

BEAR ON THE SQUARE

MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL · DAHLONEGA, GA

APRIL 22-23, 2017



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WEEKEND SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY					
Auction: Food, Music by Curtis Jones & Matt Mundy, Live & Silent Auctions, 5-9 pm					
	MAINSTAGE TENT	UNCLE WOODROW'S TENT	UNCLE DAVE'S TENT	STORYTELLING Hancock Park	VISITORS CENTER PLAZA
SATURDAY					
10 to 11	Appalachian Storytelling Sampler 10:30 am				
11 to 12	The Georgia Crackers 11 am- noon	Bluegrass Slow Jam: Jim Pittman/ Patsy Kline	Ukulele Jam (Cindy Olsen)	Tattle Tales: Youth Tellers	Folk School Dancers 11
12 to 1	Crooked Mile 12:15-1:15 pm	Ballads:Sarrah Ellen McDonald/ Tonia Conner	Old-time Slow Jam: Walter & Jeanie Daves	Esther Culver & Chetter Galloway	
1 to 2	Ugly Cousin 1:30-2:30 pm	Old-time Harmony Singing: Rosin Sisters	Canadian Fiddle Styles: April Verch	Chetter Galloway & Denise Mount	
2 to 3	Howlin' Brothers 2:45-3:45 pm	Storytelling: Esther Culver / Chetter Galloway	Yodeling: John Lilly		Folk School Dancers 2
3 to 4		Celtic Roots: Chestatee River Celi Band			
4 to 5	April Verch Band 4-5:15 pm	Beginning Penny Whistle: Jim O'Conner	Open Mic: Erick Jones 3:30-6		
5 to 6:30	Horseshoes & Hand Grenades 5:30-6:30 pm	Civil War Songs: Laney House			
7 to 9:30	Moonlight Jam 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7				Mountain Dance 6:30: Beary Good String Band with caller John Kelley
SUNDAY					
11 to 12	GOSPEL JAM w/Glenda Pender 11 am-12:15 pm			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> MORE DETAILS INSIDE MainStage page 5 Workshops..... page 7 Storytelling..... page 11 </div>	
12 to 1	Georgia Pick & Bow 12:30-1 pm				
1 to 2	Wil. Maring & Robert Bowlin 1:15-2:15 pm	Licks, Slips and Giggles: Jim Pitt- man/Patsy Kline	Mandolin in Old- time & Bluegrass: Doug Olsen		
2 to 3	John Lilly 2:30-3:30 pm	How to Teach, How to Learn: Jason Kenney	Old-time Fiddling: John Grimm	Denise Mount & Leslie Shelley	
3 to 4	Threadbare Skivvies 3:45-4:45	Bluegrass Banjo: Geoff Hohwald	Pickin' Porch Old-time String Band Jam		
4 to 5	BlueBilly Grit 5-6 pm				


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Weekend Gold Miners

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5 p.m.: Food
5:30-6:45: Music by Curtis Jones & Matt Mundy
5-7: Silent Auction
7: Live Auction
MainStage Tent

Auction catered and sponsored by Shenanigans Irish Pub and Bourbon Street Grille

FREE CONCERTS in the MainStage Tent

Don't miss our music on the MainStage. BEAR brings you two full days of free, non-stop music in the big tent on N. Park Street. Stop in for a few minutes or spend the day listening to one great band after another.

Friday night auction

5:30 pmCurtis Jones and Matt Mundy, legendary world-traveling musicians



Saturday

11 am.....The Georgia Crackers, traditional Georgia string band
12:15 pm.Crooked Mile, traditional bluegrass band
1:30 pmUgly Cousin, local bluegrass band
2:45 pmThe Howlin' Brothers, high energy string band
4 pmApril Verch Band, led by Canadian fiddler, vocalist and stepdancer
5:30 pmHorseshoes & Hand Grenades, high energy band
7:30 pmMoonlight Jam led by jam band icon Rev. Jeff Mosier

Sunday

11 a.m.....Gospel Jam led by Glenda Pender; Bagpipes, Sam Johnson
12:30 pmGeorgia Pick & Bow students—preserving traditional roots music
1:15 pmWil Maring & Robert Bowlin with original acoustic music
2:30 pmJohn Lilly, multi-faceted songwriter, performer
3:45 pmThreadbare Skivvies, vagabond nature folk
4:45 pmGeorgia Pick & Bow guitar raffle drawing
5 pmBlueBilly Grit, Telluride-winning bluegrass band

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SUNDAY MORNING GOSPEL JAM

The single most popular event of Bear on the Square year after year is its Sunday Morning Gospel Jam led by Glenda Pender. At 11 a.m. Sunday morning a highly talented "house band" takes the stage, and Sam Johnson opens the program playing Amazing Grace on the bagpipes as he enters the tent and makes his way to the front of the audience. Glenda invites guests from the incredibly talented pool of musicians who gather at the festival to join her on stage for a gospel song.



