



# BLUEGRASS NEWS

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### CALLING ALL CLOSET PICKERS!

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**SNBMS is sponsoring a BLUEGRASS JAMMING CLASS taught by Vera Vann-Wilson using the Wernick Method. These classes will teach real bluegrass jamming. It covers all bluegrass instruments. No jamming experience is necessary and you will be jamming by the first session. Do you qualify? If you play guitar, mandolin, banjo, fiddle, bass or Dobro...you can be part of a bluegrass jam. The only requirements: You must be able to tune your instrument (electronic tuning devices welcome) and change smoothly between G. C. D and A. (Fiddles and basses need to know which notes work with which chords) Fast playing is not expected, nor is the ability to solo required. So come and join in the fun! The cost is \$70 for 7 sessions and will be held at a private residence. Please call Vera Vann-Wilson at (702) 875-3579 for further information.**

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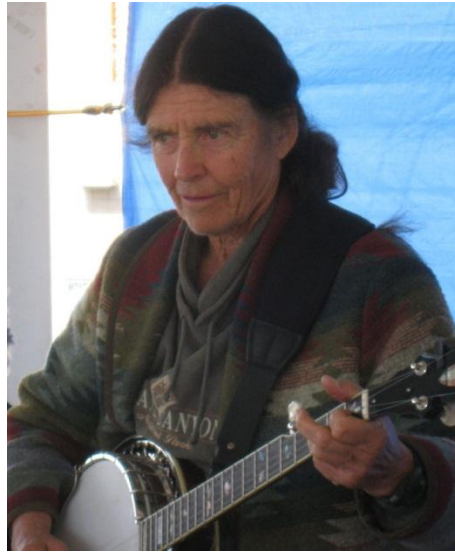
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# FEBRUARY PICKOUT IN PICTURES





## MEET THE MEMBERS



Meet Vera Vann-Wilson our newest Southern Nevada Bluegrass Music Society board member.

Vera has been a member of SNBMS for 15 years along with her husband Ed Wilson. Vera is from Fairview, Tennessee, and now resides in the quaint small community of Blue Diamond, Nevada. Vera is mother of four; Linda, 55, Karen, 54, Ted, 51 and Teresa, now deceased.

Vera is a retired Special Education teacher and taught in the Clark County School District. She and Ed love horseback riding, hiking, swimming, tennis and running marathons

Talk about interesting travels? Ed and Vera went to Peru for a month, hiked the Inca Trail, and have made several trips to Mexico. They spent their honeymoon hiking the Grand Canyon from rim to rim, and have experienced Colorado River rafting trips twice. Ed has been to Antarctica on an ice breaker, and Vera has been to Panama and Guatemala.

Accomplished musicians, they both have played instruments in several bands over the years. She sings and plays the banjo, fiddle, dobro, guitar, bass and mandolin (although not all at the same time). Vera played professionally in Tennessee, Texas and Nebraska.


Vera plays, or has played in several bands including "Stuck in Reverse" (banjo, guitar, Dobro and vocals), "The Contra Dance Band", "112 And Then Some" (banjo, bass and guitar) and the "Nevada Old Time Fiddlers" (fiddle). Ed plays guitar in the "Nevada Old Time Fiddlers", and washboard in the "112 And Then Some" bands.

Some of their favorite bands include Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, Ralph Stanley, Bluegrass Brothers, and Gibson Brothers.

The Southern Nevada Bluegrass Music Society would like to thank Vera for her service as Board Member-At-Large and look forward to seeing both Vera and Ed at future club functions.

