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Dedicated to Promoting the Heritage of the Appalachians

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



Saturday, January 8th – 6:30 PM

DIGGIN' GRASS **&** ***GILES MOUNTAIN STRING BAND***

Show will be held at
Princeton Middle School,
Princeton, WV

Show starts 6:30 pm
Doors and concessions
open 5:30

Admission \$6.00 or
AHMA Membership

**Annual Dues:
\$28.00 Family
\$22.00 Individual**

**Memberships for 2011
Are available now
See the folks at
The front desk**

We asked for your help...and you came through! Thank you to all the members who stepped forward to serve on our Board of Directors this year. We have, I believe, one of the strongest Boards we've ever had; I look forward to continuing to work with you all in 2011. The complete list of Directors is at the bottom of the newsletter. We also had a number of people volunteer to bring desserts, etc., to help with our concessions; that is VERY much appreciated!

Folks, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for making my job easier this past year. I believe we had a very good year, and it was because of you that we did. Thanks to those who donated foods for concessions, the concession workers themselves, businesses that donated items for door prizes, the custodians of Princeton Middle School, the folks who helped set up and tear down tents, and everyone who helped throughout the year in any way. Especially a big thanks to last year's Board for all the help and support. I don't think I've ever worked with a more dedicated group of people.

And now...I'd like to introduce the AHMA President for 2011. Most of you know him. He's the lead singer for Valley Bluegrass, and

he was an invaluable part of the Board the past two years. That's right, Folks, Mr. Larry Cox! He's got some fresh ideas to take the AHMA forward the next step, and I know we're going to see some good things come from his leadership!

It is with heavy heart that I announce **Joe Lively's** retirement as our Emcee. He has been an icon with the AHMA for longer than there has even BEEN an AHMA, and we'll miss his quirky anecdotes and his easy manner with the bands onstage. Joe, we will always think of you as "Mr. AHMA!" **Bob Bailey** has agreed to be our Emcee this year; Bob has filled in for Joe on several occasions and has done a REAL fine job. Only thing is, Bob, we expect to be serenaded from time to time just like Joe did!

Don't forget about our Scholarship Program. We have scholarships available to youngsters ages 7 to 18. Those chosen will receive a fiddle, guitar or mandolin and three months of lessons. For more information or to get an application, please see our Scholarship Director, Dora Earnest.

We'd like to give a HUGE thank you to **Randolph Evans** of "**The Bronze Look**," located at 311 Mercer Street, Princeton, WV, for his generous donation of \$350.00 at our last program to help support the AHMA. He gave us this donation through his **Charity Gold Program**. Randolph buys old gold jewelry, coins, etc. If you sell Randolph your old gold jewelry and mention that you'd like a donation to go to the AHMA, when Randolph resells the gold, he will give us a percentage of his sales. This WILL NOT come out of your pockets; Randolph will pay you for the value of your items at the time you sell to him. He sees this as a way to give back to the community for helping his business succeed. Go and see him at 311 Mercer Street! And again, Randolph, **THANK YOU!**

Our February program, presented at Princeton Middle School on February 5, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., will feature **Alan Johnston & South 52** and **Appalachian Countdown**. Mark your calendars for this show; you won't want to miss it!

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