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#### **Annual Membership:**

Full membership (one couple at one address): \$25.00

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January Showcase photos by Jeanne & Fred Yearian. Festival photos (p. 1) by John McClung & Raymond Still

## MINUTES FROM THE BOARD JANUARY 12, 2020

President Jeanne Yearian called the meeting to order at 10:56am.

Present by Verbal Role Call: Tony Bachler, Sharon Capps, Dave Enslow, Butch Gibson, Lori Hanson, Toby Hanson, Sharon Smith.

Excused: Judy Hanson

Guests: N/A

**President's Report:** Jeanne Yearian welcomed the new members of the board and asked each to share what would make their time on the board fulfilling; and, to share a fond memory of the last year with the Society.

She confirmed the status of Treasurer and Showcase coordinator for 2020. Discussion followed.

Due to the vacant position, Judy Hayes will assume a position as a full member of the Board. Ramon Selby has also offered to come back on the Board. The Board was pleased to welcome him back. Sharon Smith will continue to serve as an alternate.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Smith reported on the current bank balances in both accounts. Tony Bachler, Lori Hanson and the Yearians will meet before the end of the month to transfer the books and go over the treasurer's duties and responsibilities.

**Notes/Comments:** Jeanne Yearian submitted the 2020 budgets for approval. The motion was made and seconded. It passed with no objections.

Submission of Bills to Pay: N/A

**Committee Reports:** 

Sunshine: Jeanne Yearian reported.

Newsletter/Website/Facebook:

Additions/Changes to the Newsletter: No update at this time.

Additions/Changes to the Website:

The complete 2020 board listing will be updated by the February meeting.

Membership / Liability Insurance - The Society's liability policy has been paid. Liberty Mutual will be confirming. Certificates of Liability will be issued for the Lynnwood Eagles and the Field House in Enumclaw. NWWSMS membership renewal continues.

**Showcase** - Bandleaders participating in today's Grand Jam are Paul Cooper, Ramon Selby and Butch Gibson. Many of our

musicians are dealing with health problems and are not able to be here today.

February: Kristi Nebel & Cowgirl's Dream March: Butch Gibson & Pardners April:

Enumclaw 3rd Sunday Jam Update: The December jam was cancelled due to holiday commitments The next jam is scheduled for January 19, depending on the weather.

2020 Western Swing Festival - August 4 (set up) through August 10 (tear down). The Expo Center will have a contract to sign later this month. Nominations for Inductees into the 30th Hall of Fame are now open. Completed nominations need to be received by March 15, 2020. The Jangles have confirmed they will be performing at the festival on Friday evening. Morey and Dorrie Sullivan are now certain they can host the ceremony again. Tex Hill & the Oregon Valley Boys are doing a 'reunion tour' around the time of the festival and would like to play at the festival again

**Scholarship/Workshop:** Jeanne Yearian reported we are talking with Suze Spencer. Tim Dawdy sent his regrets that he will not be able to co-host the music camp this year; however, he did share information on others who might enjoy the opportunity to teach.

Winter White Fundraiser: Lori Hanson reported. Flyers on the event are available and will be placed on the tables. (See page 5 of this newsletter.) An event has been created on Facebook. Discussion followed.

**Unfinished Business:** Jeanne and Fred will be picking up Lou's western swing files in the coming months (2 filing cabinets and some boxes. The filing cabinets will be stored in the garage of the Yearian family home in Kent. Once this has happened, a time will be set to sort through the materials so archiving can begin.

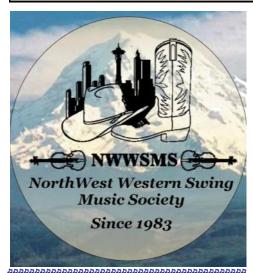
**New Business:** No new business to report.

For the Good of the Order: No one reporting.

The meeting's minutes were read and approved by the Board members present. Motion passed to adjourn at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Yearian, Secretary





Kick off Valentine's Week with a Sweetheart Dance!

## On February 9 join your western swing family

From 1 to 5 pm at the Lynnwood Eagles

19223 Hwy 99 (Three Blocks North of 196th Street)

# Featuring **Kristi Nebel**& Cowgirl's Dream

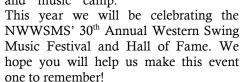
Come for free dance lessons from 12 to 12:45, taught by MaryLee Lykes



Bob Wills Big Band - 1942 radiobob805

# *President's Corner*

It's February and time to begin planning in earnest for August's upcoming festival and music camp.



Bands across the country soon will be receiving invitations to come and perform. These musicians share their love of western swing with us at their own expense. We try to provide an environment that promotes interaction among musicians, encouraging everyone to go away with a healthy dose of inspiration and new friends.

Once again, Suze Spencer will be heading up our western swing music camp, lining up instructors, encouraging young and old to experience the energy and enjoyment of playing western swing! Opening the festival on Saturday will be the music camp attendees - a performance you won't want to miss!

If you would like to help us 'set the stage' for this event, please don't hesitate to contact myself or one of the members of the Board. Here are a few of our fundraising opportunities.

