



# BEAR ON THE SQUARE MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL

April 26 & 27, 2025



DETAILS

|       | MAINSTAGE<br>TENT   | HOLIDAY INN<br>EXPRESS<br>(32 E Main St.)  | Zak McConnell Stage<br>at HANCOCK PARK  | VICKERY<br>HOUSE   |
|-------|---|--|---|--|
| 10-11 | Storytelling Kickoff<br>10:30-11                              |  | <b>STORYTELLING</b><br>11-11:30<br>Sorytelling with Amanda<br>Lawrence, Kanute Rarey<br>Debbie From, MC |  |
| 11-12 | The Wandering<br>Hours<br>11-12                               | Workshop:<br>Sacred Harp Singing<br>(Esther Morgan-Ellis)                          | 12-12:30<br>Sorytelling with Amanda<br>Lawrence, Kanute Rarey<br>Debbie From, MC                        |  |
| 12-1  | Compton & Newberry<br>12:15-1:30                              | Workshop:<br>Bluegrass Fiddle<br>(Conner Vliestra)                                 | 1:00-2:00<br>OPEN MIC with<br>Denise & Mike Mount   |  |
| 1-2   |   | Workshop:<br>Bluegrass Banjo<br>(Trevor Holder)                                    |   | Workshop:<br>Flat-footing 101<br>(T. Paul Anderegg)<br>Vickery House<br>1-2:30 |
| 2-3   | Curtis & Kim Jones<br>Mountain Gypsy<br>Music 1:45-3:00       | Old-Time Jam: Fiddle<br>Tunes with Lyrics (Max<br>Godfrey & Maggie Hall)           | Workshop: Clawhammer<br>& Old-Time Banjo Picking<br>Styles (Keilan Aplin)                               |  |
| 3-4   | Storytelling 3-3:30   | Workshop:<br>Musical Saw<br>(Cindy Olsen)  | Workshop:<br>Ballads and Songs<br>(Hannah From)   |  |
| 4-5   | Ugly Cousin<br>3:30-5   | Workshop:<br>New England Fiddle<br>Tunes (Ed Howe)                                 | Workshop:<br>Singing with Guitar<br>(Joe Newberry)  |  |
| 5-6   | Unspoken<br>Tradition<br>5:15-6:45                            | Jam:<br>New England Tunes<br>(Ed Howe)   | Old-Time Slow Jam<br>(Ann Whitley Singleton)  |  |
| 6-9   | Contra Dance 7:30   |  |   |  |
| 11-12 | Glenda Pender<br>Gospel Jam<br>11:00-12:20                    |  |   |  |
| 12-1  |   |  |   |  |
| 1-2   | Indigo Roots<br>1:00-2:15                                     | Georgia Fiddle Tune<br>Revue (Sasha Hsuczyk<br>& Mick Kinney)                      | Workshop: Adding to<br>Old-Time Guitar Rhythm<br>(Evan Kinney)  |  |
| 2-3   | Storytelling 2:15-2:30  | Pickin' Porch Jam  | Open Bluegrass Jam<br>(Bill Long)   |  |
| 3-4   | BlueBilly Grit<br>2:30-3:45                                   | Workshop:<br>New Old-Time Fiddle<br>Tunes (Andy Howard)                            |                      |  |
| 4-5   | Georgia Pick & Bow<br>students 4-4:30<br>Pick&Bow raffle 4:30 |  |   |  |

# MARKETPLACE EXHIBITORS

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

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## **HERITAGE SPONSOR**

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## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Danny Young

## **LEATHER**

Dylan Britt

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## **CONSUMABLES**

Rebecca Benfield

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Jill Phillips

Rick's Kettle Corn

## **ALSO IN MARKETPLACE**

Georgia Pick & Bow

Traditional Music

School

John C. Campbell

Folk School

## **LOCATED IN HANCOCK PARK**

Holly Theater

Ga Mtn Fiber Arts

Guild

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## **FOOD COURT, NORTH PARK ST.**

- Black Market BBQ
- Wacky Martins Chicken, Sandwiches, Nachos, Cheese Curd and more
- Miss Judy Shaved Ice & Pretzel Company
- R & R Boiled Peanuts
- T & A Ohane Made Lemonade
- Rhonda's Double E Sweets
- Donut NV of NE Atlanta

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## **FUNDRAISING ART SALE**

Stop by Old Storehouse Art to view several paintings available for purchase as a donation to the festival by our Heritage Sponsor, Billy Roper. Billy is an Appalachian artist known for his expressive style of painting that combines colorful imagery on the front with writing on the back. The gallery is located on Meaders St. across from the Hancock Park playground. (See map on back)

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## **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.

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## **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. Local EMTs are also roaming the festival to help festival goers as needed.

# — 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!



*Feed the Bear HERE!*

## — FREE WORKSHOPS AND JAMS —

*Please see locations on page 1*

### SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

**11 am: Sacred Harp Singing** (Esther Morgan-Ellis). In this workshop, 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 out of the book. Sheet music will be provided, but the melodies can also be learned by ear, and there will be some experienced singers in every section.

**12 pm: Bluegrass Fiddle** (Conner Vlies-tra). Learn bluegrass fiddle techniques inspired by the playing of Arthur Smith, Tommy Magness, Benny Martin, and other favorite fiddlers of the presenter.

