

HEART OF AMERICA
HABOT
BLUEGRASS & OLDTIME MUSIC



FEBRUARY 2015

NORTHCROSS METHODIST CHURCH
1321 N.E. VIVION RD.
KANSAS CITY, MO.
6:00 to 10:30 P.M.

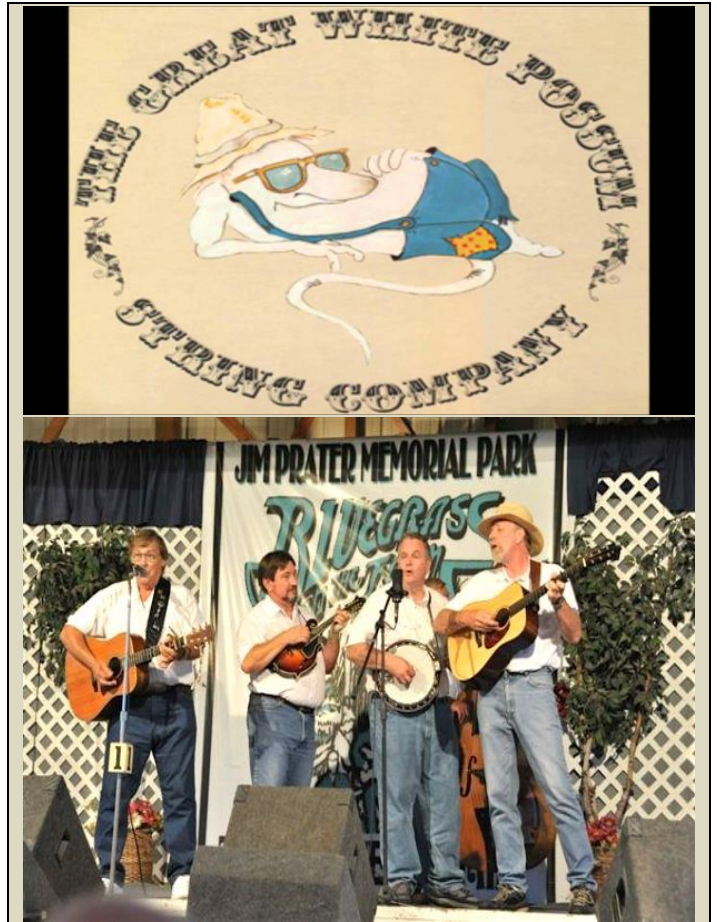
Our meetings are held
the third Friday of each month from
OCTOBER THROUGH APRIL.

MAKE HABOT A HABIT!

<http://habot.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/123195799682>

Our bands for this month are....



THANK YOU...

A huge thank you to Melissa & Company, Best of Friends, and the Bluegrass Tornadoes. What a great bluegrass show last month. We also got to hear John and Marty Wolbrecht, Richard and Robin Ziga, Gary Wall, and Matt Jurgenson as our special guests.

We are grateful to Steve Bode for his years of work on the Habot.org website. We are also grateful that Matt Jurgenson has stepped up to take over this job and we can't wait to see the new Habot.org website.

**BLUEGRASS FOR BEGINNERS
AT HABOT 7:00-8:00**

Jeff Elsloo is hosting a bluegrass jam for beginners again this year at Habot. Just head for the red chapel room in the hall with all the pickers about 7:00. Jeff has been a banjo instructor for many years. We are so thankful to have him leading this jam.

From festivals at Sally Mountain, Dixon, Praters, Clinton, the Elms Hotel, and SPBGMA (to name a few), the **Great White Possum String Company** has been entertaining bluegrass fans for many years now. Some of our favorite songs played by this band include Dooley, Sea of Heartbreak, Raining in My Heart, My Window Faces the South, I Wonder How the Old Folks Are at Home, Remington Ragg, Matterhorn, I Know What it Means to be Lonesome, I Don't Want Her – You Can Have Her.... What are your favorites?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_5cGeH9qg

Don Hupp – Guitar, Vocals
Jim Belk – Mandolin, Vocals
Gary Gray – Banjo, Vocals
Marc Pursell – Guitar, Vocals
Bill Horton – Bass, Vocals

**DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!
SEE YOU FRIDAY, FEB. 20TH**

UNCLE BACCY JUICE



Left to right, Bob Jenkins, Rex Wright, Bill Graham and Kirk Lee.