- \* We will be holding the Winter White Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, to raise money for the summer music workshops (see page 5).
- \* This month is the last opportunity to vote for Showcase Band of the Year. All money received goes into the General Fund to help with festival expenses. (See page 6.)
- \* Sponsorship packages will be available next month to encourage donations of goods, services and financial support!

And, you can still nominate someone to the 2020 Hall of Fame until March 15.

# Around the NorthWest Support Live, Local Music

For regular appearances at a particular venue to be included in the newsletter, contact the editor. Contact information for a member band is always welcome.

**3rd Sunday Western Swing Jam**, Enumclaw Music, 1515 Cole St, from 2 to 5! Jam on February 16, 2020, weather permitting! Jeanne Yearian & Toby Hanson hosting.

Call 425-432-7888 for additional information.

**Southern Comfort.** For bookings or schedule updates call Shelley at (206) 235-0530. Check out The Southern Comfort Band's current activities on Facebook.

**Steel Country.** For bookings or schedule updates call Duane at (425) 870-7311 or Pat at (425) 745-3798.

**The Barn Door Slammers**. For information on upcoming play dates, check their website at: <a href="https://www.barndoorslammers.com">www.barndoorslammers.com</a>.

**Mike Faast and Jangles**. For information on upcoming play dates, check their website at: <a href="https://www.janglesband.com">www.janglesband.com</a>

Sharyn Lee and the Sundowners. Dance Hall Music by The Sundowners. Visit their website for information on additional play dates: www.thesundownersband.com

**JC McCormick & the Cherokee Band**. For booking information or a schedule of upcoming play dates, call JC at: 253-268-2314.

(See page 4)! We have received several nominations but there is room for more!

The January showcase nearly became a one-man show due to so many of our musicians being under the weather! Our thanks to all of the participants who pulled together to help us kick off the New Year in spite of it all.

This year's host band for the Sweetheart Dance is Kristi Nebel & Cowgirl's Dream! They will be performing from 1:00 to 3:00. From 3:30-5:00 is the jam session. If you would like to join us on stage for a few songs, be sure to sign up at the information table.

In March, Butch Gibson & Pardners will once again be hosting the Bob Wills Birthday Bash!

See you on the dance floor! JY





**Western Swing Forum** Keep your letters and email coming!



Rick Norcross

#### **RICK & THE ALL-STAR RAMBLERS NEWS FLASH**

TARYN NOELLE - Nominated - Academy of Western Artists 2020 "Western Swing Female Vocalist of the Year." (See Mike Gross' review of her CD, Taryn Noelle Swings, on page 8 of this newsletter.)

RICK & THE ALL-STAR RAMBLERS -Nominated - Academy of Western Artists 2020 "Western Swing Group/Duo of the Year"

Yesterday morning, January 25th, award winning Western Swing Hall of Famer Billy Bowles once again had the honor of revealing the 2020 Academy of Western Artists Final Five nominations for the 24th Annual Will Rogers Awards on his Swinging Country radio show broadcast from KSSL in Lubbock, Texas. The awards ceremony will be held April 9th in Fort Worth, Texas, the cradle of Western Swing Music. Note: Taryn was honored at last year's Will Rogers Awards with the AWA "Western Swing Female Vocalist of the Year!" Final Five nominations two years in a row.

Taryn Noelle is on a roll. Yesterday, Taryn laid down an amazing vocal performance on the Spade Cooley 1945 classic western swing hit song "Shame On You," with sweet and spirited harmony support from The Blue Gardenias. Yesterday's session at Lane Gibson Recording & Mastering Studios in Charlotte, Vermont, finished up the first half of our "God Bless The Mighty Pickle" album project. Listen for her latest recording VERY soon! This past Thursday, Dena Wood from the Academy of Western Artists, sent us a couple of charts from the week of January 7th, placing Taryn at Number 51 on New Zealand's Top 200 Artist Chart and Number 35 on the Top 40 Singles Chart for her recording of "Right or Wrong." We are wicked PROUD of our Tarvn.

## **Cherishing the Memories**

(Editor's Note: Our sincere condolences to Dwight's family and thanks to Gary Williams for posting the news of Dwight's passing on February 2, 2020.)

Dwight Cook was born March 28, 1935, in Childress, TX. He grew Dwight Cook up on a cotton farm



southwest of Childress. His family later moved into Childress where his dad went to work for the railroad. Lo and behold, living next door to their new dwelling was a whole family of Western Swing pickers, the Jimmy Reece Band. Dwight knew then he had to have a quitar. On the back of comic books there was an offer to sell seeds at a nickel a package. If you sold all the seed and sent in \$3.95 (plus \$2.00 freight), a guitar could be had! Dwight thought he never would get those seeds sold, but he did. He was so proud of that Gene Autry Guitar. He didn't know how he ever learned to play on that thing but he learned well enough that his mom and dad bought him a new guitar - from Sears & Roebuck. Dwight's uncle was also a musician. His uncle and a fiddle player named Jimmy Reece taught him to play rhythm for them. They were known to kick Dwight on the shin to signal him when to change cords. From then on, he was hanging around those Western Swing musicians, learning all he could – guitar, bass, and, then, a Sears lap steel.

