

# APPALACHIAN HIGHLANDS MUSIC ASSOCIATION



## NEWSLETTER



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**Dedicated to Promoting the Heritage of the Appalachians**

**Our Goal: Promote, Preserve and Foster Bluegrass and Old-Time Music**

Hi, Folks! We've finally had some sunny days, and the outdoor clean-up and preparation for gardening and flowers is under way! This month's celebrations include Mother's Day on May 10<sup>th</sup> and Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup>. For those of you whose Mothers are still living, please make that little extra effort to see her and let her know how blessed you are to have her, and for those of us who have lost our Mothers, let us stop and give thanks that we had them while we did. Memorial Day commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in military service to their country. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War, it was expanded after World War I to include American casualties of any war or military action. We all need to stop and offer up a special prayer of thanks for the unselfish actions of these men and women that we may continue to stand free.

Our next show will be held Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Princeton Middle School. Concessions will be sold in the cafeteria; doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Scheduled to perform that evening will be "Black Diamond" and "Sandy River Bluegrass Band." Both of these bands have performed for the AHMA on numerous occasions, so it's no surprise to us that both groups will give us a wonderful performance. Please be sure to attend on May 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Our June show will be held at the same location on June 6th and will feature "Country Pride" and the "Giles Mountain String Band." "Country Pride" is a real favorite of folks and we look forward to seeing them onstage. For those of you who think the name "Giles Mountain String Band" sounds familiar, Chris and the folks were a member band and had to step

aside for a while because of other commitments, but they are back with us now, and we're all looking forward to their first performance with us in a while.

Our April 4<sup>th</sup> show featured "Alan Johnston & South 52" and "Everett Lilly & The Songcatchers." We had a good audience turnout for that evening, and those of us who were there were treated to some great music! Thank you both for sharing your talents with us!

We welcome two new member bands into the AHMA. "Hans Creek String Band" comes to us from Monroe County, and I understand they will be performing at our July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic. We also have "Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder" from the Galax, VA area. We look forward to hearing both these bands perform.

I'd like to give Amos Bailey, who is scheduling our bands, a big "thank you" for getting bands scheduled and having a good lineup of music for us every month! Also, I've thanked the folks who work in the concessions in previous newsletters, but I would like to say a very special "thank you" to them all for this past month's efforts. These gals and guys pulled together and did a wonderful job for us all. If you can help them in any way by fixing a dessert or spending some time working with them, they would really appreciate it.

If you have internet access, Ted Hatfield invites you to stop in and visit him for "Ramblin' Ted's Bluegrass Roadshow" online at [www.worldwidebluegrass.com](http://www.worldwidebluegrass.com). He broadcasts on Wednesday evenings at 10:00 p.m. and on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. He'd love to have you join him and listen to some good bluegrass music. And if you feel so inclined, you can log into the chat room and talk with other folks who have common interests in the music.

On Sunday evenings, tune in to "J & J Bluegrass Classics" on radio stations 106.3 FM or 107.7 FM to start your week right. Junior and Joe broadcast Sundays from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and have a great selection of bluegrass, old time and bluegrass gospel tunes. If you'll call them while the music is playing at 304-325-2250, they'll take your

requests. They support the AHMA and our local bands, so please support them by tuning in and listening to their Sunday show.

WNRV radio station, 990 AM, also known as “The Ridge,” is located in Narrows, VA. This station provides bluegrass music and programming seven days a week 24 hours a day. This station is also now online, so if you have internet access, the website is [www.wnrvbluegrassradio.com](http://www.wnrvbluegrassradio.com).

Check out our website at [www.ahma-online.org](http://www.ahma-online.org) for information concerning our shows. You can also call 304-384-9807 for information about our shows.

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