



## Fiddle & Bow Bulletin

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### **Contest Calendar for 2010**

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## **January**

**January 8, 2010, Eureka, Missouri.** Ray Austin Memorial Bluegrass Festival Fiddler's Contest, Holiday Inn Six Flags (N. off I-44 at Six Flags exit), 7.00 pm (register 5.30). Open and Youth divisions. Contact: Chris Talley Armstrong (618) 234-2070, [blueiis2@aol.com](mailto:blueiis2@aol.com), or visit [www.bluegrassamerica.com](http://www.bluegrassamerica.com)

**January 9-10, 2010, Denver, Colorado.** Colorado Rocky Mountain Fiddle Championships. Location: Denver Stock Show. Entry forms and information are available at <http://www.coloradofiddlers.org> Contact: Denice Carter (303) 286-1802, email [fidlmom1@aol.com](mailto:fidlmom1@aol.com), websites [www.coloradofiddlers.org](http://www.coloradofiddlers.org), [www.denversuzukistrings.com](http://www.denversuzukistrings.com) [m]

## **February**

**February 25-27, 2010, Wagoner, Oklahoma.** Oklahoma State Fiddlers Convention, Western Hills Guest Ranch, Highway 51, Wagoner. Lodging: Western Hills Guest Ranch (918) 772-2108. Contact: Kent Harrison, President, 11300 SE 89th, Oklahoma City OK 73150, tel. (405) 733-8688.

## **March**

**March 9, 2010, Eureka, Missouri.** Youth fiddle and banjo contests, MABC Spring Bluegrass Festival, Holiday Inn Six Flags (n. of I-44 at Six

Flags exit), 7.00 pm (register 5.30). Contact: Chris Talley Armstrong (618) 234-2070, [blueiis2@aol.com](mailto:blueiis2@aol.com) or visit [www.bluegrassamerica.com](http://www.bluegrassamerica.com)

**March 19-20, 2010, Clarksville, Tennessee.** Annual State of Tennessee Old-Time Fiddlers Championships, Rossvie High School. Prizes in several divisions: dancing, old-time banjo, bluegrass banjo, harmonica, guitar, Pee Wee Guitar, Dobro, mandolin, peewee fiddler (10 and under), junior fiddler (17-49), senior fiddler (50 and up), bluegrass band, old-time band. Fiddle Championship Prize \$2000. Contact: Tad Bourne (931) 552-6149, email [info@tnfiddlers.com](mailto:info@tnfiddlers.com), website [www.tnfiddlers.com](http://www.tnfiddlers.com).

**March 25-28, 2010, Harrison, Arkansas.** Annual fiddler's convention. [No contest] South Campus, North Arkansas College. Contact: Carl Wills (870) 429-6174, website, [www.harrisonarkansas.org](http://www.harrisonarkansas.org)

## April

**April 17, 2010 Boonville, Missouri.** Annual Fiddle Contest, Laura Speed Elliott School, 700 Main St., 2:00 pm (register @ 1:00). Five places, open division only (1st prize \$55 and trophy). Contact: Randy Windsor, cell (660) 888-3626. Tickets \$6/ Students \$3.

**April 24, 2010, Huntsville, Alabama.** Panoply's "Official Alabama State Fiddling Championship", Big Spring International Park, downtown Huntsville. Open to fiddlers nationwide. Over \$5,000 in prize money and trophies. Divisions: Junior-Junior (12 and under); Junior (13-16); Adult (17-59); Senior (60 and over); and one Master Fiddler level (Open to all ages). Information: [www.panoply.org](http://www.panoply.org). Contact: Arts Council, tel. (256) 519-2787, ext. 205.

**April 22-25, 2010, Hallettsville, Texas.** Texas State Championship Fiddlers' Frolics, Knights of Columbus Hall, Hallettsville TX. Several divisions of competition. "Gone to Texas" division for non-residents. \$16,000 prize money and trophies. Contact: email, [johnstuartfryer@aol.com](mailto:johnstuartfryer@aol.com), website, [www.fiddlersfrolics.com](http://www.fiddlersfrolics.com). Lodging information at [www.hallettsville.com](http://www.hallettsville.com).