In 1953, Dwight entered the US Army for four years, playing in several Western Swing bands. After his discharge he didn't play for a couple of years. By then his folks had moved to Wichita, Kansas. Dwight soon found himself in Wichita, working in aircraft plants and playing on weekends. That is where he really got to play with some good bands. Web Tipton was of great help to Dwight and who really taught Dwight to play bass and guitar.

In 1980. Dwight moved to Amarillo. Texas. where he played bass for Tiny Duncan for two years. After that, Dwight played for Bobby Wynne and Khiva Shrine Temple Western Swing Band. As his left hand began to give him some pain, Dwight played more steel guitar and less bass. For many years, Dwight played steel guitar in and around Amarillo.

In addition to other honors, he was inducted as a Pioneer of Western Swing into the NWWSMS in 2001.

## **NOMINATIONS**

## FOR INDUCTEES INTO THE **2020 NWWSMS HALL OF FAME**

**NOW BEING ACCEPTED!** 

Reminder: if you are either a former inductee or a member in good standing (dues paid to date), you can submit one candidate per year for consideration by the Nominations Committee.

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE DESIGNATIONS:

PIONEERS OF WESTERN SWING: musicians who have played and/or promoted western swing music for at least 20 years of their performance careers prior to the death of Bob Wills in 1975.

HONOREES OF WESTERN SWING: This category includes musicians and promoters.

MUSICIANS: Those who have played western swing music for at least 20 years of their performance careers.

PROMOTERS: Those who have helped preserve western swing music for extended periods of time by promoting events through volunteer activities, organizing events, publishing, broadcasting or developing social media.

THE CATEGORY OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION: This designation, established in 2014, recognizes those who, through their actions, although meetina "Inductee" requirements, greatly encouraged and continue to inspire those preserving, performing and promoting Western Swing Nominees in this category are submitted by current Hall of Fame Inductees.

E-mail (preferred) or mail your cover letter and nominee's musical biography

**NWWSMS. Nominations Chairman** c/o Jeanne Yearian 21221-174th Ave. SE Renton, WA 98058-9740

E-mail: jeanneyearian@yahoo.com

The cut-off date is MARCH 15th. We are limiting the number of inductees to a maximum of 14 per year. If your candidate does qualify but we receive your cover letter and bio after the first 14 have been received, you will be asked to resubmit your candidate the following year.

Those selected will be notified by early May. A picture suitable for publication will be requested at that time.

The NorthWest Western Swing Music Society presents

## A Winter White Dance and Fundraiser

benefiting the 2020 Summer Music Workshops

Saturday February 22, 2020 3 -7pm

Dinner will be served at 4:30pm Lynnwood Eagles

19223 Hwy 99 Lynnwood WA

Tickets: \$25 per person or \$40 per couple Music, Dancing, Games, Bake Sale, Raffle and Silent Auction

Music provided by the Western Swing Society

Dress code: Winter Festive Fun

Contact Lori Hanson for Tickets / Reservations 425-750-3263

Sparky1670@gmail.com

\$15 tickets will be sold at the door, but do not include dinner



The NWWSMS Announces

## The Fifth Annual People's Choice Award

Cast your votes for your favorite monthly Showcase Band of 2019!

As someone once said,
"Vote Early, Vote Often!!"

Let's have some fun and raise money for the NWWSMS! You are invited to participate in the Fifth Annual NWWSMS' People's Choice Awards! **We**, the people, will be voting to choose our favorite performing band for the 2019 monthly Showcases! (Of course, these results will be playfully skewed and reflect only the willingness of a group's fan base to contribute. Our sincere thanks to all of these talented musicians who so willingly entertain us without compensation.)

The winning band will receive the traveling trophy plus its choice of day/time for local bands to perform at the 2020 NWWSMS Western Swing Festival! You can vote as many times as you like!

IF you prefer general guidelines, you might consider the band's quality and choice of western swing music as well as their stage presence. Ask yourself if the music made you want to dance. Was the band entertaining? Fun?

## 2019 Peoples Choice Awards \$5.00 = 5 VOTES**Western Swing Showcase Band of the Year** (The bands are listed in order of their first 2019 appearance) Number of **Votes** (\$1.00/vote) Band **Butch Gibson & Pardners** Southern Comfort The Old Strokers **Steel Country** The Board Band \$5.00 = 5 VOTESPaul Cooper & the Pickin' Coop IC McCormick's Cherokee Band Total \$ Amount donated: **\$5.00 Minimum**



The price of a ballot (\$5.00) allows you to vote 5 times. You can vote for one band five times or five different bands! Fill out your ballot(s) and deposit them into the ballot box at the February showcase. Or, send your ballots in, along with your check, to the Society's PO Box no later than February 29, 2020. The People's Choice for 2019 will be announced at the March 2020 Showcase!

All monies collected during this fundraiser will go toward expenses for the 30th Annual Western Swing Festival & Hall of Fame Celebration, August 6th - 9th, 2020.



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# Photo Highlights from the 2020 January Showcase

Come by and let us overwhelm you with hospitality and the sounds of Western Swing music . . . made in America!







