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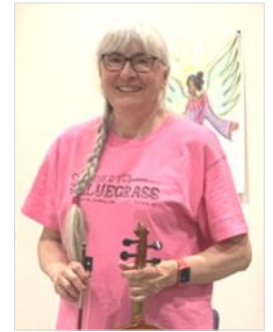
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Message from the President

By Karen Dismachek, DBA President

Hello to all you bluegrass lovers! I hope you had a fun summer pickin' away at festivals, jams, or just anywhere with friends! A lot of DBA members were busy at some great activities in the last couple of months, including myself. I saw a number of familiar faces up in Payson at the fiddle contest, and there were also a lot of familiar faces up in Flagstaff at Pickin' in the Pines. I talk about my experience a bit in the article below on page 7.



Fall is finally here with some cooler weather (yay!) to enjoy! Here are some nice activities to look forward to in the Fall/Winter seasons coming up (some but certainly not all).

Workshops: Monday night workshops resumed on September 8 and will continue every Monday until the holidays. We are currently in Year 1, Session 1, Bill Monroe. Check out the DBA calendar for time and location at www.Desertbluegrass.org. Our workshop page has the song materials if you need them; look under **Workshops – Desert Bluegrass Association**. We are also working on instrument specific workshops. We will announce what, when, and where as soon as they are scheduled.

Jams: Our regular jams continue around town. Check [our website](#) on the jam page for the jam schedule and the DBA calendar for up to the minute information.

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CORRECTION: Due to a production error, a previous issue (April-May 2024) was incorrectly labeled as Volume 29, Issue 6. It should have been labeled as Volume 30, Issue 1. Ensuing issues therefore also carried mistaken issue numbers. This issue (June-July 2025) is correctly labeled as Volume 31, Issue 2.

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Comanche Wells Jam: A note on this jam: because of the holidays coming up, the November and December days for this jam will shift to Thursday, November 13th and Thursday December 11th. January will be back to the 4th Thursday of the month. This is a good example of why it's a good idea to double check our live DBA calendar because sometimes things change. :-)

DBA Campout: It's just around the corner! Come to Lake Patagonia State Park, October 3-5, 2025. The camp sites are pretty much reserved by now, but come down for the day on Saturday if you can. You can find all the details on it at this link: [Campouts – Desert Bluegrass Association](#).

Festivals coming up:

Wickenburg Bluegrass Festival, Wickenburg, AZ, November 14th - 16th, 2025. One of our favorite bands, the “Arizona Wildflowers,” will be playing at this one. They also have a fiddle competition and a mandolin competition. Get more information at wickenburgchamber.com.

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Home Grown Bluegrass Festival: Chandler AZ, December 6th and 7th. This is a festival put together by our friend Anni Beach of Jam Pak. It looks like a fun one with some great music, jamming, etc. If you have any questions, see the flyer on page 12 and contact Anni at jampakband@gmail.com.

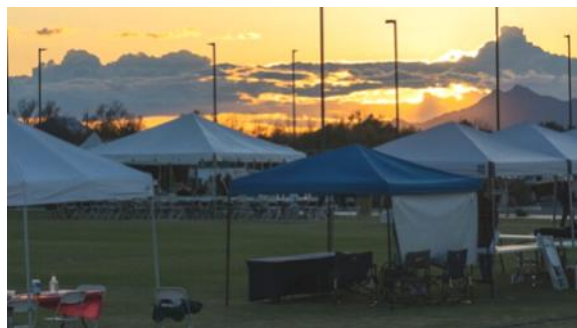
ABA Bluegrass Roundup: Apache Junction, AZ, January 30th – February 1st, 2026. Put on by our friends at Arizona Bluegrass Association. They have a great lineup scheduled! Get the details at aba18.wildapricot.org.

Matheson Music Festival, Safford, AZ, February 12th-16th 2026. Live music, jamming, workshops, and open mics — it looks like loads of fun! Check them out at mathesonmusicfestival.com.

