

**2011 GREAT BIG YAM POTATOES FIDDLE CONTEST & OLD TIME MUSIC GATHERING,
HISTORIC JEFFERSON COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, MISSISSIPPI**

POT LUCK COVERED DISH - Friday, May 13TH 5:30p.m.

Main Building ALL Welcome. Hosted by the Mississippi Old Time Music Society and presenting:

6:00 p.m. Edwin McAllister, Jack Magee & Johnny Rawls in a program of Old Time Mississippi string band music. Research material about the Mississippi musicians from the golden era of Mississippi's string bands will augment their program. This is an opportunity to learn about your Mississippi musical heritage. Join us.

SCHEDULE Fiddle Contest Main Building – Saturday, May 14th

8 A.M. Registration Desk opens for fiddle contest main building. **\$5.00 fee**
8:45 **Presentation of the Colors.** National Anthem, Rachel Ward, fiddle.
9:00 **Pee Wee Fiddlers** commence the Great Big Yam Potatoes fiddle contest.
10:00 **Junior Fiddlers**
11:15 Clinton Ramblers a.k.a. **The Fried Okra Sting Band.....**
12:00 **Ms Lizzie Storytelling**
1:00 **Awards** Fiddle Contest Pee Wees & Juniors
1: 30 **Senior Fiddles Dance Tunes 4/4 Reels & Breakdowns**
2:00 Senior Fiddle **Waltzes ¾**
2: 30 Senior Fiddle **Tune of Choice**
3:00 Senior Fiddle **Cross Tunings**
4:00 **Awards** Senior Fiddlers. Mississippi Fiddlers Association

As a major contributor, Historic Jefferson College is the site for the annual fiddle contest and gathering. The Mississippi Fiddlers Association enjoys a reciprocal relationship with Historic Jefferson College. The entire campus is made available for 72 hours to host our event and in turn the College gets a scheduled event that provides the public with an entire day of Old Time Music.

In many ways the Fiddle contest has emerged as a very unique and interesting event in comparison to the staged acts of solo, duet and string bands, which play all day. The fiddle contest provides a view of fiddlers of all ages competing in a friendly manner and yet maintains a story of its own with each competitor.

Since the beginning The Great Big Yam Potatoes has been a free event fully funded by private sources and individuals who find worthy an endeavor which promotes Old Time Music in the state of Mississippi.

PERFORMANCE STAGE – Saturday, May 14th

9:00 A.M. **JOHNNY & BETH RAWLS**, Navajo flute, guitar, vocals and the Claw hammer Banjo book according to Captain Johnny.

10:00 **Reeves Jones**, Gibson, flat top six string, finger picking Blues and providing biographical sketches of the Mississippi Blues landscape with originals with a Gospel influence.

11:00 **Connie & Hal Jeannes**, perform well research material on guitar, fiddle and mandolin. Early country, Carter family ballads, Old Time and Hal gives brief vignettes of their material and sources.

12:00 **The Cane Grinders.** Buddy & Faith McClure hearken to the heyday of string band music in the Deep South with obscure material researched over many a campfire and the unending pot of coffee with fiddler Buzz Sibley and his undeniable joi de vie for his instrument. Ellen Rosenberg crosses the Continental Divide from Boulder with her antique Washburn and banjo uke.

1:00 **Pat & Cindy's Cajun & Old Time Review & Rhythm.** Pat's accordion wheezing two steps and waltzes, along with Cindy's strong right hand on her Taylor flat top driving the rhythm section to start singing in the patois of the genre. Pats fiddling some would call old school old time, with cross tunings of breakdowns and waltzes. Hot, no A/C.

2:00 **Jack Magee & Sound Wagon**, gets us back to our Mississippi roots of Old Timey fiddle, with material from the Great Big Yam Potatoes recording.

3:00 **Wolf Gap Ramblers** from Murray, Kentucky appearing as a Neogress band. Old Time Swing is one way of describing these particular Ramblers. A big Mississippi welcome to the Great Big Yam Potatoes, ask them to play Steam Powered Aeroplane.

The Mississippi Fiddlers Association was formed in late 2007 by like-minded individual to advance the interest in rural fiddle music as it was played in the past and bring awareness of this art form in the present.