

# OLD HARP



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and identify all you can. Thanks!*

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## Headrick's Chapel

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### UT CLASS "MUSIC OF APPALACHIA" —

**Wednesday, Sept. 8, 6 P.M.**

This University of Tennessee class, taught by Sean McCullough, is again inviting the Old Harp singers. The potluck will begin at 6 PM at the Laurel Theatre in Knoxville, with singing at 6:45. We look forward to sharing with students and all others who can attend.

### WEARS VALLEY SINGING AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH — Sunday, Sept. 12, 2 P.M.

This church is located on the north side of Wears Valley Road, about 2/3 of the way on Route 321 from Pigeon Forge to Townsend. Henry Lawson will host. For more information, call Henry at (423) 453-7638 or Warren at (423) 453-8286.

### FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH — Wednesday, Sept. 22, 5:30 P.M.

This church is located on the north side of Wears Valley Road, off Highway 411. See directions elsewhere in this newsletter. Tom Taylor is the host.

### HEADRICK CHAPEL SINGING — September 26, 11 A.M.

Located just across the Blount County line in Sevier County on Hwy. 321. Morning singing starts at 11:00 A.M., potluck dinner at 12 NOON, with singing afterwards until about 4:00 P.M. Please note: A Port-a-Lette will be provided.

For more information, call Lois at (423) 693-9292 or Larry at (423) 584-6633.

### WEARS VALLEY SINGING AT VALLEY VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH — October 3, 2:00 P.M.

This church is located about 10 minutes east of Wearwood Schoolhouse. There is a large sign on Hwy. 321, indicating the turn for the church. Turn south at the sign; the church is at the fork in the road. Bruce Wheeler, Henry Lawson and Luke Headrick are the hosts. For more information, call Luke at (423) 453-2407 or Henry at (423) 453-7638 or Bruce (weekdays) at (423) 974-5421.

### MUSEUM OF APPALACHIA HOMECOMING SINGING — October 9, 10:30 A.M & 12 NOON

The first singing usually starts sometime

around 10:30 A.M, the second a little after 12 NOON. We sing at the old log church, sharing time with the do-re-me singers from Kentucky. For more information and tickets, call Larry at (423) 584-6633 or Lois at (423) 693-9292.

### DOLLYWOOD SINGING — Sunday, Oct. 10, 2 P.M.

This Singing is held at the Chapel in Dollywood. Martha Graham is the hostess. Please bring your harp book as it is your free pass into Dollywood. Allow extra time to take the tram from the parking area to the front gate and to walk to the Chapel. For more information, call Martha at (423) 453-3276. We thank Bill Cody for this yearly invitation.

### WINONA SINGING — Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1:30 P.M.

We are invited to sing at the John T. O'Connor Senior Citizens Center in Knoxville. It is located off Magnolia and Fifth Avenues. Gideon Fryer is coordinating this. Call him for more complete information. His phone number is 524-3136.

### MARYVILLE COLLEGE SINGING — Sunday, October 24, 2:00 P.M.

We sing in the old Post Office located in the center of the Maryville College campus. This singing will be hosted by Tom and Nan Taylor. For more information, call Tom at (423) 984-8585.

### EPWORTH THANKSGIVING EVE SINGING — Wednesday, November 24, 6:30 P.M.

This annual event is held Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving at the Laurel Theatre in Knoxville. Turkey is provided. Gideon Fryer is the host for this singing. For more information, call Gideon at (423) 524-3136; Terry at 584-3659; or Kathy at 691-8678.

### SUGARLANDS VISITORS CENTER SINGING — Saturday, December 11, 10 A.M.

Sugarlands Visitors Center is in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on Hwy. 441, just outside of Gatlinburg. Carl Whaley will pass out the shaped-noted hymnals for Christmas carols in the last half hour. For more information, call Martha at (423) 453-3276 or Bruce Wheeler at 974-5421.