## May

**May 2, 2010, Troy, Missouri.** Home Grown Folk Festival Fiddler's Contest, Lincoln County Fairgrounds, MO Hwy. 47, west side of Troy. 1.30 pm (register at noon). Divisions for Youth (16 and below), Adult (17 to 59), Senior (60 and above). Adult Division first prize \$250.00.

Sponsored by Raintree Arts Council. Contact: Carmen Cortelyou, tel. (636) 528-2399.

**May 13-16, 2010, Compton Ridge, Missouri.** Annual Bob Walsh Memorial Fiddler's Convention (no contest), Compton Ridge Campground, 9 mi. west of Branson, Highway 76, then ½ mi. south on 265. Contact: tel. (417) 338-2911, email: [info@comptonridge.com](mailto:info@comptonridge.com), website [www.comptonridge.com](http://www.comptonridge.com)

**May 28 – 30, 2010, Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Horseshoe Bend Fiddle Contest. 900 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Horseshoe Bend. Contact: Glenna O'Neil, tel. (870) 670-5614, email [glennaloree@yahoo.com](mailto:glennaloree@yahoo.com); website, [www.arkansastourismcouncil.com](http://www.arkansastourismcouncil.com)

**May 29, 2010, Pacific, Missouri.** Missouri Fiddlers and Country Music Association Fiddlers Contest, Stovall's Grove, 18720 Stovall Lane, off Hwy. 100 between Gray Summit and Ellisville. 2 pm (register at noon). Up to two accompanists. Divisions for Youth (age 16 and under), Open (ages 17 to 64), Senior (65 and over). Open Division first prize \$150.00. Contact: tel. (314) 821-7181, e-mail [steve\\_hall\\_stl@yahoo.com](mailto:steve_hall_stl@yahoo.com) or [stovallsgrove@msn.com](mailto:stovallsgrove@msn.com). Website [www.mo-fiddlers.com](http://www.mo-fiddlers.com).

**May 28-30, 2010, Union Grove, North Carolina.** Ole Time Fiddler's and Bluegrass Festival, Fiddler's Grove. Fiddle contests in numerous categories. Contact: tel. (828) 478-3735, email [info@fiddlersgrove.com](mailto:info@fiddlersgrove.com) , website [www.fiddlersgrove.com](http://www.fiddlersgrove.com)

**May 29-30, 2010, Thermopolis, Wyoming.** 37th Annual Wyoming State Oldtime Fiddlers Championship Contest. At the Hot Springs School Auditorium. Contact: Ed Capen, [w.fiddle@bresnan.net](mailto:w.fiddle@bresnan.net), tel. (307-921-8120).

## June

**June 11-12, 2010, Dunseith, North Dakota.** International Peace Garden Fiddle Camp and Contest. Fiddle, guitar, banjo, accordion workshops June 10-11. Fiddle Contest June 11-12. Contact: Everett Olson, tel. (701) 838-8080, e-mail: [eolson@srt.com](mailto:eolson@srt.com), [amy@internationalmusiccamp.com](mailto:amy@internationalmusiccamp.com), website [www.internationalmusiccamp.com](http://www.internationalmusiccamp.com)

**June 10-12, 2010, Grove, Oklahoma.** Annual Grand Lake National Fiddle Fest Fiddle Contest and National Clogging Contest, Civic Center. \$1000 Grand Prize plus prizes in Open, Peewee (6 and under), Junior Junior (10 and under), Junior (15 and under), Adult (15-60), Senior (60

and over), other divisions; guitar flatpicking, Dobro, banjo, mandolin.  
Contact: Kathleen Pixley, tel. (918) 786-8896, (800) 526-2523, website [www.grandlakefestivals.com](http://www.grandlakefestivals.com)

**Third full week in June, Weiser, Idaho.** Annual National Oldtime Fiddler's Contest. Contact: tel. (800) 437-1280, email, [director@fiddlecontest.com](mailto:director@fiddlecontest.com), website [www.fiddlecontest.com](http://www.fiddlecontest.com)

**June 19, 2010, Bethel, Missouri.** Annual Old-Time Fiddle Contest, 1 pm (register at 11.00). \$500 in prizes, Junior, Open, Senior divisions. Contact: Wendy Brumbaugh, tel. (573) 633-2640, email [brumbaughw@missouri.edu](mailto:brumbaughw@missouri.edu). A Youth Fiddle Camp will be held the week before the contest, June 14 - 18, 2010.

