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HEADLINER BAND: Nu-Blu

LOCAL BANDS: Steve Smith & The Hard Road Trio, Sonoran Dogs, Greg Morton Band, Bost Family Traditions, The Lost Hombres, Superstition Ridge

TICKETS:

\$5-Friday Flat Pickin' Admission
\$15-Saturday or Sunday
\$20-Weekend Pass (includes Friday-Sunday entry)

Stay the Night! - \$10-Weekend Dry Camping

FLATPICKIN' CONTEST

Friday, April 8 | \$15 entry
Open to fifteen guitar players who can play 4 Fiddle Tunes, two per set.

First Place - \$500
Second Place - \$300
Third Place - \$200
Registration forms at
MaranaFestival.com



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April 8-10, 2016 | Marana, AZ

Friday: Night Flat Pickin' Contest (starts at 6 pm)
Saturday-Sunday: Band Performances (9am-5pm)

Ora Mae Harn Park - 13251 N. Lon Adams Road - 85653

MaranaFestival.com or maranabluegrass@gmail.com

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The 4th Annual Marana Bluegrass Festival

PRESS RELEASE 2016

The 2016 Marana Bluegrass Festival will be held Fri. April 8th, Sat. April 9th and Sun. April 10th at Ora Mae Harn Park in Marana, 13250 N. Lon Adams Road. The festival is presented by a partnership of: **The Town of Marana, the Desert Bluegrass Association of Tucson, and S&S Bluegrass Promotions, LLC.**

This Festival will be showcasing **(5)** of Arizona's Top Notch Bluegrass Bands, **(1)** Regional Bluegrass Band, **(1) National Headliner**. Opening ceremonies will start at 9:00 am. The music starts at 9:15 am and goes nonstop, one band after another, until 5:00 pm. This is "First Class" Bluegrass ENTERTAINMENT here are the bands: **National Headliner: NU-BLU, Regional Band: Steve Smith & The Hard Road Trio, Local Bands: The Sonoran Dogs, The Greg Morton Band, Bost Family Traditions, The Lost Hombres, Superstitions Ridge.** We will also have some free style clogging for your dancing pleasure!!

Second year **"Guitar Flat Picking"** contest. The first year was successful we know the second year will be a hit!! It will be held at the festival park from 6PM to 9PM. It will be open to the first 15 applicants with prizes for 1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200 place winners. More information can be obtained via the festival website at www.maranafestival.com

For the visitor's pleasure, there will be food vendors and arts & crafts booths adjacent to the performance area. RV "dry" camping is provided for **\$10** a weekend. Tent camping is FREE on the grass in the park. Gate fee is **\$15** per person per day or **\$20** for a weekend pass. Children under 12 are free if accompanied by an adult. Available at the park is Wi-Fi access for all festival attendees at NO CHARGE!! With this access you can pull up Band Bio's, see the performance schedule and more. The most current detailed Information is available on the Festival's Website at: www.maranafestival.com

If you have specific questions, use the website's **"Contact Us"** for e-mails or call **Jim Sanchez- Chairman at 520-869-8468.** **SEE YOU IN APRIL !!**

MARANA FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER REQUEST

By Jim Wagner



Hello Fellow "Pickers and Grinders"!

It's almost that time again! It's almost time for the Marana Bluegrass Festival during the weekend of April 8, 9, and 10! We had a wonderful time and a very successful festival in 2015 due in great part to the enthusiastic volunteers. In fact, the festival cannot be put on without the help of volunteers!

I thank all who volunteered last year and ask everyone to consider doing so again to make 2016 an even better festival. To sign up go to the festival website: maranafestival.com and select the "festival volunteer" link that will take you to the volunteer page. Scroll down the page and select as directed to access the signup genius page with positions and times that are available.

If you didn't volunteer last year, please consider it. We had a lot of fun and I anticipate that we will again.

As in the past, when you volunteer and work 4 hours, admission is free to the festival for that day. I can't imagine a better offer than that!

Please contact me for any questions. I really appreciate your help!

