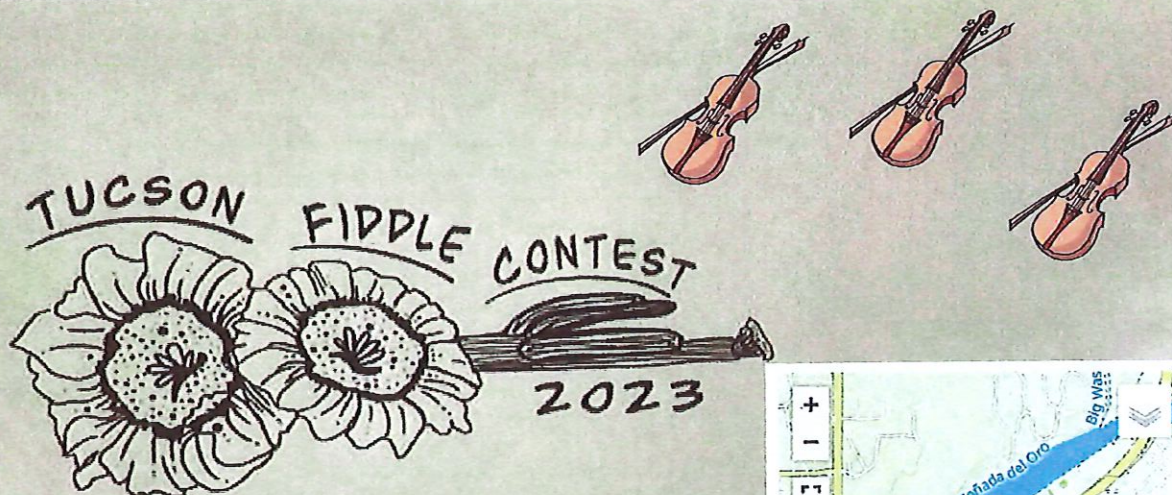


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81st Annual Tucson Fiddle Contest

Saturday March 11, 2023

The cost to participate and attend is free.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets.

Registration begins at 8 AM. Contest starts at 9AM.

Age Divisions:

- Pee Wee (0-8)
- Junior-Junior (Ages 9-12)
- Junior (13 - 17)
- Young Adult (18 - 39)
- Adult (40 - 64)
- Senior (65-74)
- Young at Heart (75 & up)

For more information call 520.977.1250

Steam Pump Ranch 10901 N Oracle Rd, Oro Valley, AZ 85737

March Birthdays!!!

Linda	Darland	3	1
Ross	Riggs	3	1
Pat	McMullen	3	3
Verla	Jones	3	4
Dorothy	Barstad	3	7
Charles	White	3	7
Frank	Moore	3	10
Ruth	Ireland	3	17
Kenny	Reynolds	3	22
Tamra	Johnston	3	22
Gary	Johnson	3	26
Fran	Judd	3	26
Jacquie	Wilcox	3	27
Gary	Huntington	3	27

April Birthdays!!!

Laura	Barry	4	1
Mary	Tiezen	4	13
Noreen	Johnston	4	13
Arlene	Kimball	4	15
Darwin	Kimball	4	16
Mart i	White	4	17
Jon	Shelby	4	20
Clay	Barry	4	21
Barbara	Giamalvo	4	21

MARCH-APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ed & Noreen	Johnston	3	06	1960
Ann Shaw		3	29	
Ross	Riggs	4	02	
Jon & Janet	Shelby	4	22	1994
Tom & Katie	Bonn	4	28	1984



HAPPENINGS

March 11 9am - 5 pm
Tucson Fiddle Contest
Steam Pump Ranch
10901 N Oracle Rd
Oro Valley AZ 85737
contact Amy Barry
ireland77@gmail.com

March 17 18
Spring Campout
Salome Lions Club
Linda Darland 928-671-0474

The Verde Valley (Cottonwood) chapter has resumed their monthly meetings and jams. It is located in the Senior Citizens building , S 6th St Cottonwood AZ Time is 1 pm until 4 pm. Everyone is invited to come play music or just enjoy listening. Acoustic instruments only, no electric, and no drums. See you there.

Ajo Contest Results

Pee Wee - Sawyer Dietrich

Jr-Jr - Emily Fletcher

Junior

- 1 - Ranelle Dietrich
- 2 - Maggi Cucitro
- 3 - Elie Barry
- 4 - Ben Barry
- 5 - Clay Barry

No Young Adult

Adult

- 1 - Jess Barry
- 2 - Corrine Garey
- 3 - Rick Commo
- 4 - Katie Bonn

Senior

- 1 - Henry
- 2 - Janet Shelby
- 3 - Mary Cooper
- 4 - Starr McMullen
- 5 - Dave Brinkman

Senior - Senior

- 1 - Dan Everts
- 2 - Gayle Clarity
- 3 - Arline Peterson

Accompanist

- 1 - Ben Barry
- 2 - Jess Barry
- 3 - Frank Moore
- 4 - Paul Dickerson
- 5 - Laura Barry

