

# THE TEXAS FIDDLER

Volume 40, Number 8

September 2011

## Fiddle Camp & Convention Wrap-up

We had a very full week of fiddling fun in Nacogdoches in August with our 5th Annual Fiddle Camp, and then finishing up the week's festivities with our 38th Annual Convention and Contest. Fiddle camp was a huge success



again, with about 50 fiddle and guitar students from around the country and even Germany. The camp has always tried to provide some of the very best instructors in the country and this year was no different with Jim Chancellor, Katie Glassman, Danita Gardner, Megan Lynch, Wes Westmoreland, and Anthony Mature providing their vast knowledge of fiddle music to students of all ages. A special thanks goes to Gene Gimble, Ray Franklin, Royce Franklin, and Charles Gardner for providing a great rhythm section for each evening's entertainment. I would also be remiss if I did not thank Kailyn Cano for providing the students and chaperones with some fantastic crafts to occupy their time outside the classroom, during the breaks. It was truly a wonderful week of fiddling and fellowship and we appreciate all the great teachers, students, and staff who came together to make it happen. We look forward to another great camp next summer!

As soon as camp was over, the annual convention began. With fiddle camp students moving from the university campus to the motel, as well as new arrivals in the evening, there seemed to be a never-ending jam session. We had over 30 competitors this year at our convention contest and we appreciate each and everyone for making the effort to

### Table of Contents

<b>President's Letter.....</b>	<b>pg. 1</b>
<b>Birthdays.....</b>	<b>pg. 3</b>
<b>Done Gone .....</b>	<b>pg. 4</b>
<b>Application.....</b>	<b>pg. 8</b>

attend and participate in both the contest and the business meeting. Look inside to see who the winners are. Congratulations to all of our competitors and thanks for supporting our contest and convention this year.

This year was also an election year for the Association and I am proud and honored to say that I will be remaining as the

President of TOTFA for another term. I am also very happy to announce that I will be serving along side a great group of people who make up the remainder of the Board of Directors. Those folks are Julie Morris, Julie Amundson, Mark Seale, Rick Norton, and Bubba Hopkins. I look forward to working with them in hopes of growing our membership and adding new events to our calendar. Special thanks to Clayton Bankston for his service to TOTFA the past couple of years as a Board member, and to Charles Gardner for his many years of service as a Board member, as well as, a few terms as President. His leadership, friendship, and advice through the years has been greatly appreciated.

In other Association news...due to the oppressive heat this summer, we unfortunately had to postpone our BBQ fundraiser at the Rustic Creek RV Ranch in Burleson, TX. It was decided that it would be a lot more enjoyable and safer for everyone if we could find a time in the Fall to reschedule the event. We will make sure to get the word out in plenty of time via the newsletter, website, and our facebook page once we decide on that new date. Thanks to everyone for your understanding.

As it stands now, our next scheduled contest will be October 1st in Bowie, Texas at the

## 2011 TOTFA BOARD



## The Texas Fiddler

The Texas Fiddler is the official publication of the Texas Old Time Fiddler's Association (TOTFA), a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. The Texas Fiddler is published monthly and mailed First Class to all members of the Association. TOTFA is a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Texas

Texas Old Time Fiddler's Assoc.  
3209 S. Fredonia  
Nacogdoches, TX 75694  
[www.totfa.org](http://www.totfa.org)

### President

*Bryan Jimmerson* phiddlephan@hotmail.com  
3209 S. Fredonia, Nacogdoches, TX 75694  
(936) 553-8180

### Directors

*Julie Amundson* jamundson@austin.rr.com  
2903 Jorwoods Dr., Austin, TX 78745  
(512) 894-6365

*Rick Norton* aggieauctioneer@yahoo.com  
300 Hudson Lane, Burleson, TX 76028  
(817) 371-9171

*Bubba Hopkins* hopkinsmusic@yahoo.com  
4821 Davy Crockett Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76137  
(918) 261-7598

*Julie Morris* texasmusicandfood@yahoo.com  
4821 Davy Crockett Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76137  
(817) 683-4317

*Mark Seale* mark.seale@gmail.com  
23352 Chapman Rd., Hempstead, TX 77445  
(979) 8266128

Cont. from pg. 2

Chicken and Bread Days Fiddle Contest. In fact, the month of October looks to be rather full with other contests scheduled for Seguin, Lake Somerville, and Gilmer.