Jim Wagner

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*For more information please contact Dede Wyland at:
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BLUEGRASS CHRISTMAS 2015 (Continued)



These Photos are at the Diamond Children's Center and UMC on Christmas Eve.

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DEDE WYLAND & THE MCLAUGHLIN BROTHERS Featuring The Sonoran Dogs

Saturday, Feb 13th
Club Congress at Hotel Congress
Doors at 7, Show at 7:30
\$12 adv, \$16 day of show
Tickets at Antigone Books &
Dark Star Leather
Hotelcongress.com or Hotel lobby



Award-winning bluegrass singer and guitarist Dede Wyland remains a role model and an artist influence for bluegrass musicians. Featured in her band will be Peter and David McLaughlin along with members of the Sonoran Dogs: Mark Miracle, Tyler James, Nick Coventry and Brain Davies.

Tombstone 'Tune it or Die' Campout

April 1-3, 2016

Sponsored by the Desert Bluegrass Association

Tombstone RV Park and Campground

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Pickers with scores to settle will have the chance to saddle up late Saturday morning, ride into town and jam things up at various locations including Big Nose Kate's, The Crystal Palace, and The Four Deuces Saloon & Grill.

Tenderfeet be advised!

So tune up and holster your best ax, grab your feller or gal, hitch up the RV and mosey on down Tombstone way for the best darn'd pick out of the year!

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February 2016

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

By Mike Headrick, Secretary



Hi Bluegrass Fans,

It is the time of year when we ask our members to check the expiration date of their DBA memberships and renew their memberships if needed. In the Desert Bluegrass Association we use common expiration date. All expirations for the year occur at the end of February. The advantage of this approach is that we can focus on membership renewals once per year. So I am asking you to take a minute and see if you need to renew. Check the mailing label on this newsletter. If it says "expires 2-16" above your name then your membership needs to be renewed. You may renew either by mail or from our website. To renew by mail simply

fill out the form in the newsletter, enclose a check made out to DBA, then mail it to the address listed. If your information is current you don't even need to fill out the form - just include the mailing address with your payment. To renew from the website go to www.desertbluegrass.org, look for the "join DBA" area, click the "buy now" button and follow the instructions. Either way is simple and easy.

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ANNUAL MEETING



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY
8, 2016
AT
6:00 PM**



MEETING LOCATION

**Christ Community Church
7801 E. Kenyon Drive, Tucson**

Note: Folks should park in the North Parking Lot.
The Annual Meeting Will Precede The Workshop

AGENDA

- "State of the Grass" – John David
- Treasurer Report – John Camm
- Election of Officers and Trustees for 2015
- Scholarship Plans For 2015 – Jo Ann Shiflett/Paul Simpson
- Report on Marana Festival – Jim Sanchez

THIRD SEASON

Sounds of the Desert

Dede Wyland Sat. Feb. 13, 2 pm



**with the
McLaughlin
Bros.**

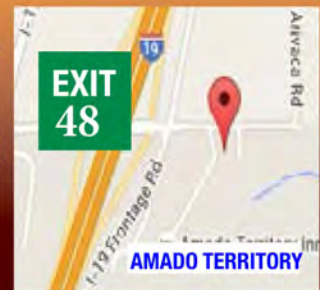
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JAMS & OPEN MICS

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Southern AZ Old Time Fiddlers Assn.

Southwest Community Center
Cardinal Ave, Tucson, AZ
Tuesday 7 PM
Info: Wilbur 520-743-7086

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3rd Monday at 7 PM
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BLUEGRASS CHRISTMAS 2015 (Continued)



Luminaria Nights At The Tucson Botanical Gardens
(Low Light Photos)





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DAVE ADKINS
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review by Marilyn Ryan Hulbert



Today is our lucky day - we get an early review of the Dave Adkins brand new release (though it is not yet released). I have followed Dave's music through the past years, his voice always melodically booming out and intriguing me. When I finally got to talk to him on the phone, I was charmed by this very personable and soulful man. His personality shines through the songs that he has written. His voice is huge and

bluesy, smooth and earthy. He can slide in and out of phrases and pull off some bluesy/bluegrass runs with his vocals.