Trick & Fancy

- 1 - Henry
- 2 - Jess Barry
- 3 - Janet Shelby

Twin

- 1 - Starr McMullen & Janet Shelby
- 2 - Jess Barry & Ben Barry
- 3 - Elie Barry & Ranelle Dietrich

Runner Up

- 1 - Starr McMullen
- 2 - Katie Bonn
- 3 - Ben Barry
- 4 - Dave Brinkman
- 5 - Clay Barry

Grand Champion

- 1 - Jess Barry
- 2 - Henry
- 3 - Ranelle Dietrich
- 4 - Janet Shelby
- 5 - Maggi Cucitro

Playing at the plaza



Mickey Long

1/30/1935 - 12/23/2022

Umeko N. Long , age 87, of Gilbert AZ, passed away on December 23, 2022. Umeko was born in Yokohama, Japan to Hanzaemon and Ohiyo Negata. At the age of sixteen, she met and married Norman C. Long who was stationed in Japan with the United Statea Navy. After coming to the US on a naval ship, the couple settled in Arizona where they would spend 71 years together. Although they had no children of their own, they were blessed with 16 nieces and nephews who they regarded as "their kids". Umeko spent many years working as a technician for Motorola while Norman worked for Honeywell. After retirement they sold their house and bought an RV and began spending their post-retirement life traveling and playing golf and music. Their first priority when packing the RV was making sure the musical instruments and golf clubs were carefully put away. Umeko loved to play golf and she would often share stories of the places they played along the way and the people they met, but her first love was always music and her fiddle. She and Norman built their travel schedule around bluegrass festivals where she played fiddle and he played guitar. They would also take time to entertain at schools and nursing homes along the way.

Both Umeko and Norman are in the Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Association Hall of Fame and enjoyed playing music with their friends and family throughout their retirement. Umeko was known for having a quick wit and was never shy about expressing her opinions on any subject



For the Love of Music

On the 23rd of December when I heard she was gone
all I could think of was a song
Not a specific song that has a name
but the song of her life and what she became.

On January 30 1935,
she was born with a soul that was meant to thrive.
A girl at sixteen that loved with all her heart,
traveled across the world for a brand new start.
This new world was filled with travels and music.

Norman always by her side,
through thick and thin.

The pair made their way into the Arizona Fiddlers Hall of Fame, teaching others how to accomplish the same.

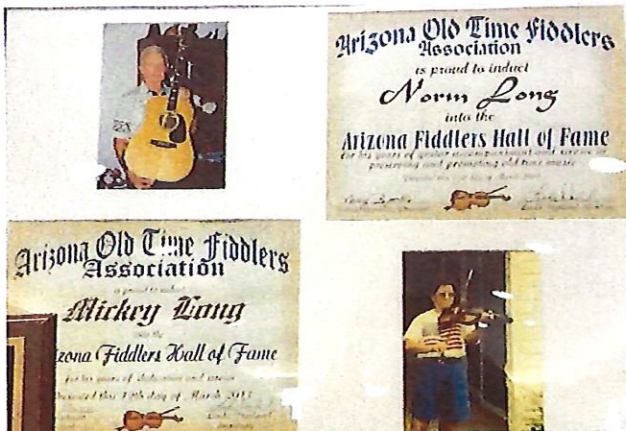
She called us her children
with unconditional love in her voice.
She and Norman always found reason to rejoice.
Aunt Umeko was spunky and quick,
always having music to help her heart tick,
As her time came to an end,

I could hear the music of her last verse
beginning to descend.

The last time I saw her we both knew,
her song would travel through us all too.

While her song has reached it's end,
Umeko and Norman are making music together again.

Nicole Renner



Yuma Jaycees Contest Results

Small Fry Sawyer Dietrich
Isley Dietrich

Jr./Jr. Aspen Dietrich

Junior Ranelle Dietrich

Adult Janet Shelby
Katie Bonn
Kris Mannino

Senior Henry the Fiddler
Dave Brinkman
Laura Barry

Sr./Sr. Al Derrien
Dan Everts
Fred Lohmann

Twin Fiddle Dave Brinkman & Katie Bonn
Paul and Debbie Dickerson

Trick & Fancy Henry the Fiddler
Ranelle Dietrich
Janet Shelby

Other Stringed Instruments
Dave Brinkman - banjo

Janet Shelby - viola

Brie Dietrich - flat pick guitar



Husband/Wife: Katie and Tom Bonn
Paul and Debbie Dickerson

Accompanist Frank Moore
Paul Dickerson

Jr. Accompanist Brie Dietrich
Aspen Dietrich
Sawyer Dietrich

Vocal Paul Dickerson
Debbie Dickerson
Fred Lapcheska

Jr. Vocal Ranelle Dietrich

Grand Champion **Ranelle Dietrich**
Aspen Dietrich
Janet Shelby



Chapter Meetings

Territorial
contact Dan Everts 509-953-0079 Yuma

Rim County
contact barthelhome@gmail Payson
1:30 2nd Sunday Rock of Ages 204 W Airport Rd Payson
4 p 4th Thursday Rock of Ages Luthern church 204 W
Airport Rd Payson

