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The Parkbench

There are three of us guys who have kept in touch since high school and we all turn...well, let's say we're all just a year away from the Beatles' famous song that asks, "Will you still love me...". As is often the case, one of us will often shoot off an e-mail to the others, usually after at least one adult beverage is consumed, that starts an e-mail conversation.

Nearly every conversation revolves around music. Music we were involved with in our early years. Like so many of you, we were all in a band during high school and, while we have some exceptionally funny and rewarding memories of gigs, we probably grossed a total of \$20 each for all our efforts. But we didn't care.

What we did care about was the music because it was something that spoke to us. It was a time when we all were trying to find out who we were, where we fit in the grand scheme of things, and what it all meant. I'm pretty sure we were not completely successful in that endeavor but it has been an interesting adventure.

What's even more interesting to me now, these 40-some years later, is that it's still true. Not the finding out who we are part but the music part, the part where we understand how powerful and true the music is. Regardless of what came and went in all those years, the one thing we held on to was the music. Because it said something about who we are, where we've been, and where we're going.

It's funny to analyze the progression because we started out with Americana/folk, morphed into rock, raised families, and stepped back into the stream of Americana/folk/bluegrass. Every one of us. Why is that? What is it about "our" kind of music that penetrates the soul and takes up residence deep inside the heart?

I don't know. Well, I think I know and I suspect it's similar but slightly different for all of us; we all have different histories, we've come to this point across different roads with all the accompanying bumps and curves. But, however we've arrived where we are today, the music we love is still there, waiting, saying "Hi. Missed you. Come on in. It's comfortable and safe here."

The first birthday is this month. The next is in June and the last one is in November. By then, we'll all have discovered that yes, regardless of what age you are, regardless of what you've been through, or how far you've come, the music still needs you, the music still feeds you. And so, we move on.



Texas Pickin' Park pickers having the time of their life. Photo by Rod Gunter

RiceGrass was a hoot. The Old Settler's Music Festival was exceptional. In-between, there was Boston and West. Grief and confusion and anger. Yet, somehow we get through it all and I think the music we enjoy has a lot to do with that.

Deep down we know we've lost something but we also know we have each other and the music that set up home long ago deep down in us. It's that music, that beloved bluegrass, along with our faith that provides the foundation to rebuild, the hope we need to carry on, and reassurance that we are, above all else, American and free and determined to rebuild, restore, and prevail. Along that journey we play, we sing, we laugh, we cry, but the difference is that we do it together and, more often than not, while tapping a toe.

There are plenty of toe-tapping, music-enjoying events coming up as we move into Spring and Summer. Why not get out there and see what the music has to say to you? Then, let me know what you found, what you heard. And, as always, keep on pickin'! - Bob Vestal, Editor, ctba@centraltexas-bluegrass.org.



Wanted: New Venue for Weekly Sunday CTBA Jam

It was a little over a year ago that we relocated the weekly CTBA Sunday afternoon jam from the now-closed Artz Ribhouse to Scholz Garten. While Scholz's has made us feel welcome, there have been several times when jammers have shown up to find it closed to the general public due to a private event being held at that time.

Often, there is no advanced notice of these closings. Since some people travel great distances to attend this jam, and it is listed in numerous out-of-town publications as a "thing to do in Austin," we are again in search of a venue that is a little more reliable as far as being available for indoor and outdoor jamming year round.

The CTBA board welcomes the input of all our members and those attending the jams to help us locate a new jam location. If you know of a centrally-located venue that you think would be a good jam location, send your suggestions to ctba@centraltexasbluegrass.org or via snail mail at PO Box 9816, Austin, TX 78766.

It is always helpful when submitting an idea to provide a person to contact and let us know if you have spoken with anyone there.

We will continue to meet at Scholz's until another location can be found.

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Bluegrass, Blue Bell, and Cars

by Jeff White

Llano's 3rd annual Blue Bell/Bluegrass Festival and Classic Car Show is just a few weeks away! We'll fill the center of town with plenty of free ice cream, free music, and lots of cars! And, it's **free!**

The music starts Friday evening, May 24th, with an open jam at the Taste of Llano where local restaurants feed us with their best dishes. Bring your instrument and jam with us and get in free!

