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GRANDMASTER FIDDLE CONTEST TO BE HELD LABOR DAY WEEKEND

The hot summer months have slowed the contest scene down considerably here lately, but there is a very prestigious competition coming up at the end of the month in Nashville, Tennessee. The 42nd Annual Grandmaster Fiddle Championship will be held Friday, August 30, and Saturday, August 31, at the Country Music Hall of Fame in downtown Nashville. A special thanks goes out to TOTFA Out of State member, Ed Carnes, of Franklin, Tennessee, for keeping this contest going the last several years and making it one of the best and most fun contests in the country. Besides the Grandmasters, Ed has also started a very successful contest the last couple of years in his home state of Kentucky. I encourage everyone to try to attend perhaps on your vacation next July. Thanks for all the hard work Ed!

Nothing to add to the calendar for the month of September as of yet. But, as usual, October looks to be a busy month with contests in Bowie, Seguin, and Gilmer so far on the calendar. Also, we still have no firm date on the 2013 convention but we do have a few options we are looking at and we should have a choice made very soon. We will get the word out to the membership as soon as possible so you can make your arrangements to attend our 40th Annual TOTFA State Contest and Convention.

I have been in contact with the daughter of my good friend and fiddling great, Earl Garner, of Elkhart, Texas. He has suffered two major heart attacks recently and spent many days in ICU. He has since returned home where I had the honor of visiting with him recently. He is still very weak from the episodes and is very much

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in need of all of our thought and prayers at this time. I've had the pleasure of knowing and playing tunes with Earl since I was just a kid and it is always a joy to see him at contests. I know I can speak on behalf of the association when I say we all wish you the very best in your recover, Earl.

Several of our members made their way to Branson, Missouri, for the 25th Annual Downtown Branson Fiddle Festival and Mid-America Championship. See the inside of the newsletter for the results. A big thanks to Junior Marriott for all of his work over the years in helping make this contest happen. Thanks, to our members for traveling out of state and supporting great contests like this across the nation. I hope to see you all at an event soon.

Happy Fiddlin' Bryan

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- \$30 Fiddler (A contest fiddler that resides in Texas.)
 \$30 Accompanist (A contest accompanist that resides in Texas.)
 \$30 Out-of-State Fiddler (A contest fiddler that resides outside of Texas.)
 \$20 Associate (Any non-contest fiddler or accompanist or friends and fans of Texas fiddling.)

New Member Renewal Change of Address

COST-EFFECTIVE ASSOCIATION OPTIONS

- We are a multi-membership TOTFA family and agree to receive only (1) issue of "The Texas Fiddler" each month.
 Please save paper and postage by sending me "The Texas Fiddler" via full color instant email, rather than in Black and white via the USPS.

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Keep in mind, you can also renew online at www.totfa.org

In Memoriam

Charles Gardner

November 17, 1931 – August 13, 2013



Earl Garner

July 13, 1933 – August 14, 2013



Full biographies to full in the September 2013 newsletter

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sherry McKenzie & Bill Mitchell	August 1
Lynda Lee	August 08
Benny Bennett	August 15
Ray Franklin	August 16
River Lee	August 18
Rick Norton	August 26
Ricky Selman & Karman Hoffpauir	August 27



If you would like your photo in the newsletter during your birthday month, please email a photo to zirl.hopkins@gmail.com before the 20th of the prior month.

DONE GONE

4th of AUGUST Fiddle Contest Belton, TX ~ August 4th

Yettie Polk Park ~ Belton, TX

0-15

1st – Reagan Newberry
2nd – Anthony Orosco

61+

1st – Larry Boddie

31-60

1st – Wes Westmoreland
2nd – Julie Amundson
3rd – Owen James
4th – Cliff McCall

16-30

1st – Evan Meeker
2nd – Jordan Bankston
3rd – Heidi Labensart

Accompanist

1st – Eric Amundson
2nd – Micah

Championship

1st – Wes Westmoreland
2nd – Evan Meeker
3rd – Reagan Newberry
4th – Larry Boddie

Mid-America Fiddle Festival Branson, MO ~ August 3rd & 4th

Downtown Branson ~ Branson, MO

Pee Wee

1st – Tanner Marriott
2nd – Elijah Baker
3rd – Maggie Farmer
4th – Cory Williams
5th – Preston Marriott

Accompanist

1st – Anthony Mature
2nd – Bobby Christman
3rd – Jim Reina
4th – Darrel Boen
5th – Ray Brandin

Junior

1st – River Lee
2nd – Katie Crawford
3rd – Trustin Baker
4th – Karrissa Nugent
5th – Noelle Nugent

Adult

1st – Marty Elmore
2nd – Ricky Boen
3rd – Joe Sites
4th – Ed Carnes

Senior

1st – Wayne Head
2nd – Gary Johnston
3rd – Richard Harness

Open

1st – Tom Weisgerber
2nd – Shawn Howe
3rd – Jacie Sites
4th – Alita Weisgerber
5th – Monte Gaylord

Grand Champion - Tom Weisgerber

HERE & THERE

Grand Master's Fiddle Championship Nashville, TN ~ August 30-31 *Country Music Hall of Fame ~ Nashville, TN*

For the complete schedule, please visit

<http://grandmastersfiddlecontest.com/grand-master-fiddler-competition/schedule-of-events/>

Traditional Division

1st - \$300
2nd - \$200
3rd - \$150
4th - \$100
5th - \$50
6th - \$50
7th - \$50
8th - \$50
9th - \$50
10th - \$50

Accompanist

1st - \$200
2nd - \$150
3rd - \$100
4th - \$75
5th - \$50

Championship

1st - \$1200
2nd - \$1100
3rd - \$1000
4th - \$900
5th - \$800
6th - \$500
7th - \$450
8th - \$400
9th - \$350
10th - \$300
11th - \$50
12th - \$50
13th - \$50
14th - \$50
15th - \$50
16th - \$50
17th - \$50
18th - \$50
19th - \$50
20th - \$50

Youth

Championship

1st - \$300
2nd - \$200
3rd - \$150
4th - \$100
5th - \$50
6th - \$50
7th - \$50
8th - \$50
9th - \$50
10th - \$50

2013 Judges

Bobby Taylor
Joe Sites
Jacie Sites
Tobi Morris
Dale Morris Sr.