

BLUEGRASS CLIPPINGS

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YELLOWSTONE BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

Yellowstone Bluegrass Association and ZooMontana Offer Festival

The Yellowstone Bluegrass Association would like to invite everyone to a new locale for its annual festival. This year come out to ZooMontana, August 4, 5, and 6th and enjoy all the Zoo and YBA have to offer.

John Reischman, who wowed many at the Montana State Old-time Fiddlers Camp this year, will be performing with his stellar group, The Jaybirds. With three CDs to their credit and a Juno Award nomination (Canada's Grammy), Reischman and the Jaybirds go at acoustic music hammer and tong.

Slipstream, one of the most respected bluegrass groups to come out of the west, (from Boulder, Colorado) will also turn it

loose for lovers of the the high lonesome sound. As comfortable as any band can be on stage, this group gave memorable performances at the prestigious Greyfox Music Festival in New York in 2005 and at Rocky-grass in Colorado in 2004.

Growling Old Men are the most local of the truly professional groups at this year's festival. Their latest CD, *Occupational Hazards*, has received rave reviews.

Kostas is a Montanan and a songwriter. He's the guy Dwight Yokam, Patti Loveless, Marty Stuart, and others in the know call when they need a hit song. Some even say he has Bill Monroe's pants!

Attention!!!

Discount Tickets for Members Are Only Available Before Friday, August 4, 2006 And Must Be Purchased from A Board Member! Call to Reserve Them. Pick Them Up At The Gate.

YBA Members Get Discount !

YBA members get a discount on tickets to this year's festival at the Zoo. YBA members, in order to get the better price, must, however, purchase their tickets in advance. Tickets for those who jump through this account-

ants window of opportunity are \$15 for a single and \$45 for a family. If you linger and show up on Friday, August 4, 2006 or after, you will be forced to pay \$25 for a single and \$ 75 for a family.

The next little piece of hash that the marketers would like to settle is the definition of a family. YBA says a family is: 2 adults and children 13 to 21 living in the same household.

I do what I can with what I get!

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The Greasy Beans

August 18, 2006

ZooMontana

7:00pm

- \$12 at the gate
- \$10 to members
- Under 12 years old FREE

Can Yoga Help Your Pickin'?



With Bluegrass, It Can Be a Small World After All.

Before athletes perform, they often stretch. It is considered by many of the best ball players of every sort to be part of an essential pre-game warm up. Yoga is stretching. Yoga is breathing.

For those of us who work with our hands all day, we develop muscles that don't help us when we play our instruments. Yoga with a good instructor helps to lengthen and soften these muscles. It is

true that stretching the hands during Yoga practice is of great importance to stringed instrument musicians. Yoga can also help musicians, however, find a comfortable posture. This can make all the difference when a picker takes to the stage for hours at a time.

If one experiences cramps while picking, a lack of oxygen to that particular muscle group might be the reason. The

best way to overcome these cramps is to breath. Yoga is a series of moves designed to stretch the muscles and move the body while breathing, always breathing.

At the end of every Yoga class this reporter has attended, we get our blankets (we are lying on the floor) and we meditate which is also helpful for musicians. I usually unintentionally fall asleep and dream of pickin'.

YBA Bluegrass Festival At Zoo Montana

August 4, 5, 6, 2006

\$20 Single in Advance; \$60 Family in Advance

\$25 Single at the Gate; \$75 Family at the Gate

YBA Members See Page 1 for Discount Info

YBA Members Are Movin' and Shakin'

Congratulations to **Mike Blohm** whose reproductions of the old German *Handel* tuning buttons made it onto the front page of *Mandazine*, an internet site for mandolin pickers and enthusiasts. Mike has built mandolins, banjos and, most recently, a pair of octave mandolins. Folks all over the country, as well as a mate in Australia, are taking notice of Mike's craftsmanship and attention to detail.

Congratulations to **Stan and Annie Moser** of the *Elk River Ramblers* who will soon be moving to New York. YBA thanks them for their participation in the organization and wishes them the best of luck back there.

Thanks to **Irene Hedge** for sending me a cassette of her favorite "Bill Monroe at Beamblossom" record. I love it.

Watch for a new YBA member group to play at Bearcreek Day, Aug 12. *Montana Borderline* is LaLonnie Larson, **Glenda (the good witch) Ramsey, Bonnie Zieske** and others.

If you are looking to pick yourself that day, "Musicians Rendezvous" will take place Aug 11, 12, & 13 at Itchkape Park in Columbus, MT

Frets Magazine Returns to the shelves

People collect things. Some folks collect coins in the hope that one day those coins will be valuable. Some folks collect seashells for the joy of looking at them; studying them. In the 1980's, I collected copies of *Frets* magazine. I stopped collecting them in the 90's only because they stopped printing them.

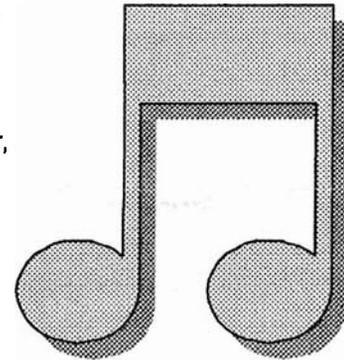
Frets, at that time, was the only magazine that recognized Bluegrass as

a genre of music. One could find lyrics to songs like "Omie Wise" in an issue of *Sing Out*, for example, but just because it was a folk song. Now, of course, we are lucky enough to have *Bluegrass Unlimited*, *Acoustic Guitar*, *Dirty Linen* and other such magazines that take Bluegrass fun seriously.

Fret has recently returned to the shelves of Hastings here in Billings. The new

version looks to be very much based on the old. Ground covered in the Spring 2006 issue includes interviews with banjo great Bela Fleck, mandolinist/fiddler Mike Marshal, and a very nice article about Gibson guitars built in Montana.

I don't collect coins or seashells. I will, however, continue to collect *Frets* magazine.



Appearing in Molt in August and September

August

- 5 Highway 302
- 12 Cash & Friends
- 19 Cold Frosty Morning
- 26 Spur of the Moment

September

- 2 Ramblin' Laurels
- 9 Longtime Lonesome Dogs
- 16 Cash & Friends
- 23 Bluegrass Junction
- 30 Sherseth Family

Prairie Winds
Cafe invites you
to Breakfast
with YBA
Celebrities
every Saturday!

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1/2 size, acoustic bass, in great condition. To check it out and haggle with Stan Moser about a price call: (406) 256-0083

We're on the Web at
[Yellowstonebluegrass.org!](http://Yellowstonebluegrass.org)

YBA and ZooMontana Festival Schedule

Friday, August 4

6:00pm YBA Jam Session
7:00pm Spur of the Moment
8:00pm The Elk River Ramblers
9:00 pm South Bound

Saturday, August 5

10:00am Ramblin' Laurels
11:00am Bluegrass Junction
12:00pm Prairie Junction
1:00pm Highway 302
2:00pm Cold Frosty Morning
3:00pm Slipstream
4:00pm Growling Old Men
5:00pm Reischman and the Jaybirds
6:00pm Slipstream
7:00pm Growling Old Men
8:00pm Kostas
9:00pm Reischman

Sunday, August 6

8:00am Gospel Jam Session
9:00am—11:00am Pancake Breakfast
\$4