Uncle Baccy Juice brings the lively oldtime stringband sound to life with banjo, guitar and mandolin. Rex Wright is an accomplished clawhammer or frailing banjo player on his Whyte Ladyie open back banjo. Kirk Lee plays several string instruments and can also play clawhammer style on banjo. He is a tremendous guitar player. Bill Graham plays mandolin and guitar and is an amazing songwriter.

All the Baccy boys sing lead and harmonies. They dip into the songbags of Charlie Poole, Gid Tanner and the Skillet Lickers, Grandpa Jones, Stringbean, Norman Blake and all the old fiddlers who pulled a bow.

Anyone wishing for more information can contact Bill at plattefalls@centurylink.net.

Our HABOT Youth Band

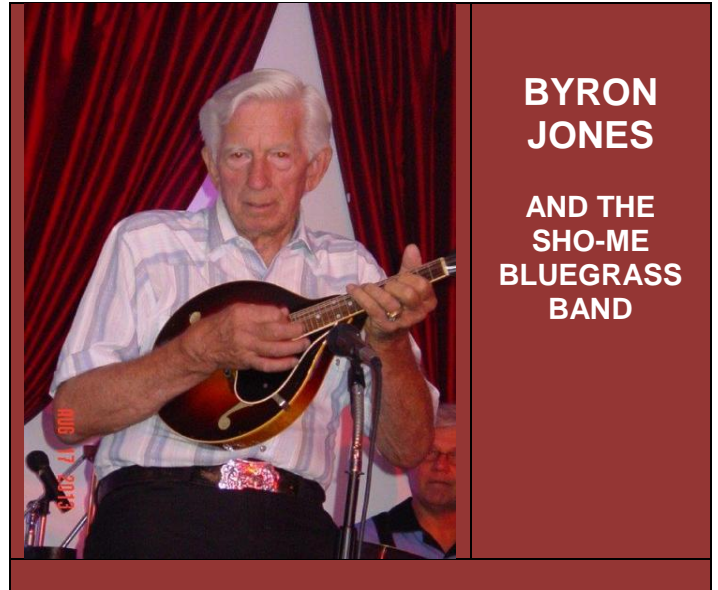
We are looking for a guitar player!!

Please contact Jim Downs, Sandi McClary, or one of the youth band members if you know a guitar player who is younger than 22.

The kids are in a tie to choose the name of their band. So far it's either going to be Line Creek or The Resonators. Tell them which name you would vote for so we can break this tie.

A special thanks goes out to Jeff Elsluo & Todd Davis for picking with the youth band last month and giving them some helpful tips.

Riley Meyerkorth – Fiddle, Vocals
Paul Harrison- Mandolin, Vocals
John Chambers – Bass, Vocals
Scott Cary – Banjo, Vocals



BYRON JONES

AND THE SHO-ME BLUEGRASS BAND

Byron Jones has been an icon in this area to promote country and western and bluegrass music. He has tirelessly served in the Habet and KCA bluegrass clubs. Many of you remember his showcase festivals, the Northtown Opry, then Red Barn Opry, and _____. We are grateful for all that he does to keep this music alive and well. Don't miss this performance with **Byron Jones and the Sho-Me Bluegrass Band** at Habet. And don't miss the chance to tell him thank you!

Byron is always smiling. He enjoys the music so much and the people who perform it. When he was president of Habet, it was one of my most fun and happy times there. He is so easy to talk to and joke with. He has a quick wit about him and loves the music like no one else. His partner in life will always be with him and together they carried on the longest running Country Music Show that has ever existed in KC history, night after night for years! He has brought many people joy and fun just by being who he is. I feel honored to know him and call him my friend. I have never seen him put on "airs", or think he is "better" than anyone else. Love Ya, Byron!!!! - From Mary Eddings.