The band Dave assembled consists of Tony Wray on guitar, Curtis "Bum" Bumgarner playing the banjo, Aaron Ramsey on mandolin, Jeff Partin playing bass and singing tenor vocals, and Tim Crouch on fiddle. Dave Adkins also plays guitar.

So... about the songs...

Number one on the album "Change Her Mind" - written by Dave. He wants to get her back to a place in a better time. The musical breaks are so clean and pretty!

Next is "Emmaline" - Aaron Ramsey plays a killer break on the mandolin with a touch of mountain modal. Dave slides into the high notes and sings a sweet run at the end. "High in the hills of Old Kentucky - a cheatin' heart he could not bear."

Number 3 is "Fool-o-sophy" - a great honky tonk song.

Dave wrote the 4th song. "A Whole Lot More to Tell." An uptempo gospel tune that talks about the bible and peace and love and salvation on this Earth.

The fifth song was co-written by Dave. On his face book page, you can see him visiting the "Russel Fork River." Two young lovers, but there was a splash and scream, and she lay dead - so the legend says. Tim Crouch plays incredible fiddle through this sad tale. I am always intrigued by murder ballads and story songs.

If you know me, you already know that. This is a great one!



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Next is "Sold" - uptempo with lots of pretty banjo.

Number 7 is co-written by Dave. Great music, great singing - "You Don't Have to Go to Be Gone."

Number 8 - "It's Not Over 'Till I Get Over You." This is a buckle polisher/two steppin' song. One of my favorites!

The ninth song Dave co-wrote. "Turn and Burn." Powerful, moving truckin' song. Aaron does some mandolin riffs that are gorgeous! I love the words. "My office has a gearshift." Fine guitar solo here too by Tony Wray.

"Angel Song" is number 10.

Number 11 is "Wasting Time" - this is fast song and I like it sooo much!!! It talks about dreaming of the good times and bringing them back.

The last song called "One and Only" and is a love song that Dave wrote. The sentiment in this song is so beautiful and I know it is directly from the heart of this wonderful singer/songwriter. The quick tempo makes this a bluegrass song that's fun to play and listen to, and, in my opinion - this will be the song that every bluegrass band will want to cover and will be played at every night time jam session.

So.... all I have to say now is that I love every song on this album. The musicians played every note so that I could hear each one - clean and clear and so pretty. The song choices were filled with meaningful words and the voice of Dave Adkins is spectacular!

Look for the release on Dave Adkins' website or on his face book page.

I am so happy that I got to review this album for you!!

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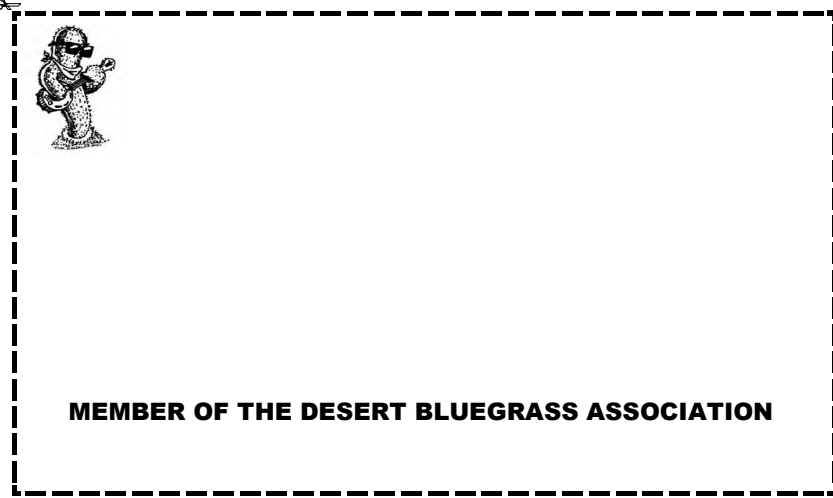
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