It's Memorial Day weekend, so you don't want to be late for the Saturday 8:30 am Highland Honor Guard posting of the colors, a moment of silence, and taps. Then we kick off the music stage at 10:00 am. The music plays non-stop until 6:00 pm with many area bands performing.

The headliner group this year is **The Carper Family**. The full schedule of the bands is located on the Promote Llano website at www.promotellano.org/Blue_BellBluegrass.html and there's not a better line-up for miles: Geoff Union, The Upham Family Band, The Sieker Band, Air Cargo, Wires and Wood, The Showmen Bluegrass Band, George Ensle (George Ensle for cryin' out loud!), and Blue Creek Bluegrass. Folks, that's some serious bluegrass! And, remember, it's **free!**

We again have an area reserved for jamming all day, so get those callouses toughened up! Saturday evening we move the jamming over to The Badu House where there'll be plenty of Bluegrass, good food, and beverages.

And, if this is just too much music for you, there's plenty of other activities to enjoy. There'll be a street dance fundraiser at the Library Friday night. The vendors will be on the square both Saturday and Sunday while the

music is playing. The cars will be all over town, including at the square, all weekend. The Car Show judging for individual class entries begins at noon followed by the Nostalgic Car Cruise at 6:00 pm.

Sunday, we start the music on the stage at 9:00 am and keep the bands playing straight through to 4:00 pm. The jamming area on the square will be open for those who don't need finger bandages just yet.

Come on out and join us for a few hours or a few days! There's motels, RV parks, and camping available locally, and there's plenty of restaurants and shops that'll be open if you want a break. Area amenities and other information is available from the Llano Chamber of Commerce. They're available to help you with your visit.

Be sure to check the Blue Bell/Bluegrass website (www.promotellano.org/Blue_BellBluegrass.html) for late additions and changes. If you still have questions, you can send an e-mail to me at Jeff@WhiteRoseInstruments.com.

For those of you who can stick around until Memorial Day Monday, at 1:00 pm you can see the Highland Lakes Honor Guard and Llano American Legion Memorial Ceremony at Historic Courthouse Square.

Looks like the Central Texas weather will be fabulous, so load up the kids, buckle up grandma, and head to Llano for the 3rd Annual Blue Bell/Bluegrass Classic Car Show and Festival, May 24th thru the 27th on the courthouse square in Llano, TX. Did we mention, it's **free!**

*The organizers of Llano's Blue Bell/Bluegrass Festival extend a hearty **thank you** to CTBA and its members for their generous support of Llano as we strive to bring live, local Bluegrass music to the Hill Country. With your help, we're working to keep Bluegrass alive and available to all.*

Tomball German Heritage Festival

by Sheryl Sultenfuss

Wait, what's an article about a German festival doing in a bluegrass newsletter? Because it has a bluegrass stage! Think about many bluegrass tunes... they're polkas. The full-time bluegrass stage was added about three years ago after a successful Friday night trial. The festival was held March 22-24, the 4th weekend in March. Entrance is FREE each year.

Scott Armstrong does a fine job as stage emcee and manager. If you know Scott, you know the fun energy he adds to the task. And, you should see him in lederhosen!

This year Blue Yonder, led by Mike and Jodi Adams from Magnolia, had the Friday night slot. It was a wonderful, cool evening just perfect for kicking back to some traditional bluegrass sounds. JP Shafer even joined them for part of the show.

Saturday and Sunday were headlined by the Armstrong Family Bluegrass Band with the Siekers and their unique sound taking over at 5:00 on Saturday night. In between was on-stage jamming and Robert Duke Trick Roping. But, with Scott in charge, there are surprises.

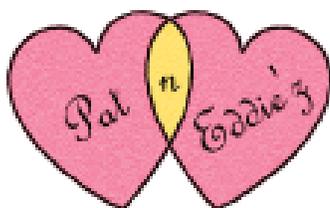
Third Rail, shown here, made an appearance complete with Susannah embracing the German theme in a dirndl.

If you'd rather jam, just find a spot and go for it. We've been known to jam well past closing time. There are even some German jams. So, watch for next year's festival and come join us for some brats and bluegrass, as well as German music. For more info, see www.tomballgermanfest.org.



Texas old time fiddlers now jam Tuesdays, 8:00 - 10:00 pm at Scholz Garten, Austin. This is the jam that ran for years at Artz. Fiddlers and spectators are welcome.

