

2015 MONUMENTAL FIDDLING & ACOUSTIC BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Homestead National Monument of America

FIDDLE CONTEST RULES:

- There are 3 main Divisions of Competition...
 - **Junior** – for folks who have played less than 5 years.
 - **Senior**– for folks who have played 5 years or more.
 - **Legends** –for folks who have won 1st place in the Senior Division in previous years.
- Each contestant in the 3 main Divisions will play 3 tunes...
 - a **Hoedown** (upbeat danceable tune in two or four)
 - a **Waltz** (danceable tune in three)
 - a **Tune of Choice** (a tune other than a hoedown or a waltz, such as jigs, polkas, rags, blues, etc.)
- In the Left Handed Contest the bow and fiddle hands must be reversed. Each fiddler will play 1 tune.
- Contestants may play with one or two backup acoustic musicians, neither to be playing melody. A backup guitarist is available for fiddlers who need one.
- Contestants will be judged on pitch, tone, rhythm, and presentation (showmanship, interpretation, flair, creativity, charisma, adherence to the rules, etc.).
- Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in the Junior, Senior, and Legends Divisions.

ACOUSTIC BAND CONTEST RULES:

- Each band must consist of at least 3 members.
- Each band will perform 3 songs.
- No electric instruments or pickups allowed.
- No drum sets.
- Bands will be judged on their material selection (taste, difficulty, originality), performance (musical ability, tone, rhythm, and overall blend of the instruments and vocals), stage presence (showmanship, connection with audience, humor), and adherence to the rules.
- Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

RULES THAT APPLY TO ALL CONTESTS:

- Contestants in all divisions are encouraged to announce each tune and to give a one sentence explanation of its origin.
- All contest songs must have been in existence when the Homestead National Monument was established in 1936.
- All decisions of the judges are final.

SATURDAY, May 24, 2014

10:00 AM – Fiddle workshop with Deborah Greenblatt

10:00 AM – Registration begins

12:00 PM – Junior Division Fiddle Contest

- Performance of winners of the Nebraska American String Teachers Association Fiddle Tune Composition Contest
- Senior Division Fiddle Contest
- Left Handed Fiddle Contest
- Legends Division Fiddle Contest
- Fiddle giveaway
- Acoustic Band Contest

Marilyn Wallin, luthier, available throughout the day

– Other Fiddling Opportunities –

Schoolhouse Fiddle Camp for Beginners

Monday, June 9 - Friday, June 13, 2014, 9 AM - 1 PM

Schoolhouse Fiddle Camp for Intermediate/Advanced

Monday, July 14 - Friday, July 18, 2014, 9 AM - 1 PM

Schoolhouse Fiddling Bee

Sunday, October 12, 2014, Registration - 1:30 PM, Contest - 2:30 PM



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