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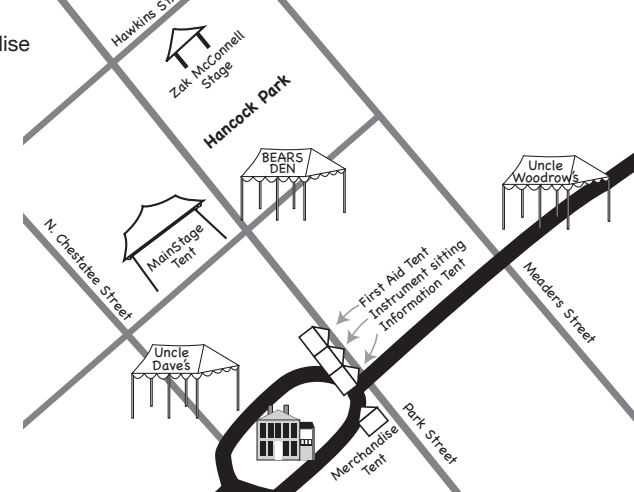
FREE WORKSHOPS, JAMS, DEMOS & MORE

- SATURDAY**
 11:00 Bluegrass Slow Jam: Jim Pittman & Patsy KlineUncle Woodrow's
 11:00 Ukulele Jam: Cindy Olsen Uncle Dave's
 12:00 Ballad Singing: Sarrah Ellen McDonald & Tonia ConnerUncle Woodrow's
 12:00 Old-time Slow Jam w/ Walter & Jeanie DavesUncle Dave's
 1:00 Old-time Harmony Singing Workshop: The Rosin SistersUncle Woodrow's
 1:00 Canadian Fiddle Styles Workshop: April VerchUncle Dave's
 2:00 Storytelling Workshop: Chetter Galloway & Esther Culver.....Uncle Woodrow's
 2:00 Yodeling Workshop: John LillyUncle Dave's
 3:00 Celtic Roots: Chestatee River Ceili BandUncle Woodrow's
 4:00 Beginning Penny Whistle: Jim O'ConnorUncle Woodrow's
 5:00 Civil War Songs: Laney HouseUncle Woodrow's

- SUNDAY**
 1:00 Musical Licks, Slips and Giggles: Jim Pittman & Patsy Kline .Uncle Woodrow's
 1:00 Mandolin in Old-time and Bluegrass: Doug OlsenUncle Dave's
 2:00 How to Teach, How to Learn: Jason KenneyUncle Woodrow's
 2:00 Old-time Fiddling: John GrimmUncle Dave's
 3:00 Bluegrass Banjo: Geoff HohwaldUncle Woodrow's
 3:00 Pickin' Porch Old-time JamUncle Dave's

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FESTIVAL VENUES/TENTS



Main Stage:
 Concert stage, merchandise sales, CD sales, auction
Uncle Dave's Tent:
 Open Mic, workshops, jams
Uncle Woodrow's Tent:
 Workshops, jams
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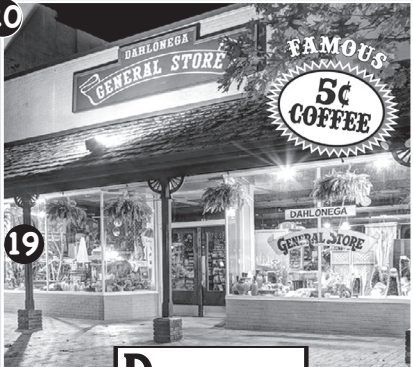
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Stop by the Zak McConnell Stage in Hancock Park and spend some time listening to professional storytellers who are keeping alive the oral tradition of the mountains.