Tucson Fiddle Contest, February 21, 2026 at the Southern Arizona Dance Center. All you fiddlers out there, here is a great chance to get experience at a fiddle contest. It's right here in Tucson and it's a fun one. It's also a great way to connect with other local fiddlers. See the flier on page 13 and the info at tucsonfiddlecontest.org.

Lake Havasu Bluegrass Festival, March 6,7,8 2026. They have some great acts in their line-up this year. Check them out at lakehavasubluegrass.com.

And of course don't forget our **Desert Bluegrass Festival,** Marana, AZ, March 13th - 15th, 2026. Things are progressing nicely with our festival planning and we have just about confirmed our band line-up. We'll publicize it as soon as it's finalized. It will be a great one! Lots of fun again this year, with a band contest, a band scramble, and contra dancing on Friday. A great band line-up, the DBA Showcase, and workshops on Saturday. Another great band line-up on Sunday starting with Jam Pak.



Sunset at the Desert Bluegrass Festival

We will need a lot of volunteers like we did last year. The sign-up genius app to allow sign-ups will open right at the beginning of January. We will also make an announcement when that happens.

Several other ways to help us with the festival are to ask your local neighborhood businesses if they would like to be a sponsor for the festival. Every little bit helps, they don't have to give a huge amount and if we can get enough of them, they really add up. Maybe your car mechanic, your dentist, your hairdresser, etc.

Here is a link to the sponsor form that can be accessed through our website: https://desertbluegrass.org/wp-content/uploads/MaranaFestival/2024_Media/2024-Festival-Sponsor-Form.pdf.

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Another easy way is just talking up our festival. If you happen to be going to any of these other festivals I have listed above or others, take some fliers with you and talk us up. Some wonderful DBA members did this at the Payson Fiddle contest and also at Pickin' in the Pines. Sometimes you can get the MC to make an announcement about it (It's a great time killer for them, if they have to fill pauses). This is a great way to create some buzz as it were. You can get the fliers off of our website under Festival/Publicity here is the link: [Festival Poster & Flyers – Desert Bluegrass Association](#). Right now there are two styles of fliers that are general in nature. We will have more specific fliers as we finalize the bands and other details. If you need help printing and reproducing some of these, contact me and we can make sure that you get fliers ahead of time. Thank you!

Do you know any food vendors or arts and crafts vendors that might be interested in being at our festival? Have them contact John Anderson dba.vendor@gmail.com or 916-747-4564 and he will explain all the details. Thanks!

Lots of stuff to keep you busy!! :-)

Karen

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Girls hangin' out at Pickin in the Pines. See more PIP fun starting on page 7!

Our Annual Desert Bluegrass Association Camp-out at Lake Patagonia

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Oct. 3, 4, and 5, 2025



Can't get a campsite? Come for the day on Saturday to participate in the jams and attend the Campout Concert performed by a select DBA band on Saturday around 4:30 pm under the ramada at the beach.

If you plan to go, please let us know so that we can send you information on the jam schedule. Email your name and the site # you have reserved to DesertBluegrassWebmaster@gmail.com.

Welcome to Our New & Returning Members!

Eric Everts

Tucson

James Geist

Bishop, CA

James Maupin

Oro Valley

Tom Tripp

Vail



Some of What I Did This Summer

By Karen Dismachek

Payson Fiddle Contest

This year Suzette Sommerer and I headed up together to Payson, AZ for the Arizona State Fiddle Championship. The timing of the contest was slightly shifted this year due to the fact that it was combined with the Northern Gila County Fair. So the contest started on Friday, Sept. 5, and ended on Saturday, Sept. 6, when in previous years it was Saturday through Sunday. They also moved the location from a park to grounds more suited to a fair involving animals. The turn-out for the fiddle contest seemed a bit moderate this year. However, thanks to us Tucsonans we helped to keep things going. We actually swept the senior division! Suzette took 1st, I took 2nd, and our friend and fellow DBA member Vicki McArdle took 3rd. Full disclosure: basically we **were** the senior division. But nevertheless, we are extremely proud of ourselves for making the effort. :-) We also want to thank Russ Barnard for helping us with his guitar accompaniment. It was great having his support up there on stage.