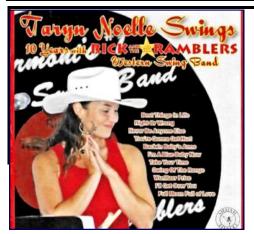






Hope to see everyone in February!
Save a smile for the camera!

Mike Gross



Editor's Note: Our Congratulations to Taryn, Rick and the Ramblers on being recognized farm beyond the Great State of Vermont for their contributions to the Western Swing genre (see page 4)!. Here is an instant replay from 2018.

Taryn Noelle, a member of Rick and the Ramblers, the wonderful Vermont Western Swing Band of Rick Norcross, has a brand new CD of 11 tunes produced by Rick. Two of those tunes, You're Gonna Get Hurt and Take Your Time were written by Rick and feature him on duet or harmony vocal with Noelle. The album also features fiddle wizard Doug Reid and the lap steel, piano and accordion of Charlie MacFadyen. Dono Schabner plays both lead and rhythm guitar, Ian Koeller and Brett Hoffman are heard playing drums and Dave Rowell - harmony vocals and bass. Other harmony vocals are done by Amber deLaurentis, Juliet McVicker and Josie Ritter. Buck Maynard plays rhythm quitar.

The album opens with the pop standard The Best Things in Life and then Taryn pays tribute to

Albums: Taryn Noelle

Taryn Noelle

**Swings** 

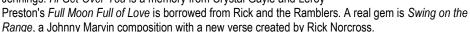
Artist:

## Album Reviews

By Mike Gross www.swinginwest.com Seymour, TX

KSEY - FM

Milton Brown and Bob Wills with Right or Wrong. Ricky Nelson is remembered with There'll Never Be Anyone Else But You and from Patsy Cline Back in Baby's Arms is reprised. Blue Baby Now is from Rick & The Ramblers Green Mountain Standard Time CD and Wurlitzer Prize is borrowed from the country music world of Waylon Jennings. I'll Get Over You is a memory from Crystal Gayle and Leroy



The album can be obtained for \$15 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling from Airflyte Records, 216 Battery Street, Burlington, VT 05401.

Mike Gross, KSEY-FM, Seymour, TX & KTNK-AM, Lompoc, CA

## Mike's Top 10 for February 2020

#### Songs:

- 1. Little Bit of Texas Carlos Washington's Steel Horse Swing
- 2. Wild Texas Rose Jimmy Burson
- 3. There's Not a Cow in Texas Rod Moag
- 4. Don't You Dare Curio Cowboys
- 5. In the Middle of the Song Western Swing Authority with Carolyn Martin
- 6. Rainbow Song Jimmy Burson
- 7. San Antonio Rose Jan Schiferi
- Wanderin' Star Kristyn Harris
- Stardust Ballroom Nancy Elliott
- 10. Manhattan Judy James

#### Albums:

- 1. Little Bit of Texas Carlos Washington's Steel Horse Swing
- 2. Room in Your Heart Curio Cowboys
- 3. Lone Star Dust Jimmy Burson
- 4. Sactown Playboys Sactown Playboys
- 5. Swing Set Lee Lee Robert (Musikode)
- 6. Timeless Treasures for a Living Legend -Tommy Thomsen
- 7. Ridin' Ropin' & Rounders Rusted Spurs
- 8. Big Deal The Western Swing Authority
- Shadows of What Used To Be Emily George
- 10. Swing Time Baby Steel Horse Swing

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NAME:ADDRESS:			
CITY:  STATE / ZIP:  PHONE:	BAND: INSTRUMENT(S):		
E-MAIL:    I have enclosed an additional \$ donation to the NWWSMS workshop/scholarship fund   ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
Visit us on the web at: www.nwwsms.com	THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.		



Hello, from deep in the Heart of Texas!

by Paula Jungmann

Editor's Note: Paula was inducted into the NWWSMS Hall of Fame in 2016. Several may remember she was responsible in large part for the State legislation being passed making Western Swing the State Music of Texas. Many of us are members of Paula's Facebook Group, Western Swing Music of Texas. It's a Public Group, inviting all. As Paula posted: "We know that there's a lot of things going on right now with politics but, please this page isn't somewhere to post such things. Let's make this page a respite away from that. We don't know about you but, we all need a break and somewhere to get a rest from it, a refuge let's make it here. Thank you." Check it out!

I would like to thank those who nominated me as DJ of the Year in the Academy of Western Artist Awards for my work on this (Facebook) page. I'd never thought of being a DJ or this page as being a radio program. I just bring things about music for the people who are interested in keeping the music alive, as I am. I hope it strikes some chord for those who are here, it's done from the heart. Thank you all for being here and loving the music I care about.



Pictured above: This is a brand new festival taking place in one of Texas' grand Historic Dance Halls, Anhalt Germania Farmers Verein. I wrote about this great hall sometime back as a part of a series of halls that are near San Antonio, Texas.

This hall sits on 18 acres of land and contains a wonderful 5,000 square foot hardwood dance floor. The floor has been completely refurbished for this festival, didn't think that it could be improved upon but, it has been.....this is DANCERS HEAVEN!