## July

**July 3, 2010, Conway, Missouri.** Youth Fiddle Jam. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Russ Morton Youth Fiddle Jam, 11:00 a.m., at Starvy Creek Bluegrass Festival. Contact: Don or Bobbie Day, tel. (417) 589-2013, [www.starvycreek.com](http://www.starvycreek.com)

**July 4, 2010, Boonesboro, Missouri.** Old-Time Fiddler's Contest, 2:00 p.m. Junior, Senior and Open Divisions. \*Tentative date; please confirm with contest administrator. Contact: Elisha Wells, tel. (660) 833-8690, email [elishawells@hotmail.com](mailto:elishawells@hotmail.com)

**July 16-17, 2010, Leitchfield, Kentucky.** Annual Kentucky State Championship Old-Time Fiddlers Contest, Rough River Dam State Park, Falls of Rough. Contact: Brent Miller, tel. (270) 259-3578, email [vanmeter413@windstream.net](mailto:vanmeter413@windstream.net) Not restricted to Kentucky residents.

**July 24, 2010, Tracy, Missouri.** Annual Platte County Fair Fiddle Contest, fairgrounds, 1.30 (register at 1.00). Junior division (15 and under), open division. Contact: Howard Prost, tel. (816) 260-1618.

**July 23-25, 2010 Cañon City, Colorado.** Fiddlers Along the Arkansas Fiddle Competition. Five age divisions. Contact: email [information@fiddlersalongthearkansas.com](mailto:information@fiddlersalongthearkansas.com), website, [www.fiddlersalongthearkansas.com](http://www.fiddlersalongthearkansas.com)

## August

**August 1, 2010, Julesburg, Colorado.** Old Time Fiddle Contest, Sedgwick County Fairgrounds. 10:00 a.m. Three classes, cash prizes. Contact: tel. (970) 474-9847.

**August 4–8, 2010, Shelburne, Ontario.** The 60<sup>th</sup> Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship. Tickets at (519) 925-8620, email [fiddleshelburne@yahoo.ca](mailto:fiddleshelburne@yahoo.ca) website, [www.shelburnefiddlecontest.on.ca](http://www.shelburnefiddlecontest.on.ca)

**August 4 - 8, 2010, Clifftop, West Virginia.** Annual Appalachian String Band Festival. Camp Washington Carver. Contests in numerous categories, workshops, dancing, concerts. Contact: tel. (304) 438-3005, website <http://www.wvculture.org/stringband>

**August 13, 2010, West Plains, Missouri.** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Heart of the Ozarks Bluegrass Association Open Fiddle Contest, HOBA Park. In conjunction with HOBA bluegrass festival. August 14, harmonica and bluegrass band contest. Contact: Ozark Welcome Center, tel. (888) 256-8835, email, [toursomo@townsq.com](mailto:toursomo@townsq.com), website, [www.heartoftheozarksbluegrass.com](http://www.heartoftheozarksbluegrass.com)

**August 9-14, 2010, Galax, Virginia.** 75th Annual Old Fiddler's Convention. Contact: tel. (276) 236-8541, website [www.oldfiddlersconvention.com](http://www.oldfiddlersconvention.com)

**August 21-22, 2010 Casper, Wyoming.** Rocky Mountain Regional Fiddle Championship & Music Festival. Casper Best Western Ramkota Hotel. Contact: Ann Robinson, tel. (307) 266-6347, email, [agrobinson@bresnan.net](mailto:agrobinson@bresnan.net), website, [www.casperwyofiddleclub.com](http://www.casperwyofiddleclub.com)

**August 20, 2010, Montgomery City, Missouri.** Annual Montgomery County Old Threshers Festival fiddle contest, Highway 19, 7.30 pm (register at 6.00). Cash prizes in three divisions: junior (under age 16), senior (16 and over), guitar players. Cash prize for best waltz played in senior division. No more than two accompanists allowed on stage. Contact: Jane Johnson, tel. (573) 684-2645.

