



Contest Calendar for 2011

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January

January 7, 2011, 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. Banjo contest also. Contact: Chris Talley Armstrong (618) 234-2070, blueiis2@aol.com, or visit www.bluegrassamerica.com

January 8-9, 2011, 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, websites www.coloradofiddlers.org, www.denversuzukistrings.com

February

February 17 – 20, 2011, 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 18, 2011, Eureka, Missouri. Youth fiddle, banjo, and bluegrass talent 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) 475-3678, blueiis2@aol.com or visit www.bluegrassamerica.com

March 18-19, 2011, Clarksville, Tennessee. Annual State of Tennessee Old-Time Fiddlers Championships, Rossview 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, website www.tnfiddlers.com.

March 24-27, 2011, Harrison, Arkansas. Annual fiddler's convention. [No contest] South Campus, North Arkansas College. Contact: Carl Wills (870) 429-6174, website, www.harrisonarkansas.org

April

April 30, 2011, 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 for online registration: www.artshuntsville.org . Contact: Arts Council, tel. (256) 519-2787, ext. 205.

April 14 – 17, 2011, 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, website, www.fiddlersfrolics.com. Lodging information at www.hallettsville.com.

May

May 6 – 8, 2011, Hood River, Oregon. 4th Annual Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest, Hood River Middle School, Hood River, OR. Friday, May 6: Concert and Jam until midnight; May 7: Acoustic and Fiddle contest; May 8: Fiddle Contest. Contact information: 541-387-6700 by phone;

or email: info@columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com. See website at www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com

May 19 – 22, 2011, 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 , website www.comptonridge.com

May 26-30, 2011, Dixon, Missouri. Annual Bluegrass Pickin' Time festival, Highway 133 n. of Dixon. Contact Lori King: tel. (641) 799-1442, website www.bluegrasspickintime.com

May 21, 2011, Pacific, Missouri. Missouri Fiddlers and Country Music Association Fiddlers Contest, Stovall's Grove, 18720 Stovall Lane, off Hwy. 100 between Gray Summit and Ellisville. Building open at 12:00, contest starts at 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: Vesta at tel. (314) 821-7181, e-mail steve_hall_stl@yahoo.com or stovallsgrove@msn.com. Website www.mo-fiddlers.com.

May 27 – 29, 2011, 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 , website www.fiddlersgrove.com

June

June 9-11, 2011, International Peace Garden - Dunseith, North Dakota. International Old-Time Fiddler's Workshops and Contest. Fiddle, guitar & banjo workshops June 9-10. Fiddle Contest June 11. Contact: Timothy Wollenzien, tel. (701) 838-8472, e-mail: info@internationalmusiccamp.com, website <http://www.internationalmusiccamp.com/news/fiddlers-weekend/>

June 10-12, 2011, 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

June 19 – 26, 2011, Third full week in June, Weiser, Idaho. Annual National Oldtime Fiddler's Contest. Contact: tel. (800) 437-1280, email, director@fiddlecontest.com, website www.fiddlecontest.com

June 18, 2011, 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. A Youth Fiddle Camp will be held the week before the contest, June 13 - 17, 2011.

July

July 2, 2011, Conway, Missouri. Youth Fiddle Jam. 7th 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 , starvycreekbluegrass@yahoo.com

July 15-16, 2011, 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 Not restricted to Kentucky residents.

July 17, 2011, New Athens, IL. 8th Annual Summer Bluegrass Shack Fiddle Contest - Community Hall, New Athens IL. Five Contest Divisions! Over \$500 in prizes & trophies! Registration opens at Noon - Contest starts at 1:00 p.m. Contact: Chris Talley Armstrong (618) 475-3678 or email bluegrassshack@aol.com

July 29 -31, 2011, Cañon City, Colorado. Fiddlers Along the Arkansas Fiddle Competition. Five age divisions. Contact: office: 1-719-275-0593, website, www.fiddlersalongthearkansas.com

August

August 3–7, 2011, Shelburne, Ontario. 61st Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship. Tickets at (519) 925-8620, email fiddleshelburne@yahoo.ca website, www.shelburnefiddlecontest.on.ca

August 3 – 7, 2011, 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 5-6, 2011, Cotton, Minnesota. 30th Annual Minnesota State Old-Time Fiddle Championship and Festival, Cotton High School. Six divisions of competition (Junior-Junior, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Senior-Senior, Twin Fiddling), \$2,525 total prize money. Eliminations Friday evening, finals Saturday. Workshops Saturday morning. Contact tel. (218) 482-5592, (218) 492-3303, website www.cottontownship.org.