Anhalt is a 501 organization supporting Agriculture Scholarships.





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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2020 JANUARY SHOWCASE



January's Grand Jam finally came together, although not as we had planned! Despite the number of musicians missing due to illness, we rallied all available musicians, played and had dancers on the floor!!! We'll count that as a success. Three very capable band leaders took charge of the afternoon, Paul Cooper, Butch Gibson and Ramon Selby.

For me, the day began looking brighter as soon as Chet Hasting walked through the door! Hearing our plea for lead players, he drove up from Milton to save the day - not an easy drive through Seattle on a typical Northwest rainy January afternoon. Thank you, Chet.

The first jam band, led by Paul Cooper (bass/vocals), Chet Hasting (guitar), Jeanne Yearian (fiddle) and Randy Miskulin (drums) set up quickly. After the band warmed up with a few tunes, Paul Cooper began inviting up the jammers. First was Butch Gibson joining us on stage, singing a few of his favorites. Before long, one of the summer music workshop students, Jim Hutchison, added his dobro to the mix. Sharing the drums with Randy Miskulin was Jeff, one of our dancers.

With the change in bands and band leader, the music shifted from the electric western swing/traditional country sound to a more acoustic, early western swing/Sons Of The Pioneers style. Ramon Selby and Al Troupe took the stage. It was a real treat to have LeRoy King join them for a few songs.

For the final set, Butch Gibson came back, inviting jammers to join in, adding yet another variation to the western swing sound of the afternoon's music. Jack Duncan, Dave Enslow and MaryAnne Enslow helped complete the afternoon's entertainment

Bob Wills was a trailblazer, an innovator who broke musical boundaries with his musical experiments. Let's not lose that curiosity and daring as we explore the sounds and variety of western swing music!

If you haven't joined the Northwest Western Swing Music Society yet, please consider it. Our membership dues provide a large part of our income, making it possible for us to continue our publication each month and put on our Western Swing Music Camp and Festival/Hall of Fame Celebration each year.

A special thanks to the folks at the Lynnwood Eagles, especially our attentive server and the talented cook for making us feel so welcome, taking such good care of us during the Showcases. We would also like to thank our very own Mary Lee Lykes for providing dance lessons before the showcases. Thanks to Fred Yearian (my much better half) for running sound and providing the PA and Randy Miskulin for providing his drums.

You can probably tell by now, we could not do this every month without the help of many volunteers. Thanks to everyone who participates in selling raffle tickets, who welcome those coming through the door, donating door prizes, issuing door prize tickets, and all the wonderful musicians who donate their time for the society.

Membership renewals were due on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Let's try to get our membership numbers up this year and show our support of the society. All of us are volunteers and your membership lets us know that you value the Society, its goals and the effort we put into it.

See <u>you</u> at the Sweetheart Dance in February!





## February 2020 Playlist for "Wyn on Tuesday"

- 1. Don't Roll Those Bloodshot Eyes, Feral Swing Cats
- 2. The Kind of Love I Can't Forget, Al Dressen
- 3. My Ropin' Days Are Done, Rusted Spurs West
- 4. Silver Lake Blues, Jason Roberts
- 5. Oklahoma Swing, Trevor V Stevens & Kylie Austin
- 6. Make Room for the Blues, Bobby Flores
- 7. Pretty Tears, Chuck Cusimano
- 8. *Press Along to the Big Corral,* Riders in the Sky
- 9. Waltz Across Texas, Barbara Nelson
- 10. Faded Love, Bob Wills

Artists are welcome to send CDs to:
Wyn Machon
5 Lowther St., Oamaru 9400.
New Zealand.
wynmachon39@gmail.com



## February Playlist for "Skeebo's Line Shack Review"

We here at Pickin' On The Oldies want to thank all of our very loyal and "new" listeners to our internet station. One thing we strive for is "Traditional Country and

Western Swing," featuring the classic great artists and all of the upcoming new independent artists who are continuing to produce "Dance Music."....plus, we air old radio versions of Gunsmoke on Sundays at 6am and 6pm, along with Luke Clayton's Outdoors Show at 7am-8am on Sunday morn and archived editions of Glory Road, the old Quartet Gospel Music, with the late great Larry Scott as host at 9am-10am also on Sundays ...We'd LOVE to have you join us.... If you like us, please share with your friends who enjoy this music as well at www.sansabaradio.com .....we are the Academy of Western Artists, STATION OF THE YEAR FOR 2018.....streaming 24/7.

Bobby Flores - Fast Company
Carl Vaughan - The Blue Right Out of My Eyes
Country Night Live - Another Day in the Life of a Fool
Ray Price - Each Time
Garry Ash - Two Step
Jason James - Seems Like Tears Ago
Landon Dodd - Excuse Me
Lisa Lane - Blues Stay Away From Me
Mike Siler - Three Days

Artists may send mp3 submissions to production@sansabaradio.com and personal messages to <a href="mailto:skeebo@sansabaradio.com">skeebo@sansabaradio.com</a>

Myra Rolen - Walk Out Backwards

We are on Facebook as well... Pickin' On The Oldies. To listen go to our website <a href="https://www.sansabaradio.com">www.sansabaradio.com</a>





Compliments of the Facebook Group, Western Swing Music of Texas

## The Dancer's Guide to the 2020 (Nationwide) Traditional Country & Western Swing Music Festivals

Some have asked for a listing of the Traditional Country and Western Swing Music Festivals...each of the festivals have .com and face book pages. We also post these festival events and posters. (Highlight added for emphasis by the Editor.)