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Winners of the CTBA Instrument Raffle

Everyone seemed to have a rollicking good time at this year's Old Settler's Music Festival, especially the winners of the instrument raffle. Each year, CTBA raffles off at least one instrument at the festival as a way to promote bluegrass music and the Association. This year, the raffle included three instruments. Special thanks to **South Austin Music** for helping CTBA secure the new instruments for our raffle at Old Settler's: a Kentucky 150 mandolin, a Rover RB-25 banjo, and an Austin Guitar Company AA-25 dreadnought guitar. And, the winners are:



Mandolin: Chris Jones



Banjo: Josh Lory of Austin



Guitar: Dale Lininger of Buda

Congratulations to the winners. We wish you many long years of enjoyment and look forward to seeing you at the next CTBA jam (hint, hint). By the way, remember we told you last month about Mike Potter winning OSMF tickets by submitting the winning design for the new CTBA t-shirt? Well, here he is with Coleman Stephens at the CTBA booth. Congrats again, Mike.



Events, Festivals, and Fun

The **CTBA 2nd & 4th Saturday bluegrass jam** runs from 2:00-4:00 slow jam and 4:00-6:00 for the beginner/intermediate jam at Wildflower Terrace, 3801 Berkman Dr, Austin 78723. See you there!

The **CTBA Sunday** jam is every Sunday at 3:00 pm at Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto Blvd.



Save The Date! Sunday, June 30th is CTBA's 7th Annual Band Scramble & Garage Sale.

Eddie Collins will again serve as host to more than 30 of the top bluegrass musicians in Central Texas as they mix it up in this fun-for-all fund-raiser. Same as last year, this year's event will be held at Waterloo Ice House, 1106 West 38th Street, Austin. Music: 3:00 - 6:00 PM. Bluegrass Garage sale: 2:00- 5:00 PM. Contact Eddie at tuneman@austin.rr.com to donate garage sale items or with questions about the band scramble.

The **South Texas Bluegrass Gospel jam** is the 3rd Monday each moth, 2-6 pm, at G&H BBQ, 5491 Hwy 624 in Bluntzer, TX. See South Texas Bluegrass Association on Facebook, e-mail stx.bluegrass@gmail.com, or call 361-387-4552.



Missing Tradition plays Star Co. Coffee (starcocoffee.com), 114 E. Main Street, Round Rock, Texas, the 3rd Friday of each month. Missing Tradition joins the voices/talents of Daniel Ost – Guitar, Mandolin and Vocals, Diana Ost – Harmonica, Mountain Dulcimer, and Vocals, Terry Carter - Mandolin, Fiddle, Guitar, and Vocals, Thom McNeil – Banjo, Resonator Guitar, and Vocals and Lenny Nichols – Bass (when available). Check 'em out.



Like they say, you just never know who's going to show up at the 2nd Thursday Open Mic at the New World Deli in Austin. At the April event, there was the usual crowd and performers delighting in good music. Jeff Robertson performed his usual magic (playing a reconstructed Martin even). Then, Peter Rowan took the stage. This picture, by Trish Taylor, shows Eddie,

Jeff, Peter, Carolyn Wright, and Kevin Willette. Peter came to town to "do business/visit with" Trish's cousin, Caroline Wright, who is the co- author of the Tony Rice biography. Now, don't you wish you'd been there?

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Artist Profile - James Reams

James Reams & The Barnstormers is a nationally-known bluegrass band that provides a contemporary take on traditional bluegrass; blending it with innovation and vitality to create their own branch on the "roots" tree. *fRoots* (an international magazine that specializes in world music) wrote, "[This album represents] traditional music kept alive by a stylish performer... Powerful, emotional music that needs to be heard."

As James likes to say, "This isn't museum music, it's a living, breathing creation. When I get up there on that stage or in the recording studio, I know that I'm performing with band members that feel like I do, that are dedicated and committed to making traditional music that moves people." Bluegrass DJ Jerry Paul (a Chairman of the Bill Monroe Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame) raved "James is such an inspiration to watch. He truly feels his music and sings from his very soul."

Coming from a family of traditional singers in southeastern Kentucky, there never was a time when James didn't feel driven to play guitar and sing music. He remembers, "Ever since I was a kid, I was considered a singer. It was part of my identity. When I was only six years old, my dad would have me come up to the kitchen table and sing a song I had written. It was every family's dream to raise up a successful musician."

