

Crab Orchard Museum
3663 Crab Orchard Rd.
Tazewell, VA 24651



July 10th - 12th, 2009

7th Annual
TAZEWELL CO.
OLD TIME & BLUEGRASS
EST/2003
FIDDLERS' CONVENTION

July 10 - 12, 2009
Tazewell County
Fairgrounds

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**Tazewell County Old Time & Bluegrass
Fiddlers' Convention
Lifetime Achievement Awards**

Each spring the Fiddlers' Convention committee considers nominations and votes to honor individuals that have made a significant impact on preserving traditional mountain music in Tazewell County and the surrounding area. The new honorees or the families of posthumous honorees are contacted in advance, invited to the event and presented a handcrafted award on Saturday evening of the convention. Traditionally new honorees are asked to join past honorees on stage to play and sing together, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," which is the highlight of the evening.

Honorees to date include:

Hobart Crabtree	2003
Herb Bowman*	2004
Arnold Dickens*	2004
Charlie Marrs	2004
Mack Wingo	2004
Elisha Duncan*	2005
Shelby Jewell	2005
Hamilton Lambert*	2005
Leroy Vanover	2005
Hazel Dickens	2006
Ron Mullenex	2006
Ralph Mullins*	2006
Buford Conn	2006
Ebby Jewell	2007
Levi D. Long	2007
Henry Reed*	2007
Eric Whitesell	2007
Charlotte Whitesell	2007
Larry Hogston	2008
Jacky Ray	2008
Forrest "Duke" White	2008
Roy Wright*	2008

*deceased

2009 Fiddlers' Convention Committee

Phil Bevins
Bob Buchanan
Martha Hurst
LeRoy Long
Shelby Jewell
Ron Mullenex
Garland Roberts
Jonathan Romeo
Kim Santolla

Schedule of Events

(Don't forget your folding chair & umbrella/sun shade!)

Bring the family to Tazewell for a weekend of traditional mountain music, old-fashioned cake and pie walks, flat foot dancing, parking lot jamming, hot instrument and band competition, cash prizes, a Martin guitar raffle, camping and fellowship in the cool mountain air.

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH - Gates open at 12:00 noon

Sponsored by ConnCert Music World
Instrument Swap

4-6:30 PM – Open Mic Session for individual pickers, duos and bands.

First night of band competition

7 PM – Old Time Band Competition

8 PM – Bluegrass Band Competition

9 PM – Old Time Band Competition

10 PM – Bluegrass Band Competition

Bands may compete either night or both nights. Bands that compete both nights will have their lower score dropped and their higher score considered for overall placement.

SATURDAY, July 11TH

Sponsored by Blankenship & Associates Insurance Services

10 AM – Youth Competition

10:30 AM - Folk Song Competition (First 20 registered)

11 AM – Individual Instrument Competition:
Guitar, Mandolin, Dobro, Harmonica, Dulcimer, Bass, Autoharp

2 PM – Fiddle & Banjo Duet Competition

3 PM – Banjo Competition (Old Time and Bluegrass)

4 PM – Fiddle Competition (Old Time and Bluegrass)

6 PM – Presentation on Old Time Tune Origins by Ron Mullenex

6:30 PM – Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Awards

7 PM – Old Time Band Competition

8 PM – Bluegrass Band Competition

9 PM – Old Time Band Competition

10 PM – Bluegrass Band Competition

Dance Competition *(after Band Competition)*

11 PM – Awards Ceremony

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

10 AM – Informal Gospel Jam at Ratliff Pavilion hosted by Lil' Opry of Glenwood. Join us for a short service and the music and singing you love.

CAMPING

Camping is first come, first served. Water outlets available, self-contained RVs okay, 2 dumping stations on site, no hookups. Camping spaces are \$8/night/vehicle for primitive, \$15/night/RV.

Food available on site.

TICKETS

Weekend Passes or Single Day Passes available at the Gate. Competitors have the option of 1/2 entry fee refund or event tee-shirt after performing.

Weekend Pass - \$12.00, free for kids 12 and under with accompanying adult.

Friday or Saturday Single Day Pass - \$7.00, free for kids 12 and under with accompanying adult.

