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TEXAS OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

TEXAS-STYLE FIDDLE
WES WESTMORELAND
AND
BUBBA HOPKINS





One day of amazing music in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. All proceeds from the clinic will go to TOFTA, keeping Texas fiddle music alive for generations to enjoy. Clinic will consist of 6 hours of classes, concert at Fuel Coffee House, and a jam until the sun comes up. \$100 per student. Classes for beginning, intermediate, and advanced fiddle and guitar. Technique class will also be taught...reinforcing shifting, tone production, and vibrato. Teachers include Wes Westmoreland, Bubba Hopkins, Keenan Fletcher, and Dick Gimble. Teachers are donating their time, so come to Llano and show you support the Texas Old Time Fiddlers!

Friday night jam at Agape Haus Music Studio (or other locations). Saturday meet and greet at Fuel Coffee House on Main Street, receiving itinerary for the day. Classes run from 10-1 and 2-5 (lunch and dinner on your own). Concert at 7 p.m. at Fuel Coffee House. Jam at the Gammage House on Main Street. Contact Keenan Fletcher at (325) 248-3648 or visit Llano Fiddle Clinic on Facebook for additional information and registration details.

PROUDLY PRESENTS
THE LLANO FIDDLE CLINIC

GUITAR
DICK GIMBLE
VIOLIN TECHNIQUE
KEENAN FLETCHER

SPONSORED BY CITY OF LLANO, FUEL COFFEE HOUSE, AND FIDDLE TEACHERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE
 ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TOFTA

HERE & THERE

Johnson County Pioneers and Old Settlers Reunion

Alvarado, TX ~ September 11

111 Reunion Dr. ~ Alvarado, TX

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| <u>0-15</u> | <u>16-25</u> | <u>26-45</u> |
| 1 st - \$100 | 1 st - \$100 | 1 st - \$100 |
| 2 nd - \$75 | 2 nd - \$75 | 2 nd - \$75 |
| 3 rd - \$50 | 3 rd - \$50 | 3 rd - \$50 |
| <u>46-65</u> | <u>66+</u> | <u>Accompanist</u> |
| 1 st - \$100 | 1 st - \$100 | 1 st - \$75 |
| 2 nd - \$75 | 2 nd - \$75 | 2 nd - \$50 |
| 3 rd - \$50 | 3 rd - \$50 | |
| <u>Championship Playoff</u> | | |
| \$100 | | |

Contest starts @ 8:00 P.M.

Bowie Chicken & Bread Days

Bowie, TX ~ October 3

Fire Department ~ Bowie, TX

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| <u>61+</u> | <u>0-18</u> | <u>19-40</u> |
| 1 st - \$200 | 1 st - \$200 | 1 st - \$200 |
| 2 nd - \$150 | 2 nd - \$150 | 2 nd - \$150 |
| 3 rd - \$100 | 3 rd - \$100 | 3 rd - \$100 |
| 4 th - \$75 | 4 th - \$75 | 4 th - \$75 |
| 5 th - \$50 | 5 th - \$50 | 5 th - \$50 |
| | 6 th - \$30 | |
| | 7 th -12 th - \$15 | |
| <u>41-60</u> | <u>Accompanist</u> | <u>Twin Fiddle</u> |
| 1 st - \$200 | 1 st - \$150 | 1 st - \$150 |
| 2 nd - \$150 | 2 nd - \$125 | 2 nd - \$100 |
| 3 rd - \$100 | 3 rd - \$100 | 3 rd - \$50 |
| 4 th - \$75 | 4 th - \$75 | |
| 5 th - \$50 | 5 th - \$50 | |
| | 6 th - \$25 | |

Championship

1st - \$150 2nd - \$100 3rd - \$50 4th - \$25

Contest starts @ 10:00 A.M.

TOTFA Board Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2015 ~ Burleson, Texas

Meeting called to order at 10:15 pm, adjourned at 11:39 am

Restoration of TOTFA documents & history - Ed Carnes has retrieved old TOTFA meeting notes and information from Paul Wallace. John will scan these docs and place them on the TOTFA SharePoint. Ed found that scholarship fund should be available as part of our non-profit designation and kept separate from the general TOTFA account. Jason remembers that there was a scholarship fund available to seniors from his days as a director in previous years. Other members, past board members may know more. Ed motions to amend the bylaws to include the upkeep of the TOTFA scholarship fund. John seconds. Motion passed. Ed will make the change.