**1 pm: Bluegrass Banjo** (Trevor Holder). Whether you're new to bluegrass banjo or looking to hone your three-finger picking style, this workshop will have something for everyone.

**1-2:30 pm: Flat-footing 101** (T. Paul Anderegg). Come to watch or come to dance as award-winning instructor and master flat-footer Paul Anderegg from North Carolina will introduce students to the funny stories, history, styles, steps and all-out fun of Appalachian percussive step dance.

**2 pm: Clawhammer and Old-Time Banjo Picking Styles** (Keilan Aplin). This workshop is a great fit for anyone interested in exploring the variety of banjo playing methods and techniques in old-time music.

**3 pm: Ballads and Songs** (Hannah From). Step into the enchanting world of Appalachian ballads. You will hear beautiful ballads, discover the history, and even learn to sing a ballad or two.

**3 pm: Musical Saw** (Cindy Olsen). Learn to play the musical saw! Cindy will demonstrate how to play a melody on the saw and will have plenty of instruments

available for everyone to try!

**4 pm: Singing with Guitar** (Joe Newberry). Trace musical DNA from Doc Watson, John Hurt, Maybelle Carter, Norman Blake, Leadbelly. Great for pickers who like to sing, and vice versa.

**4 pm: New England Fiddle Tunes** (Ed Howe). Ed has created an innovative style bringing groove and dance rhythms to traditional music. He will teach fiddle tunes from the New England tradition that are great for dancing. A jam follows.

### SUNDAY WORKSHOPS

**1 pm: Adding to Old-Time Guitar Rhythm** (Evan Kinney). Learn how to mix up your playing with runs and other licks that tastefully back up old-time music from the styles of early recorded musicians in Georgia like Riley Puckett and John Dilleshaw.

**1 pm: Georgia Fiddle Tune Revue** (Sasha Hsuczyk & Mick Kinney). Presenters will present several Georgia fiddle tunes with a good mix of history, technique, and style.

**3 pm: New Old-Time Fiddle Tunes** (Andy Howard). Andy 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.

### OPEN JAMS — *All are welcome!*

#### SATURDAY

**2 pm: Fiddle Tunes with Lyrics**—Old-Time (Max Godfrey & Maggie Hall)

**5 pm: New England Tunes** (Ed Howe)

**5 pm: Old-Time Slow Jam** (Ann Whitley Singleton)

#### SUNDAY

**2 pm: Open Bluegrass Jam** (Bill Long)

**2 pm: Pickin' Porch Jam**—Old-Time

## FESTIVAL VENUES

### MainStage:

Concert stage,  
merchandise sales,  
CD sales

### Holiday Inn Express

(32 E Main St):  
Workshops, jams

### Zak McConnell Stage:

Storytelling, workshops, jams

### Welcome Center gazebo:

Information/First Aid

### Bear's Den:

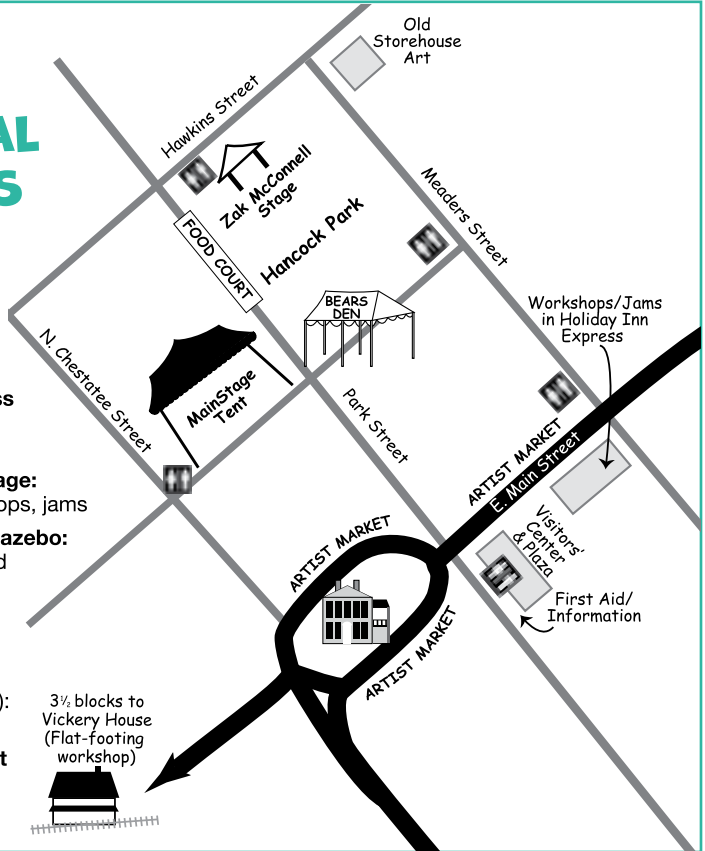
Wine, mead, beer

### Vickery House

24 Vickery Drive  
(just off Main Street):  
Workshop

### Old Storehouse Art

Fundraising art sale



## 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 throughout the venue as pictured on the map above.

## 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.

## FESTIVAL SPONSORS

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