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Check out the makeover our website has undergone thanks to Jon Field, our new webmaster. The URL is www.centraltexasbluegrass.org. Please go to the website, click on the Register link, and sign up for email notices from the CTBA.

WELCOME NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

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 Band memberships are Dale Albright - Wayward Pony, Buck Buchanan - Manchaca All Stars and Wayne Ross - Grazmatics.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Russell Gunn for his generous donation. Thanks to all those who worked on and supported the Band Scramble/Garage Sale, especially all the great musicians who gave their time and talent. See inside for more on the Scramble.

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LOCAL SHOWS

- July 10: **Grazmatics**, Artz Rib House*
 July 11: **Manchaca All-Stars**, Manchaca Firehall 7:30 PM
 July 12: **Sieker Band**, Artz Rib House*
 July 13: **Blackland Prairie Boys**, Artz Rib House*
 July 18: **Rod Moag**, Artz Rib House*
 July 26: **Grazmatics**, Artz Rib House*
 July 26: **Polk Brothers & the Lone Mountain Men**, Randy's Rangers **The Palace Theatre**, Georgetown, TX 7:00 PM \$10 adults, \$5 for students, kids 6 & younger free.
 July 27: **Flatpick Guitar Workshop**, with **Eddie Collins and Chris Teague**, 1-5 pm, 836-8255 or eddiec@constant.com for more info, Artz Rib House*
 July 27: **Eddie Collins with special guest Chris Teague**, Artz Rib House*

*Artz Rib House: 2330 S. Lamar, Austin 512-442-8283

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

- July 11-13: **Tule Creek PBOMA Bluegrass Fest**, Tulia, TX 806-335-1116
 July 18-19: **Oakdale Park Pickin' Under the Stars**, Glen Rose, TX 254-897-2321, www.oakdalepark.com
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 Please email (zimmet@skin-vein.com) or call (512-485-7700) the editor to have your show(s) listed.

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FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS



The annual CTBA Garage Sale and Band Scramble was a huge success. Over \$560 was accumulated through sale items and donations, which included an accordion donated by Nancy Fly, a collection of magazines from several folks, gobs of CDs from Tom Pittman, special CDs from Dan Foster and other items from other generous bluegrass loving fans. We also had a number of new and renewal memberships. About 36 musicians participated in the band scramble, which was the most ever. We formed six bands and raised over \$400 in tips in appreciation for the fine show put on by all. The money raised will go towards helping CTBA in their efforts to promote bluegrass in the Central Texas area. Thanks to all those who pitched in and made this such a wonderful event.

We got some great press coverage. The Austin American-Statesman listed the event as the Best Bet. See their listing below. Fox TV came out and interviewed some folks and shot some of the music. It aired at 9 PM the night of the Fundraiser.

Editor's Note: The CTBA thanks Eddie Collins for all his efforts in organizing and running the band scramble and Jane Laughlin for her work on the garage sale, the musicians who generously gave their time and talent and to all the listeners who came out in support. There were musicians not only from the Austin area but from San Antonio to Waco!

Best Bets
 Sunday, July 6, 2003 Austin American-Statesman statesman.com K2

It's musical chairs, bluegrass style

CTBA Band Scramble
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Artz Rib House, 2330 S. Lamar Blvd.
Cost: Free
Information: 627-3963

The Central Texas Bluegrass Association kicks off its annual "band scramble" today at Artz Rib House. It's a night of collaboration in its purest form, raw bluegrass in front of a live audience.

Here's how it works: Members of several local bluegrass bands — including Hard to Make a Living, the Blackland Prairie Boys and Eddie Collins & the High Stakes Rollers — and other experienced musicians gather at Artz and are grouped according to their musical specialty: fiddle players over here, mandolin folk over there, banjo players over yonder, and so on. While huddled in their groups, all musicians put their names in a hat. Collins, the host of the show, draws one name from each hat to form several groups of four to five members each. Last year, about six groups were formed.

The resulting "new" bands have an hour or so to practice together before taking the stage as a group in front of a live audience. Numbers are pulled from the hat to determine order of play. Each group plays a set list of popular bluegrass songs that are sure to keep Artz rocking.

CTBA is also holding a garage sale beginning at 3 p.m. Donations are accepted at Artz. Organizers welcome anything music-related, such as CDs, magazines, instruments and equipment.