I look forward to seeing you all at one of these contests next month.

Happy Fiddlin’

**Bryan**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER

Sherry Wortham	2	Carl Hopkins	11
Charlie Wallace	2	Nicholas Gillentine	14
Olaf Riewe	2	Aaron Mingus	18
Loyce Franklin	3	Taylor Johnston	24
Linda Sammons	4	Austin Ackerman	25
Wes Westmoreland	10		



*Congratulations to Roberta Rast and Tim Smith on their recent wedding. We hope you make beautiful music together for many years!*

# Done Gone

## **TOTFA Annual Convention & Contest**

*Banita Creek Hall, 401 W. Main St., Nacogdoches, Texas*

### **Junior Division**



- 1st Harrison Schumann
- 2nd Katie Crawford
- 3rd Karissa Nugent
- 4th James Kurz
- 5th Faith Nugent
- 6th Noelle Nugent
- 7th Jessica Sell
- 8th Hayden Norton
- 9th Jachin Nugent
- 10th Ana Nugent

### **Senior Division**

- 1st E.J. Hopkins
- 2nd Tom Fonville
- 3rd John Blevins
- 4th Sherry Wortham



# ***Done Gone***

## **Out Of State Division**



- 1st Jake Duncan
- 2nd Doug Fleener
- 3rd Justin Sherfey
- 4th Kerry Varble
- 5th River Lee

## **Accompanist Division**

- 1st Anthony Mature
- 2nd Ray Franklin
- 3rd Royce Franklin
- 4th Hyatt Hopkins
- 5th Daniel Mature



## **Open Division**



- 1st Bubba Hopkins
- 2nd Mia Orosco
- 3rd Clayton Bankston
- 4th Heidi Labensart
- 5th Julie Amundson
- 6th Lydia Elseth
- 7th Cheyenne Craig
- 8th Owen James
- 9th Cliff McCall

# 2011 Convention Awards



Favorite Fiddler  
**Mia Orosco**



Favorite Associate  
**Dixie Craig**



Favorite Accompanist  
**Hyatt Hopkins**



Oldest Fiddler  
**E.J. Hopkins**



Most Improved Fiddler  
**Karissa Nugent**



Most Improved Accompanist  
**Daniel Mature**

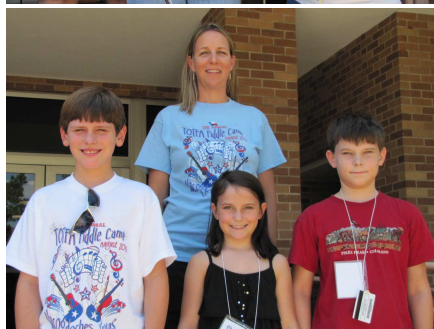


Youngest Fiddler  
**Ana Nugent**

# ***Fiddle Camp Class Pictures***



***Thanks to all the students  
and Instructors for another  
successful Fiddle Camp!!***



***SEE YOU ALL NEXT  
SUMMER!!***



# Membership Application

☐ NEW    ☐ RENEW  
☐ CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Fiddler  
\_\_\_\_ Accompanist  
\_\_\_\_ Out-of-State Fiddle } \$30/yr.      \_\_\_\_\_ Associate - \$20/yr.

☐ New Member  
☐ Renewal

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED  
(make checks payable to "TOTFA")

## HELP TOTFA SAVE MONEY FOR CONTESTS (choose one)

☐ We are a multi-membership TOTFA family and agree to receive only one (1) issue of "The Texas Fiddler" each month.

☐ Please save the paper and send me "The Texas Fiddler" via full-color instant email, rather than in black & white via the excruciatingly slow U.S. Mail.

**Mail Application and check to:**  
***Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association***  
**3209 S. Fredonia**  
**Nacogdoches, TX 75964**