State Fiddle Championship Senior Division!

Another thing we Tucsonans also helped with was the “fiddle in the band” competition. It initially



wasn't going to take place as there were no sign-ups. Some members of Ten Dollar Wedding were there and wanted to participate, so their mandolin player Brian talked to us into forming a band. (Along with Suzette, I and Russ; Lou Courtney was also there, and we all play in several bands together.) Thus, the band the “Notorious Wood Pickers” was born and we signed up. It turned out that four bands in all eventually ended up participating. We came in fourth out of four, but again, we were extremely proud of ourselves for putting something together in such short order.

It was a really fun couple of days! So all you fiddlers that would like to see how fun it is to play in a contest, here is another opportunity in addition to the Tucson contest. You can also head up to Payson next September and bring your friends. You never know, you all might end up in the band competition! See you there next year!

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Pickin' in the Pines

As usual, Pickin' in the Pines was a blast this year. I love Tucson, but it was nice to be up in Flagstaff in the pines for a bit and smell those trees and feel that cooler air! The music was top notch. Artists like Peter Rowan, Sierra Hull, Dan Timinski, Michael Cleveland, etc. (Pinch me!) Regardless of how well-known the name of the artist or band might be, all the musicianship was superb! Our Friends Ten Dollar Wedding won the band contest last year and played the big stage this year and they did a great job! I was very proud! There were some Tucson locals playing there as well and sounding as great as ever, such as our own Peter McLaughlin and Mark Miracle. The band contest was “wow!” Everyone was great! The judges had a hard job and they did great; it couldn't have been easy to pick the winners. There



Sierra Hull at Pickin' in the Pines

was a large contingent there from DBA and from Tucson in general. It seems that I knew every 3rd person I ran into (probably an exaggeration), but anyway, it was pretty frequent and great to see! I went to two of the workshops: one on mandolin with Kyle Tuttle, who is 16 years old (yes, 16 years old) and a mandolin virtuoso (he's been playing since he was 10). He had some good points on playing the mandolin and was very relaxed and poised in front of a crowd for someone his age. Heck, I have shoes older than him. But not to sound like I'm complaining. It is so great to see young blood coming up in bluegrass.



Jason Carter and Michael Cleveland

The other workshop I went to was Ten Dollar Wedding on how to win a band contest. They provided great information, did a great job, and were informative and entertaining! I really enjoyed it.

It was a wonderful weekend of music, environment, and jamming with friends. I can't wait for next year! Will girl band be in the band contest again in 2026? Hmmm, we'll just have to wait and see ;)



The gang having fun at Pickin' in the Pines.



Fiddler's Corner

Keeping Live Music Alive at Monterey Court

By Suzette Sommerer

What could be better than enjoying an outdoor meal with friends to the sounds of live music. That's just what Monterey Court, one of our most vibrant and affordable music venues, has to offer.



Monterey Court, on Miracle Mile, is the passion project of Greg Haver and Kelly McLearn. Built in 1938, Monterey Court was one of the first motels along Miracle Mile, and it thrived as that area became a popular tourist destination. After a long run under original owners Mike and Marge Opel, the property changed hands multiple times between 1980 and 2011, when Greg and Kelly took it on. They transformed the courtyard into an appealing outdoor restaurant and bar with an open stage between the tables and the bar area.

Cooling mists gently fall to keep diners comfortable in the summer heat, and when the weather turns chilly, the outdoor heaters keep things cozy. Charming artisan shops and salons surround the courtyard, most of which stay open into the evening hours. Greg and Kelly's vision to create a convivial space for friends to gather to enjoy food, drink, and live music together has created a unique Tucson venue.



