

BLUEGRASS BULLETIN

CTBA Needs Your Help!



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CTBA needs you to serve as a director, newsletter editor, or committee member. This is a great opportunity for you to become an active member of CTBA and to put your unique talents to use in your community. We will have as many as five director positions open for 2007. Director duties include event and bulletin coordination, treasury management, secretarial duties, and membership relations. Directors meet no more than once a month to discuss upcoming events, review ongoing concerns, and to listen to CTBA member recommendations and input.

CTBA needs an Event Committee for 2007. I feel we need a committee that plans quarterly events for CTBA members. This may very well be what CTBA needs the most. I also think this would be the most enjoyable way for you to get involved with our organization. Along with three or four others, you would plan quarterly events in the community. Over the past few years the financial ability of CTBA has strengthened considerably. Leveraging this ability you would coordinate with the CTBA board, bands, and members to plan shows and workshops for members and the community.

Lastly, CTBA needs a new editor for the newsletter. You will be in charge of gathering, organizing, and distributing our monthly bulletin. Currently several individuals contribute content to the bulletin, and you would be in charge of organizing the content in your own unique style. CTBA will provide you with the software necessary to complete this task.

I am confident that you or someone you know would love to serve CTBA as a volunteer. Non-profit organizations can only be sustained if members get involved helping the organization reach its goals. This is your chance to promote and educate the public on Bluegrass and American Roots music. This is also your chance to enjoy and meet the many people in your community who have interest similar to yours. CTBA needs you. If you feel that you would be interested in serving on the Board of Directors, writing or editing for the Bluegrass Bulletin, or promoting upcoming CTBA events, then call me at (512) 826-6861 or email us at ctba@centraltexasbluegrass.org.

Thank you for all the support and hard work you have given this organization in the past, and I hope that you will feel compelled to give more to your organization through volunteer efforts. The Central Texas community has embraced Bluegrass music through your efforts, and I know we can keep the legacy and love of our music alive and growing in this wonderfully embracing community.

My Summer Vacation in the Old-Time Hills

by Valerie Staats



In August I had the joy of participating in Vocal Week at Augusta Heritage Center, held on the pretty, small campus of Elkins College in the town of Elkins, West Virginia – surrounded by the lushly green Appalachian Mountains. I joined some 300 other vocalists who came to learn from and be inspired by talented practitioners of that instrument we all have, our voices.

I chose this program for my vacation so I could work on my harmony singing skills, and I couldn't have chosen a better place to do it. The talent I was exposed to, all in one week in one place, still echoes in my mind (and on my CD player).

I can still feel the thrill of hearing primitive Baptist gospel singer Ginny Hawker, a native West Virginian, and with the members of Soup Kitchen, a gospel quartet also from West Virginia. Their tight, 3-part harmony singing (a capella) is such a satisfying sound. I also took classes with Finest Kind, a trio from Ottawa, Canada, who sing folk, Irish, and other fusion forms of their own creation in compelling three-part harmony. They sometimes accompanied themselves with a guitar, upright bass or even a concertina. They taught us several of their arrangements of old Irish and English folk songs.

I studied harmony singing with Valerie Mindel and Emily Miller, a mother-daughter duo who had us singing our hearts out in harmony parts to pieces from Curtis Mayfield's "People Get Ready" to songs by the Carter Family and the Delmore

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Brothers. As instructors, they graciously allowed us to record our classes and readily sang the parts one by one for our tape recorders, so we could hone our parts by singing against the tapes. Valerie and Emily were masters of this style of close harmony, where you sing on the 3rds (1, 3, 5 and 8).

A surprise pleasure was a whistling workshop I took with Emily Eagen, a two-time international whistling champ. When we weren't laughing, we whistled old jazz standards and fun tunes from "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In" to "Summertime." Other classes covered singing forms such as Bulgarian/Balkan, Sephardic, Ballads, Blues, and Duets. It was difficult to make choices among all the offerings.

The night life at Augusta was a world of its own. The campus burst with jam sessions into the wee hours. On porches, along walls or walkways, or in a lovely gazebo, vocal and instrumental jams went on nearly constantly. You were always welcomed, whether just passing by, sitting to listen, or joining in to play, sing, or both. Though our instructors were nationally, and sometimes internationally, known (such as Peggy Seeger, sister to Pete), they never played the prima donna and consistently were available, engaged with us in and out of the classroom, and generously gave us their ears.



Also going on at night were vocal jams, from gospel to '50s and '60s doo-wap. One night some 35 of us reached into our memory banks and did impromptu harmony on songs from the Beatles to Hank Williams. An outdoor pavilion with foot-stomping live music rang out every night for square dancing with talented callers and string bands. The campus also has an Ice House open till 2 a.m. where those so-inclined can grab a brew.



