

BEAR ON THE SQUARE MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL

April 20 & 21, 2024



	MAINSTAGE TENT	UNCLE WOODROW'S TENT	HANCOCK PARK	OTHER LOCATIONS
SATURDAY				
10-11	Storytelling Kickoff 10:30-11		STORYTELLING 11-11:30 12-12:30	 <p>Bluegrass Open Jam (Dan Daniel) — <i>SEBA tent</i></p>
11-12	Crooked Mile 11-12	Sacred Harp Singing (Esther Morgan-Ellis)	Storytelling with Denise Mount and Hannah Sage	
12-1	John Grimm 12-1	Performing as a Duo (Max Godfrey & Maggie Hall)	1 pm: Open Mic with Mike Mount	
1-2	Cup O'Joe 1:15-2:15	Old-Time Fiddle (Max Godfrey & Maggie Hall)	GUIDELINES: <i>5-minute stories, Family-friendly, No rants, politics, or religion</i>	
2-3	Curtis & Kim Jones Mountain Gypsy Music 2:30-3:30	The Basics of Banjo: Clawhammer to 3-Finger (Josiah Tyree)	Appalachian Sung Stories (Hannah Sage From)	
3-4	Jamie Collins 3:45-4:45	Mandolin Technique (David Benedict)	Foundations of Bluegrass Guitar (Reuben Agnew)	
4-5		Ballad Singing (Sarah Ellen McDonald)	Children's Book Reading Hour	Uke Jam (Cindy Olsen) — <i>Pick & Bow tent</i>
5-6	The Kody Norris Show, 5-6	Appalachian Music and Dance (Barry Whittemore)	Guitar for Singers (Joe Newberry)	Old-Time Slow Jam (Ann Whitley Singleton) — <i>Pick & Bow tent</i> (3 pm)
6-9	BlueBilly Grit, 6:15-7:15 Contra Dance, 8-10			
SUNDAY				
11-12	Glenda Pender Gospel Jam 11:00-12:15			
12-1	Georgia Pick & Bow students 12:30-1			
1-2	Chatham Rabbits 1:15-2:15	Song & Tune Writing (John Grimm)	Clogging (Andy Howard)	
2-3	Joe Newberry, 2:30-3:30	Old-Time Mandolin (Brennan Breed)	New(ish) Old-time Tunes for All Strings (Andy Howard)	
3-4	Frances Mooney & Fontanna Sunset 3:45-4:45	Bluegrass Open Jam (all levels) with Matt Levine	Pickin' Porch Jam	
4-5	Pick&Bow raffle 4:45			

MARKETPLACE EXHIBITORS

MARKETPLACE HOURS: 10-6 Saturday, 10-5 Sunday

HERITAGE

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Wheeler

Nancy McLendon

John Quesnell

Laura Williams

LEATHER

Tom Slavicek

POTTERY

Daniel Bollinger

Triny Cline

Suzanne Evans

Elizabeth Hanes

Mike Hart

Etowah River

Pottery

JEWELRY

Lena Adams

Evie Kitchens

Lynn Reeder

Caroline Sandlin

Brenda Steele

FIBER ARTS

Morgan Thurmond

Nan Hancock

Jordan Adams

Nazare Hoffpauir

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Pollard & Crowe

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Tom Henry

John Stewart

Sean Lawford

Larry & Kathie Maes

Jenny Moore

Adam Nicholson

Craig Pence

Ronnie Smith

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MIXED MEDIA & MISCELLANEOUS

David Bailey

Paul Bergstrom

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Wayne & Rarden

John Kelly

Marian Jones

Jimmy Loudermilk

John Lundy

Patty Medic

Sarah Malone Smith

Dione Lerner & Rae

Lynne Swigart

METAL

Tim & Donna Frady

Jackie Kimel

Sheila Hamilton

Mike Wilson

Scott Hornbaker

Andy Hamilton

CONSUMABLES

Kim Finger

Rebecca Benfield

Trevor & Joanna

Mann

Jill Phillips

Kathy Senft

Rick's Kettle Corn

OTHER

Georgia Pick & Bow

Traditional Music

School

LOCATED IN

HANCOCK PARK

Save Georgia's

Hemlocks

Georgia Friends of

the Bears

BEAR AMBASSADORS

Welcome to Bear on the Square.