The food and service are really good, and the craft beer and bar menus are extensive, but when I go to Monterey Court, I'm there for the music! Bluegrass (of course!), western swing, country, country rock, jam band, blues (of several varieties), jazz, folk, country rock, classic rock, Irish, world beat dance music, pop, singer/songwriter, and Americana are all genres you can expect at "the Monty," providing options for almost any listener. I generated this list entirely from the calendar for who appeared just within the past month!

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All photos courtesy of Monterey Court

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Monterey Court also supports a twice monthly round-robin/community jam or song circle for musicians to share their inspirations and make connections, near weekly folk and singer/songwriter showcases organized by the Tucson Kitchen Musicians Association, a regular Irish session, and a monthly open crafters group to bring artists and artisans together.

This summer, I noticed the following plea for donations on their website: “We know that many folks are stretched financially during these times, but in order to ensure that we keep our doors open and bringing you the great music you have come to expect, we have started a campaign to help supplement our compensation to the bands. We support our bands by trying to compensate them fairly for their shows, which costs us generally from \$150-\$2500 per show. Some of those shows are paid for in part, through ticket sales, but the majority



are not and that is our dilemma. So we are asking the public for some additional help by underwriting the extra costs of paying the bands, our sound techs, and the related music licensing agencies so that those costs do not come from our food & beverage sales. You can do so at the top of the page where it says Donate. Any denomination is welcome. And

thanks in advance for helping to keep Monterey Court a vibrant space for local and touring bands.” That plea is what prompted me to write this article.



Beloved Tucson band Titan Valley Warheads

I interviewed Kelly McLearn to understand better why the business is struggling at this point. A variety of factors contribute, but the biggest is the evaporation of Tucson residents in the summer. Even those of us who do stay in town are sometimes reluctant to come out when it gets too hot, and so audiences are very small. Another factor is that people are not eating as much as they used to, often splitting meals or just ordering

something to drink without food. Food and beverage sales support the facility, the restaurant, the bar, and the live music. Margins are extremely thin, labor is very expensive, food and beverage costs have gone way up, insurance costs are skyrocketing due to weather disasters in our region and because of having live performers onstage and allowing dancing, so there is very little left from which to pay the musicians and the expensive licensing fees required for them to perform.

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Because this is such an iconic and engaging venue for live music, often featuring some of our favorite bluegrassers such as Nick McBlaine and Logtrain, Don Armstrong and the Whiskeypalians, and the Sonoran Dogs, I hope that all of you will consider doing whatever you can to help keep this wonderful place alive with live music. Go often and bring friends to hear your favorite performers or to discover new artists. Eat and/or drink at least enough to cover your space at the table – maybe order more than you're actually going to eat and take the rest home with you. Donate if you feel the urge, and definitely tip both the musicians and the wait staff. Schedule private events there – they cater gatherings of all sorts, some by having a celebratory group as part of a larger audience, or you can rent out the whole place. As Kelly and Greg look towards retirement, they are searching for

someone who understands the restaurant business to take it on and continue this wonderful tradition of live music and friendship – maybe someone reading this will find that Monterey Court can provide exactly the meaningful creative project they've been looking for. Finally, tell your friends about this wonderful place. Bring your out-of-town visitors for a lively evening. Let's keep this great place going with the live music we love so much!



Peter McLaughin (left) often plays with Evan Dain and Alvin Blaine (not pictured) as Nick McBlaine and Log Train



All photos courtesy of Monterey Court



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DBA Calendar for Jams & Workshops

For the most current information and last-minute schedule changes to the DBA's jams etc., check the online calendar at: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=nqkrtso1l4nrj6glt1uth4ifl4@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Phoenix>.

