



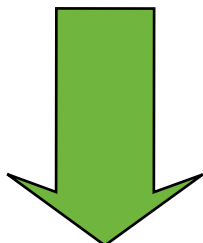
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# Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Music Association

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Keeping Bluegrass Music Alive in the Northern Kentucky Area

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## *From the Desk of Our President* *Ron Simmons*

Hello to everyone who reads our newsletter from the NKBMA. We have a new Editor in Chief and like any good Editor in Chief, Jerry Schrepfer has asked for a statement from the desk of the new President of our association.

This is not new for me, because when the NKBMA was formed by Gene Thompson and Ron Cornett, I was asked to be the first President. The fact is we were all gathering at a Buick dealership near Florence and eating chicken with a lot of great food brought by the attendees.....in the middle of the repair bay. Bluegrass can happen anywhere that friends show up with a few instruments. I learned how to play Bluegrass there from some of the most congenial people I've ever met. Thanks to Barry, Tom, Earl, Gene, Roy, Kenny, Bud and I could go on for a long time with this tribute.

Those were wonderful times and I miss the closeness we shared back then. Truth is, we still have many of the same faces that come to our jam sessions at Willis Music on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, but let's face

it, some of those special faces are now in Heaven and are with us in spirit only. I miss them very much, but at the same time I am gratified to see many new faces and very grateful that Willis Music allows us to meet in such a wonderful facility as their store in Florence.

Would I be too forward to ask if you wonderful folks who still appreciate the live music and friendship would ask some of your neighbors to come and join us? Bluegrass and in general the Music of the Mountains is still fun for all. It is a world wide phenomenon, this music, and we can keep the candles burning for it as long as we honor the origins and embrace the changes to it as they come. Faces change and so does the music, but the love of it's roots binds us together in a way like nothing else can.

Everyone, have a good and prosperous New Year and keep the sounds of the Music of the Mountains in your hearts by joining us as often as you can.

See You at Willis!

*Ron Simmons*  
President, NKBMA



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# NKBMA CHRISTMAS JAM



Santa's Elf and Frosty were there to kick off the annual day-after-Christmas jam. For those that needed to just get out of the house, this was the perfect place to be. Jam-min' and fun for all.

Meats and breads and beverages were provided by NKBMA and everyone brought a dish or dessert to pass. And what a great variety of dishes there were! No one went hungry for sure.



In addition to good food and good company, Ma Crow and the Lady Slippers, a NKBMA member band, took main stage and entertained the crowd with a mix of Bluegrass, Americana, and Old-time Mountain music.

The Lady Slippers include:  
Ma Crow (vocals and guitar)  
Trina Emig (banjo and mandolin)  
Marge Drees (vocals and fiddle)  
Vicki Abbott (vocals and bass)

Willis and the Sound Workshop offered a table full of DVD recordings from past WoodSongs Coffee House events at discounted prices.

Gene Thompson and helpers conducted a raffle and Myrna ran her 'split the pot' raffle with the winner taking home a nice cash prize.

If you missed this event, you missed a lot of good music and fun!



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## JANUARY FEATURED BAND



January 17<sup>th</sup> The Missy Werner Band performed at the Willis/WoodSongs CoffeeHouse/NKBMA Concert of the month. And what a performance it was!

Those in attendance were treated to one of the areas most popular bluegrass bands. From the first few bars of the opening number it was apparent this is a group of veteran performers who know how to interpret Bluegrass music as well as any band performing today.

Suzanna Barnes is the newest member of the group bringing that bluegrass fiddle sound to the stage. Jeff Roberts delighted all with his impeccable, authentic banjo style, his baritone voice and his knack for entertaining. Tim Strong amazed the audience with his skills seemingly using every string and note on the fret board as he made the old Martin guitar ring! Missy on mandolin and husband, Artie, on bass (and MC) round out the group making them most entertaining as well as exceptional interpreters of bluegrass music.

Add the group's vocals to the mix, Missy's strong lead, harmonies from Tim, Artie, and Jeff, and the audience experienced that blend and 'tight' sound that is so important to good bluegrass performances. And when Artie, Tim, Jeff, or Suzanna took the lead, the others switched easily to harmony mode demonstrating the depth of this groups vocal skills.

The request for an encore was filled by a version of 'Summertime' that was one of those 'priceless' moments where instrumentals and vocals came together in an indescribable way leaving the audience breathless. I can't wait for the DVD!



The Band made this little guys feet dance for all to see





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## **BLUEGRASS MUSICAL EVENTS**

Brought to You by the Above Partners

*There is nothing better than live music. Come on out, bring the family, grab a neighbor!!*

Saturday - February 14, 2015

**Vern McIntyre and  
Appalachian Grass**

7:00pm

Willis Music Superstore  
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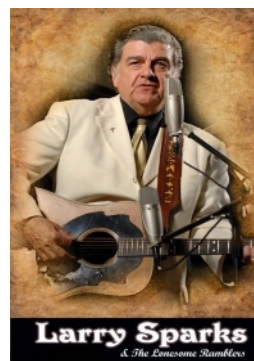


Thursday - March 26, 2015

**Larry Sparks**

7:00pm

Willis Music Superstore  
Florence, KY



Saturday - April 18, 2015

**McCoy Grass**

7:00pm

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Saturday - May 16, 2015

**New CoonCreek Girls**

7:00pm

Willis Music Superstore  
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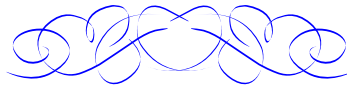
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# MEETINGS AND JAMS



## NKBMA Monthly Board Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Willis Music on Mall Rd.  
Starts at 6:00pm

## NKBMA Monthly Bluegrass Jam

4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month  
Willis Music on Mall Rd  
Contact Rick Fuchs at Willis:  
(859)525-6050

## Hebron Jam

Hebron Masonic Lodge  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month  
November thru April  
Contact Gene Thompson for info:  
(859)689-7431

## Russell Turner Bluegrass Jam

5<sup>th</sup> and Park St., Newport, KY  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month  
6pm to 10pm year round  
With Pot Luck and \$5.00 donation  
Contact Russell Turner at:  
[rturn02@zoomtown.com](mailto:rturn02@zoomtown.com)



## NEW!!

## Bean Haus/Friendly Market Jam

Behind Mt Zion Rd Kroger, Union  
Every Sunday 2pm to 4pm  
Both inside and outside jamming  
Weather permitting  
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## AND NEW FOR 2015

### Updated NKBMA website

Go to [www.nkbma.com](http://www.nkbma.com) for all the latest news, special events and concert schedules and jams.

And while you're there, look for the link on the Home page for the best internet radio playing all your Bluegrass favorites 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



[www.bluegrassmix.com](http://www.bluegrassmix.com)

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Find us on  
**Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/nkbma](http://www.facebook.com/nkbma)

*Visit the page whether you have a Facebook account or not and see photos from past events and the latest concert schedules*

## AND RENEW FOR 2015

**Hard to believe another year has gone by. If you haven't already, please send in your annual membership dues to the NKBMA, remain a member in good standing and be part of the team. Send payment (\$12 Single, \$15 Couple, \$25 Band) and your current email address to:**

**Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Association  
P.O. Box 133  
Hebron, Kentucky 41048**

**Join the NKBMA team for 2015 and make a difference in Bluegrass Music in the Northern Kentucky Area.**