Convention & contest - Bart has confirmed that it will be held in Glen Rose in conjunction with Dale McPherson Memorial contest. Ed volunteers to work with Marty MacPherson. We will follow the pattern set in 2014. Items we'll need to address: Did not have exact numbers available at the meeting, but believe some of the costs were trophies/plaques: \$477.77, MC & judges: \$1,200, prizes: \$3,000. Hotel was Comfort Inn Suites; good rooms, manager enjoyed our members, and they will give us 2014 rates. Prize Money - Marty will pay for Saturday (2014 cost was unknown at time of meeting). TOTFA will pay for Sunday (2014 cost was unknown at time of meeting.)

Transition for exiting & encouraging new board members - Bart, John, and Julie will not serve as directors next term. Ed will stay on if board members are experienced & committed. Jason will stay on if needed. John volunteered to write up job/activity descriptions for new members to know what they can do to help and sign up. Signup sheets to let members indicate where their interests lie.

Committees - Form committees. Each board member can be assigned committee(s) to oversee. Can use signup sheets mentioned above. Jason volunteers to list committees and sign-up sheets to ask for people to participate. During meeting, these committees were offered as suggestions:

- Marketing & Outreach – Workshops, Education (Contact Schools, other organizations, education, advertising)
- Newsletter – Write/find material, media
- Business development – TOTFA director: Ed Carnes. Contest maintenance, new contests
- Fund Raising – General, scholarship

Upcoming TOTFA Contests

Alvarado – Friday 09/11

Bowie – Saturday 10/03

Seguin – Saturday 10/10

Gilmer – Saturday 10/17

Dallas Encore Park – Saturday 11/07

TOTFA Convention – Sat. & Sun. 11/14-15

Next TOTFA Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 @ 7:30 PM



SEPTEMBER

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| Charlie Wallace | September 02 |
| Olaf Riewe | September 02 |
| Ed Henson | September 09 |
| Wes Westmoreland | September 10 |
| Carl Hopkins | September 11 |
| Eric Amundson | September 18 |
| Kevin Freeman | September 20 |
| George Griffith | September 20 |
| Dan Weaver | September 28 |
| Wayne Head | September 28 |
| Melinda Stockton | September 28 |

Howdy members!

Your elected board has been busy. We've added the Johnson County Pioneers and Old Settlers Reunion fiddle contest in Alvarado on September 11 as a TOTFA contest, and we've secured a new contest to take place in Dallas November 7 in partnership with the Stewpot (a project of First Presbyterian Church of Dallas.) I hope to see a large turnout from our members at both of these events. The organizers and sponsors are counting on us and it has a direct impact on our ability to sign up future contests.

We've also begun preparations for our annual contest and convention, which will again take place in conjunction with the Dale McPherson Memorial contest in Glen Rose November 14-15. This will be an election year and it's important for you to know the plans of some of your board members. Bart Baker, Julie Morris, and I will be stepping down from our board positions. Despite this, we won't be disappearing from the scene. I plan to be an active member and continue to support our organization and its board members.

In the nearly three months between now and the convention in November I hope you will consider accepting a nomination, if it comes, to serve a 2 year term as a board member. The Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association needs the talents of energetic members in leadership positions. I plan to publish brief descriptions of the duties for each position, president, treasurer, secretary, and director in the next issue of the Fiddler for those who might wonder just what they could be getting themselves into. I'm proud of our accomplishments over these past 2 years and I thank you for electing me to serve on the board.

Sincerely
John Crawford, Secretary

HERE & THERE

Guadalupe County Fair Grounds Dance Pavilion October 10th ~ Sequin, TX

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| 0-12 | 13-18 | 19-64 |
| 1 st - \$75 | 1 st - \$75 | 1 st - \$125 |
| 2 nd - \$50 | 2 nd - \$50 | 2 nd - \$100 |
| 3 rd - \$40 | 3 rd - \$40 | 3 rd - \$75 |
| 4 th - \$25 | 4 th - \$25 | 4 th - \$50 |
| 5 th - \$10 | 5 th - \$10 | 5 th - \$50 |
| 65+ | <u>Championship</u> | <u>Accompanist</u> |
| 1 st - \$125 | \$200 | 1 st - \$65 |
| 2 nd - \$100 | | 2 nd - \$35 |
| 3 rd - \$75 | <u>Youngest Fiddler</u> | |
| 4 th - \$50 | | <u>Favorite Fiddler</u> |
| 5 th - \$50 | <u>Oldest Fiddler</u> | |

Contact Jesse Hart for additional questions (830) 305-4701
Registration 12:30 P.M. Contest Begins 1:30 P.M.