PRIZES

MORE THAN \$5,000 CASH AND PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

BANDS – Old Time & Bluegrass Categories

1ST - \$500, 2ND - \$400, 3RD - \$300,

4TH - \$200, 5TH - \$100

Instrument Categories (limit two per competitor)

Fiddle (Old Time & Bluegrass)

Banjo (Old Time & Bluegrass)

Fiddle & Banjo Duet (prizes doubled)

Guitar, Mandolin, Dobro

1st – \$100, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$50,

4th & 5th – Ribbons

Harmonica, Dulcimer, Bass, Autoharp

1st – \$50, 2nd & 3rd - Ribbons

Best All Around Performer – Ribbon

Dance Competition – 1st – 5th – Ribbons

Male, Female and Youth

Youth Competition – 1st – 5th – Ribbons

Folk Song Competition – 1st – 5th – Ribbons

Martin Guitar Raffle

Win a DX 175th Anniversary Limited Edition acoustic Martin Guitar, case included, with a retail value of \$999, donated by ConnCert Music World.

Raffle tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5 for sale at the Tee Shirt tent in the main arena.

All proceeds benefit Crab Orchard Museum.

Rules

- 1) Bands are encouraged to compete both nights, but not required. If a band competes both nights, the lower score will be dropped and the higher score considered for award placement.
- 2) Contestants will be refunded 1/2 their entry fee or given a tee-shirt after competing. No non-performers will be refunded.
- 3) Drug and alcohol laws will be enforced.
- 4) Individual instrumentalists may be accompanied by one accompanist only.
- 5) Only acoustic instruments on stage; no electric instruments.
- 6) No amplified music to be played at any time during event.
- 7) By performing, all contestants agree that the sponsor may record and reproduce performances free of claim by the contestants. The sponsor has the right to record and reproduce music played at the convention.
- 8) If a contestant breaks a string while performing, he must stop immediately; he will be allowed to replace the string, and can perform immediately after restringing.
- 9) ATVs on grounds allowed for event personnel only. Golf carts allowed only with drivers age 16 and up.
- 10) All ticket sales final – no exchanges or refunds. Lost or damaged wrist bands or mutilated tickets will not be replaced or reimbursed.
- 11) Registration will be accepted up until the end of each competition category only. No one will be allowed to compete in a category once a new category has opened.
- 12) No pets allowed off leash.
- 13) One tune only for individual competitors. No medleys.
- 14) Competitors are limited to two individual competition categories and one band only, except for bass players.
- 15) Please list only one contact name for Band competitors. If your band wins a monetary prize, a check will be issued in this person's name. No cash will be distributed. No exceptions.
- 16) There is a 3-minute time limit for individual instrument competitors, 5-minute limit for bands. When time is expired competitors will be allowed to finish current chorus or verse only.
- 17) Tunes must be part of the public domain or original to the performer only.
- 18) Violation of the above rules will result in disqualification of the contestant.

Directions

From Bluefield: take Hwy 19/460 west through Tazewell. Take Fairgrounds Rd. exit (Tazewell Exit 1), go right under bridge, enter on left.

From Abingdon: take Hwy 19/460 east past Richlands toward Tazewell, go past Historic Crab Orchard Museum on right. Continue to Fairgrounds Rd. (Tazewell Exit 1) on right. Enter fairgrounds at end of ramp.

Contact Info

(276) 988-6755 or info@craborchardmuseum.com or visit our website at www.craborchardmuseum.com

✂ Detach, place in envelope and mail

Categories

Limit One:

Old Time Band

Bluegrass Band

Limit Two:

Guitar

Mandolin

Dobro

Harmonica

Dulcimer

Bass

Autoharp

Old Time Fiddle

Bluegrass Fiddle

Old Time Banjo

Bluegrass Banjo

Fiddle & Banjo Duet

No Limit:

Dance Competition

Youth Competition

Folk Song Competition

Registration

Competitors have the option of 1/2 entry fee refund or event tee-shirt after performing.

Complete and return to:

HCOM - Fiddlers' Convention
3663 Crab Orchard Rd., Tazewell, VA 24651

Please Print

Name: _____

Band Name: _____

Number of People: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____