In talking about his style, James continued, "I'm driven to sing songs that have real meaning to me. I channel my passion and feelings into the song; the band then combines their style and skill to elevate the whole performance." His guitar playing was highlighted in *Flatpicking Guitar Magazine's* Masters of Rhythm Guitar column. Even the IBMA took notice when they nominated him for Best Emerging Artist in 2003 and for Recording Event of the Year along with the Chieftains and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

This passion and dedication is readily apparent in their live performances. James Reams & The Barnstormers put on an exciting, entertaining stage show that incorporates a variety of material including gospel, blues, rockabilly, honky tonk, lots of originals, and some traditional numbers. It's obvious that they have rehearsed each song to create a special feel or arrangement. James elaborates, "We sweat over the details of the material, then go into the studio with our arrangements and listen to each other in order to create our own sound and feel. To me what I always enjoyed about the music was the emotion evoked by Carter Stanley or Red Allen. That's all I ever dreamed of doing."



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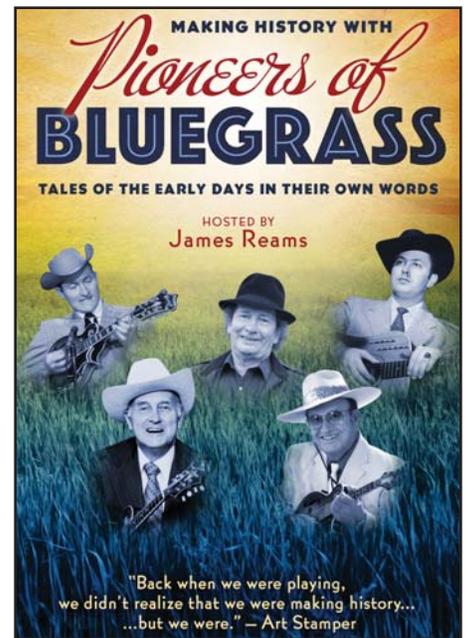


James has put together a terrific portfolio of original music that spans two decades of recordings. His lyrics bring the vocabulary of traditional bluegrass bands into the present time with topics that are in the news today like environmental disasters, immigration, and struggles with poverty—tunes that could play on today’s iPods and appeal across all generations. “You can’t learn passion. You can learn how to do scales and practice to a metronome. But to bring the music alive, you’ve got to FEEL it deep down in your bones.”

2013 marks James’ 20th anniversary as a bandleader. “What pulled me into this music was groups like the Stanley Brothers. There’s a sort of chill, goosebumps, that affected me when I heard them play. A passion for this music was born in me. I’ve always felt that excitement whenever I perform.”

His passion for the genre itself and everyone who has been a part of bringing traditional music into the mainstream has culminated in the production of the DVD documentary “Making History with Pioneers of Bluegrass: Tales of the Early Days in Their Own Words” hosted by James Reams. Everyone who truly loves bluegrass music should want to hear from not just the big names in the business but from the likes of Bill Yates, Art Stampers, Melvin Goins, and Kenny Baker...words preserved now in this documentary, honoring their legacy. The film will be released mid-year 2013 as part of James’ 20th anniversary celebration.

James has been a member of the CTBA for a year now, since moving out west to the Phoenix area. He’s looking forward to the opportunity to bring his style of bluegrass to the music lovers in Texas and hopes to be in a town near you soon! Check him out on the web at www.jamesreams.com.



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8pm - Midnight - Western Swing! Live on Haynie St.



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Sun. 11am George Ernst

8:30am - Highland Lakes Honor Guard will post colors and observe a moment of silence and play taps

9am - 5pm - Vendors Open and Bluegrass Music performed all day

9am - 11am - Registration for Car Show & Car Club Competition at the Gazebo on the Historic Court House Square

Noon - 5pm - Car Show judging for individual class entries

6pm - 7pm Nostalgic Car Cruise begins at Inman's Kitchen, BBQ & Catering,

KITY FM 102.9 will be doing a live remote (location TBA)

Cruisers pick up "goody bags" at remote location.

Cruise ends at the Railyard.

7pm - Classic Car awards presentation of One-of-a-kind Trophies.