Verde Valley
contact Nancy Reynolds 928-300-2113 Cottonwood
Senor Citizens Center 6th Street
NEW DAY Third Sunday of month

Casa Grande Contest Winners

Small Fry:

- 1 Sawyer D
- 2 Isley D
- 3 Georgia R

JR JR

- 1 Aspen D
- 2 Emily F
- 3 Emilie F
- 4 Gabriella N
- 5 Katie H

JR

- 1 Kaitlyn N
- 2 Meg P
- 3 Maggi C
- 4 Elie B

Young Adult

- 1 Aaron F
- 2 Maria M

Adult

- 1 Katie B
- 2 Janene F
- 3 Rick C
- 4 BJ R
- 5 Laura B

Senior

- 1 Henry
- 2 Janet S
- 3 Dave B
- 4 Laura B
- 5 Kevin D
- 6 Martin F
- 7 Hans P

Open

- 1 Mia K
- 2 Tristan C
- 3 Ranelle D
- 4 Taylor T
- 5 Libby R

Band

- 1 Ten Dollar Wedding
- 2 String Benders
- 3 Trouble Double

Accomp

- 1 Tristan C
- 2 Maria M
- 3 Carla F
- 4 BJ Rhodes
- 4 Frank Moore

Jr Accomp

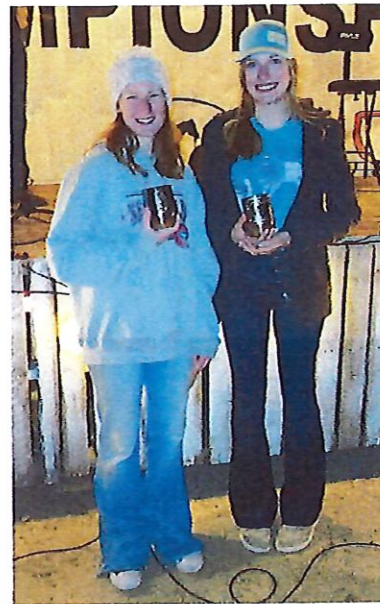
- 1 Brie D
- 2 Maggi C
- 3 Sawyer D

Twin


- 1 Elie/Ranelle
- 2 Katie/Dave
- 3 Kim/Katie

Novice

- 1 Kim Holdman



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 visit with other fiddlers
 list news items, contests, schedule of events

This will be your LAST newsletter if your dues are not received by MARCH 15TH. I will be deleting YOU from the database!!! Send to Noreen Johnston 696 S Maricopa St, Chino Valley AZ 86323

March 1, 2023

Greetings from the Territorial Chapter in Yuma. It has been a wonderfully active February and March promises to be the same.

We played to a full house, past capacity for the room, at the Foothills Library on Jan 17th. Jan 19th Janet, Frank, Alex, and DannyM played for a couple of hours at the Emerald Springs Retirement Center.

Quite a few of our members gathered at Ajo for a fun four days. Some of us entered the competition and some of us cheered them on. Winners in our branch include: Dan Everts 1st in Senior Senior; Janet Shelby 2nd in Senior, 3rd in Trick and Fancy, 1st in Twin, and 4th in Grand Champion. Many of our groups played both nights for the dance. Those of us that were not so brave, enjoyed sitting around camp and jamming.

A small group played for Yuma East residents last Sunday. We are still playing at the Foothills Library March 23 with us returning to our old schedule of 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in April; VFW on Feb 28 and March 14th and 28th; Capri RV Park on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of March. The Yuma chapter yard sale is rescheduled for March 2 and 3 2023.

We had a wonderful time playing at the rodeo February 10, 11, and 12th. Dan Everts, our president wants to send a big thank you to all who participated, Dan had shoulder surgery February 15th and was home recuperating the same day. We wish him a fast recovery.

For those who missed the obituary, Gerald Giss, a long time member of the Yuma chapter of Old Time Fiddlers, passed on 12/9/22. He was born 5/26/47 and was quite an artist. His friends lovingly called him by the nickname of "Jolly".

Norma Schwagerl, from Canada, but a long time resident of Catalina Square apartments and a much admired and loved, original members of the Yuma Old Time Fiddlers, passed away in December of 2022. Her last known address was Hood River, Oregon. She enjoyed playing the fiddle and was said to be quite the accomplished fiddler.

Lastly, we have at least 8 new members for this season and a promise of a few more before the season is over.

Happy fiddling from Yuma.



The girls went to visit Don Poindexter
Nancy Reynolds Marilyn Leidahl Angie Scarpelletti

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Application for Membership
Renewal or Change of Address

Annual Dues \$15 per family Over 80 \$10 includes partner

New Member Renewal Change of Address
Please print

Name _____

Summer Address _____

Summer City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

If Different

Winter Address _____

Address _____

Winter City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Man's Birthday _____ Lady's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____ Year _____

Children under age 18 living at home _____

Chapters

Rim Country Payson area

SAOTF Tucson area

Territorial Yuma area

Verde Valley Cottonwood area

Independent Anywhere

Members may join one principal chapter.
and one associate chapter

Please send state dues to:
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