— Ginger Cowles



FLATPICK GUITAR WORKSHOP

JULY 27, 2003
ARTZ RIB HOUSE
1-5 PM

Eddie Collins will be giving a Flatpicking Guitar Workshop along with Chris Teague, a great up-and-coming guitarist with the band Hard To Make A Living (HTML). It will be held from 1 to 5 P.M. on the afternoon of Sunday, July 27th at Artz Rib House, 2330 S. Lamar. Topics will include developing speed, improving timing and tone, tricks to memorizing tunes, jamming with others, and more. Handouts and snacks will be provided. The cost is \$40. A \$20 deposit guarantees a spot. Send it payable to "Eddie Collins," 8407 Loralinda Drive, Austin, TX 78753. Contact Eddie for more information and/or to reserve a spot (the workshop is limited to 20 participants). 836-8255 or eddiec@constant.com. Chris will be Eddie's guest for an evening of great music at Artz following the workshop from 6:00 – 8:30.

STEPHANIE LEDGIN BOOKS

Stephanie Ledgin is an internationally-recognized writer and photographer whose work has focused on bluegrass and traditional folk music since 1975, when she was hired as an editor of the seminal bluegrass magazine, *Pickin'*. For nearly three decades, her in-depth interviews and reviews have appeared in publications on both sides of the Atlantic and her photographs have circled the globe in books, articles and one album cover to date.

She is currently completing two books. "Homegrown Music: Discovering Bluegrass," a primer on the music for new aficionados, is anticipated for release by the Greenwood Publishing Group's Praeger imprint in summer 2004.

Publishing bids are being explored at present for "From Every Stage: Images of America's Music." This coffee table-style art book showcases nearly thirty years of Ms. Ledgin's photography, both color and black-and-white, on stage and backstage in a variety of traditional music genres. It also includes rare, never before published interviews with key figures in acoustic music. Companion museum and library exhibits are being planned to coincide with its hoped for 2004 release.

GORDON'S BLUEGRASS TRIVIA QUIZ

Submitted by Gordon Daugherty

Name the most famous instrument swap in bluegrass history.

Gotta be the one in 1948 when Don Reno traded his Gibson Granada and a Martin D-18 for Earl Scruggs' Mastertone RB-3. Both men were happy with the deal and played the instruments the rest of their careers.

Reno's 1934 Granada had been owned by one Fisher Hendley and bought from a pawnshop for \$37.50 by 'Snuffy' Jenkins, who sold it to Reno. Scruggs repeatedly offered to buy or swap the banjo but Reno refused until Scruggs had an instrument worth trading. By then, the Granada was in such rough shape Reno threw in the D-18 to make it a fair deal. Scruggs sent the banjo to Gibson for some work in 1950 and it came back with a different inlay pattern (bow-tie). Later, it had three other custom necks or fingerboards and was the only banjo Scruggs used in recordings.

In 1947, Scruggs paid \$150 for the RB-3 to Hayes Hall, who'd bought it new in Danville VA. Before that, he had a Gibson RB-11 he'd gotten at age 17 and was using when he joined the Bluegrass Boys. The RB-3 had the 'Flying Eagle' inlay pattern (style 4) and Reno kept it original throughout his career. After he passed away it was played by his son, Don Wayne Reno.



BLUEGRASS ON THE SQUARE JAM

GEORGETOWN
SUNDAY, JULY 13

If you like bluegrass music then come to the Square in Georgetown, Texas every 2nd Sunday of the month at 1 PM. Don't forget to bring a chair. 1pm till the last looper goes home.

AAAMS JAM AND WORKSHOP AUGUST 30, 2003

AAAMS 5th Saturday Jam and Workshops. Includes food, open mic, concerts, jam sessions, and free workshops in guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, autoharp and dulcimer at Anderson Mill Baptist Church. Call Mary Ann for more info: 512-259-7702 or 512-260-8838.

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BANJO CONTEST



Brent Warnock, First Place



Dave Seemann, Second Place



Shawn Spiars, Third Place

FLATPICK CONTEST



Jim Walton, First Place



Brian Meadors, Second Place



Mike Landschoot, Third Place

BABA TEXAS STATE CONTEST WRAP-UP

By Betty Robertson

After 6 months of planning and many hours of work, BABA volunteers sprang into action early Thursday, May 15, to decorate the stage and set the scene for our 2003 Fire On the String Festival at Jellystone Park. A patriotic theme was chosen for this year's festival with décor, commemorative festival shirts and caps all sending out our message of God Bless America with Red White and Bluegrass!. By Thursday evening many had gathered for a pre-festival jam session that went on until the wee hours Friday morning.