Special Guests for January:

Habet Youth Band

Rick Horn

Doris Schuelar

Boodro and Bartee

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Hi Friends,

We had a very busy and fun show last month. We look forward to another great time this month. We hope you can join us. Don't forget to walk around and enjoy all the great talent in the jam rooms.

The Habot Youth Band will be practicing in the Chapel to get ready for our March show. They have a lot of talent and I know they will go a long way. If you know of a young talented person who would like to perform in our Show Case of Young Talent in April, we would love to have them. We are starting to get that show together.

We hope Virgil Ballard will continue to feel better after hurting his back. We really missed him and his wife last month, their smiles and thoughtfulness, and they always bring the BEST snacks to share with everyone.

We have the most wonderful people who come to our shows. It's what makes our club work. I'll never be able to thank the bands enough for all their hard work and always sharing their time with us. WOW, they bring us so much joy. I hope you all enjoy it half as much as we do.

As of this letter, Lola McCloud is still in the Nursing & Rehab Center in Excelsior Springs. We are looking forward to her being back to our club this month. We really miss her. We are thankful that Billy Sprouse is back now too.

Another bluegrass club that you might like to check out is the Kansas City Area Bluegrass Music Club on Pittman Rd. It is just past where the Blue Ridge Mall used to be. They meet on the 2nd Friday night of each month. Their show is similar to ours.

We are preparing for the Habot Bluegrass & BBQ in March when Habot will be on the 3rd Saturday!!

Please get pictures ready to share with everyone.
Love, Mary

Lost and Found... Chair cushion left last month.

MEMBERSHIP...

We had 26 renewals and 8 new members last month. Please welcome Rosa Barber, Beverly Fitzhugh, Don Laffey, Steve Redding, and Georgeanna Tully. Monthly club meetings are free and open to the public, but membership is only \$7 per year! That's a bargain. This includes a monthly newsletter, voting privileges, and a drawing each month for special prizes. Don't forget to sign up for free at the front desk for a chance to win in the membership drawing. And please share your newsletter with friends and neighbors who might want to join us.

AND THE WINNERS ARE....

Dave Bennett was the lucky person to win the What's In The Box drawing for a set of very nice towels. The winners for the membership drawing were Judith Hatcher, Kenneth Zeller, Ruby Leuthen, Lois Zeller, and Sue Downs. Congratulations to all the lucky winners who got a CD from some of our favorite bluegrass bands.

GRAMMY NEWS....

The Earls of Leicester took home the 2015 Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Album.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2iY3dEaE-M>

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LOCAL JAMS/SHOWS...

Wednesday

* **ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Every Wed, 6-9. 9420 James A. Reed Rd. KCMO
Carl 816-522-5424 ***NEW LISTING***

Thursday

* **COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CHURCH:** Every
Thursday, 6-10. 9801 Blue Ridge Extension
Kansas City, MO Gary Russell-816-761-5848
* **LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** 2nd Thursday 7pm
1650 E. Langford Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 878-4694

Friday

* **ST. MATTHEWS EVANGELICAL CHURCH:**
First Friday 7:00-10:00. 5047 NW Gateway Ave.,
Riverside, MO. Russell Saltzman 816-741-9210.
* **COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CHURCH:** First
Friday. 9801 Blue Ridge Extension KCMO Gary
Russell-816-761-5848
* **GOWER GOODTIMERS:** Every Friday 7:00
Open stage. - <http://www.goodtimers.esmartmusic.com/>
3rd St. Gower, MO. 816-424-6655
* **KC Area Bluegrass Music Club KCABMC:** 2nd
Friday, 6:00-10:30 pm Oct.-May with concession stand.
Pittman Rd Church of God [4700 Pittman Rd, Kansas
City, MO](http://www.4700pittmanrd.com/)
* **HABOT:** 3rd Friday, 6:00-10:30 pm. Oct-Apr bands,
special guests, & jam rooms. Northcross Methodist
Church. 1321 Vivian Road. KCMO. <http://habot.org>

