

APPALACHIAN HIGHLANDS MUSIC ASSOCIATION



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Dedicated to Promoting the Heritage of the Appalachians

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

Palm Sunday



**Saturday – March 6th- 6:30pm Alan Johnston &
South 52**

**Show will be held at
Princeton Middle School, Princeton, WV
Show starts 6:30 pm
Doors and concessions open 5:30**

&

Valley

Bluegrass Band

Admission \$6.00 or AHMA Membership

**Annual Dues-
\$28 Family
\$22 Single
12 Shows & Special Events!**



ALAN JOHNSTON & SOUTH 52

South 52 is not your normal Bluegrass band. They are based primarily out of McDowell County, West Virginia and play a varied mix of songs from classic rock, to country, to traditional bluegrass, but they keep it acoustic. The current line-up of South 52 includes Jessi Shumate on vocals, Charlie Davis on banjo and dobro, Steve Acord on fiddle and mandolin, Alan Johnston on bass, and the newest member, Johnny Prevento on guitar. Charlie, Johnny, and Alan had a local group back in the 70's called Fancy Free. Now they are back together and lovin' it. Stacy Grubb still sings some with the group when her schedule allows.

Alan has had several of his songs recorded lately by artists such as David Davis and the Warrior River Boys, Brand New Strings, Don Rigsby, and Del McCoury. South 52's version of Sweet Appalachia appears on the nationally distributed CD, "Still Moving Mountains, The Journey Home" along with noted artists Del McCoury, Blue Highway, Kathy Mattea, Everett Lilly and the Lilly Mountaineers, and others.

South 52 realizes you can't please everyone all the time, but they hope to please everyone some of the time with their eclectic mix of music.



VALLEY BLUEGRASS

Valley Bluegrass is a very talented bluegrass band featuring: Larry Cox (Peterstown, WV), lead vocals, guitar, mandolin and song writer; Marc Maynard (Hiawatha, WV), banjo and tenor vocals; Bill Hash (Peterstown, WV), bass and bass vocals; Don Bennett (Peterstown, WV), guitar, lead and baritone vocals; Addison Dobbs (Greenville, WV), mandolin; Loretta Cox (Peterstown, WV), sound, bookings, graphics, home CD's and DVD's.

Marc has played banjo for Larry Rice ("Bottom Dollar Boys"); you can hear him on their CD, "30 + Years Pickin'." Don has recently received a "Golden Circle Of Country Music" award for sixty years of music. Larry played bass with "West Virginia Bluegrass Connection," and has penned a number of the original songs the band does. Bill played with several gospel bluegrass bands, including "Messiah's Harmony." Addison has picked mandolin with other bands as well. Loretta takes care of the band's bookings, their website, as well as their home CD's and DVD's.

For bookings, contact Loretta at: 304-753-4990 or 304-646-3324 or Larry at: 304-994-1423. Visit their website at www.valleybluegrassband.com.

Thank you all for coming out February 20th for our special show featuring **Big Country Bluegrass** and **Hagar's Mountain Boys**. We had quite a treat that night; the school auditorium was rockin' with GREAT bluegrass, old time and gospel vocals and instrumentals. Thanks, too, to ALL the volunteers who helped make our event come together so smoothly!

Our scheduled music events for the next couple of months are as follows:

April 3, 2010: **Across the Miles and Country Pride**

May 1, 2010: **Black Diamond and The Whites of WV**

You won't want to miss either of these shows, so mark them on your calendars now. Both events will be held at the Princeton Middle School, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with doors opening at 5:30.



Again, I apologize for having to cancel our February 6th show because of the snow. We just didn't want to see any of our volunteers, band members, or association members hurt. And for those of you who know me well, honest, I wasn't doing my "snow dance."



For those of you who haven't
YOUR RENEWAL
renewed your memberships
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for 2010, don't let this be
your
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LAST NEWSLETTER! THE MARCH SHOW AND
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For more great bluegrass, old-time and bluegrass gospel tunes, tune into **J&J Bluegrass Classics** on FM 106.3 or FM 107.7 on Sunday evenings from 7:00 p.m. 'til 11:00 p.m.

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