Notes

- Monday Workshops are in full swing. Check the calendar for changes due to holidays and other events.
- Some events change due to holidays or switch to winter hours. Check the [calendar!](#)

General Schedule Info

- SUNDAYS
- ◆ First and third Sundays: Jam inside the Udall Recreation Center at Udall Park, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm.
 - ◆ Second Sundays: Jam @ 17th St. Music Club, 1:00 – 3:30 pm.
 - ◆ Fourth Sundays: Jam @ Thirsty's Neighborhood Bar & Grill, 4:00 – 6:00 pm.
- MONDAYS
- ◆ Workshops at St. Francis in the Foothills, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
- THURSDAYS
- ◆ Third Thursdays: Jam @ Trail Dust Town, 7:00 – 9:00 pm in October and switching to 2:00 – 4:00 pm starting November.
 - ◆ Fourth Thursdays: Jam @ Comanche Wells, 10 am – 12noon. Note Novem-

Locations

- **17th Street Music Club**, 830 E. 17th St., Tucson. Use the entrance at the wheelchair ramp under the Tucson Party Rentals awning.
- **Comanche Wells Mobile Home Park**, 775 W. Roger Rd., #227, Tucson. The gates will open at 9:30 am. The jam is in the Clubhouse.
- **St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church**, 4625 E. River Rd, Tucson. Turn right as you enter the property from River Road to find the Community Room. See signs.
- **Thirsty's Neighborhood Bar & Grill**, 2422 N. Pantano Rd, Tucson.
- **Trail Dust Town**, 6541 E. Tanque Verde Rd, Tucson. Meet by the gazebo at Trail Dust Town.
- **Udall Park**, Morris K. Udall Regional Park, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd., Tucson. (Air-conditioned room inside the Udall Recreation Center.)

See the next page for the DBA's day-by-day calendar of jams and workshops.
But be sure to check the [DBA online calendar](#) for last-minute changes!

DBA Calendar, *continued*

October 2025

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event & Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sunday	Oct 5	1:30 – 3:30 pm	Jam @ Udall Park	Mike 520-403-0168
Monday	Oct 6	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Workshop @ St. Francis	DBAmondaysworkshop@gmail.com
Sunday	Oct 12	1:00 – 3:30 pm	Jam @ 17th Street Music Club	Greg Morton 520-979-7048
Monday	Oct 13	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Workshop @ St. Francis	DBAmondaysworkshop@gmail.com
Thursday	Oct 16	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Jam @ Trail Dust Town	Bonnie (520) 349-4812
Sunday	Oct 19	1:30 – 3:30 pm	Jam @ Udall Park	Mike 520-403-0168
Monday	Oct 20	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Workshop @ St. Francis	DBAmondaysworkshop@gmail.com
Thursday	Oct 23	10 am – 12 noon	Jam @ Comanche Wells	John 520-261-5645 or Vicki 520-351-1644
Sunday	Oct 26	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Jam @ Thirsty's	Bonnie (520) 349-4812
Monday	Oct 27	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Jam @ St. Francis	DBAmondaysworkshop@gmail.com

November 2025

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event & Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sunday	Nov 2	1:30 – 3:30 pm	Jam @ Udall Park	Mike 520-403-0168
Monday	Nov 3	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Workshop @ St. Francis	DBAmondaysworkshop@gmail.com
Sunday	Nov 9	1:00 – 3:30 pm	Jam @ 17th Street Music Club	Greg Morton 520-979-7048
Monday	Nov 10	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Workshop @ St. Francis	DBAmondaysworkshop@gmail.com
Thursday	Nov 13	10 am – 12 noon	Jam @ Comanche Wells	John 520-261-5645 or Vicki 520-351-1644
Sunday	Nov 16	1:30 – 3:30 pm	Jam @ Udall Park	Mike 520-403-0168
Monday	Nov 17	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Workshop @ St. Francis	DBAmondaysworkshop@gmail.com
Thursday	Nov 20	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Jam @ Trail Dust Town	Bonnie (520) 349-4812
Sunday	Nov 23	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Jam @ Thirsty's	Bonnie (520) 349-4812
Monday	Nov 24	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Workshop @ St. Francis	DBAmondaysworkshop@gmail.com



Udall Jam in September 2023



Trail Dust Town jam

TO INSTRUCTORS & BANDS



Would you like your services, band, and/or concerts listed on our website, at www.desertbluegrass.org ? Current DBA members can be listed by sending their contact information to Dale Lynne Vickroy at DesertBluegrassWebmaster@gmail.com. Refer to the "Links" tab on the homepage to view current band and instructor information. We have added a second calendar to the website for other (non-DBA sponsored) concerts and events. If you are a member of a band, and have a gig scheduled that you would like added to that calendar, send me the date, time, address and band contact info. You may also include a link to your band's website or to a special event flyer.