Do you have questions? Need directions or suggestions? Festival Ambassadors are available to help. Look for the volunteers in green vests or in the information area in front of the Welome Center on the square. They will be glad to answer questions and direct you to the various attractions. Many of them also speak another language.

FIRST AID/FESTIVAL INFO

Bruised knee? Insect bite? Sunburn?? Stop by the First Aid/Festival Information station located at the pavilion in front of the Visitors Center on the square for some medical attention and TLC provided by volunteers from North GA Physicians Group staff. (See map on back.) Local EMTs are also roaming the festival to help festival goers as needed.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found is located in the MainStage Tent at the Merchandise table. Any items left after the festival will be taken to the Welcome Center for pick up Monday.

NOTE TO JAMMERS

Please join in or just enjoy the jamming around the square day and night.

Musicians: As a courtesy to our merchants, please do not block their store entrances.

REST ROOMS

Rest rooms are available at the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Visitors Center on the square and in the back of the stage in Hancock Park. Porta potties are available as pictured on the map on the back of the program.

DO FEED THE BEAR, PLEASE!

Bear is looking for handouts! As our costs rise year after year, our goal is to continue to host an outstanding free festival. If you are enjoying yourself, please make a donation to one of the many Feed the Bear buckets you will see around the festival. Or, scan the code at right to donate now. And, the bear says THANK YOU!



FOOD COURT, NORTH PARK ST.

FOOD

The Inked Pig
The Hillbilly Café
Mountain Tapas
Red Hills Catering
Express Food
Brookton Catfish School

SPECIALTIES

R&R Boiled Peanuts
Miss Judy's Shave Ice and Pretzel Company
T&A Ohana Made Lemonade
Hillbilly Soda Shop
Rhonda's Double E. Sweets

IN THE ARTIST MARKETPLACE: Rick's Kettle Korn

WORKSHOPS AND JAMS

Appalachian Music and Dance (Barry

Whittemore) Explore an introduction to the history of music and dance in the Appalachians.

Appalachian Sung Stories (Hannah Sage

From) Hear beautiful ballads, discover the history, and sing a ballad or two.

Ballad Singing (Sarrah Ellen McDonald)

Sarrah Ellen will share unaccompanied ballads learned from family members. Don't miss her powerful and expressive singing!

Basics of Banjo (Josiah Tyree) Explore everything from Clawhammer to Three-Finger Style with contest-winning Josiah Tyree.

Children's Book Reading Hour: UNG students will read from seven children's books that they wrote, illustrated, and published as part of an English class. (Readers 6-10 but all are welcome!)

Clogging (Andy Howard) Come prepared to dance and learn some basic steps! No experience necessary.

Foundations of Bluegrass Guitar (Reuben Agnew) From Northern Ireland, Reuben has studied with world-class artists and has become one of the top bluegrass guitar players in the UK and Ireland.

Guitar for Singers (Joe Newberry) Great for pickers who like to sing, and vice versa.

Mandolin Technique (David Benedict) David is one of the leading figures and content creators in the mandolin world. He has received two IBMA awards and was nominated for a Grammy. He teaches

full-time and performs regularly.

New(ish) Old-Time Tunes for All (Andy Howard) Atlanta fiddler and clogger Andy Howard will teach some of his favorite recent tunes and introduce you to a few of the folks who are producing great new old-time tunes today.

Old-Time Fiddle (Max Godfrey & Maggie Hall) Join Max and Maggie as they break down some cool fiddle tunes you might not have learned before!

Old-Time Mandolin (Brennan Breed) Brennan will share mandolin tunes and techniques appropriate for all levels.

