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YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

# January 2012 Newsletter

A message from our President, Fred Buckley

Dear Members of the MSOTFA,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holiday, spending time with family and friends. It seems that whenever we get together during the holidays, music seems to be included in the festivities. This year was no exception.

Looking forward to 2012, we have lots of exciting things lined up for all our members. Our new website should be up and running any day now. Reid Buckley has been building our new website these past few months. We will have the same web address: [montanafiddlers.org](http://montanafiddlers.org). Reid will be the webmaster, so the cost of maintaining the site will be cut dramatically.

Fiddle Camp 2012 brochures should be done very soon. You will be able to download the entire brochure off of our new website. Or if you don't have a computer, we will mail one to you. Thanks go out to Lori Schreiner, for helping out with the new look for this year's brochures. She also designed a new letterhead for the MSOTFA.

Fiddle instructors for camp this year are: Shane Cook, Suzy Thompson, James Schlender, Mabel Vogt, Vince Crofts, Kimber Ludiker, JayDean Ludiker, Katie Glassman-Salzberg, Natalie Koob & Sandy James. Guitar instructors are: Eric Thompson, Sallie Sublette, Yaniv Salzberg and Mike Dowling. Mandolin instructors are: Reid Buckley (beginners) and Evan Marshall (intermediate to advanced). Banjo instructors are: Warrie Means (bluegrass) and Rick McCracken (clawhammer). Jen Slayden will once again be our cello instructor. Mark Matthews will be our caller, dance instructor and dance historian for both weeks. Nicole Lamartine will be our vocal/singing instructor for week two. Dates for fiddle camp are: June 3-8 & June 10-15. That wraps up two weeks of fiddle camp.

At our Fall Board Meeting, Steve Webb, State Director from District 4, offered to donate a better sound system to replace the one that has been at the Fiddlers Museum/Hall of Fame for many years. Steve met Reg Wearly, District 1 State Director, in Great Falls to make the transaction. Dick Tobal, a District 1 member, is building a cabinet to hold the player as well. Thanks for your help in getting the job done.

I would also like to thank District 1 for putting up the new banner at the Fiddlers Museum. Alida Wright, president of District 1, Reg Wearly and Dick Pedersen, State Director from District 2 put up the banner. District 1 held a jam session that afternoon at the Miracle of America Museum. For some of our new members, wondering where the museum/Hall of Fame is located, it is in the town of Polson. We held our state contest there for many years until it was moved to Red Lodge. So if you are ever in the area, drop by the Miracle of America Museum and take in a bit of history of your organization.

That should do it for now. So have a great new year and let's keep on fiddlin'!

-Fred

# **WINTER FAIR FIDDLE CONTEST**

**MONTANA WINTER FAIR**

**Saturday- January 28, 2012**

**\*\*\*EAGLES HALL**

**124 W MAIN**

**LEWISTOWN, MONTANA**

- 8:00 A.M. Late Registration, Warm Up
- 9:00 A.M. First Round (3 tunes)
- 1:00 P.M. Second Round (3 tunes)
- 7:00 P.M. Final Round (3 tunes) - Top Five Finalists
  
- Divisions Open, Juniors, Junior/Juniors, and Pee Wees
- Awards Prize money to all five finalists in each division, Wheat MT products and other awards
  
- Judges Molly Wilson & Kerri Keller
- Entry fees \$15 for open division and \$10 for all others
- Registration Use entry form below and mail to Montana Winter Fair or register prior to warm up.

More Information - Call Vickie at 535-5167

**\*\*THERE WILL BE A BREAK AT 2 PM FOR THE DEATH BY CHOCOLATE AUCTION**

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## **MONTANA WINTER FAIR FIDDLE CONTEST REGISTRATION**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Division** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hobbies** \_\_\_\_\_

**Info of interest** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*\*\*\*We encourage you to pre-register by mail to help us with our scheduling. Please feel free to make copies of this registration form for family and friends. We hope to see you on the 28th!*

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**443 Horseshoe Bnd**  
**Lewistown, MT 59457-9424**

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Attention: Young Fiddlers!

It's time to apply for the Shorty Phelps Memorial Fiddle Camp Scholarship, which will be awarded to a Montana youth who demonstrates a desire to improve in the art of old time fiddling.

The winner must be under age 19 at the time of the award.

