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2018 MARANA BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

By John David, Grass Clippings Editor

Festival Committee Chairman, Dave Lanham, reported that the 2018 Marana Bluegrass Festival was a resounding success on all three days. This year's festival was held for the first time in a different Marana venue, Gladden Farms Community Park. Next year's festival will be held in the same community park on the weekend of 12-14 April, 2019. I will be keeping the festival website, www.maranafestival.com up to date as we plan the 2019 Festival with the Town of Marana so keep a lookout as the year progresses. This year's festival kicked off with a delightful free performance by local singer/songwriters on Friday evening. Four local Singer/ Songwriters (Rudy Mamula, Billy Parker, Heather Hardy, and Tom Poley) wowed the audience with wonderful original compositions. Saturday and Sunday continued with outstanding performances by the band lineup. A very big THANK YOU goes to the Town of Marana for their partnership in planning and hosting the festival.

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GREETINGS FELLOW BLUEGRASS LOVERS

By Dave Polston

Another year of workshops have come to an end. For those of you sticking around, enjoying this summer heat, we will have 5 summer slow jams at Christ Community Church. Consult the DBA calendar at www.desertbluegrass.org for those dates as well as the other regular jams going on.

Both workshops have shown attendees building confidence in their playing and singing. So much so that we will be having 2 groups when we start back up the 2nd week in September, beginner and intermediate.

Beginners will concentrate on learning the history and structure of Bluegrass music, the roles of each instrument concerning the dynamics of songs, understanding keys and the Nashville number system and learning melodies and improvising for lead breaks. Beginners will be playing at slower tempos to develop these skills. They will also practice lead and harmony singing and leading a song in a jam.

Intermediates will be attendees who have true melody breaks for several songs, understand chord progressions and can recognize changes by ear. They should have a couple of songs that they could lead at a jam, ready to play at full tempo, (vocal or instrumental). They will learn fiddle tunes, explore more complex songs and be ready to play by ear, no books.

I have truly loved running the workshops and the great reward is seeing attendees advance and build confidence! Pick every day!! Have a great summer and I am super excited about the new structure for the fall. Dave

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT FOR THE DBA

By Jeff Collins

I'm presently out of town, and don't always have internet. But here's what I have. Going through our accounting for the Marana festival, we broke a little ahead of even. We had very long days at the festival with many bands. It was a great new venue and we learned some things which will be corrected next year. Dave Lahnam and myself have already started planning for next year. We met with Marana and have tentative dates of April 12-14, 2019. Mark your calendars.

If you haven't become a member of the DBA or renewed your membership, please do. It's hard work by our team to put on the Festival, workshops and jams which you all enjoy. Think about a multi-year renewal or join. I just did so I won't forget next year. You can't beat the price.

My band, Ocotillo Rain and Thunder, is slowing down for summer but we do have a few gigs throughout the summer. We're approaching $19,000 in our charity giving. We just presented a check to the Marana Community Food Bank. We are also down to 7 members and have a new bass player, Richard Hughes. We'll have to get him on our membership list as well, if he isn't already.

Enjoy picking this summer.

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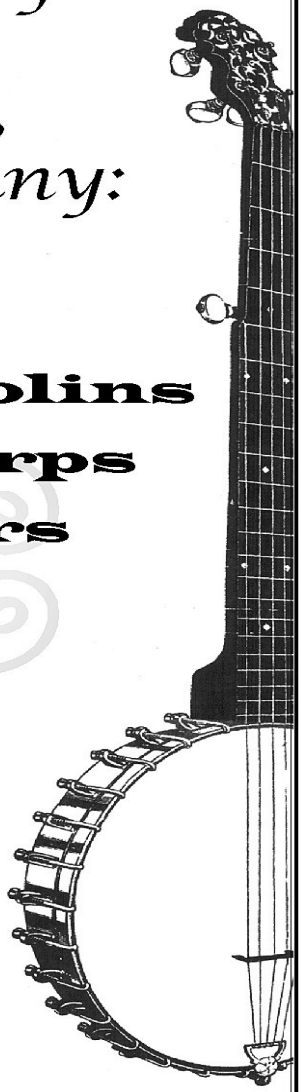