SATURDAY

MainStage Tent

10:30 Kickin' off the Bear: Appalachian Storytelling Sampler with Melanie Knauff

Zak McConnell Stage, Melanie Knauff, Emcee

11:00 Tattle Tales (Youth Tellers)
12:00 Esther Culver & Chetter Galloway
1:00 Chetter Galloway & Denise Mount

STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

Storytelling 3.0: Sights, Sounds, and Samples for The Art of Listening! Saturday, 2 p.m. Uncle Woodrow's Workshop Tent

This interactive workshop introduces participants to the tools one can use to tell stories and how to apply them to their own unique storytelling style. The workshop will also cover performance techniques as well as other elements to build an effective story. Presenters: Chetter Galloway and Esther Culver.

SUNDAY

Zak McConnell Stage

1:00 Denise Mount (Emcee) with Leslie Shelley & Tracy Walker
2:00 Tracy Walker (Emcee) with Denise Mount & Leslie Shelley

Bear on the Square Storytelling is hosted by Melanie Knauff & Debbie From

*Storytelling program sponsored by Southern Order of Storytellers and
Esther Culver and Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia*

OLD-TIME MOUNTAIN DANCE (Saturday)

Visitors' Center Plaza, 6:30 p.m. Saturday
Music by the Beary Good String Band with caller John Kelley.

FREE INSTRUMENT SITTING

Bear on the Square offers free instrument sitting Saturday and Sunday in a covered, monitored tent. The service is available at the Festival Information Tent on the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Where: Uncle Dave's Tent, N. Chestatee Street

When: Saturday, 3:30-6:00 pm

Music: Acoustic

Size of Group: Solo, duo, trio or more

Slots: Total of 15 minutes per group, including set-up and breakdown.

Emcee: Erick Jones

Sound: Dave Moser

To sign up: Sign up in Uncle Dave's tent at the festival. No charge for participating or attending. Participants get a Bear "goody bag."

JOHN C CAMPBELL DANCERS, JAMS

Dance Exhibitions:

Saturday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Dahlonega Visitors Center Plaza



Dance teams from the John C. Campbell Folk School will perform traditional dance twice on Saturday at the Visitors Center Plaza. Performances feature colorfully-costumed mock sword fighters, graceful and elegant garland dancers and cloggers performing older dances from the British Isles.

Scheduled to perform this year at Bear are the Brasstown Morris Dancers and Band and the Kudzu Kickers clogging team from Murphy, N.C., who will present a mixed set of traditional English Morris Dancing and Appalachian Clogging.

In addition, several musicians affiliated with the John C. Campbell Folk School will be playing in the Folk School booth/tent area of the Marketplace from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. David Liden, Annie Fain Baralon, Emolyn Liden and Martha Owen, all from Brasstown, N.C., will host an Old-time Music Jam, and Geoff Hohwald and Rick Taylor, both from Atlanta, will host a Bluegrass Music Jam.

OUR AMBASSADORS

Do you have questions? Need directions or suggestions? Festival Ambassadors are available to help. Look for the volunteers in green vests.

They will be glad to help answer questions and direct you to the various attractions. Many of them also speak another language.

Welcome to Bear on the Square.



FOOD COURT



In the Marketplace

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- Gotta Have It Food Truck: Cuban pork, beef brisket, and more
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Food Court, N. Park Street

- Blueberry Garden's: Pork rinds, boiled peanuts, deep fried oreos, and more
- Fair Shot Coffee and Espresso: Coffee, espresso, smoothies
- Bratzeit: Bratwurst, knockwurst, and more
- North Georgia Treats: Ice cream and shaved ice
- Williamson Brothers Bar-B-Que: Platters, sandwiches and turkey legs
- Rio's Italian Ice

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STUFF FOR KIDS (of all ages) TO DO

- Build a special project with your youngster in the Home Depot booth in Hancock Park (Saturday only)
- Pan for gold with the Weekend Gold Miners who are set up on East Main St.
- Visit the John C. Campbell artists on N. Park street and you just may find a hands on project waiting.
- Drop by the balloon and face-painting booths in Hancock Park.
- Stop and watch a festival exhibitor give a blacksmithing demo or weave a cloth or make a broom, and help your youngsters learn a little about how things were done before Walmart! Also, the spinners in Hancock Park would love to tell you about their craft as they work.
- Visit the Pick & Bow jam tent on the square and find out how well kids can play music and how easy it is to get involved in music lessons in Dahlonega.



FIRST AID TENT

Bruised knee? Insect bite? Sunburn??

Stop by the festival First Aid Tent near the information booth on the square for some medical attention and some TLC.