A capacity crowd gathered under the stars on Friday evening to hear the best bluegrass anywhere on May 16, 2003. The enthusiastic audience welcomed the Lonestar Bluegrass Band, Pet Rooster, Sandy Creek from the Ft. Worth area, Common Tyme from Oklahoma, and Louisiana Grass from Louisiana cajun country to the stage. The aroma of Hickory Hollow barbecue, delicious Bloomin' onions, fantastic funnel cakes from Jeffus Concessions, and the best hamburgers anywhere by the Fun Time Cart tempted the appetites of festival folks. Vendors and crafters proudly displayed their creations around the stage area. Paul Kiteck, soundman extraordinaire, kept the exciting performances loud and clear for all the incredible performers.

After a great night of jammin' under the moonlight, festival attendees gathered early at the stage to welcome the beautiful morning and to listen to the best banjo and flatpickers in the State! The judges and auditors were sequestered per national contest rules, and a beautiful 2003 trailer was provided by Neil Pyne of Texan RV (formerly Pyne RV Sales and Services) for the judging area. Paul Kiteck and Johnny Pearce rigged the trailer with sound so the judges could hear the contestants and the competitors would remain anonymous to the selected judges, auditors, and tabulators. Nine potential banjo champions drew for position and the 2003 Texas State Banjo Championship contest began. Stephen Duhon, the youngest competitor, played his contest tunes with his brother accompanying him on guitar. Brent Warnock of Houston was named the 2003 Texas State Champion and walked away with \$500 sponsored by Hickory Hollow, a new RB1 Gibson banjo donated by Gibson, a beautiful banjo clock created by Fonza Smith of Allen Banjo, and a handtooled leather strap by Lloyd Eastpep of Lazy E Custom Leather. Brent was also presented with a letter from the Walnut Valley Association Winfield, Kansas containing his entry fee for the national competition and entry fee into the Winfield festival. Second place honors were awarded to Dave Seeman of Martindale, Texas who received \$350 donated by Fuller's Vintage Guitar and a banjo clock. In the event our new champion is unable to attend the national competition in September, the letter from Winfield will be passed to Dave who will then advance to the national contest. Winning third place for the third year was Shawn Spiars of Austin. Shawn was presented with a check for \$150 provided by Jimmy Pike and a banjo clock. The top five finalists for both State contests received festival red, white, and bluegrass t-shirts sponsored by David Culbertson. After a victory tune performance by Brent Warnock, the flat-picker contestants gathered for the first annual Texas State Flatpicking Competition.

A total of fourteen potential flat-picking champions drew for performance order. Five competitors had previously placed in the finals of national competitions at Winfield. Two of the performers (Max Zimmet of Austin and Adam Greer of Burton) were youth contestants who more than held their own against the more seasoned pickers. Five finalists were named and while the judges made their final decision, the audience was entertained by Dennis McDaniel of Austin, Chris Hirsch of the Lonestar Bluegrass Band and Debbie Reed of Grandview, Texas who had just completed the flatpicking competition. The 2003 Texas State Flatpicking Champion is Jim Walton of Lake Jackson, Texas. Jim chose an Advanced Jumbo Guitar sponsored by Gibson and received a \$500 check from BABA along with a beautiful handtooled guitar strap. He received the national contest letter from Winfield covering his entry fee into the festival and the contest. Brian Meadors of Rockdale took the 2nd place position and received a handcrafted custom-made PAWESS guitar by Vince Pawless, sponsored by Charles Orsburn plus a \$350 check sponsored by Fuller's Vintage Guitar. Mike Landschoot of Austin won third place honors and received a \$150 check from BABA. Jim gave a command performance for the audience to end the contest festivities.

The Bay Area Bluegrass Association is very proud of both champions. Our pledge to the Walnut Valley Association upon receiving sanction from the organization was that BABA could and would present outstanding candidates for both national championship contests. In years past BABA has sponsored the National Banjo Champion, Matt Menefee of Tyler, Texas, and had two top 5 finalist, Rolf Sieker of Round Rock and Chris Hirsch of Sugar Land. We are confident that both our Texas State Banjo Champion and Texas State Flatpicking Champion will represent BABA at the 2003 national competition with honor and outstanding performances.