7pm - The Badu House will host an Open Bluegrass Jam

8pm - 12pm - "The Flash Back Band" 50's Style Sock Hop Dance

SUNDAY MAY 26th - ON THE HISTORIC COURT HOUSE SQUARE

8am - Devotional Service

8am - 10am - Car Club Competition Registration

9am - 4pm - Bluegrass Music and Vendors Open

10am - 2pm - Judging throughout the day

2:30pm - Award ceremony for Car Club Competition



MONDAY MAY 27th

1pm - Highland Lakes Honor Guard and American Legion Memorial

Ceremony at Historic Court House Square

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Sun. 10am The Showmen Bluegrass Band



Sun. 12pm Blue Creek Bluegrass

BLUEGRASS JAMS!!!

NOTICE: Be sure to contact the venue and/or host to ensure the jam/show is still active. The only info we have about each of these is what was sent to us. If you find a problem with any venue or need to change your information, drop us a line at ctba@centralbluegrass.org.

AUSTIN

2nd & 4th Saturday, CTBA Sponsored, 3801 Berkman Drive, 78723, slow jam, 2 to 4 pm; intermediate jam 4 to 6 pm

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:00 pm at Bruce Mansbridge's home
Call Steve Mangold 512-345-6155 for info on all Austin jams

Every Sunday, Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto, 78701 2:00 pm

1st Wed., Musicians Woodshed, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, 3698 RR 620 South, Ste. 107, 78738, themusicianswoodshed.com

Every Tuesday, Texas Old Time Fiddlers Jam, 8:00-10:00 pm, Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto, 78701. Info: Tom Lindsey, lindseytg@aol.com

BANDERA

4th Friday, 6:30 pm at Silver Sage Corral, east of Bandera. Info: 830-796-4969 (No jam on Good Friday)

BELLVILLE

4th Saturday, Jam & Show (Spring Creek Club Sponsored), Jan. - Sep, JAM 6:30 pm, SHOW, Coushatta RV Ranch, 979-865-5250, bluegrass221@peoplepc.com, www.springcreekbluegrass.com

Carrollton

Saturdays (March - Nov), 7:30pm -1:00 am, between Main and State Streets at 6th, Info: Jim Miller 972-276-3197
www.meetup.com/bluegrass-142

Corpus Christi

2nd Sunday, 2:00 pm, Heritage Park, Corpus Christi, South Texas Bluegrass Association, Info: Bill Davis 361-387-4552

Dallas

1st Tue., Bluegrass Heritage Foundation jam, 7:00 pm, Charley's Guitar Shop, 2720 Royal Lane, www.charleysguitar.com, 972-243-4187

FAYETTEVILLE

2nd Sat, April - November, starts at 6 pm, Courthouse Square
info@texaspickinpark.com, www.texaspickinpark.com

FIELD CREEK

1st Sat, Field Creek Music - 6:00 pm, Field Creek is between Llano and Brady on Hwy 71. Info: Bill Tuckness 325-247-3223

Garland

Saturdays, Mar-Nov, 7:30 pm, between Main and State streets at 6th, Info: Jim Miller 972-276-3197

GEORGETOWN

Every Thursday at Duke's BBQ, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, 512-869-8076 or sigi@sigi.us, pages.suddenlink.net/jrf/rr/

GLEN ROSE

3rd Sat., Oakdale Park, Paluxy River Bluegrass Assn., free stage show, camping encouraged, Info: John Scott 817-525-0558

HARWOOD

3rd Sat., 2-9 pm, JAM & Stage Show, 9 mi. E. of Luling, Hwy 90, Info: Tony Conyers 512-601-1510 or 512-940-3731

HONDO

1st Friday, Hondo Hootenanny, starts at 11 am. Hondo Community Center, 1014 18th st, Hondo, TX Info 830 426 2831

LEAGUE CITY

3rd Sat., (Jan-Nov) Jam 5 pm (BABA Sponsored) Show 6:30 pm, Info: Rick Kirkland 281-488-2244, www.bayareabluegrass.org

LIBERTY HILL

4th Sat., Jam, 1-6 pm, Hwy 29 West, Info: Paula 512-778-5410

LLANO

4th Sat. (Jan. - Oct.), Bluegrass in the Hill Country Jam, 5:30-10:30 pm, at The Badu House, Info: info@BluegrassInTheHillCountry.org