Applications must be received by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Information and applications available by contacting:

Jill Flikkema

406-539-4860

[Jdflikk1981@msn.com](mailto:Jdflikk1981@msn.com)

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**DUES ARE DUE! PLEASE PAY THEM TO YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY. IF YOU AREN'T SURE WHO THIS IS, PLEASE LOOK ON OUR WEBSITE: [www.montanafiddlers.org](http://www.montanafiddlers.org)**  
Thanks!

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## **DILLON FIDDLE CONTEST !**

The contest will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 18 & 19, at the Old Depot Theatre, 25 N. Montana Street in Dillon. Registration will begin at 8 AM on February 18<sup>th</sup>. For more info, call Sandy James at 683-9747 or 925-3483

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Please help our organization save money by choosing to receive your MSOTFA newsletter by email. To do this, send an email to: [nancypadilla406@gmail.com](mailto:nancypadilla406@gmail.com)

Thank you!

■ *The Montana State Oldtime Fiddlers Association is pleased to present, in a fundraiser concert on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, at the Ellen Theatre in Bozeman, THE QUEBE SISTERS BAND!*



## **The Quebe Sisters Band**

When Grace, Sophia and Hulda Quebe (pronounced Kway-bee) raise their fiddles and play, audiences marvel. When the girls sing their vintage style three-part harmony, audiences are blown away. Add the extraordinary rhythm guitar of champion fiddler Joey McKenzie and the swinging upright bass of Drew Phelps and the Quebe Sisters Band becomes a force of nature. The QSB's unique brand of music has taken the Americana music scene by storm. They perform a refreshing blend of western swing, vintage country, bluegrass, jazz & swing standards, and Texas style fiddling.

The QSB was awarded the Crescendo Award by the Western Music Association and was winner of the Western Swing Album of the Year from the Academy of Western Artists, for their latest album, Timeless.

Performance highlights include appearances at the Grand Ole Opry, the Kennedy Center, NYC's Lincoln Center, the Ryman Auditorium, the Marty Stuart Show, the Ernest Tubbs Midnite Jamboree, the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, and the National Folk Festival. They have also had the honor of performing for President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush.

*"One thing is for sure, you don't see a group like the Quebe Sisters Band come along everyday," says Grand Ole Opry announcer Eddie Stubbs. "Give them your undivided attention and if you're not already, you too, will become a fan."*

QSB Website: [quebesistersband.com](http://quebesistersband.com)

**RESERVED SEATING TICKETS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT:**

**[www.theellentheatre.com](http://www.theellentheatre.com)**

**The best seats will be sold for \$30 to the general public, but if you use this code: MSOTFA, you will be able to buy your ticket for \$27. The remaining seats will be sold for the price of \$17. All proceeds will benefit the Montana State Oldtime Fiddlers Association.**

**A BIG "THANK YOU" TO R&R TAYLOR CONSTRUCTION FOR SPONSORING THIS CONCERT!**

MSOTFA is in the process of updating the bylaws of our organization. Members will be voting on the changes at the next General Meeting this September. The proposed changes will soon be available for viewing on our website ([montanafiddlers.org](http://montanafiddlers.org)) or you can request a paper copy from your MSOTFA district representative, listed below.

District 1- Reg Wearley 849-5099 [vkstudio@montanasky.us](mailto:vkstudio@montanasky.us)

District 2- Dick Pedersen 543-5806

District 3- Sandy James 683-9747

District 4- Steve Webb 794-9084

District 8- Penny Callender 736-5391 [fidlmom2@yahoo.com](mailto:fidlmom2@yahoo.com)

We had a good discussion about the proposed changes at our last General Meeting, held last September in Three Forks. (Attendees each received a copy of the bylaw changes at that time.) We thank those of you who came to the meeting, and we encourage all MSOTFA members to learn about these important changes before the vote takes place in September 2012.

Your input on our bylaws is important, and to make your voice heard, contact your district board representative. They will, in turn, bring the input they receive from their district members to the next MSOTFA Board Meeting (to be held Spring 2012) where the final version will be prepared for the September 2012 vote. Members and spouses of members, who are current on their dues, are allowed to vote, in accordance with our current bylaws. Associate members may voice their opinions through their district representative, but are not allowed to vote, also in accordance with our current bylaws.

We thank Jill Flikkema, Penny Callender and Steve and Virginia Webb, for working hard on the bylaws revision project!