Feb 13-15 Classic Country and Honky Tonk Festival – Canton, TX

Feb 12-15 11th Street Cowboy Marti Gras-Bandera, TX Mar 12-14 The Best Little Cowboy Gathering in Texas-La Grange, TX

Mar 20-28 Heart of Texas Country Music Festival-Brady, TX

Mar 26-28 WSMSS Spring Show Case Wichita Falls, TX Apr 17-19 Anhalt Western Roundup-Spring Branch, TX

Apr 22-25 Bob Wills Day- Turkey, TX

May 1-2 Cowtown Society of Western Music Sy

May 1-2 Cowtown Society of Western Music SwingFest - Mineral Wells, TX

May 14-16 WSMSS Cape Girardeau Mo Showcase-MO May 15-16 Western Club Shuffle Fest., Navasota, TX June 10-13 West Texas Western Swing Festival-Snyder, TX June 18-20 Legends of Western Swing Festival-Wichita Falls, TX July 9-11 WSMSS Hall of Fame Showcase-Lawton OK.

Aug 6-9 NWWSS-Hall of Fame, Enumclaw, WA.

Aug 20-22 WSMSS Showcase-Springfield MO Aug 21-22 Boogie Back to Bastrop, Bastrop, TX Sept 11-12 San Angelo Cowboy Gathering, San Angelo, TX

Sept 17-19 WSMSS Showcase-Amarillo, TX Sept 25-27 Lockhart BBQ & Western Swing Fest, Lockhart, TX

## Oct 2-4 Western Swing Society Hall of Fame, Sacramento, CA

Oct 8-10 Lincoln County Symposium, Ruidoso, NM Oct 15-17 Turkey October Fest, Turkey, TX Oct 22-24 Canton Honky Tonk Halloween, Canton, TX

Nov 6-7 Bob Wills Fiddle Festival-Greenville, TX Nov 5-7 WSMSS Showcase-Hulbert (Wagoner) OK Nov 12-14 Cowtown Birthplace of Western Swing-Fort Worth, TX

(Please note any missing information was not intentional. We look forward to receiving information on your event! NWWSMS Editor)





May 1 & 2, 2020 The Cowtown Society of Western Music's

# 22nd Annual Swing Fest

Joyce Miller

Our 22nd Annual Cowtown Society of Western Music Western Swing Fest will be Friday, May 1, 2020 and May 2, 2020 at Holiday Hills Golf Club, Mineral Wells, Texas. Jam session 3:00 PM 'til 10:00 PM Friday. SWING FEST and Heroes Award Ceremony Noon until 10:00 PM on Saturday.

## Swing on down to Mineral Wells for the weekend and join all the fun!

The Cowtown Society of Western Music is proud to announce the 2020 Inductees for our 22nd Annual CSWM Western Swing Fest. Congratulations to all of the Honorees who are true Heroes of Western Swing!





CSWM 2020 SWINGFEST HEROES OF WESTERN SWING

#### LIVING LEGENDS

LARRY NIX
SONNY RICE
BILL HEARNE
JOE SETTLEMIRES
ROGER EDGINGTON

#### HEROES OF WESTERN SWING (LIVING)

JOHN STEELE
HOWARD KALISH
HARLAN KUBOS
DEVON DAWSON
WILL TAYLOR
JOE DEGELIA
GREG HARDY
BILL ATWOOD
BUBBA COX
LYNN FRAZIER
ALFIE JOHNS
DIXIE HANKINS

POSTHUMOUS HEROES
DICKY OVERBEY

**MATLOCK RICE** 

DISC JOCKEY OF THE YEAR H.D. AINSWORTH

**BAND OF THE YEAR** 

WSMSS BAND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JOHN JONES

FANS OF THE YEAR

PAUL GONZALES & KRISTY HALL

PROMOTER OF THE YEAR
TERRI HOLLAND

**RISING STAR** 

RIDGE ROBERTS

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**AL DRESSEN** 



## Kaua'i Steel Guitar Festival, February 28, 2020 - February 29, 2020

The 5th Annual Kaua'i Steel Guitar Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 28-29, 2020, at the Sheraton Kaua'i Coconut Beach Resort. This festival will be presented in the days preceding the annual Aloha Music Camp as an extension of the Hawaiian Steel Guitar experience that is offered at the camp. In addition to steel guitar performances by Hawai'i steel



Photo: Kaua'i Steel Guitar Festival

guitar masters, the festival will include workshops, kanikapila jam sessions where festival guests play along with the steel guitar masters, and Open Stage sessions where amateur Hawaiian Steel Guitarists present their own programs to festival guests.