**August 22, 2010, Sedalia, Missouri.** Annual Missouri State Fiddling Championship. Contest at 1:30 pm, register at 12:00 pm. Touchstone Energy Stage on Murphy Brothers Blvd. Open, Junior, and Senior Division. Prize money and plaques/ribbons awarded. Contact: Allen Wyatt. Tel. (816) 252-5656, email [aw@wyattviolinshop.com](mailto:aw@wyattviolinshop.com) website: [www.wyattviolinshop.com](http://www.wyattviolinshop.com)

**August 20- 22, 2010, Lawrence, Kansas.** Annual Kansas State Fiddling and Picking Championship. Contest at 12 pm. Entry fees. Youth Division (16 and under), "State Championship Division" (any age), Senior Division (60 and older). Three places in prize money. Contact: tel. (750) 830-9640, website [www.kansasfiddlingandpicking.org](http://www.kansasfiddlingandpicking.org)

**August 27 – 29, 2010, Branson, Missouri.** The 22nd Annual Downtown Branson Fiddle Festival & Mid-American Fiddlers Championship. Contest preliminaries begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. The Finals begin at 12:00 noon and end at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Location: On the Banks of Lake Taneycomo at the Branson Landing. Six divisions: Pee Wee (9 and younger); Junior (10 thru 16); Senior (60 and older); Cross Tuning (Unique to our area); Seconding (Guitar/Bass accompaniment); Open (any age). There is no charge to enter the contest. All winners (except the Cross Tuning and Seconding) will compete on Sunday for the Grand Prize Title. Total prize money is over \$5000. There will be several fiddle events in the Historic Downtown area . The contest is free to the public. Contact the DBMA at 417-334-1548 or Bill Lennon, 417-337-7468

## **September**

**September 5, 2010, Mokane, Missouri.** Annual Jake Hockemeyer Memorial Old Time Fiddler's Contest, Lion's Club Fall Festival, junction of Hwy 94 and Route C, 18 miles east of Jefferson City, or 14 miles south of Fulton. Competition begins promptly at 3:00 p, (register at 2.00). No entry fee. Over \$500.00 in cash prizes in three divisions: Junior (up to age 16), Open (age 17-59), and Senior (60 and up). Contact: Jim Buffington, tel. (573) 826-0775, email [jrbuff@gmail.com](mailto:jrbuff@gmail.com).

**September 11, 2010, Boonville, Missouri.** Annual Missouri Valley Steam Engine Association Fiddle Contest, 6.00 pm (register at 5.00), Brady Showgrounds. Directions: take Exit 111 (Hwy. 179) on Interstate 70 at Boonville, go south one block and enter parking area. Contest site is a metal building behind white frame Brady Farm House. Cash prizes. Contact: Dennis Ficken, tel. (660) 882-8473, website [www.mrvsea.com](http://www.mrvsea.com)

**September 12, 2010, Hawk Point, Missouri.** Annual Hawk Point Heritage Days fiddle contest, 2.00 pm (register at 1.00), town center. Cash prizes in open division. Contact: Frank Stanek, tel. (636) 338-4555.

**September 16-19, 2010, Compton Ridge, Missouri.** Annual Bob Walsh Memorial Fiddler's Convention (no contest), Compton Ridge Campground, 9 mi. west of Branson, Highway 76, then ½ mi. south on 265. Contact: tel. (417) 338-2911, email: [info@comptonridge.com](mailto:info@comptonridge.com), website [www.comptonridge.com](http://www.comptonridge.com)

**September 17, 2010, Winfield, Kansas.** Walnut Valley Old Time Fiddle Championship, Walnut Valley Festival. Contact: tel. (620) 221-3250, [hq@wvfest.com](mailto:hq@wvfest.com) or visit website: [www.wvfest.com](http://www.wvfest.com)

**September 17-19, 2010, Yankton, South Dakota.** Annual Great Plains Fiddle Championships. Friday evening Jamboree broadcast live over WNAX 570 AM. Contest Saturday and Sunday. Numerous divisions of competition, including accordion (piano and button) and harmonica.