Performing as a Duo (Max Godfrey & Maggie Hall) Learn the ins and outs of vocal harmony, backup fiddle, guitar runs, and improvisation.

Sacred Harp Singing (Esther Morgan-Ellis) You will be provided with a brief introduction to the history and practice of Sacred Harp singing and then have an opportunity to sing some favorite songs.

Song & Tune Writing (John Grimm) This champion fiddle and banjo player with a growing catalog of albums will introduce his approach to writing new songs and tunes in an old-time style.

OPEN JAMS

- Bluegrass Jam with Matt Levine
- Bluegrass Jam with Dan Daniel
- Old-Time Slow Jam with Ann Whitley Singleton & John Day
- Pickin' Porch Jam (Old-Time)
- Uke Jam with Cindy Olsen

VENUES

MainStage:
Concert stage,
merchandise sales,
CD sales

Uncle Woodrow's Tent:
Workshops, jams

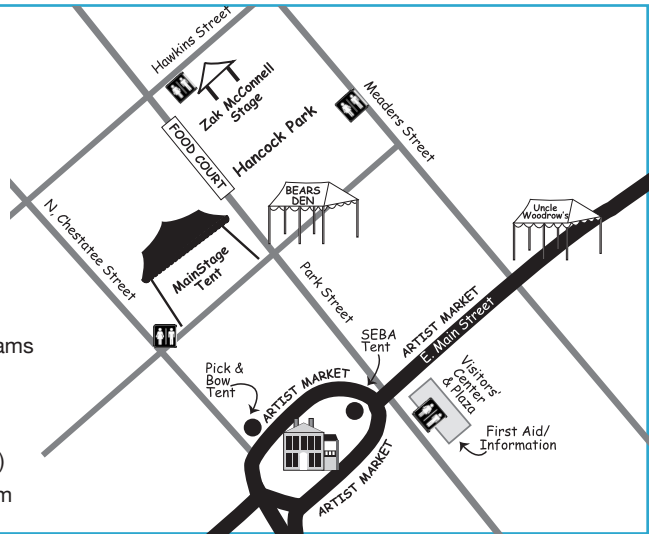
Pick & Bow Tent:
Workshops, jams

Zak McConnell Stage:
Storytelling, workshops, jams

Bear's Den:
Wine, mead, beer

Information/First Aid:
(Welcome Center gazebo)

SEBA Tent: Bluegrass jam



FESTIVAL DEDICATIONS



DAVE MOSER

Dave's musical career began as a boy when he was a member of the

Atlanta Boy Choir. As an adult, he learned to play the banjo and enjoyed playing with other musicians. The Atlanta Area Friends of Folk Music was organized as an old-time music group in Atlanta, and Dave became the resident sound guy when they hosted concerts for visiting musicians.

When he moved to the Dahlonega area, it was just natural for Dave to move into doing sound for Bear on the Square. He also spent time jamming with other musicians. He loved the local music scene and his musician friends, as well as the musicians who come to Bear every year. He was a dedicated volunteer for Bear, serving on the festival committee for many years. He became affectionately known as Uncle Dave and his workshop tent at Bear (Uncle Dave's Tent) was a popular spot.

Dave passed away June 21, 2023.



ALICE SAMPSON

Over the past 20+ years Alice has supported Bear on the Square in

many ways. As the founder and director of the Georgia Appalachian Studies Center at UNG, Alice forged a partnership for the Center to sponsor the festival's Artist Marketplace which continued for several years. She was keenly interested in art and supporting the artists was important to her.

Alice was also an energetic volunteer for the festival's Friday night auction for many years.

As one of the founders of the Georgia Pick & Bow Traditional Music School, Alice helped build the relationship between Bear on the Square and Georgia Pick and Bow from which the music program continues to benefit.

Alice was enthusiastic about the music, the art, the people and the community-building value of Bear on the Square.

Alice passed away Sept. 29, 2023.

FESTIVAL SPONSORS

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