A "Kīkā Pila" kanikapila jam session to kick off the festival will be held on Thursday evening, February 27, 2020, between 6PM and 9PM, at Duke's Kaua'i. Festival musicians and NextGen steel guitarists and members of the Ke Kula Mele Hawai'i ensemble will be joined by guest performers for a fun evening. The restaurant strongly recommends calling ahead reservations. Call (808) 246-9599 and speak to General Manager Derek Kessler. Click here for an area map.

The festival is presented free to the public by

Hawaii Institute for Music Enrichment and Learning Experiences (HIMELE) in association with the Ke Kula Mele Hawai'i School of Hawaiian Music. Partial funding provided by Hawaii Tourism through the Kükulu Ola Program.



## **TOMMY THOMSEN AND** THE CHURCH OF WESTERN **SWING**

ALWAYS SWINGING THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL In Turkey, Texas

Church Bulletin:

Howdy Church Friends!! Improvements at the church continue. Don't you love the new patio?? And did you notice the extra room on the dance floor? We look forward to making improvements a s funding The church would like to send a sincere thank you to the folks that came the week before the event and helped get everything ready. . . including building the patio cover!

Thank you to the C.O.W.S Band that continues to give their

time and amazing talents so generously. We couldn't do this without your dedication to the church and this music.

Finally, we'd like to thank the folks that come to the church for fun, fellowship and to dance and listen to some of the finest

western swing musicians around.

Don't forget that The Church Western of Swing now registered 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated the preservation and perpetuation of the music we love.

Enjoy the pictures and videos and look for more news to come.





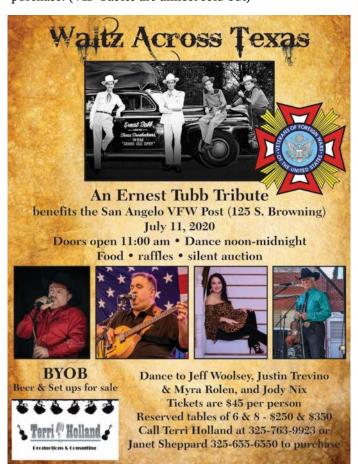
# San Angelo Cowboy Ball & Gathering 2020

by Terri Holland

We are just a few days into the new year, but we are off to the races in 2020. Let me share a little information about all the events coming to San Angelo, Texas this year. For more information you can check our

website at www.sanangelocowboygathering.com

The 3<sup>rd</sup> San Angelo Cowboy Ball will take place on April 17, 2020, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Angelo, with doors opening for VIP's at 7:00pm, and for general admission ticket holders at 7:30pm. A portion of our proceeds from the event will benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Greater West Texas. Our featured entertainers will be Jake Hooker & The Outsiders, and Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys. The bands will alternate sets each hour, and come back together at night's end. The dance will go from 8:00PM until midnight. VIP tables are \$300 each and seat 10, General Admission is \$30 per person. This event has sold out in previous years, so be sure and get your tickets early. Call 325-763-9923 to purchase. (VIP Tables are almost sold out)



## Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest

A Texas based 501(c)(3) nonprofit

## WICHITA FALLS, TX - SPRING SHOWCASE DANCE AND JAM

Cake Walks; Door Prizes; 50/50 Drawings

MARCH 26 - 28, 2020

THU: MEMBERS FREE - \$5.00 NON-MEMBER
FRI & SAT: \$5.00 MEMBER—\$10.00 NON-MEMBER

#### Elks Lodge

4205 Seymour Highway 277 Business Wichita Falls, Texas

Limited RV Parking (dry) Available at Elks Lodge \$10.00 per night

\*\*\* Mention Western Music Swing Society for Special Rates

Early Reservations are Highly Recommended

Especially for Ground Floor and Wheel Chair Accessible Rooms

Super 8 Hotel - 1307 Kenley Ave. - 940-322-8880
 (King \$50.00, Double \$55.00 + tax - Continental Breakfast)

Wichita Falls RV Park - 2944 Seymour Highway - 940-723-1532
 (Back-in \$34.00 / Pull Through \$45)

Wednesday, March 25th, 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm: Setup and Early Bird Dinner Thursday, March 26th, 10:45 am to 11:00 pm: All Day Jam Bands Friday, March 27th, 10:45 am to 11:00 pm: Scheduled Bands and Jam Sessions Saturday, March 28th 10:45 am to 11:00 pm: Scheduled Bands and Jam Sessions For Information Contact: Grady Smith @ 940-631-4953

The 8<sup>th</sup> *San Angelo Cowboy Gathering* will be on September 11-12, 2020, at the First Financial Pavilion in San Angelo, Texas. Our event beneficiary is once again the *House of Faith*. The festival will feature food, vendors, live & silent auctions, raffles and a Cowboy Church at The Gathering. Get ready to dance your legs off to the music of Landon Dodd, Darrell McCall & Tony Booth, Jake Hooker, Tommy Hooker, Jeff Woolsey, The Old Hat Band, Monte Good, Greg Gibbs, Billy Mata, Floyd Domino, Justin Trevino, Myra Rolen, Brady Honeycutt, Rocky King, Jason Roberts and Jody Nix!!! Cowboy Church will be held on Saturday morning by Ricky Boen and his father Darrell Boen. Sponsorships are on sale now by calling 325-763-9923. General Admission will go on sale April 17, 2020. We do have RV space and discounted hotel rooms. Check out <a href="https://www.sanangelocowboygathering.com">www.sanangelocowboygathering.com</a> for forms and information.