Because Vocal Week coincided with Old Time Week at Augusta, the campus was also alive with a couple hundred musicians with their fiddles, banjos, mandolins, upright basses, dulcimers, guitars, and more. As we walked the steep hills of the campus going from class to workshop, we were met by fellow old-time music lovers who usually carried two or three instruments slung over their shoulders, and we often participated in joint events with them.

Three nights during Vocal and Old Time Week featured concerts by masters such as the old-time fiddling champion, Benton Flippen (in his mid-80s, he fiddles as strong as ever) from North Carolina, Peggy Seeger premiering two new folk songs she has written, Jim & Joyce Cauthen (who research and play old-time music from Alabama), the Hot Point String Band, Notorious (a string band whose lead is from Texas), and others. Each concert left you amazed and wishing for more.

Cool nights, light morning fog, sunny days around 80 and a spectacular full moon complemented the atmosphere during the week I was there. Also, Vocal and Old Time Weeks culminate in the Augusta Heritage Festival, a weekend event that brings high-level crafts artists from all over the region, plus an ongoing live stage of performing artists from that week's Augusta Heritage programs (including us students!). At the Festival you can buy local honey, goat's milk soap, one-of-a-kind wood items, glass, quilts, other crafts, and – of course – banjos, fiddles, and other musical instruments made by masters.

If you don't know Augusta Heritage Center, check out www.augustaheritage.com. The program was founded in 1973 to help preserve and promote the traditional arts of Appalachia, and music is the core of the program. (One can also study traditional dance, making of musical instruments, and other traditional Appalachian arts.) They have Blues, Bluegrass, Irish, Guitar, Cajun/Creole, and Dance Weeks, among other programs.

Musicians of all levels are welcomed and encouraged; as a novice, I never felt out of place. Participants ranged from teens to seniors, including married couples and singles. Also, I was happy to see that even on this hilly campus, persons with disabilities were welcomed into the program and generously accommodated.

When I read over this article, I fear it reads like a sales pitch. But I'm not exaggerating. The word "magical" continues to come to mind when I remember that week, and the glow from it lingers. I also have a notebook of lyrics and scores, and a half dozen CDs to enjoy and work on, till the next time I spend my summer vacation at Augusta. If any CTBA members want to get together for harmony singing, please contact me at valeriestaats@yahoo.com.



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CTBA Band Shows and Events

November 2006

Saturday	Nov 4, 2006	12pm	Pearl Bluegrass - Pearl TX ☞
		1:30pm	Piney Grove Ramblers - Pearl TX Bluegrass Show !
		4pm	CTBA Beginners Jam ☞ ☞
		7pm	CTBA Night at Artz Ribhouse - Artz Ribhouse, 2330 South Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704 ☞ ☞
		7:30pm	Kevin Willette CD Release Party featuring Eddie Collins, Tom Duplissey and Trish Taylor - Artz RibHouse 2330 South Lamar !
Monday	Nov 6, 2006	6:30pm	Hot Greezy Gonzo Band - Get out the Vote Rally - Threadgills World Headquarters - 301 West Riverside Drive - Austin, Texas 78704 - (512) 472-9304 ☞
		7pm	Blacktop Bend - Artz Ribhouse ☞
Thursday	Nov 9, 2006	7pm	Brian Byrne and Borrowed Time - Brentwood Tavern 6701 Burnet Rd, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 420-8118 ☞
Friday	Nov 10, 2006	1pm	BuffaloGrass - Hyatt Regency Hotel, Austin, TX ☞
		8pm	Blacktop Bend - Hill Country Coffee Company, 12115 Manchaca Road Austin, TX , 78748 ☞
		8pm	Austin Lounge Lizards - Good Folk House Coffeehouse Concert, Fayetteville, AR ☞
Saturday	Nov 11, 2006	5pm	Sarah Jarosz - Rice Fest - Rice Fest - Fischer Hall, TX event. Sarah scheduled for 5:00 pm ☞
		7:30pm	Piney Grove Ramblers - Inks Lake State Park Amphitheater, Inks Lake State Park Amphitheater ☞
		7:30pm	Austin Lounge Lizards - Crossroads Coffeehouse, Winnsboro, TX 75494, 903-342-1854 ☞
Sunday	Nov 12, 2006		Randy's Rangers - Dell Diamond in Round Rock ☞
Monday	Nov 13, 2006		Randy's Rangers - Dell Diamond in Round Rock ☞
Tuesday	Nov 14, 2006	6pm	Barefoot Larry's Open Bluegrass Jam - Grady's BBQ #7, 327 E. Nakoma, San Antonio, TX ☞
Saturday	Nov 18, 2006	11am	Blacktop Bend - Nueva Onda ☞
Wednesday	Nov 22, 2006	8pm	Sarah Jarosz - Candlelight Coffeehouse - Candlelight Coffeehouse 3011 N. St. Mary's St., San Antonio, TX ☞
Friday	Nov 24, 2006	7:30pm	The Sleker Band - Manchaca FireHall, Manchaca, TX ☞
Saturday	Dec 2, 2006	4pm	CTBA Beginners Jam ☞ ☞
		7pm	CTBA Night at Artz Ribhouse - Artz Ribhouse, 2330 South Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704 ! ☞