Saturday

* **AMERICANA MUSIC ACADEMY:** 3-5 pm
Every Sat. <http://www.americanamusicacademy.org/>
1419 Massachusetts, Lawrence, KS 785-830-9640
* **BENTLEY MUSIC:** Every Saturday 12:00-4:00 PM.
Acoustic jam <http://www.bentleyguitars.com/>
122 S. Main St. Parkville, MO 816-746-9772
* **BIG CREEK COUNTRY SHOWPLACE:** 110
Veterans Parkway, Pleasant Hill, Mo 816-524-6856
<http://www.bigcreekcountry.com/id1.html>
* **BUSTER ROPER:** Sat.-11:00 to Noon - 1140AM
KCXL-Liberty; 102.9 FM-Orrick; 1160 AM-Cleveland,
Listener Line: 816-792-1140 or july_ropert@kc.rr.com
* **BYRON JONES' NORTHTOWN OPRY:**
-----*Closed for winter!!!*-----
* **COUNTRY SHINDIG:**
3rd Sat. 7 to 10 Lawson, MO Community Bldg.
Norman Martin-816-628-0279
* **EAGLETON CENTER:** 4th Saturday 6-10 pm West
Royal St., Richmond, MO. Florence Williams 776-2998
* **FOLK ALLIANCE:** 509 Delaware, KCMO. 11:00
on 1st Saturday of the month. Mark Franzke
* **HOLT COUNTRY HOEDOWN:** 2nd Sat. 6:30
Paul Allison 816-419-8783; Dave Simmons 630-6156
Am. Legion Hall- 4th & Main, Holt, MO


* **MOSBY COMMUNITY CENTER:** 1st Saturday
7:00 – David Simmons 419-2389
* **WESTON CAFÉ:** 2nd Sat. jam. 6-9:00 p.m
<http://www.westoncafe.net/> 407 Main St., Weston
* **KS-MO Autoharp Club:** 4th Saturday each month
5:00. Trailside Center at 9901 Holmes, KC, MO. Jan
Lacey-Hodges 913-825-2540

Sunday

* **NORTHWEST OPRY COUNTRY MUSIC:**
Every Sun. 2-5pm <http://www.northwestopry.com/>
213 W. 3rd St., Maryville, MO Francis 660-783-2886
* **LEAVENWORTH BLUEGRASS CLUB:**
First Sunday each month at Public Library. 1:00.
913-758-1011 Rich Ziga.

More info here... <http://kcbluegrass.org>

KANSAS BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION
Marriott Hotel – Wichita, Ks
Feb. 20-21, 2015
Featuring Bull Harmon, Nothin' Fancy, Feller & Hill

 **CLAIRE LYNCH**
BIG MUDDY FOLK FESTIVAL
APRIL 10-11, 2015 - - - - BOONVILLE, MO
<http://www.bigmuddy.org/>

Feb 27-28	Stoney Creek Bluegrass Festival
Mar 12-14	Mountain View Bluegrass Festival
Apr 10-11	Bluegrass Goes Pink
May 7-25	Bluegrass & BBQ Silver Dollar City
My 21-24	Back 40 Bluegrass Festival
Jn 11-13	Ozark Rivers Bluegrass Festival Grand Lakes, OK Fiddle Fest
Jn. 12-13	Cow Creek Bluegrass Festival
Jn 17-20	Turkey Track Bluegrass Festival
Jn 13-20	Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival
Jl. 1-5	Sally Mountain Bluegrass Festival
Jl. 2-5	Starvy Creek Bluegrass Festival
Jl 9-12	Stratford Bluegrass Festival
Jl. 17-19	Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival
Jl 24-26	Strawberry Point Festival
Aug. 22	KS State Fiddle Championship
Sept 3-6	Back 40 Bluegrass Festival

HABOT

12822 Jesse James Farm Road
Kearney, MO 64060

HABOT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

NEW ___ RENEWAL ___

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DATE _____ AMOUNT PAID _____

PLAY? _____ SING? _____

Send membership dues (\$7.00 per person) with this form to

HABOT MEMBERSHIP, SUE DOWNS
12822 JESSE JAMES FARM RD.
KEARNEY, MO 64060

Check the appropriate line if you would be willing to:

- Be nominated for office
- Be nominated for board member
- Volunteer to assist in club activities

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR
NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL? ___ YES ___ NO