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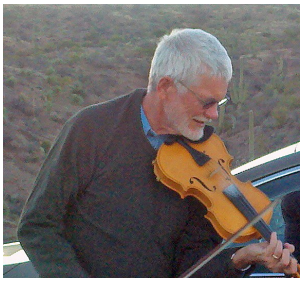

Hi Bluegrass Fans,

In the last two issues of Grass Clippings I have asked you to check the expiration date of your memberships and renew their memberships if needed. The Desert Bluegrass Association uses common expiration date. All expirations for the year occur at the end of February. This year 196 memberships expired and 48 of you have still not renewed. So take a minute and see if you are one of the 48 who needs to renew. If you received your Grass Clippings electronically then the e-mail will indicate your membership status. If you received your Grass Clippings in the mail, check the mailing label on this newsletter. If it says “expires 2-18” 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.

This is your final renewal reminder. After this your name will be removed for our membership lists. Renew now to avoid any disruption in your DBA benefits.

Thanks

Mike Headrick

Membership Secretary

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THE VENDORS

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JUNE 2018

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10	11 **WORKSHOP** **(EAST SIDE)** **6:30 pm - 8:30 pm** **Christ Community Church** 7801 E Kenyon Dr	12	13	14	15	16
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THE MASTERS OF CEREMONY AND THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

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A very special *Beach House Review* June 16th to see them and be part of the send-off celebration for

their journey to Ukraine from June 28-July 5, 2018

Joelle Chester Mark Giselle Francisco Katie

Background: **Peace Corps Volunteer Alan Young who is serving in Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine, searched for a young bluegrass band to fulfill his dream of bringing bluegrass to the people of Ukraine for a friendship tour. We jumped at the chance to make this journey. A grant was recently received from Trust For Mutual Understanding of New York, so the band, accompanied by Mrs. Beach, will take their music to three cities including Kyiv, Stara Syniava (a rural village), and Khmelnytskyi. There is a lot of excitement in learning to speak some Ukrainian, learning some songs in the language, and preparing music which will be joyful for the people including a joint appearance with the Khmelnytskyi Municipal Academic Chamber Choir of 40 members.**

The *Returned Peace Corps Volunteers* in the Phoenix area are invited to attend this fun evening, as well as Arizona Bluegrass Association board and members, and all our families and fans.

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THE BANDS (Continued)

To see slide shows of the 2018 Marana Bluegrass Festival, go to the festival website at http://www.maranafestival.com/2018-festival-slide-show.html

JEFF SANDERS
APRIL 20, 2018

REST IN PEACE, JEFF

FROM YOUR FRIENDS, COLEAGUES AND STUDENTS
IN THE DESERT BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

PETER ROWAN
CARTER STANLEY'S EYE'S
Rebel Records 2018
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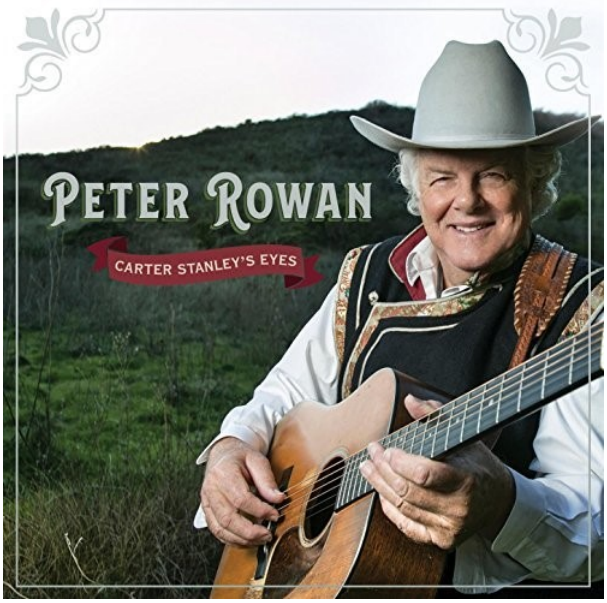
Review by Marilyn Ryan Hulbert

