



HTMA President's Notes

Hey guys, are you all unthawed? The cold weather has pretty much put a damper on most activity this month. Today Friday the 31st it's very hot and the sweat is pouring off my brow, well maybe not real sweat but what a difference from Tuesday and Wednesday. Milltowne kept us entertained at the coffeehouse and the room was warm as a bug in a rug, so we had a good time listening to great melodies and humor for the evening, even though it was blistering cold outside. I guess it's time to remember to send in our dues for the year, another year gone by and I never even got used to writing 2013. It never seemed right anyway. I guess that's what getting older does to you. We certainly have had some fun times at the little gigs on Saturdays this year. The old folks love to see us come and our shows seem to get better every time. We've had good participation at most of them all though we need to bolster up our Constitution Village gig. I guess the times make it harder to get out.

Make sure to come to the Coffeehouse this month, Andy May looks like a lot of fun. Put it on your calendar and support our hard working crew who selflessly make this happen. It's a lot of work and well worth it to see good music presented in an open forum for all ages. It is a good way to strengthen family ties.

Keep Playing and fill your world with good MUSIC!!!!

Ellery Curtis



Next Meeting
February 16th
 2:00 P.M.

Bailey Cove Branch Public Library
Meeting Rooms A&B

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HTMA COFFEEHOUSE MUSIC SERIES
 PRESENTS

Andy May



OPENING MUSIC BY
 DAN CHARLES

FEBRUARY 27TH
7:00 PM



OLD COUNTRY CHURCH

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February Area Events

New Hope Saturday Night Jam
Every Saturday night in February beginning at 6:00 PM
New Hope Senior Center, New Hope Alabama

Elmcroft Retirement Home
February 1st 3:00 PM
8020 Benaroya Ln. Huntsville, Alabama

An Evening with Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell
February 3rd 7:30 PM
Von Braun Civic Center ~ Huntsville, Alabama

Harbor Chase Retirement Home
February 8th 10:30 AM
4801 Whitesport Cr.; Huntsville, Alabama

An Evening with Amy Grant and Vince Gill
February 13th 8 PM
Von Braun Civic Center ~ Huntsville, Alabama

HTMA Meeting
February 16th 2:00 PM
Bailey Cove Branch Public Library ~ 1409 Weatherly Plaza SE,
Huntsville AL

Celtic Woman
February 16th 7 PM
Von Braun Civic Center ~ Huntsville, Alabama

Regency Retirement Village Gig
February 22nd 3:15 PM
204 Max Luther Drive; Huntsville, Alabama

HTMA Coffeehouse
February 27th 7:00 PM
Burritt on the Mountain Old Country Church, Huntsville, AL



Position of Performance Chair

Needs to be filled for 2014

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if you wish to help the HTMA in a very important position

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FROM SCRATCH WEEKEND

February 21 -23, 2014

Ever wanted to learn a musical instrument or pick up a new craft, but had no idea where to start? Well, then this workshop is perfect for you! Each class will be taught so that you can pick up a new hobby from scratch. No prior experience necessary!

Blacksmithing From Scratch, Lee McKee

Dance From Scratch, Susan Davis and Scott Russell

Harmonica from Scratch, Jamie Finley

Fiddle from Scratch, Ann Whitley

Mandolin from Scratch, Jason Bailey

Old Time String Band from Scratch, Mick Kinney

Ukulele from Scratch, Charlie & Nancy Hartness

Banjo Mini-Class, Herb Trotman

Bottle Cap Snake Making Mini-Class, Jamie Finley



The Berry Patch

A PRIVATE TALK

"My old friend, we have traveled a long way together. It is impossible to count the ways you have helped me along this road called 'life.'

"Possibly your greatest service was your help with my son. Help with the son is great help for the father. In your never-failing way you tried to get both father and son over fool's hill. Many the night the three of us came back home in the early morning hours with the truck half-filled with trophies you had fairly won in the local shows, my son in the saddle. Not the big shows, but they were big shows to us. I say this was 'possibly' your most generous gift. When a friend has never let-you-down, how does one look back over twenty years and choose what benefit has been the best?

"I did not know how sick you were until I came home yesterday and found you standing alone in the pasture. You failed, for the first time, to respond to my whistle. You always loved my company, now you stood alone, not answering my call. I knew the time had come for you to enter that great sleep that someday will claim all.

"I could not do it... maybe with someone else, but not with you. The vet came and you went quietly, but not before your oats. Today you get a double measure.

"Life has given me many good companions, but none better than you. Whatever I asked, you gave. Every ditch, stream, path, trail, or road, the touch of the reign to your neck guided our way. Your flanks knew not the touch of a spur. A gentle nudge of my heel was always sufficient. Admittedly, sometimes at the top of a mountain or at the end of a fifty-mile day, you would turn your head my way as if to say, 'Man you are crazy.' But that look always came after you had answered my call.

"Old friend, we humans tend to think God loves only us. I don't think it is that way. I've met few men with your measure of loyalty and dependability. With my friends, I do not match your standard. How could any compassionate God who is said to love the likes of me not love the likes of you? Would God offer an eternal reward to the likes of me and not do the same for you? I hope not.

"Whatever your future old friend, I hope the grass will be green and tall, there will be no flies, and the water will be fresh and cool. I hope the trees will offer good shade, your stall will be kept clean, and oats will daily come your way. Some days you get a double measure."

The time had come to retire my faithful horse to the hereafter and cover him with the pasture soil where he had lived for the past twenty years. He earned the right to a better hereafter than I.

My grandson has published some of my other stories under the title of "**UP FOOL'S HILL AND ALMOST DOWN.**" If one is interested, this book is available through Amazon for \$12.99 (none of which comes to me, even so, if you buy one and don't like it, see me and I'll give you your money back).

Joe