1st & 3rd Tue., Beginner/Intermediate, 7:00 pm First Presbyterian Church, Info: Jeff White 325-248-4114

1st Sat., Field Creek Fiddle Jam, 6-9 pm, Field Creek is between Llano and Brady on Hwy 71, Info: Bill Tuckness 325-247-3223

3rd Sat., Pontotoc Fiddle Jam, 6-9 PM, Pontotoc is between Llano and Brady on Hwy 71, Info: Bill Tuckness 325-247-3223

MANCHACA

Thur., 6:30-9:00 pm, Manchaca Railroad Bar-B-Q, FM 1626, Info: Dave 512-680-4433

MEDINA

2nd Tue., All Gospel Jam 6: pm, First Baptist Church, Info: Linda Barton 830-589-2486

MONTGOMERY

1st Sat., Jam, 10 am-2 pm, downtown historical District, Discount coupons at local KOA, Info: Mike Davis mld@consolidated.net

PEARL

1st Sat, Pearl Bluegrass Jam & Show, 1 pm, Old School House, FM 183 (not US 183) 7 mi South of Purmela, RV hookups available, Info: Ronald Medart 254-865-6013, www.pearlbluegrass.com

ROUND ROCK

3rd Sat., 2-5 pm, Danny Ray's Music, 12 Chisholm Trail, www.dannyraysmusic.com, 512-671-8663

SAN ANTONIO

Every Monday, "In-A-Jam" Bluegrass Jam Session, 7-9 pm at Grady's BBQ #7, 327 E. Nakoma (at Hwy 281). Info: Peyton Starr 210-870-4321 or Sheryl Sultenfuss

SHULENBURG

1st & 3rd Tue., RV Park Clubhouse, 6:30-9:00 pm, Contact: Loretta Baumgarten 979-743-4388 or Camp@SchulenburgRVPark.com

UTOPIA

3rd Friday, Jam, 7:00 pm, Senior Citizens Center, Info: Skip Doerr 830-966-6362

Victoria

3rd Friday, 5:00-10:00 pm, American Legion Post #166, 1402 E. Santa Rosa, Free Admission. Info: Stan Kendrick 935-4413, Gary Moses 550-5466, or crossroadsbluegrass@yahoo.com



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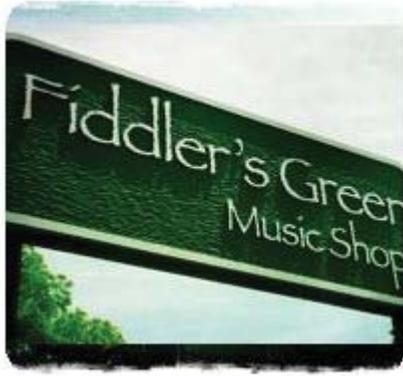
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Our members range from listeners and lovers of bluegrass music to world-class professional musicians who all have the same desire: to promote the music.

CTBA provides a link between clubs, restaurants, and other venues and Central Texas Bluegrass musicians.

CTBA sponsors jams, workshops, provides scholarships to needy musicians, donates to other non-profit organizations, supports radio stations that promote bluegrass music & musicians, and provides festival venues for our readers and fans of bluegrass music to enjoy. KEEP ON PICKIN'!



Fiddler's Green, 1809 W. 35th Street in Austin, is holding a promotion the entire month of June that you might be interested in.

Any sale of \$50 or more (before tax) at Fiddler's Green from June 1 thru June 30 will automatically enter the purchaser into a drawing to **win a Collings MT mandolin!** (retail price \$2500)

The winner will have his/her choice of a sunburst finish or honey amber.

The raffle will be exclusive since only one entry per person/purchaser will be allowed. So, someone who spends only \$50 will have just as much chance to win as someone that spends \$5000. This will be strictly enforced.

The drawing will take place on Tuesday, July 2, and the winner will be contacted by phone.



Randall's Good Neighbor Program

The process to get this started is a bit of a pain, but it makes donating to CTBA, your local schools, or your favorite non-profit organizations very, very easy.

Just go to the link below, print the form and fill it out, enter CTBA's code 9735, and take to your local Randall's store:

http://shop.safeway.com/corporate/randalls/gn_houston_austin.pdf.

You can also request the form from your local store.