Bill Monroe had Peter drive him from Tennessee to the Carter Family Home Place in the Clinch Mountains. They climbed up the mountain and there was Carter sitting in an open field. Bill Monroe said to Carter "This here's Peter Roans and he thinks he's a Bluegrass Boy." Carter said to Peter "Are you gonna stick with it, Son?" "Yes Sir" was Peter's reply. Carter looked at Bill Monroe and said "Alright." Bill complimented Carter, telling him that he was his very favorite lead singer. Peter felt a portal of understanding and communication open up and it was then that he saw the light in Carter Stanley's eyes. Peter Rowan was indeed a Bluegrass Boy, performing in Bill Monroe's band with the Bluegrass Boys for more than two years. In 1965, on the vocal workshop stage of the Newport Folk Festival, he and Bill shared a vocal duet with Carter and Ralph Stanley. Peter had always looked up to and was greatly inspired by the Stanley Brothers, and by Tony Rice, Tejano music, Nepalese music, Hawaiian and Jamaican music too! He has written many jewels, always with a message to touch the soul.



I always hear Bill's influence on Peter Rowan's singing and am so delighted to review this brand-new album of mostly old bluegrass songs. Peter's voice is as clear and able to wind up your heartstrings as the days long ago when I first heard him.

Playing fiddle is Blaine Sprouse - also singing bass. I do believe Blaine is my all-time favorite fiddler. Haven't seen him in years.

Patrick Sauber playing banjo and guitar and singing.

Chris Henry on mandolin and vocals.

Tim O'Brien - vocals and guitar - always wonderful.

Don Rigsby - vocals and mandolin - seen him many times!

Jack Lawrence - saw and met him with Doc Watson!

Paul Knight on acoustic bass.

Jamie Oldaker - percussion

Todd Pons - vocal on "A Vision of Mother"

Every musician and singer on this album is absolutely wonderful, some of whom I have never met nor heard, but hope to someday soon. This a record that I want to hear over and over again and I will be so excited to play out over the airwaves when I get back on the radio show -"Bronzewound" -

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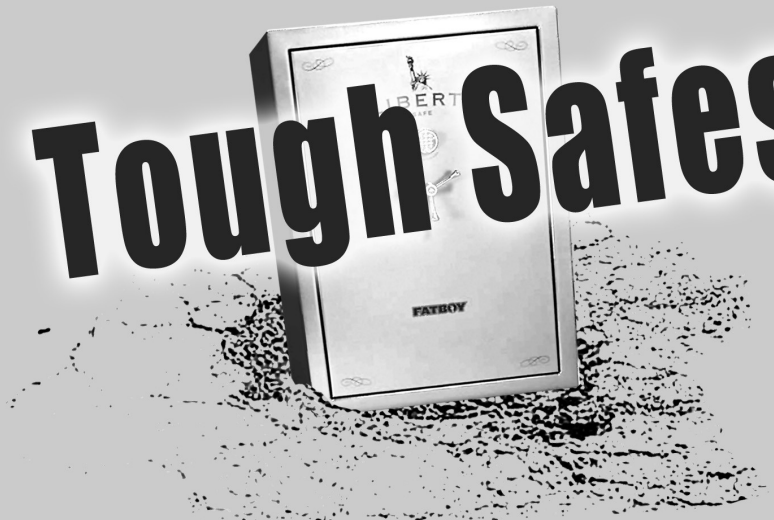

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PETER ROWAN
CARTER STANLEY'S EYE'S
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"Drumbeats on the Watchtower" - Peter Rowan

"True and Trembling Brakeman" - trad.

"The Light in Carter Stanley's Eyes" - Peter Rowan

"Let me Love You One More Time" - Ralph Stanley

"Hills Of Roane County" - trad.

"Take My Ashes" - P. Rowan

"Too Late to Cry" - Carter Stanley

"Alabama Bound" - Huddie Ledbetter

"Can't You Hear Me Calling" - Bill Monore

"Will You Miss Me?" - A.P. Carter

"The Crown He Wore" - Lois Mann and Mac Odell

"Ridin' on That Midnight Train" - Ralph Stanley

"A Vision Of Mother" - Carter Stanley

You actually might know by heart every song here, but you may never have heard these songs done exactly the way they are done on this album, done in Peter Rowan's way, from his heart and soul, and from his experiences of a lifetime of playing with the bluegrass greats and he himself being one the bluegrass greatest!

This is a wonderful recording, and I am so happy to be able to review this for you all.

See you all in the Fall. We are back in Maine now. Come visit!

Marilyn

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