National Invitational Division features selected invited fiddlers. Contact: George Mallory, South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers, email: [fiddledd@att.net](mailto:fiddledd@att.net)

## **October**

**October 1-2, 2010, Athens, Alabama.** 44th Annual Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention, Athens State University campus. More than \$11,850 prize money. Contact: Rick Mould, tel. (256) 233-8215, email [rmould@athens.edu](mailto:rmould@athens.edu) , website: [www.athens.edu/fiddlers](http://www.athens.edu/fiddlers)

**October 1 -2, 2010, Nashville, Tennessee.** 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Master Fiddler Championship, held during International Bluegrass Music Association Bluegrass Fan Fest. Preliminary round open to all fiddlers. Those who pre-register will have the option to play last. Contact: website, [www.grandmasterfiddler.com](http://www.grandmasterfiddler.com)

**October 9, 2010, Clarksville, Missouri.** Annual Clarksville Applefest Old-Time Fiddlers' Contest, American Legion Hall, 2:00 pm (register 1:00). Open and junior divisions. Contact: Mary Jane Owens, 400 King St., Frankford, tel. (573) 784-9890, email: [oprysinger2@msn.com](mailto:oprysinger2@msn.com) or Patty Chandler (573) 485-4398. \*Tentative date; please confirm with contest administrator.

## **November**

## **December**

**December 31, 2010, Columbia, Missouri.** Annual First Night Columbia festival, downtown. Various venues with many kinds of music and performance, including fiddling and square dancing. Contact: Jane Accurso, email [j\\_accurso@hotmail.com](mailto:j_accurso@hotmail.com)

### **Events**

**ONGOING PUBLIC JAM SESSIONS, DANCES, ETC.**

(Send us information on your event if you wish to list it.)

**First Sunday afternoon each month, Boonesboro, Missouri.** 1-4.30 pm, fiddle session at the store, hosted by Lynn and Mike Wells. Contact Elisha Wells to be sure they are meeting: (660) 537-3903, email [elishawells@hotmail.com](mailto:elishawells@hotmail.com)

**First and Third Thursday fiddle sessions, Columbia, Missouri.** Little Dixie Old-Time Fiddle Club, September through May, Boone-Walters Historical Museum, Nifong Park, southeast Columbia (from US63, west off of US63 at the AC / Grindstone Parkway exit, then south on Ponderosa Drive to the Museum), 5.00-8.00 pm. Emphasis on traditional fiddle music. All levels of experience welcome. Please observe "jam session etiquette." Hosted by Boone County Historical Society. Contact: Jenifer Flink, Boone County Historical Society, (573) 443-8936, e-mail [BCHS@Socket.Net](mailto:BCHS@Socket.Net), or Howard Marshall, club secretary, (573) 642-6226, email [HMarshall@Socket.Net](mailto:HMarshall@Socket.Net).

**Second Saturday square dance, Hallsville, Missouri.** Fiddle session, basket dinner, dance, Hallsville Community Center (on OO, east of town center stop light, under the water tower). Jam session 4-6 pm, supper 6-7 (bring a dish to share), dancing 7-10:30. No smoking or alcohol. No admission charge (donations accepted). Contact: John and Betty White (574) 696-3776, email [whitejt@missouri.edu](mailto:whitejt@missouri.edu) (Confirm dates with John or Betty.)

**Columbia Farmers Market. Saturday mornings 9.00-11.00, April through mid-November.** Corner W. Ash and Clinkscapes, adjacent to West Junior High School. Live music, often featuring fiddle music. Free. Website [www.farmersmarket.missouri.org](http://www.farmersmarket.missouri.org) (see Calendar link for fiddlers and bands performing).