



West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association

Promoting and preserving bluegrass music in West Michigan

June 2019

Happy Spring/almost Summer - though you wouldn't know it by the temperature outside. Which is kind of refreshing if you were at JuneGrass last year. It was so hot and humid everyone practically melted in the heat. With the cooler temperatures we've been having, it looks like a more pleasant festival in a few weeks.

A lot has been happening these past few months. You all remember Jim 'Hat Man' Whipple? Well he has moved on to a better place. He is now running the 50/50 for Almighty God, at the Great Festival in the Heavens. We will certainly miss Jim. To honor Jim and remember his dedication to WMBMA, if you have a funny hat of any kind, bring it to JuneGrass. We would like to line the front of the main stage with them as a tribute to Jim, and of course you will get them back when you leave. Let's honor Jim in a big way.

Don't forget about the Silent Auction and the Bake Sale too. We are still accepting donations for both fundraisers. You can drop your items off at the Association Table in the concert area. Thanks!

Remember, the concert area has moved. You won't be seeing a big tent as you pull into the fairgrounds this year. The music will be held inside the open pavillion structure right next to the Reath barn. Something new this year: a level surface to place your chairs on, and big fans overhead if we need them.

The Corn Hole Tournament will start at 10:00 on Thursday morning. There is no fee to enter, and if you don't have a willing partner that's okay. You'll draw for partners, and play throughout the day until we have our Champions for the year. If you have a set of Corn Hole boards, could you bring them along? We have no idea what the turnout will be, but want to be ready for anything.

We will be having the Thursday Night Potluck starting at 5:30 in the King Building. Bring your own tableware, drinks, and a dish to pass. As in past years, there will be drawings for prizes.

Friday morning at 10:00 we will have our "Jammers Widow Craft Class" in the King Building. This year we will be decorating a flower pot for your patio table. If you have a hot glue gun bring it along. I'll have the glue sticks and all other materials you will need.

We are still in need of a few volunteers. If you would like to help out again this year contact Ed Bronson at:
1-269-806-8561 Ed will be able to fix you right up and get you into a time slot that works for you.

Advance Tickets available if you would like to save some money. Send a check made out to WMBMA to:

Ruth Lakatos, 8995 E. Buchanan Road, Hesperia, Michigan, 49421

Those are \$30.00 each, and you can pre-pay for your camping in advance as well. Camping is \$15.00 per night.

I'm excited to tell you that in this past year, our WMBMA Memberships have almost doubled in number. If you haven't renewed your membership, or aren't a member yet, you can take care of that at the festival. To get the membership rate at the gate, (if you don't get advance tickets), you'll need to take care of your membership before you arrive at the festival. You can find membership forms on our website: www.WMBMA.org

We're so looking forward to seeing you all at JuneGrass. See you soon. - Ruth Lakatos, WMBMA Secretary