BANDS

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Dan Levenson and The Cat Mountain Rounders

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Learn to play and come to the DBA jams! Or, start your own band, like these folks did!!
 From left: Monsoon Sky, Notorious No-Gig Girl Band, Ocotillo Rain

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Old Time fiddle, old-time guitar,
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GREAT WEBSITES

Desert Bluegrass Association

www.desertbluegrass.org

Arizona Bluegrass Association

www.arizonabluegrass.com

Bluegrass Arizona Blog

www.bluegrassarizona.blogspot.com

Bluegrass Backing Tracks (Free)

www.fbbts.com/

Bluegrass Lyrics

bluegrasslyrics.com/

Bluegrass Tablature

www.alltabs.com/bluegrass_tabs.php

Daily Dose of Bluegrass

www.bluegrassonthetube.com

Banjo:

www.banjohangout.org

Bass:

www.bluegrassbassplace.com

Dobro:

www.reso-nation.org
www.resohangout.com

Fiddle:

www.fiddlehangout.com

Guitar:

www.bluegrassguitar.com/

Mandolin:

www.mandohangout.com/
www.mandolincafe.com/

OTHER JAMS & OPEN MICS

Below is the previous list of selected other, non-DBA-related jams.

Check local contacts for current and future scheduling. Some jams may no longer be running or may have changed schedules and/or locations.

Casa Grande Airport Jam

1st & 3rd Saturday, 12:00 pm.
Casa Grande Municipal Airport, 3225 N Lear Ave. Casa Grande Az. Acoustic stringed instruments only, NO Amps, Bluegrass songs preferred. Contact Steve Hartwell steve@arizonabluegrass.com

Southern AZ Old Time Fiddlers Association

Unitarian Universalist Church
4831 E 22nd St, Tucson
Tuesday 6:30—8:30pm
Info: Wilbur 520-743-7086

Sierra Vista, Kitchen Table Traditional Bluegrass Jam,

Every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. South Sierra Vista off Highway 92. Mile Post 327. Traditional bluegrass instruments only. No electrics, no strats, no drums, no country, and please no kazoo's. Calls only, no text. Call Larry at 520-255-0853 for info; leave a message if I miss your call. Bluegrass just for fun!

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Nashville, TN 37216
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Email info@ibma.org | <https://ibma.org/>

Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum

311 West Second St.
Owensboro, KY 42301
270-926-7891
888-MY BANJO (toll-free)
www.bluegrasshall.org/

Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Association

696 S Maricopa
Chino Valley, AZ 86323
www.arizonaoldtimefiddlers.org/index.html

Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Association, Southern Arizona Chapter

3020 W. Avenida Cresta
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Southwest Old Time String Band Association

swotgathering.com/
Tucson Friends of Traditional Music
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063583240762
tucsoncontradancers.org/

Tucson Kitchen Musicians Association

www.tucsonfolkfest.org/about-tkma/
www.tucsonfolkfest.org/
www.facebook.com/TucsonFolkFest/

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Membership dues for the Desert Bluegrass Association are \$20 annually per family and are due March 1st. Members joining after September 1 of any year will have their memberships extended through the next year. Those joining before September 1 must renew the following March 1st.

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Do you wish to be included in the Membership Directory? (Check one) YES NO

What instruments do you play? BANJO BASS FIDDLE GUITAR MANDOLIN

RESONATOR GUITAR OTHER _____

Complete this form then mail it, along with your personal check or money order payable to Desert Bluegrass Association to:

Mike Headrick (DBA Membership Secretary)
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Tucson, AZ 85749