

Nashville Old-Time String Band Association

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Breakin' Up Winter 13

Our annual weekend festival is coming up March 7-9, 2008 at Cedars of Lebanon State Park.

The cabin lottery has been held and the deadline for ordering meals for the weekend is February 22nd, so it won't be long until we'll be out there having some tunes together.

This is the annual festival that began as a gathering of friends just on the cusp of spring's arrival to celebrate the end of winter and the easing into the time of year when the weather softens, distances shorten and music is, even more than is usual, everywhere rising.

This 13th year brings wonderful presenters, as always, with much to share of their life-long passion for the music and the culture that gave

rise to it and sustains it today. The lecturers and musicians for this year's *Roots of Old-Time Music* are Charlie Acuff, James and Rachel Bryan, Evan Hatch, Gerry Milnes, and Jeff Todd Titon. Notsba friend, Roby Cogswell is again Master of Ceremonies. Susan Kevra will call the Saturday Night Dance.

Jeff Titon will have copies of his book "Old Time Kentucky Fiddle Tunes" available for sale. BUW attendees will get a significant break on the normal \$48 retail price. It will be available for \$36 and Jeff has said he is willing to autograph it for buyers.

Go to the NOTSBA website, www.nashvilleoldtime.org, for a wealth of information about this event, including registration information, the organization and much more.

Items needed for silent auction!

One of the ways we've been able to keep down the admission price of BUW is the successful Silent Auction we've had the last two years. If you have any items you no longer use, please donate them for this year's silent auction. This includes anything related to old-time music: instruments, accessories, sheet music or music books, instructional lessons, history books that tie into old-time music, etc.

Contact Phil Sparks at kpsparks@msn.com if you have anything you can donate to the cause. Thanks for your help!

Regular Jams

One new location (Ft. Negley's just opened Visitor's Center) and slight shifts of emphasis

First Thursday Slow Jam – Feb. 7th, 6:30 to 8:30 at Ft. Negley Visitors Center, next to Greer Stadium and just off Chestnut Street. Designed primarily for the novice and players on instruments new to them, a leader, or leaders, will play tunes slowly and in parts to hear, play, and record to take home, practice and learn. Come share a tune or learn some.

Second Thursday Regular Jam – Feb. 14th, St. Valentine's Day, 6:30 to 8:30 or later, at Buchanan Log House, 2910 Elm Hill Pike. Tunes are played at a pace from moderate to up-to-speed. This jam is for players who have familiarity with their instruments, the genre and a willingness to pick up tunes by ear, catching the titles and finding recordings of them on one's own or recording them at the jam. All skill levels are welcome and all are encouraged to play along, finding the melody or chords as the tune unfolds. A list of tunes frequently played by the group is available. The third Thursday jam in our new location has the same focus.

Third Thursday Regular Jam – Again at Ft. Negley Visitors Center, Feb. 21st, 6:30 to 8:30. This is a central Nashville jam for all comers. Tunes are not broken down, but can be played moderately if new to the group so folks will begin to familiarize themselves with them. Tunes from the list as well as new ones can be played.

Fourth Sunday Jam - The February 24th jam is at the home of Darlyne and Don Kent, 1424 Breckenridge Court, Whites Creek, Tennessee, 37189 from 2pm until about 5pm. Bring a snack to share at the break and plan for a relaxed time with tunes from the list, old chestnuts and the possibility of a few tunes new to the group. Call 868-9951 if you need more information.

This Newsletter

Feeling the need to get information out to members, the board asked for volunteers to reinstitute the newsletter and Ron Whitlow and Mary Lou Durham agreed to make a go of it monthly starting out with this very simple one this first time that will at least let folks know what is happening when and where.

If you have news for March or beyond please email either or both of us and we will do our best to include pertinent items in future editions.

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