A NOTE ABOUT JAMMING

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.

FESTIVAL DEDICATION: WHIT CONNAH. . .

Legendary musician and great friend of Bear festival

Bear on the Square and musicians from throughout our region lost a great friend on Aug. 28, 2016, when Neill Whitlock “Whit” Connah, 77, of Atlanta died after a valiant battle with renal cancer.



Whit, who was born at Emory University Hospital, grew up in Buckhead, where he graduated from North Fulton High School in 1957. A talented artist, he graduated first in his class at the Atlanta College of Art and received his MFA from Tulane University. He also had the opportunity to study abroad in Paris and Vienna, and he spent 30 years of his career as an art professor in the Department of Architecture at Georgia Tech.

Whit’s other creative love as he grew up was music, especially old-time hillbilly and blues.

He led Atlanta’s Hair of the Dog, a well-known Cajun, blues and roots band formerly known as Hurt Dog. Whit was a powerful, soulful singer and legendary harmonica player, and he also played Cajun accordion and guitar. Whit’s wife Barbara performed as a fiddler and a singer with Hair of the Dog. Dahlonega audiences will particularly remember Whit as a featured singer and harmonica player during the yearly Gospel Jam at Bear on the Square. He also appeared here many times when Hair of the Dog was in the lineup for Bear on the Square or for the Mountain Music and Medicine Show at the Holly Theater. He was also a frequent guest performer with his wife’s other band, The Rosin Sisters, when they played at Bear or at the Holly.

A well known figure in the Atlanta Metro area’s music circles, Whit was a mentor to many talented musicians from the area, such as Barbara’s son John Ferguson, who along with his wife Audrey played an important role in Hair of the Dog, Whit and Barbara’s godsons and Mick Kinney’s sons Mickey and Moses Nelligan, Jeanie and Walter Daves’ son Michael Daves, and Leah and Chloe Smith of Rising Appalachia, daughters of Rosin Sister Jan Smith and her husband Andy. In addition to these, there are many others who benefited from Whit’s knowledge and encouragement.

BEAR WANTS YOU FOR A FRIEND

Bear on the Square is looking for some new Friends. All those who love our festival and come back year after year are invited to become a Friend to help us bring you great free music, free workshops, and a free festival for two days every April.

In addition to receiving our sincere appreciation for their continued support, Friends of Bear will be sent various festival-related items based on their level of contribution. Contribution categories range from \$15 to \$100.

Find out all the details at the Friends of Bear table in the rear of the MainStage tent or at our information booth and merchandise booths, or scan the code at right for all the details and to sign up now!



Scan the code to sign up right now!

REMEMBERING NICK PENDER

For more than two decades from the time he moved to Dahlonega in 1983 until his death in 2004, Nick Pender was a major force in the North Georgia bluegrass scene. He and his wife Glenda were co-founders, along with several downtown merchants, of the annual Bear on the Square Mountain Festival.

Nick and Glenda developed the entire music program for the event, now in its 21st year. The Pender family continues to support the festival with children and grandchildren taking part in the event in various ways and Glenda serving as president and music chair.

Nick was a musician, playing bass fiddle and singing in the old-time mountain style. (He was also known to break into some great soul singing now and then!) Nick was featured, along with Ralph Stanley and others, in “Feels Like Home,” a documentary on the unaccompanied Appalachian folk song by film maker Heavenly Littleton. He recorded in Nashville in 2003, and that CD, Long Time Coming, also features Glenda and the couple’s son Neel. The recording includes an original composition by the two Pender sons, Neel and his brother Scott, and an introduction by daughter Marla Pender McGhee. Nick and Glenda dedicated the album to their grandchildren, Nick Pender, Annie McGhee, Cory Pender, and Will McGhee.

A member of both SEBA and BMI, Nick was co-founder and a member of the Shoal Creek Band, Homemade Jam, and the Gold Rush Bluegrass Band.

An ardent supporter and promoter of regional musicians, Nick was particularly supportive of teaching kids to play and sing, and he taught at Woody Gap School’s mountain music program.

A Certified Public Accountant by profession, he was a fixture in the Dahlonega and Lumpkin County community through his involvement in numerous civic and environmental efforts.

Bear on the Square continues his legacy.



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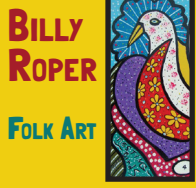
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