*THE NEW HARP OF COLUMBIA CALENDAR*      1999 FALL SINGINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DINNER?</u>	<u>INFORMATION</u> (CONTACT PEOPLE)
September 8	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Yes	Old Harp Singing Presentation, Laurel Theatre, 16th & Laurel Ave., Knoxville (O) for the UT class <i>Music of Appalachia</i> . Potluck at 6:00, sing at 6:45. All are invited.
September 12	Sunday (2)	2:00 PM	No	Wears Valley Methodist Church Singing, Hwy. 321 (Wears Valley Rd.), Sevier County (J) (R)
September 22	Wednesday	5:30 PM	Yes	Fairview United Methodist Church, Maryville, TN (K) 2505 Old Niles Ferry Road, off Highway 411. Eat at 5:30, sing at 6:30.
September 26	Sunday (4)	11:00 AM	Yes	Headrick Chapel Singing, Hwy. 321 (Wears Valley Rd.), Sevier County (B) (O)
October 3	Sunday (1)	2:00 PM	No	Wears Valley Singing at Valley View Baptist Church, Valley View Road off Hwy. 321 (Wears Valley Rd.), Sevier County (J) (L) (F)
October 9	Saturday (2)	10:30 AM and Noon	No	Museum of Appalachia Homecoming Singing, Norris, TN (B) (O)
October 10	Sunday (2)	2:00 PM	No	Dollywood Singing (I) (E)
October 19	Tuesday	1:30 PM	No	Winona Singing To be held at O'Connor Senior Center. Located on Winona St. near the Smokies Ball Park, just off Magnolia Ave. (D)
October 24	Sunday (4)	2:00 PM	No	Maryville College Singing, Blount County (K)
November 24	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Yes	Thanksgiving Eve Potluck & Old Harp Singing, Laurel Theatre, 16th & Laurel Ave., Knoxville (D) (H) (S)
December 11	Saturday	10:00 AM	No	Sugarlands Singing, Sugarlands Visitors Center, Great Smoky Mountain National Park (L) (E)

THANKS

I would like to thank **Jubilee Community Arts-Brent Cantrell** and **Karan Dotson**—for their help in maintaining the Old Harp Newsletter Mail List, sponsoring a place for the Epworth Old Harp Singers to meet, and providing publicity and a mail drop for the Old Harp Singers. I believe Brent is working on a grant to do an exhibition on early East Tennessee Music which will include Old Harp Singing.

Many thanks need to be given to **Northern Harmony** for their time with us. The singing with us in March at the Laurel Theater was out of this world. Their concert at Messiah Lutheran was outstanding. Words of thanks need to go to Bill Gooch and Meg Mabbs, Tim and Ingrid Shalk, Kathleen Mavournin and Bob Richmond, Ann and Alice Strange for putting up Northern Harmony kids and mentors for two nights.

A firm welcome was given to John McCutcheon at the Laurel Theater when he came for his annual concerts in Knoxville. We had time to sing about 15 songs and break bread with him during performances.

A May, Old Harp presentation at Powell United Methodist netted a wonderful crowd to sing and break bread. A good crowd came to sit and enjoy.

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INTERNET ADDRESSES OF INTEREST

<http://www.kornet.org/jca/>  
 Jubilee Community Arts (home of the Laurel  
 Theatre and Epworth Old Harp Singers)

<http://web.utk.edu/~tkoosman/oldharp/>  
 Old Harp Singing Home Page  
 (Thanks to Toby Koosman, webmistress!)

<http://fasola/.org/>  
 This site is a starting point to help you  
 find information related to the tradition  
 of Shape Note singing.

## HOME START LESSON PLAN #1

OK. How do I go about singing Old Harp? How do I start to read this shapes? I can't make enough singings to pick it up and I am not comfortable sitting up in the lead section to start learning once I do make a singing?

## Home Start Lesson Plan #1

If you look in the front of the book of the University of Tennessee edition of the New Harp of Columbia, by M.L. Swan, there is on pages 3 - 9 the Elements of Vocal Music.

1. Read through it all if you would so please to start.
2. Next call me and ask for me to send you the enlarge print to make flash cards. (Larry Olszewski at 423-584-6633 or larryoharp@aol.com.)
3. Find a copy of the Sound of Music, most likely on one of your old LP records. Play it. When you do so, using page #4, point to the notes that she sings on the Do-re-mi song. When you get your shape recognition and note scale properly, play the second part where she skips up and down the scale, and follow along with her singing while you point to the notes.
4. Get your daughter or son or grandchild to work with you using the flash cards.
5. Turn to page #51 Mt. Olivet. Look at the third line down the, lead or tenor line. DO, do do do do dore mifa so sofa mi mi mi mi fami re do: then the bass sings (so do do do) and you then sing do so so so so fa fa fa fa so mi dore mifa SOO dore ME SOOO, sofa mi mi mi fa REE ti DOO. Repeat the second line again back to the "Hark how they strike...."

