Berkeley Old Time Music SPRING SITUATION
March 15 & 16, 2013

Friday March 15 at 8:00 pm: SPECIAL NORTH OAKLAND SQUARE DANCE

Mike Lewinski calling with the Sons of Liberty
(Lane - banjo, Sean - fiddle, Allegra Yellin - guitar, Jordan Ruyle - bass)

Evie Ladin calling with the Sutro Broadcasters
(Ben Sigelman - fiddle, Maxine Gerber - banjo, Allegra Yellin - guitar, Jordan Ruyle - bass)

PLUS jamming upstairs!
at Niebyl Proctor Marxist Library 6501 Telegraph Ave (near 65th Street), Oakland
Admission $5-$10 sliding scale - all ages welcome

Saturday March 16 from Noon to 4 pm: Old time Open House - FREE

Freight and Salvage
2020 Addison St, Berkeley

CONCERTS, WORKSHOPS, OPEN JAMS, KIDS - Build a Tin Can Banjo

CONCERTS IN THE SHOWROOM:

1:00pm: THE SKIFFLE SYMPHONY is widely eclectic in its choice of music, but old-fashioned old time string band music and the raggy/bluesy sounds of the 1920's jug bands predominate. You will hear fiddles going crazy on classic dance tunes, interspersed with sweet harmonica and down home harmonies, novelty songs, and songs from the Carter Family and Jimmie Rodgers songbooks. The Skiffle Symphony also plays quite a few international tunes, so you never know where in the world you're gonna go with this band but a fun trip is guaranteed! This band has been influenced greatly by Kenny Hall, who has appeared on two CDs with the Skiffle Symphony including the newest one "I Like Mountain Music." Tawnya Kovach -
1:30pm: **FIDDLEKIDS SAMPLER - fiddlekids** is a unique, fun-filled summer day camp devoted to traditional fiddle music for young violin students and fiddlers, ages 7 to 14. Campers explore and learn a wide range of traditional fiddling styles—bluegrass, American old-time, Appalachian, Irish, Scottish, jazz, swing, and blues—through tunes, songs, dance. Director John Blasquez will perform with and showcase some of the amazing talent that has emerged from the camp, including current students, alumni, and alumni who have become fiddlekids camp assistants. This year's fiddlekids summer fiddle camp starts June 24, 2013.

2:00pm: **HEATH CURDTS** - Heath Curdts started playing the banjo as a teenager in Virginia. He learned much of his music directly from elder traditional players, primarily in Virginia and North Carolina, and it shows in his driving, rhythmically complex clawhammer style. More recently Heath has turned to old-time finger-picking styles. His concert today will feature solo banjo songs and tunes (and maybe a surprise guest or two!). Over the years he has performed with the Possum Trot String Band and a long list of stellar musicians, including Tommy Jarrell, Benton Flippen, Franklin George, Mike Seeger, and Jody Stecher.

2:30pm: **OAK GROVE** -- The first place winner of the 2012 BOTMC Stringband Contest, Oak Grove is a family bluegrass band - the Schwartz family from Walnut Creek, featuring the nimble picking of brothers Nate and Max on mandolin and banjo, and their sizzling little sister, Tessa, on fiddle. Parents Bob and Gail provide solid rhythm on guitar and bass. And everybody sings. They perform the full range of bluegrass styles -- from the traditional songs of Bill Monroe and the Stanley Brothers to more progressive styles. For today's performance, John Blasquez will be filling in for Nate on mandolin.

3:00pm: **MT. DIABLO STRING BAND** - From Walnut Creek, the Mt. Diablo String Band performs energetic old-time music, featuring inspired fiddle tunes and vocal numbers. Harry Liedstrand - fiddle, Cindy Liedstrand - guitar, Carl Pagter - banjo, Corbin Pagter - mandolin, Matt Dudman - bass.
3:30pm: MARTHA HAWTHORNE & BILL FOSS - old-time country duet stylings. Bill (The Knuckle Knockers, The Earl Brothers) sings and plays mandolin, fiddle, clawhammer banjo, and banjo-uke; Martha (The Stairwell Sisters, The Knuckle Knockers) sings and plays guitar (and bass). Together they play ballads, waltzes, happy songs and breakdowns, with songs from the Delmore Brothers, Blue Sky Boys, the Louvin Brothers, and more.

WORKSHOPS UPSTAIRS:

Noon-1pm:
Guitar with Eric Petersen
-- "Guitar goes Banjo" - learn a few old time banjo tunes arranged for guitar. Find those sounds on your guitar that the banjo excels at, like drones and dissonances and mystifying harmonic structures. These are easy to learn arrangements, and fun to play.
Old Time Fiddle with Jude Hawley
-- How to get that old time fiddle sound - bowing patterns, double-stops, and slides. And we'll learn a tune or two.
Song Circle with Doug Norman

1pm-2pm:
Kenny Hall repertoire with Harry & Cindy Liedstrand
Clawhammer Banjo with David Brown -- alternate tunings
Backup Guitar with Karen Celia Heil

2pm-3pm:
Duet Harmony Singing with Martha Hawthorne & Bill Foss
Cajun Jam with the Midnite Ramblers
Autoharp with Bob Ellis -- Fitting an autoharp into an oldtime fiddle tune jam

3pm-4pm:
Stringband Songs with Searle Whitney & Laura Lind
Old Time Fiddle with Grace Forrest
Old time Finger-picked Banjo with Heath Curdts
HOSTED OPEN JAMS IN THE LOBBY:

Noon: John Blasquez and fiddlekids
1pm: Jude Hawley & Eric Petersen
2pm: Jeff Cherniss & Rod Freeland
3pm: Dane Miller, Lauren Leverone & Rusty Holleman

Room for more jams in the building, and outside!

KIDS - BUILD A TIN CAN BANJO:

1:30pm-3pm: Stewart Port, luthier and instigator of the Tin Can Banjo Project, will be leading a "Build An Instrument" workshop for kids and families in the lobby - bring your own tin can! See pictures from 2011 here.

ADDITIONAL OLD TIME MUSIC:
But wait - there's more! In addition to the BOTMC Spring Situation, the following events are also happening around that weekend:

Thursday March 14 8pm - Red Clay Ramblers at the Freight.

Friday March 15 8pm - Bryan Sutton, David Holt & T. Michael Coleman at the Freight, celebrating the musical genius of the late Doc Watson.

Saturday March 16 8pm - Uncle Dave (Kathrine Gardner, David Brown, Dave Courchaine) play oldtime music for the San Francisco contra dance; Frannie Marr calling. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 1399 43rd Ave, San Francisco.

Saturday March 16 Old Belle will be playing Old-Time, Bluegrass and Folk at two events: from 12-4pm at Silverado Vineyards in Napa with Hog Island Oysters, and from 6:30-9pm, with special guests, at Cafe Velo Rouge, 798 Arguello Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94118. Both events are free.

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