



# The Texas Fiddler



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## Llano Fiddle Fest Weekend Approaches

Time is growing short and you need to make your plans to spend the weekend of Mar 31 – Apr 2 in Llano if you haven't already done so! This is the first contest of the year for TOTFA and it starts with a bang. If you read John Caballero's article in last month's Texas Fiddler you'll know that this contest has a rich history and this year is celebrating its 40th birthday.

### List of Divisions & Prizes in Llano

<b>Legends Division (age 65+)</b>  1st place – Custom belt buckle & \$200 2nd place – \$90 3rd place – \$75 4th place – \$60 5th place – \$50	<b>Youth Division (0-15)</b>  1 <sup>st</sup> place – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place winners will receive a custom wooden box crafted by Gary Green <u>All participants in this division will receive prizes and gifts</u>
<b>Open Division (no age limit)</b>  Grand Champion – \$1,000 1st runner-up – \$600 2nd runner-up – \$400 3rd runner-up – \$250 4th runner-up – \$200 6th – 10th place – \$150 11th – 15th place – \$75	<b>Legends Division (age 65+)</b>  1st place – \$200 2nd place – \$125 3rd place – \$80 4th place – \$50 5th place – \$25

### A full schedule of the weekend's events in Llano:

What	Where	When
History/Instrument Exhibit	Llano County Museum	Fri Mar 31, 12 – 5 pm Sat Apr 1, 10 am – 5 pm Sun Apr 2, 9 am – 1 pm

<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>When</b>
Air Fiddle & Anything Goes - Tricks & Licks Contests	Badu Wine Pub	Fri Mar 31, 6 pm
<b>40<sup>th</sup> Llano Open Fiddle Contest</b>	<b>LanTex Theater</b>	<b>Sat Apr 1, 10 am – approx. 5 pm</b>
In Concert: Elana James with special guests Whit Smith & Jake Erwin from the Hot Club of Cowtown	LanTex Theater	Sat Apr 1, 7:30 pm <i>Tix \$15 at Llano Visitor Center and at the door. Ph. 325-247-5354 for info</i>
Sunday Service & Cowboy Breakfast with music by the Wilson String Band	Llano County Museum Park	Sun Apr 2, 8:30 am – 12 pm <i>All fiddlers are invited to join group play of “Amazing Grace” in the key of G.</i>

## **Llano Lodging**

If you're planning on a weekend stay in Llano, here is information on lodging

- Best Western, 800-346-1578 or 325-247-4104. 7 rooms available for Sat night. Fiddler's rate is \$103.50 per night.
- Days Inn & Suites, 325-247-1141. Currently remodeling so capacity is unknown.
- Other options, including bed & breakfasts, are available at <http://www.llanolodging.com>.

## **Live Oak Fiddle Camp**

The first Live Oak Fiddle Camp occurred in 2011. It focuses on advanced fiddle and guitar instruction from a variety of master instructors. This year marks the 7<sup>th</sup> annual camp, and its instructors include Brittany Haas, Tatiana Hargreaves, Jeremy Kittel and Wes Westmoreland. It will be located at the TR Ranch just outside Hallettsville, Texas. Several musical styles will be covered, including bluegrass, Texas-style, old-time, swing, jazz and Celtic. Attendance is for advanced players, 16 years or older, and this year's camp will be May 28 – June 1. Registration is limited to 30 students. The fee is \$450, which covers housing and meals. Email Heidi Ludiker at [info@liveoakfiddlecamp.com](mailto:info@liveoakfiddlecamp.com) for registration information. You can visit the Live Oak Fiddle Camp website <http://www.liveoakfiddlecamp.com> for more information.

## Limited Quantities

### TOTFA 2014 “Silhouette” Series T-Shirts Available

Cleaning out our garage on a recent warm winter day, Marsha and I discovered two boxes that looked familiar. Upon opening them we realized we had found hidden treasure! A total of 30 unsold TOTFA T-shirts were inside. These are the 2014 “Silhouette” T-shirts that became a very successful fundraiser. In today’s modern world where things change so suddenly, a 2014 T-shirt is a CLASSIC! Yet here they are, 3 years old, but still brand new and in mint condition.

