

Greetings Songmakers!

(Apologies if you are receiving this newsletter again. Many board members did not receive it the first time, including myself and my husband. I am now using a free version of mail chimp - Mary Zangerle)

We are hoping to send a periodic e-chord once again to our members using our website host and the mass mailing feature it offers us. This is the first of those.

Calendar

Our website has a current calendar of upcoming events and is on the home page of the website.. Here is the link to access the calendar: <https://songmakers.org/events/month/>

Upcoming Events

Songmakers Corner at Topanga Banjo and Fiddle Festival May 19, 2024

As in past years, songmaker members will be leading song circles at our Songmaker Corner at this year's festival on May 19th. This year the festival will be at King Gillette Ranch. Come on out and enjoy a great festival and join in the Songmaker song circles and other jamming throughout the festival.

We are happy to announce that Jeff Zarrus was the winner of the 2 VIP passes for the festival.

Here is the schedule of leaders at Songmakers Corner:

- 9 AM Janice Gelencser and Friends
- 10 AM Bill Dempsey
- 11 AM Chuck Behrman
- 12 PM Gemini (Bruce and Renata Farwell)
- 1 PM Mary Zangerle and friends
- 2 PM David Steinhart
- 3 PM Alan Stillson and Friends
- 3:30 PM Simon Lucas



Kenney Grove Campouts

There are still sites available for campouts. May 2 – 5 and May 30-June 2. Information and reservation links can be found here:

<https://songmakers.org/special-events>

Saturday is the most popular day to come for the day and stay into the evening. The ice cream social is at 1:00, potluck is at 5:30 and the evening concert starts at 7:00.

Music in the Mountains

Registration is now open for Music in the Mountains



Music in the Mountains

November 1st-3rd

Thursday, Oct. 31st can be added
for \$25 with no meals served.

PLAY, SING OR LISTEN
Registration starts at \$185 per person which includes:
food, lodging, concerts, jams, and workshops



This is an acoustic music event at Camp deBeneville Pines in the San Bernardino Mountains where you can sing, play and meet other musicians. All levels of musicians may attend workshops, jam with others and perform in the Saturday Night Concert. Non-musicians may enjoy the comfortable facilities, delicious food, wonderful ambiance and listen to the music.

Tentative workshops include: sing-along sessions, rounds, Ricky Nelson songs and stories, their, renaissance music, copyright discussion, and sketching to music.



Our headline will be Evan Marshall, a renowned mandolin virtuoso who makes one mandolin sound like several mandolins performing together in a style of classical American Folk traditions. His solo mandolin performance combines bass lines, chords, runs and tremolo melodies. He has performed with prestigious orchestras, appeared on *A Prairie Home Companion* with Garrison Kellie, and was a featured soloist at Disneyland for nearly 10 years performing his signature *William Tell Overture Finale*. He will lead two workshops on Saturday: "how fiddlers improvise tunes" and "how to practice an instrument effectively."

The price for the weekend includes a room in a comfortable cabin with hot showers, six delicious meals, full use of the main lodge with a large fireplace and hearth, the camp's hot tub (weather permitting) and all the workshops you'd like to attend.

For more information and to register, please visit: uocamp.org. Click Events, then click Music in the Mountains and follow the instructions to register.

For evening requests, email register@uocamp.org

Sunshine and Showers

Unfortunately, we recently lost 2 of our longtime Songmaker members.

Bob Kroll passed away February 1, 2024. His memorial can be found here: <https://songmakers.org/bob-kroll>



Lilian Silverston passed away March 6, 2024. Her memorial can be found here: <https://songmakers.org/lillian-silverstone>



