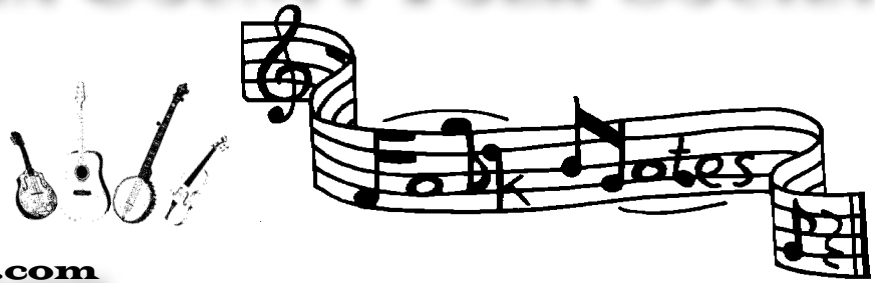


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A SAD FAREWELL TO THE FATHER OF THE BLUEGRASS BANJO EARL SCRUGGS

JANUARY 6, 1924 - MARCH 28, 2012



Earl Scruggs was 88 years old. He lived an unmitigated triumph of a life, enabling the creation of the great American music form now known as bluegrass and ennobling his instrument of choice, the banjo.

From the time he hit the Ryman Auditorium stage in Nashville at age 21, he was an inspiration, a creator, a teacher and a kingpin. This master died March 28, 2012 and knew full well of the love and respect his protégés.

Earl began playing the banjo at the age of four using a two finger style picking. "The only way I could pick Junie's banjo, or the old one my father played, was to sit on the floor with the body part of the banjo to my right and slide it around quite a bit, depending on what position on the neck I was attempting to play".

At the age of ten, he developed a style utilizing three fingers that was to become recognized world-wide as "Scruggs-Style Picking." The banjo was, for all practical purposes, "reborn" as a musical instrument due to the talent and prominence Earl Scruggs gave to the instrument.

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Announcing the 2012 Golden Old-Time Campout, Aug 23-26

CBA held two old-time campouts in Boonville in 2009 and 2010 but none in 2011. When the board appointed Steve Goldfield Old-Time Music Coordinator late last year, one of his tasks was to look for a new location. He received a hot tip about Lake Sonoma and got in touch with Park Ranger Mike Carroll, who just happens to play bluegrass and old-time. The CBA has reserved two group campgrounds at the Liberty Glen camping area for August 23 to 26, 2012. Each group campground should hold up to 100 people; the two campgrounds are adjacent. We have to share the upper campground parking lot with a bike race, which will be held on Saturday, but they know we are coming and might enjoy some of us playing for their barbecue after the race.

The Site

The group campgrounds have rough campsites with no hookups. We will park in the parking lots and set up camp in the many available spots. There are flush toilets, showers, and potable water. The lower camping area has a small amphitheater with wooden bleacher seats and a covered area with picnic tables. The campground is on a ridge between two arms of Lake Sonoma. There are swimming areas a mile hike away or within easy driving range.

Activities

The primary activities will be camping, eating, and jamming. We will likely organize a few workshops on Saturday to be announced later. If we decide to hold a square dance, it would have to be outdoors and it might be ad hoc and informal this first year.

Tickets and details

Tickets are available on the CBA website until August 1. After that, tickets will be sold at the gate. No physical tickets will be sent to you, so print out your receipt and bring it with you. We will also have a list of advance tickets sold. The URL to buy tickets is <http://www.cbaontheweb.org/tickets/productPurchase.aspx?tid=31&oid=> If you are typing it in, go to www.cbaontheweb.org. Click Online Tickets at the top. Scroll to the very bottom and click **Buy Tickets**.

New date for the 2013 Cloverdale Fiddle Festival

Recently the Cloverdale Historical Society Board of Directors approved a change in date for its annual Old Time Fiddle Festival. After 37 years, the festival will now be moved from its former January time slot to the first weekend in May. This change will take effect next year with the date set for May 4-5, 2013.

The May weekend for the Cloverdale Fiddle Festival is now scheduled among similar music festivals so that attendees can travel from event to event. This will certainly make the fiddle festival more like other festivals in which the music

continues into the evening long after the contest and stage performances are over. The greater probability of good weather will no doubt increase attendance and encourage visitors to stay over Saturday night.

In addition, the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce has agreed to stage their Spring Festival Heritage Day on the same weekend. Both organizations believe that the two events working together can provide residents and visitors with a great weekend of family entertainment.

As the event draws nearer, there will be more information available. Stay tuned!

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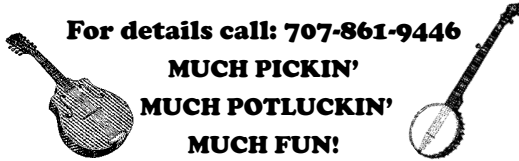
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Saturday, August 18th 7:30pm

Nell Robinson & Jim Nunally

Saturday, September 8th 8pm

Tony Marcus, Patrice Hahn & Paul Anastasio

Friday, September 14th 8pm
This show will be at The Sebastopol Center for the Arts

Jim Hurst [tentative]

Saturday, October 20th 8pm

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Pick'n Pot Luck recipe

Sopapilla Cheesecake



- 3 (8 oz) packages of cream cheese, softened
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 2 (8 oz) cans crescent roll dough
- ½ cup melted butter
- Mixture of ½ cup sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ cup sliced or slivered almonds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat first 3 ingredients together until smooth. Spray a 9"x12" flat casserole dish with cooking spray. Unroll 1 can of the crescent roll dough and press into the bottom the dish, pressing dough together to remove seams. Spread cream cheese mixture evenly over the top, then cover with second layer of dough. Drizzle melted butter evenly over top. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar mixture and almonds. Bake for 35-45 minutes until golden and puffed (check at 35 minutes). Cool completely before cutting into squares.
Serves 12 or more. From Colleen Arroyo

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