August 8-13, 2011, Galax, Virginia. 76th Annual Old Fiddler's Convention. Contact: tel. (276) 236-8541, website www.oldfiddlersconvention.com

August 19, 2011, Montgomery City, Missouri. Annual Montgomery County Old Threshers Festival fiddle contest, Highway 19, 7.30 pm (register at 6.00). Cash prizes in two divisions: junior (under age 16), senior (16 and over), guitar players. Cash prizes for best waltz played in senior division(\$75) and Junior division (\$25). No more than two accompanists allowed on stage. Contact: Jane Johnson, tel. (573) 684-2645.

August 20, 2011, Lexington, Missouri. Missouri River Old Time Fiddler's Contest will be held Saturday, in Lexington, Missouri, on the steps of the historic Lexington Courthouse during the Lexington Community Fair. Registration begins at 9 am. Competition starts at 10:30 am. Jr Div (15 and under) will be awarded 3 places (1st place will pay \$200); Open Division will be awarded 10 places (1st place pays \$400); Senior Div will pay 3 places (1st place pays \$200). Total prize fund \$2300. Contact Clyde Charles 816 645-1101 or leave msg at 660 259-4922. email: shar4546@yahoo.com

August 20-21, 2011 Casper, Wyoming. Rocky Mountain Regional Fiddle Championship & Music Festival. Location to be announced. Contact: Ann Robinson, tel. (307) 266-6347, email, agrobinson@bresnan.net, website, www.casperwyofiddleclub.com

August 21, 2011, 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 website: www.wyattviolinshop.com

August 27-28, 2011, 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

August 26 - 28, 2011, Branson, Missouri. The 23rd 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 27th. The Finals begin at 12:00 noon and end at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 28th. 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.

September

September 4, 2011, 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. Competition begins promptly at 3:00 pm, (register at 2:00). No entry fee. More than \$800 in cash prizes, three divisions: Junior (up to age 16,) Open (17-59), and Senior (60 and up). Contact Jim Buffington (573-826-0775), email jrbuff@gmail.com.

September 10, 2011, 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 denficken@socket.com

September 11, 2011, 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. Call to confirm date.

September 8 - 11, 2011, 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, website www.comptonridge.com

September 16, 2011, Winfield, Kansas. Walnut Valley Old Time Fiddle Championship, Walnut Valley Festival. Contact: tel. (620) 221-3250, hq@wvfest.com or visit website: www.wvfest.com

September 16-18, 2011, Yankton, South Dakota. South Dakota and Open Contest and Jamboree. Friday evening Jamboree. 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 phone 605-357-9357.

October

September 30 – October 1, 2011, Nashville, Tennessee. 40th 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

October 1, 2011, Versailles, Missouri. 1 pm (register 12 noon). Annual Versailles Applefest Old Tyme Fiddlers' Contest, Royal Theatre, on the square. Junior (16 and below), Adult (17-55), and Esquire (56-) divisions. Up to two accompanists allowed on stage. Contact: Versailles Chamber of Commerce, tel. (573) 378-4401, email vchamber@sbcglobal.net.

October 7–8, 2011, 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 , website: www.athens.edu/fiddlers

October 29, 2011, New Athens, IL. Bluegrass Shack Annual October Fiddle, Banjo & Flattop Guitar Contest, Community Hall, New Athens, IL, Five Fiddle Divisions ** Four Banjo Divisions ** Two Flattop Guitar Divisions. Registration opens at 11:00 a.m. - Contest starts at Noon; Contact: Chris Talley Armstrong (618) 475-3678 or email bluegrassshack@aol.com

November

December

December 31, 2011, 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

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

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, or Howard Marshall, club secretary, (573) 642-6226, email 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 (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 (see Calendar link for fiddlers and bands performing).