26-45

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$75
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50

#### 46-65

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$75
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50

#### 66+

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$75
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50

#### Accompanist

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$75
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$50

#### Grand Champion

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100

Start Time: 8:00 P.M.

## HERE & THERE

(upcoming contests)

### Branson, MO ~ August 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> ~

### Historic Downtown Branson (behind Dick's 5 & 10)

#### 0-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$150
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$125
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100
- 4<sup>th</sup> - \$50
- 5<sup>th</sup> - \$25

#### 10-16

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$250
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$150
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100
- 4<sup>th</sup> - \$75
- 5<sup>th</sup> - \$50

#### 17-59

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$800
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$700
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$500
- 4<sup>th</sup> - \$300
- 5<sup>th</sup> - \$200

#### 60+

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$250
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$150
- 4<sup>th</sup> - \$100

#### Accompanist

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$450
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$300
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$250
- 4<sup>th</sup> - \$175
- 5<sup>th</sup> - \$125

#### Grand Champion

\$1000 & Invitation to 2013 Grand Master's

**Judges:** Ricky Boen, Lewis Brandin & Alita Weisgerber

**Gambler's Draw:** Friday August 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 P.M.

\$5.00 entry fee, winner take all

**Preliminaries:** Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 A.M. Registration 8:30 A.M.

**Final's:** Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> 12:00 P.M.

**More Information:** can be found at: <http://downtownbranson.org/>

### RV Ranch Benefit ~ September 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Burleson

Plans are in the works to have a benefit Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the RV Ranch just south of the Burleson area on I-35. We had a very successful benefit there a few years ago and they are wanting us to come back for another one this year. This will be our last opportunity to help raise funds which will go towards the costs of our annual convention which will be held this December in Hillsboro, Texas. So please make plans to attend this important event if at all possible. As always, we will have more details about this in the upcoming issue of the newsletter and on the TOTFA website.