I also want to give you a sneak peek at our newest musical event. "Waltz Across Texas" A Tribute to Ernest Tubb coming July 11, 2020, to be held at the San Angelo Veteran's of Foreign War Post, and a portion of the event proceeds will benefit their veterans. Ernest Tubb has a history with San Angelo, as he lived, worked and played here for several years with his wife. This tribute will feature an all day dance from Noon-Midnight, with Jeff Woolsey, Justin Trevino, Myra Rolen & Jody Nix, along with food, silent auction, raffles and tshirt sales. More information will come soon I promise!!! So until next time, Keep dancing and keep the music going!

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MUSIC ROOTS INFLUENCE HONKY TONK **WESTERN SWING** ROCKABILLY

We are so excited for Ameripolitan 2020! Here is some information that you may or may not know.

The Travelodge by Wyndham will be the hotel that the nominees will be staying and we have a room rate of \$69 when you call in tell them your with Ameripolitan to get the room rate.

> Travelodge by Wyndham 1471 E. Brooks Road Memphis, TN 38116 (901) 522-5494

The Guesthouse at Graceland is where the awards ceremony will be held and will also offer a discounted room rate. Go to www.ameripolitan.com and the link is right there.

> The Guesthouse at Graceland 3600 Elvis Presley Blvd Memphis. TN 38116 (800) 238-2000

Also, when you buy your Awards show tickets, it will include a weekend wristband that will get you access to the showcases as well as discounted tickets to the two main headlining shows which



11:30-1:30AM DALE WATSON

TRAVELODGE: LOBBY SESSIONS

#### SATURDAY FEBRUARY

ROCK 'N ROLL CAFE: SATURDAY BRUNCH SHOWCASE: NOON-3PM (DOORS AT 11AM) THE SHOOTOUTS -NOON / ROSE SINCLAIR -1PM / BILL & THE BELLES -2PM

HERNANDOS HIDE-A-WAY: CHICKEN \$#!+ BINGO 2PM -4PM

FREE SHOW WITH DALE WATSON & FRIENDS. FREE HOT DOGS!

SATURDAY NIGHT ON BEALE STREET: SHOWCASES AT BLUES CITY CAFE & CLUB 152

CLUB 152: KATHRYN LEGENDRE - 8PM

BLUES CITY CAFE: DAVE STUCKEY & KYLE ELDRIDGE - 9PM

CLUB 152: SHAUN YOUNG - 10PM BLUES CITY CAFE: AMBER FOXX - 11PM

CLUB 152: JITTERY JACK & AMY GRIFFIN - 11:45PM

BLUES CITY CAFE: PAT REEDY - 12:30AM

TRAVELODGE: LOBBY SESSIONS

ROCK 'N ROLL CAFE: SUNDAY BRUNCH SHOWCASE: NOON-3PM (DOORS AT 11AM) SARAH VISTA -NOON / SEAN MENCHER -1PM / EDDIE CLENDENING & THE BLUE RIBBON BOYS -2PM

CIRCUIT PLAYHOUSE: FASHION SHOW & WESTERN SWING SHOWCASE 4PM - 8PM

WAYNE HANCOCK, RANGER DOUG W/ FARMER AND ADELE, JOHNNY FALSTAFF

HERNANDOS HIDE-A-WAY: 8PM -2AM

REVEREND HORTON HEAT, BIG SANDY & HIS FLY-RITE BOYS, WAYNE HANCOCK

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

ROCK 'N ROLL CAFE: AMERIPOLITAN ALL-STARS PRESENT A TRIBUTE TO THE BAKERSFIELD SOUND: NOON-2PM

THE GUESTHOUSE: AMERIPOLITAN AWARDS CEREMONY 2020

HERNANDOS HIDE-A-WAY: AWARDS AFTER-PARTY!

are Junior Brown & Dale Watson on Friday February 21st and Wayne Hancock, Big Sandy and Reverend Horton Heat on Sunday February 23rd. Those shows will be \$15 with the Wristband instead of \$30.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please do not hesitate to email us at admin@ameripolitan.com

We cannot wait to see our Ameripolitan Family. Voting ended December 31st , 2019!!



## **HURRY** and buy!

This is a BYOB event.

Beer & Set Ups are for purchase at the KC Hall.

NO COOLERS allowed.

Purchase now at 325-763-9923 or online at

www.sanangelocowboygathering.com

San Angelo Cowboy Ball

with JAKE HOOKER & JODY NIX

April 17, 2020

Knights of Columbus Hall San Angelo, TX

VIP Tables are for 10 guests, \$300 (includes Meet & Greet, Complimentary Wine/ Snacks)

General Admission \$30 each or \$35 at door (unless we sell out)

Call 325-763-9923 to purchase