77th Annual East Texas Yamboree October 17th ~ Gilmer, TX

South Side of Courthouse Square ~ W. Tyler St., Gilmer, TX

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| 0-11 | 12-19 | 20-35 |
| 1 st - \$40 | 1 st - \$125 | 1 st - \$125 |
| 2 nd - \$30 | 2 nd - \$100 | 2 nd - \$100 |
| 3 rd - \$20 | 3 rd - \$75 | 3 rd - \$75 |
| 4 th - \$10 | 4 th - \$50 | 4 th - \$50 |
| | 5 th - \$40 | 5 th - \$40 |
| | 6 th - \$30 | 6 th - \$30 |
| 36-64 | 65+ | <u>Accompanist</u> |
| 1 st - \$125 | 1 st - \$125 | 1 st - \$125 |
| 2 nd - \$100 | 2 nd - \$100 | 2 nd - \$100 |
| 3 rd - \$75 | 3 rd - \$75 | 3 rd - \$75 |
| 4 th - \$50 | 4 th - \$50 | 4 th - \$50 |
| 5 th - \$40 | | |
| 6 th - \$30 | | |
| | <u>Championship</u> | |
| | 1 st - \$200 | |

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. Contest begins at 1:00 p.m.
Log on to <http://www.yamboree.com> or call Charlie Walker at
(903) 348-3016 for more info

Order of play: 65+, 36-64, 20-35, 12-19, Accompanist & Championship

SAVE THE DATE

November 7 – Dallas Encore Park Contest
 November 14-15 – TOTFA State Convention – Glen Rose, TX

BURNET BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL & FIDDLERS CONTEST

September 19, 2015
 Haley Nelson Park
 Burnet, TX

Over **\$4,000** in cash prizes

0-15 Division—10 places
 Over 64 Division—5 places
 Accompanist Division—5 places
 Open Division (all ages) —5 places

Gates Open at 9 a.m.
 Fiddlers Contest starts at 10 a.m.
 Sign ups 30 minutes before division
 Concerts begin at 4 p.m.

www.cityofburnet.com for details



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| <u>0-12</u> | <u>13-17</u> | <u>Open Division</u> |
| 1 st - \$150 | 1 st - \$200 | 1 st - \$1000 |
| 2 nd - \$125 | 2 nd - \$150 | 2 nd - \$800 |
| 3 rd - \$100 | 3 rd - \$125 | 3 rd - \$600 |
| 4 th - \$50 | 4 th - \$100 | 4 th - \$500 |
| 5 th - \$25 | 5 th - \$75 | 5 th - \$400 |
| <u>18-59</u> | <u>60+</u> | 6 th - \$300 |
| 1 st - \$250 | 1 st - \$250 | 7 th - \$200 |
| 2 nd - \$200 | 2 nd - \$200 | 8 th - \$100 |
| 3 rd - \$150 | 3 rd - \$150 | |
| 4 th - \$125 | 4 th - \$125 | |
| 5 th - \$100 | 5 th - \$100 | |
| <u>Accompanist</u> | <u>Bob Wills Division</u> | <u>Judges</u> |
| 1 st - \$250 | 1 st - \$400 | Katrina Nicolayeff |
| 2 nd - \$200 | 2 nd - \$250 | Junior Marriott |
| 3 rd - \$150 | 3 rd - \$200 | Marty Elmore |
| 4 th - \$125 | 4 th - \$150 | |
| 5 th - \$100 | 5 th - \$100 | |

For additional information, please visit:
<http://www.twinfiddleproductions.com>
 Contest produced by Joey & Sherry McKenzie

Thursday – “Making of ‘Still the King’ & ‘Tales of the Texas Playboys’”
 with Ray Benson & Special Guests – The Texan Theater

Friday – Asleep at the Wheel
 with Hot Club of Cowtown – Greenville Municipal Auditorium

Saturday – Bob Wills Fiddle Contest
 Preliminary Rounds – The Central Christian Church
Saturday Night – Charlie Pride with special guest Leon Rausch and the
 Western Flyers – Greenville Municipal Auditorium

Sunday – Fiddle Contest Finals & Awards
 Greenville Municipal Auditorium