**SNBMS BANDS**

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ADS**

*Classifieds are free to SNBMS  
Members. List your music related  
items in BLUEGRASS NEWS*



**Classified Ad**

**Rhythm guitar player needed desperately for Sagebrush and Shamrocks string band. This band plays acoustic old-time, Bluegrass, Celtic, and other traditional music for local barn-dance events and parties. One monthly dance (mostly on Saturday nights) and one monthly rehearsal is the steady workload. If interested, please call Dave Carroll at (702) 373-1926 or [Dave@mandoliers.com](mailto:Dave@mandoliers.com).**

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To list your item in this column, mail it to Bluegrass News c/o Glenn Nelson, Editor, 7409 Enchanted Hills Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89129 or e-mail: [gnelson651@aim.com](mailto:gnelson651@aim.com).

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Southwest Traditional & Bluegrass Music Association  
[www.southwestpickers.org](http://www.southwestpickers.org)

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## UTAH

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(801) 277-7704

## WASHINGTON

Washington Bluegrass Association:  
(206) 568-2685

What do you call a guy who hangs out with a bunch of musicians? A banjo player.  
How many banjo players does it take to screw in a light bulb? Just one - they put the bulb in the socket and then the whole world revolves around them

## ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAMS OPEN TO ALL

All Society members and guests, whether pickers or grinders, are welcome to attend any or all of the regular monthly acoustic music jam sessions that are now being held.

Tuesday night Bluegrass & Old Time Music Jams continue from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm at the City of Henderson's Lorna J. Kesterson Valley View Recreation Center, 500 Harris Street, near Morrell Park, one block east of Boulder Highway and Basic Road. For details call Society member Betty Bess at 564-1630.

## SUNSHINE GIRLS REPORT

We wish to send out condolences to Fred and Edie Drennan after losing their son Casey. They have been long times members of our club and our prayers are with them during this difficult time.

*Darla Sorensen and Betty Sisco are the Society Sunshine Girls. Call Darla (205-0035) or Betty (564-5806) if you know of anyone needing a little sunshine for any reason. They also offer an ear to bend if you need someone to talk to about a family illness, injury or other tragedy in your life. Betty and Darla also act on happenings of a congratulatory manner.*



Cabin In Caroline

There's a cabin in the pines-- in the hills of Caroline

And a blue-eyed girl is waiting there for me

I'll be going back some day-- and from her I'll never stray

And the cabin in the hills of Caroline

Chorus

Oh, the cabin in the shadow - of the pines

And the blue-eyed girl way down in Caroline

Someday she'll be my wife -- and we'll live a happy life

In a cabin in the hills of Caroline

----break----

I'm packing my grip -- for that long long trip

Back - to the hills of Caroline

I want to see that blue eyed girl -- she's the sweetest in the world

And the cabin in the hills of Caroline

----to chorus----

----break----

And when it's late at night -- and the moon is shining bright

And the whippoorwill - is calling from the hill

Then I'll tell her of my love -- greater than the stars above

How I love her now and I know I always will

----to chorus----

----break----

----to chorus----

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **MARCH**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** - Pick Out located at Morrell Park near Lorna j. Kesterson Community Park, 500 Harris Street in Henderson, NV near Boulder Highway and Basic Road. The music starts at 12 noon with a potluck lunch scheduled around 2 p.m.

**March 17-April 28** - Bluegrass Jamming Class starts for the next seven weeks at 2 pm. Call Vera Vann-Wilson for details (702) 875-3579

### **APRIL**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** - Pick Out located at Morrell Park near Lorna j. Kesterson Community Park, 500 Harris Street in Henderson, NV near Boulder Highway and Basic Road at 12 noon.

**April 27, 28, 29**- 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pahrump weekend campout hosted by Norm & Karen Newsmonger, at 3290 Winchester Ave, Pahrump, NV 89048. Potluck Sat 5pm. (775) 751-3871.

### **MAY**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** - In conjunction with the Spring Festival the May pick out will be held at Blue Diamond Park at 12 noon. Food served at Festival.

### **JUNE**

**June 15-17**-Huck Finn's Jubilee Father's Day Weekend Bluegrass Festival at Mojave Narrows Regional Park, Victorville, CA. Camping and Tickets: (951)-780-8810 <http://huckfinn.com/>

