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A Grammy nomination, and now a feature length documentary coming in 2018. Local fiddler Michael Cleveland is “living the dream”.

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Welcome to our newest members:

Darlene Freedman: Wake Forest, NC
(Member # 1,257!)
Carla Gogan and Mark French:
Mt Washington, KY
Brian Meldrum: Louisville, KY

Many thanks to the following renewing members, for their continued support of BA and its mission:

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7th Annual Bluegrass Jamfest and BAND SCRAMBLE

On Saturday, October 7, 2017 Bluegrass Anonymous in conjunction with Clarksville Parks and Recreation in Clarksville, IN, hosted the 7th annual Bluegrass band scramble. It was a beauty of a day, not too warm, not too cool but just as the winners were being announced the bottom fell out and we “scrambled” to get the sound equipment and stray instruments under cover. In the midst of all the action I didn’t mark down who won what place but honestly, everyone who attended was a winner because we had some first timers in the fray, some youngin’s and some oldun’s and it was a super fun time. Looking forward to scramblin’ again in 2018 !

~ Robin Thixton



The Evolution of Bourbon Told Through Bluegrass Music

by Sonya Cotton

Bernie Lubbers works for Heaven Hill Brands in Bardstown and Louisville, Kentucky and is known as the Whiskey Professor. There are several things associated with Kentucky – the Derby, bourbon and bluegrass music, so it is only fitting that Bernie and his good friend and musician, Hickory Vaught, teamed together to put together a show to provide the history of bourbon through bluegrass music. They took their show on the road to Raleigh, North Carolina at the end of September 2017 for the International Bluegrass Music Association's (IBMA) World of Bluegrass event. They performed their 75-minute show at multiple venues throughout the week of the conference. What could be better than listening to some good stories played and told by two fine musicians while tasting whiskeys and learning some history about both whiskey and bluegrass music? Guests at their shows enjoy a taste of Georgia Moon, a white corn whiskey ("Good Ole Mountain Dew"), Larceny, Elijah Craig and Evans Williams and the guitar playing of Bernie and mandolin licks of Hickory while they sing songs from the early eras of moonshine making to the present day. Their show can be experienced in Louisville and on the Bourbon Trail. For more information, see www.WhiskeyProf.com. Hickory also hosts an open jam on Sundays from noon until 3:00pm at the Dark Star Tavern in Prospect, KY



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The Michael Cleveland Story

This is the story of the world's greatest fiddler and his determination to overcome disability. Feature length documentary coming in 2018.

Directed by John Presley. For more information email john@flamekeeperfilm.com

Noteable



- Aaron Bibelhauser is joining forces with the Lexington band and 2017 IBMA Momentum Award nominee "The Wooks". Congratulations Aaron !
- There's a Grammy Nominee in our midst ! Michael Cleveland's "Fiddler's Dream" recording has been nominated in the Bluegrass Album category for the 2018 Grammy Awards show that will be shown on CBS on January 28, 2018.
- A shout out to the folks at the Red Herring for giving the local Bluegrass scene a boost. Most Sunday evenings you'll be able to catch some of Louisville's finest in the Bluegrass and Americana music scene. They have entertainment on other evenings and are now offering a wider dinner menu along with over 100 cocktails. Head on down and tell Jacob and Clay that Bluegrass Anonymous sent you !

- We've heard rumors, but it's true that Ida Clare's first recording project is wrapping up. The songs are in Nashville being mixed and the artwork is in process. The recording will feature ten original tunes from the band's very own Jim Wheatley and Lea Cockrell.
- The Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Celebration looks to be back for 2018 under the guidance of the Ohio Country Tourism Commission and the Bill Monroe Foundation and it will be held on the Bill Monroe Homeplace possibly in late September 2018. Look for an official announcement from Ohio Country Tourism soon at www.visitohiocountyky.com

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INFORMATION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE
TO SEE IN THE PICKIN POST



the first Noel

Traditional
Arr. Mike Schroeder

D A G D G D A7

Violin

Mandolin

Guitar

8 D A G D G D A7

8

16 D F#m G D G D A D A7 D

16

Mike Schroeder is a BA Board Member and teaches private students in mandolin, guitar and ukulele performance. If you're interested in improving your instrumental skills contact Mike at: (502) 876-5121 or michaelschroeder@att.net



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Jamie Shaw is one of our newer members. He has become a staple at the jams in Louisville since taking up the banjo, mandolin and guitar just over five years ago. In addition to being a burgeoning picker, he is also a Veteran of the armed services. Thank for your service to our country, and thank you for the gift of your of friendship and support.

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