Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music's mission is to share, preserve and promote American folk music, bluegrass, and traditional dance in Northern Arizona.

Our programs include:

Pickin' in the Pines Bluegrass & Acoustic Music Festival

The Flagstaff Folk Festival

Young Jammers

Our activities include:

Acoustic Music Jams

Campouts

Concerts

Contra Dances

ffotm.org for membership information

BOOKMAN'S MONTHLY PERFORMANCE & WORKSHOP SERIES

To benefit Young Jammers — for jammers of all ages.
Third Saturdays of the month
11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Free.

January 18th Fiddle Workshop with Kari Barton, Kristin Straka and Steve Almquist. These three fine fiddlers will demonstrate their distinctive stlyes then break into groups to give individual instruction. All ages welcomed and encouraged. FFOTM will supply some fiddles, or bring your own.

If you have an instrument to donate, or are interested in hosting a workshop or teaching in our Young Jammers Program call Bonnie 928.268.1108, or email: bonnie@flagstaffschoolofmusic.com. Visit our Young Jammers website page.

We are grateful to Bookman's for giving Young Jammers a generous grant to offer instructor stipends, and to buy and repair instruments for the YJs.

THE FFOTM CALLER

JANUARY 2014

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH SONG & DANCE

Thanks to all of you for your contributions, membership and support of Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music. 2014 looks like an exciting year with many opportunities to share the love of traditional music through jams and campouts, workshops at Bookman's, the return of March Madness Concert Series, the Flagstaff Folk Festival, Pickin' in the Pines Bluegrass and Acoustic Music Festival, monthly Contra dances, and free musical instruments and instruction for community youth through our Young Jammers program. FFOTM is a 501c3 nonprofit organization Become a member today and please volunteer. We have a lot of fun work ahead to keep the organization growing and strong.

FFOTM HOSTS 3 DISTINCTIVE CONCERTS IN JANUARY FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE

January is a big month traditionally for concerts with many performers traveling through Flagstaff on their way to festivals in sunnier climes. Please join us for some mid-winter cheer and entertainment by these diverse and talented artists.

Jeff Scroggins & Colorado

Anam Cara Dixon & Tristan Scroggins will open for this hard-driving bluegrass band.
Wed., January 22, 7:30 pm at Firecreek Coffee Company. $14 general, $12 FFOTM

Steve Spurgin

Folk Remedies for the Heart and Soul
Sat., January 25, 7:30 pm
White Dove Coffee House
$12 general, $10 FFOTM

Reed Island Rounders

Old Time Foot Stompin' Music
Friday, January 31
House Concert @ the Pole House. *Limited seating.*
6:30 Social/7:30 concert
$10-15 donation.
928.853.2007

PLEASE VISIT FFOTM.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKET SALE LOCATIONS.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a great skill and time to offer? If so FFOTM needs you.

Seeking Pickin' in the Pines Marketing Director

Music instructors needed for Young Jammers Program and for Bookman's monthly workshops

Seeking Pickin' in the Pines Volunteer Coordinator

And we always need general volunteers to help at concerts, dances and festivals

Please visit our website volunteer page.

MONTHLY CONTRA DANCES

Unless otherwise noted, dances are held the first Saturday of each month at the First Federated Church (400 E Aspen St) with a live band and featured caller.

Newcomer's Lesson: 7:00-7:30
Dance: 7:30 – 10:30
Admission: $6

Band practice is open to all, every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm at The Kickstand Coffee Shop, 719 N Humphreys St, Flagstaff, AZ.

Please visit our website dance page.

The New Year is here, raise your glasses in cheer.

JANUARY LOOKS LIKE THE RIGHT REMEDY FOR POST HOLIDAY BLAS. We kicked off 2014 with a lively Contra dance at the Federated Church and have three great concerts ahead at various venues. Our recent holiday party and concert with Anam Cara Dixon and Tristan Scroggins was a smashing success with many longtime members celebrating along with plenty of new faces. It was heartwarming to visit old friends including Santa, jam a bit, then enjoy the fresh, young musical energy of two very talented people. FFOTM like so many other organizations—although on a current growth curve—is "greying." As much as I don't care for that term, our mirrors don't lie. While we understand that we need to keep tradition on solid footing, we must also embrace new ideas to attract younger audience and members. This event truly did that kind of bridging. Our hats go off to Kwon Dixon, Ruth and Timber Thomas and Lara Gomora for doing an excellent job getting donations of delicious treats, promoting and managing the event. And speaking of Lara Gomora, FFOTM is thrilled to announce that she will become our new administrative assistant. Jude McKenzie will pass the baton to her and deserves a standing ovation for her years of dedication and service to FFOTM.

Additionally, we'd like to thank Bill Vernieu, outgoing board member for his meticulous skill and devotion to FFOTM as treasurer and founding member of Pickin' in the Pines. Please thank Bill when you see him playing regularly with the Mars Hillbillies at the Wine Loft. Michael Satterwhite finished his term as President and the current board strives to carry out the vision he set in his term. We are seeking several new board members and nominations are still open.

Great news for Pickin' in the Pines: We have a full lineup booked and will post this information in the next newsletter and on the website, but just to get your earbuds buzzin', our headliners are The Traveling McCourys (with top secret guest TBA) and the Peter Rowan Bluegrass Band. We also have the Claire Lynch Band and Town Mountain returning with a host of other terrific acts.

And March Madness is back by popular demand with Red Molly kicking it off at CCA, Run Boy Run at Firecreek, Sonoran Dogs (location TBA) and more for your listening pleasure. Won't you join us?

Julie Sullivan Brace
FFOTM Board President