

# Western Ohio Bluegrass Association

The Western Ohio Bluegrass Association has a mission to Introduce, Promote  
And Preserve the long time traditional acoustic music known as Bluegrass.

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## President's Note

Darn weather! January and February saw cancellations in the Bluegrass Show as well as a Couple of Jam sessions. I think we're on the backside of winter now so things ought to shape up. The Wednesday evening Jams are gaining strength and I always look forward to the next time we meet. We've got the busy period of the year coming up and I'm hoping that new folks can step to the plate and give us a hand with the raffles as well as the Bluegrass Festival. Don't forget to mark April 24th on your calendars. This is the music day hosted by WOBA, Vernon and Kitty. I'll touch more on this in the March Newsletter. With spring quickly approaching, we'd like for you to dust off that last bit of snow and get in the Bluegrass mood.

## Wednesday Bluegrass Jam Sessions

The Jam Sessions are on Wed nights from 6-9 pm. We continue to grow and I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to attend as we do encourage and welcome guests and visitors. The jammers are bringing in new material each week and the music is the best I've heard in several years! Everyone is welcome to step up to the microphone even if you don't play an instrument. The pickers can normally play along with whatever is sung.

## WOBA Raffles

Please support our Instrument Raffles at the Bluegrass in the Cornfield Shows. The proceeds from these Raffles are spent to Introduce, Promote and Preserve Bluegrass Music. No exceptions!! A portion of the proceeds help support a Local High Student in his/her pursuit of a Music Degree. It's through your generous participation that we can make a difference in bringing Bluegrass to you. Thank you for your support!!

## Meeting Notice

The Association met on December 19th, 2009 at 5 pm. The next meeting has been scheduled for March 6th @ 2 pm in Margaret's Kitchen. Come and join us for the meeting, then stick around for the Bluegrass Show. If you have an idea that the Association should consider for support, we'd be interested in hearing all about it. All members are urged to attend and get involved.

## Contact Information

Officers: John or Jo Swaney use [wohbluegrass@gmail.com](mailto:wohbluegrass@gmail.com). To contact Tom Grumblis use [tas65@watchtv.net](mailto:tas65@watchtv.net). To contact Jack Ritchie use [woba51@yahoo.com](mailto:woba51@yahoo.com). Please contact us if we may assist you in any way.

## Member Responsibility

Please keep us updated if you change your mailing address or if you get a new e-mail address. It's our goal to provide you with this newsletter in a timely manner.

## T-Shirts

The WOBA T-Shirts are still on sale in the FOTMC store. The prices have been slashed to \$12 each or 2 for \$20. That's rock bottom prices folks. Get your T-shirt today! All proceeds go to the promotion of Bluegrass Music and we have a size for every one.

## FOTMC Trivia Contest

As posted in Kitty's Newsy News, the FOTMC will be hosting a Trivia Contest. After March 8th when the contest is organized and running, you can go to [www.WLIO.com](http://www.WLIO.com) and click on the FOTMC trivia contest. The lucky winner of the first contest will be chosen on March 17th, (St Patrick' Day) The prize is a student model mandolin plus a pair of tickets to the March 20th Appalachian Opry Show.

### **Whitaker Bros.**

I'd like to welcome the Whitaker Brothers as members in WOBA. I first saw this Bluegrass Band 3-4 years ago and I still look forward to their performance each time they visit the FOTMC. These guys are awesome!! I'll try to get some more information on the guys so I can bring you a better update next month. Here's their current schedule.

Feb 27th- Humane Society Kenton OH.

March 6th FOTMC Wapak OH (lilliemae and the Dixie Gospel aires)

March 13th Randolph OH (unconfirmed)

March 20th Humane Society Kenton OH

March 27th Elks Kenton OH.

April 24th Warsaw IN. Church (lilliemae and the Dixie Gospel aires)

May 8th Tyro OH .Baptist Church (lilliemae and the Dixie Gospel aires)

*call before you travel to confirm (dates are subject to change)*

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### **Junior's Band**

We now have a Banjo player! If you know of someone out there that might want to pursue this opportunity, you can contact either Kitty or myself for an overview. We'd love to have the chance to talk to you about this. Knowledge of the basic chords and the ability to change chords is a requirement to be considered. All Bluegrass Instruments will be considered. Please contact me at [woba51@yahoo.com](mailto:woba51@yahoo.com) or Kitty McIntyre at 419-568-1220 if you're interested in the Jr's Band. Don't miss this opportunity.

### **Old Instrument Collection**

The Association is looking for some old, inexpensive Stringed Instruments. I have a future project in mind and I need some Instruments that I can fix up and loan out to other Association Members and Music Students. Don't worry if they need strings or a little TLC, I can take care of that. How bout it folks, dig that old Guitar, Fiddle or Mandolin out of the attic and please consider donating it to us. We'd love to have your old instruments.

### **WOBA Scholarship**

Association members met with Wapak High School officials to discuss the Scholarship we'll award to one of their High School Seniors this spring. We were greeted with enthusiasm and the meeting went well. You may view the Application that students will complete to be considered for this award. The Application is posted on our Web Site. If any member would like to get involved in the selection process, please let me know. A special thanks to Miss Kitty who attended the meeting, and Shari Wolf who made the posting for the application. This is Association Members at work!!

### **Newsletter Publication**

The Newsletter is joint effort between Jo Swaney and myself. Although I usually have an idea of the topics I want to put on paper, it's Jo's expertise that truly drives the Newsletter. She's the one who tells me, "Hey Jack, that doesn't sound right", or "don't forget to mention this". Let's all take a moment and thank Jo the next time we see her. Without her, I'd turn out a monthly mess instead of a monthly Newsletter!! Thank You Jo.