If you are a member of CTBA, and your band has a upcoming show please email contributing editor Dale Albright at dale-mandolin@austin.rr.com.

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• CTBA 1st Saturday Show, Artz Rib House, show 7:00pm

• Jam Session: Sunday at Artz Rib House, 2-5 pm

• Live Bluegrass Show: Artz Ribhouse 2330 S. Lamar, Sunday 6:00 pm; 512-442-8283

• AAAMS JAM 2nd & 4th Wed, Leander/ Cedar Park Fine Arts Academy, 200 Buttercup Rd., Ste. 104, Cedar Park, 7-9, 512/401-TUNE

• AFTM Contra Dance: 3rd Sat., 3501 Red River 8-11 pm, \$7, 462-0511

• AFTM Jam Session: 2nd Sun at Threadgill's South Barton Springs & Riverside, 2pm

BELLVILLE,

• Spring Creek Club Jam/Show 4th Sat; 4pm jam,, 6:30 pm-show. Coushatta Recreation Ranch 979 865-5250 bluegrass22@ev1.net
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BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION

• Brazos Country Grass Monday Jam J. Cody's, 3610 S College 6-9pm, www.brazoscountrgrass.com

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CHRISMAN

• Jam: 3rd Sat: 7-10 pm; Chriesman Cmnty Center, Don Cook 979-567-0573

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• Show & Jam: 3rd Fri Cleburne Civic Center, 1501 W Henderson (Hwy 67) 7 pm, \$3 www.geocities.com/ntbBluegrass

FLATONIA

• Jam: 4th Saturday, Stockman's Restaurant, Stuart & Diane Raef 361-865-2154

GARLAND

• Bluegrass on the Square: Sat- March thru November between Main and State Sts. at 6th, 7:30-1 am, Jim Miller 972-276-3197

GEORGETOWN

• Randy's Rangers Thursday Jam: duke's BBQ Smokehouse, 7-9 pm, 512/869-8076 or www.sigi.us/RR

• 2nd Sunday Jam, held at 1pm at the San Gabriel Park in Georgetown behind the football stadium. Contact Jon or Sigi (512) 869-8076.

THE GROVE

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HARWOOD

• Stage Show & Jam Session 3rd Sat, 9 mi. E. of Luling, Hwy 90, 2-9 pm, Ben Buchanan 512-263-7193

LULING

• Bluegrass Jam /Show: 1st Sat every month, 200 E. Travis, 4:00, 830-875-2917

LEAGUE CITY (BABA)

• Jam & Free Bluegrass Show 3rd. Sat: Jam 5pm, Show 6:30 Jan-Nov, League City Civic Center, 300 W. Walker St. 713-990-5171

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PEARL

• Jam & Stage Show 1st Sat: Jam 12:00, Show 4:30 Hwy 183, 7 mi. south of Purmela Ronald Medart 254-865-6013

ROCKNE

• Bluegrass/Country Jam 1st : 3pm til ..., 8 mi. S. of Cedar Creek on FM 535

SAN ANTONIO

• Intermediate Bluegrass Jam (Hosted by Barefoot Larry) every Second, Fourth and Fifth Tuesday Evenings, 6pm-9pm. Grady's BBQ #7 327 E. Nakoma San Antonio, Texas, 78216 www.barefootlarry.com larry@barefootlarry.com

• Open Bluegrass Jam Session 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6-8:30 Grady's Bar-B-Q, Store No. 4 6510 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, TX 78216 Hosted by Tom Taylor 210-805-8036

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• WayStation Opry; 1st Sat, 205 NE 2nd, 6 pm, Steve Boatright, 512-272-8008

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• Jam & Free Show: Southeast Tx BG Music Assn, 3rd Sat: 4pm, Elementary School, Hwy 326 S. Edy Mathews 409-755-0622

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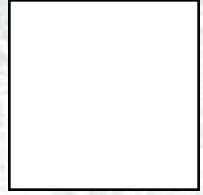
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