6. The double bars at the end mean for you to repeat back to the four dots on the staff.

7. Look over the words and repeat them a couple of times so you do not have to try to read the notes and poetry at the same time when you are starting off.

8. Still frustrated? That is OK. If you are still determined to learn how to sing Old Harp, then call up someone on this newsletter's contact page and see whether they or some other singer will stop by and help you out enough for you to learn the lead or at least the part that they sing.

9. Please note that the men and women sing the treble, the top staff and the third staff from the top. The second staff line down is usual sung by the women altos and the bottom line is the bass, sung usually by men. You are allowed to sing one octave higher or one octave lower.

10. A second easy song to learn-the third line down (lead) is # 53 at the bottom Dundee. DO MI FA SO DO RE MI FA MI RE DO DO TI DO: SO DO TI LA SO SO FA SO MI RE DO DO TI DO. Also look at the words and familiarize yourself with them, so you can work on reading the notes as well as sing the poetry.

11. We also sing the words to Warwick and Henry to the tune of Dundee, when we are in the mood and it feels appropriate. These are two easy songs to learn to start with, singing the lead or melody line. Get another singer to start and work with you. Ask and ye shall receive. You do not have to start out trying to harmonize just start to learn the scale and recognize the shapes for the time being.  
-Larry O

## SINGING SCHOOL — 1999

Many thanks To Gene McCammon for the singing school we had. There were about 14 people who attended. Gene has always been interesting and enlightening and adaptable to our needs and wants as an educator and instructor. We hope to have him back again in the future.

Though we had a success in the class we were not financially solvent again. We have had a hard time finding a time and place to suit a class since the singing school held at the Methodist Church in Maryville. As a group, we have determined that we will focus as individuals will go out and teach small groups who have some music background. We will



sponsor more formal singing schools as needed from our responses there. For those interested in singing schools in the future please call Larry Olszewski at 584-6633.

Also, Old Harp presentations are done for the public when they do not conflict with the general time of our ongoing singings. Please give Larry a call. September through November are NOT good times. The need to be flexible is a must and we usually do two or three a year. We do these presentations to bring the traditions back to the public and to recruit potential singers for the local Harp groups or for people to start their own church or social singing groups.



THANKS (CONTINUED)

The Headrick Chapel Singing for the Organmaster Guild filled the Chapel with people. That was before the bus load of organists showed, delayed due to the breakdown in the first bus' air conditioning. We had warmed up for 45 minutes (started without them). The Old Harp singers usually need little excuse to sing.

The singing was grand with the added voices as well and we got off and running with much élan and vigor. We hope that the organmaster's guild feels free to take the music

and the comradeship back to their flocks. We need to also thank the organmaster's guild for donations to the Headrick Chapel Building fund—in this case port-o-let and the newsletter fund.

Also we had a late scheduled singing for the Sevier Co. Historical Society. The people were great and we had a modest turnout of singers. We hope we did not disappoint the listeners as we sang in a low ceiling room filled with carpet and acoustical tile (it sounded dead to me). Anyway I had a thank you letter from them saying that they were pleased to have us.

**S**eptember 22 Singing Directions: To Fairview United Methodist Church in Maryville from Knoxville: Go past the airport. The mileage readings begin at "Y" intersection just past the airport. **Mileage 0.0** Take the right side of the Y intersection which says "S 129 to S 411 Fontana/Atlanta." Go through 3 traffic lights. **Mileage 3.6** Merge into US 411 S. Try to get in the middle lane before getting to the traffic light. **Mileage 3.9** Big intersection with Texaco on corner Go straight. **Mileage 5.9** 6th traffic light. **THIS IS WHERE YOU TURN LEFT.** The road does not have a sign naming it. The only identifying feature is the Dan-Dee Nursery. There is a left turn lane to make the turn easier. You are turning off this four-lane onto a hilly two-lane. **Mileage 6.2** You top a steep hill and Fairview United Methodist Church is on your left. If you get lost, call the church at 983-2080 for directions to get guided in. Tom Taylor is the host (423) 984-8585.



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