These will be offered up for sale at the still-unbelievably-low price of \$15 at the 40th Llano Open in Llano TX on April 1. After April 1, they’ll be available for purchase online at the TOTFA website via PayPal for \$20 (the extra \$5 is to cover shipping costs). Let me repeat: quantities are limited and these are the last of their kind! Don’t wait until they’re “Done Gone” or your spirits will B flat.

At the time of this writing, here are the colors, sizes and quantities available:

<b>TOTFA Logo on front, Silhouette on back</b>		
Size	Green	Yellow
S	4	2
M	1	2
L	9	2
XL	3	1
2XL	2	2
3XL	1	-



<b>Silhouette on front</b>		
Size	Green	Yellow
S	-	-
M	1	-
L	-	-
XL	-	-
2XL	-	-
3XL	-	-



### TOTFA, By the Numbers

TOTFA currently has 123 members

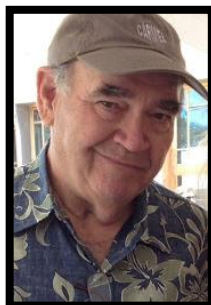
Bank balance, as of March 5: \$4,308.51

# March Birthdays

Lisa Woodward	March 2
Denise Frazier	March 4
Pauline Guinn	March 5
Katy Thorpe	March 8
Brianna McKeever	March 9
Jim Chancellor	March 13
Fred Gebhardt	March 13
Bart Baker	March 17
Walter Hardin	March 27



*Bart Baker*



*Jim Chancellor*



*Fred Gebhardt*



*Lisa Woodward*

# 2017 Calendar

Here is a listing of contest dates, such as they are known, for 2017. This list will be updated as needed as more information is known. **TOTFA contests are listed in bold.**

Date	Name / Location
<b>April 1 (contest)</b> <i>(Activities all weekend, Fri, Mar 31 – Sun, Apr 2)</i>	<b>Llano Open Fiddle Contest</b> <b>Llano, TX</b>
April 22-23 (contest) <i>(Activities Thu, Apr 21 – Sun, Apr 23)</i>	Fiddlers Frolics Hallettsville, TX
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Southwest Fiddlers Championship</b> <b>Groesbeck, TX</b>
May 27	Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion & Contest Athens, TX
<b>Sep 8</b>	<b>Johnson Cty Pioneers &amp; Old Settlers</b> <b>Reunion Fiddle Contest</b> <b>Alvarado, TX</b>
<b>Oct 7</b>	<b>Chicken &amp; Bread Days Fiddle Contest</b> <b>Bowie, TX</b>
<b>Oct 14</b>	<b>J. Box Roberts Memorial Fiddle Contest</b> <b>Seguin, TX</b>
<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>East Texas Yamboree Fiddlers Contest</b> <b>Gilmer, TX</b>
Oct 28	Crockett World Championship Fiddlers Festival Crockett, TX
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>Dale McPherson Memorial</b> <b>Glen Rose, TX–</b>

## Advertise in The Texas Fiddler!

Let TOTFA help you get your word out by advertising in The Texas Fiddler. Full-page ads are \$100, half-page ads are \$50, fourth-page ads are \$30, and eighth-page ads are \$20. Contact info for “The Texas Fiddler Newsletter” is given on page 6.

## TOTFA Newsletter Email Address

Want to contact *The Texas Fiddler* newsletter? You may email **TOTFANewsletter@totfa.org**. You can also mail through the U. S. Postal service by sending to:

TOTFA Newsletter  
c/o John Crawford  
277 Diamond Ln N  
Burleson, TX 76028-6729

You can renew your TOTFA membership, or make TOTFA donations or purchases through PayPal at **TOTFAPayPal@totfa.org**. We can handle checks and good old paper, too. Just send your check to the address listed above.

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# TEXAS OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION



## Membership Application

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Year is optional) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address
\$ _____ Musician \$30/yr. (Contest Fiddler or Accompanist)		
\$ _____ Associate \$30/yr. (Parent, Supporter, Sponsor, Etc.)		

### COST-EFFECTIVE OPTIONS

- ☐ We are a multi-membership TOTFA family and agree to receive only one issue of "The Texas Fiddler" each month.
- ☐ Please save paper and postage by sending me "The Texas Fiddler" via full-color instant email rather than in black & white print via USPS.

### MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:

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*Or renew online via PayPal at <http://www.totfa.org>*

TOTFA Use Only:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> PayPal (totfapaypal@totfa.org) \$ _____

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