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Convention News

The annual convention of the Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association took place on Sunday, November 13 at the Somervell County Exposition Center in Glen Rose, Texas.

During the proceedings, Bart Baker resigned his post as president and nominated Jordan Bankston to replace him. Motion was seconded and Jordan was elected as president by majority vote.

David Walker was motioned, seconded, and elected by majority to fill the board position vacated by Jordan.

A revision to the by-laws had been proposed by Ed Carnes to exempt fiddlers who are 13 and younger from having to become TOTFA members to compete in a TOTFA contest. After discussion among members in attendance, the revision was passed by majority vote. Article VIII, General Provisions, section G. Registration was revised from: “A contestant must be a member in good standing to register for competition. A contestant must be present in order to register for a contest.” to “A contestant must be a member in good standing to register for competition; however, this requirement is waived for fiddlers 13 years of age or younger for one (1) contest per year and for any contest held in their county of residence, as an incentive to become a member. A contestant must be present in order to register for a contest.”

And finally, the following awards were presented.

Favorite Associate	Karen McPherson
Favorite Accompanist	Marty McPherson
Favorite Fiddler	Noelle Nugent
Most improved Fiddler	Noelle Nugent
President’s Award	John Crawford

Welcome to our new president, Jordan, to our new board member, David, and congratulations to each of the award recipients!



From the Prez

Happy December Everyone! As we go through the holiday season, we are blessed with opportunities to surround ourselves with family and friends. For some of us, music is in the family bloodline, and for others, we have created our own fiddle family through the fellowship of music. I have always felt that the holiday season should be filled with music and happiness.

This year, one of our happiest members, Keenan Fletcher, has been so gracious to set up another Llano Fiddle Clinic for our members benefit this musical season. I want to express my excitement and invite all the membership to sign up!

Keenan Fletcher, one of our most enthusiastic music teachers and musician members, will also be sharing her knowledge and experience during this one-day clinic. Keenan will be teaching waltz precision, STAGE FRIGHT, shifting, vibrato, double-stops, and many more technical challenges.

Joining her will be Warren Hood, from Austin, Texas. He is an accomplished fiddler and violinist. He is a top-honor graduate from Berklee School of Music and has done numerous recordings and performances with artists including Lyle Lovett, Emmylou Harris, Elvis Costello and many others! Warren will be focusing on new styles as a performing artist.

This is a one-day clinic, on December 29th. The cost of this clinic is \$75 and will get you 6+ hours of teaching on some valuable material and a concert at the end of the day. If you are looking for a learning experience, and something to do with your musical time during the holidays, the Llano Fiddle Clinic is the place to be! Please check out page 4 for enrollment details.

On November 14th, we experienced the passing of a long-time member and supporter of the Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association. Mr. Royce Franklin was well-loved guitar player among our members. Royce was my Grandfather and I would like to express appreciation to those who sent flowers, cards, and traveled to attend his services. The love that we

felt from everyone was amazing and I would like to say, on behalf of the entire family, a big “Thank You” for all the support and prayers.

–Jordan Franklin Bankston

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TOTFA, By the Numbers

TOTFA currently has 127 members

Bank balance, as of December 21: \$3,118.85

Tax Deductible Donations to TOTFA

The Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association (TOTFA) is a Texas nonprofit and 501(c)(3) Corporation with the goal to promote and preserve Texas fiddling, to educate about and encourage fiddling traditions, and to ensure quality and excellence in Texas fiddle contests.

Texas Style Fiddling today is a style uniquely different in that it is very colorful, “sophisticatedly cluttered”, and requires a high-degree of expertise and skill and utilizes a controlled improvisation along accepted lines without significant departure from the melody line. Those qualities along with a very precise and stylistic way of bowing and makes it instantly recognizable. Texas Style Fiddling is the pre-dominant contest style of fiddling in the US.

Donations to TOTFA are TAX DEDUCTIBLE! PLEASE consider donating to TOTFA and help us support music. If you know you will have to pay Uncle Sam at year end, any donation DECREASES THAT TAX BILL!! Your gift helps us promote fiddling, hold contests, and keep this music alive. Send your donation to the address below and we’ll provide you with a receipt. Thank you!

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**LLANO
FIDDLE
CLINIC**

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 29**

**FEATURING
WARREN
HOOD
&
KEENAN
FLETCHER**

6 Hours of Instruction - \$75

Intermediate — Advanced Level

5 FULL scholarships remain, 15 spots left

Meet at Fuel Coffee House 8:30 — 9:00 a.m.

Day ends with instructor concert at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Keenan Fletcher to reserve your place:

Call or Text: (325) 248-3648

Email: keenankfletcher@gmail.com



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Llano, TX 78643**

Done Gone

Dale McPherson Memorial & TOTFA Annual Contest November 12-13 ~ Glen Rose, Nov 12-13

0-10 Age Division

1st – Cooper Roberts

2nd – Cameron Roberts

11-17 Age Division

1st – Elliot Dean

4th – Nate Jacobson

2nd – Noelle Nugent

5th – Carter Roberts

3rd – Jessica Sell

18-35 Age Division

1st – Michael Thompson

4th – Jill Baker

2nd – Faith Nugent

5th – Jordan Bankston

3rd – Karissa Nugent

36-59 Age Division

1st – Keenan Fletcher

3rd – Eddie Davis

2nd – Ed Carnes

4th – Matt Wills

60+ Age Division

1st – Jesse Mears

4th – Brent Young

2nd – Tom Fonville

5th – Pat Sadler

3rd – Larry Boddie

Accompanist Division

1st – Simon Stipp

4th – Jacob Johnson

2nd – Ray Franklin

5th – Nick Gillentine

3rd – Hyatt Hopkins

6th – John Cotton

Open Division

1st – Bubba Hopkins

4th – Marty Elmore

2nd – Jason Andrew

5th – Elijah Stone

3rd – Katie Crawford

December Birthdays

David Walker
Kyleigh Corbin
Bob Davis
John Croom
Emmy Curtis
Chris Sell
Carter Roberts
Brent Young
Jesse Roy Hart
Betty Solomon

December 2
December 11
December 12
December 17
December 17
December 20
December 24
December 28
December 28
December 30
December 31



Betty Solomon



Kyleigh Corbin



David Walker



Jesse Roy Hart

Merry Christmas!

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