

## Winners from Appalachian String Band Festival 2011 at Clifftop, West Virginia

The 22nd Appalachian String Band Music Festival at Camp Washington-Carver in Clifftop, Fayette County, wrapped up Sunday, Aug. 7. During the event, some of the nation's finest string band musicians and old-time dancers won prizes in four traditional contests — fiddle, banjo, string band and flat-foot dance — plus one neo-traditional string band contest. Ribbons for best original song and best original tune were awarded in the neo-traditional band category.

More than 2,800 people attended the five-day including visitors from 45 states as well as folks from Australia, Canada, Denmark, England, France, New Zealand and Sweden. Next year's festival will be held Aug. 1 - 5, 2012. Camp Washington-Carver is operated by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History.

### **Banjo**

- 1st place (\$400) - Walt Koken, Avondale, Pa.
- 2nd place (\$200) - Frank Evans, Toronto, Canada
- 3rd place (\$150) - Bob Smakula, Elkins, W.Va.
- 4th place (\$100) - Rick Good, Spring Valley, Ohio
- 5th place (\$50) - Luke Richardson, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

### **Youth Banjo - 15 years of age and under**

- 1st place (\$100) - Victor Furtado, Front Royal, Va.
- 2nd place (\$50) - Matthew McShurley, Linden, Va.

### **Senior Banjo - 60 years of age and over**

- 1st place (\$200) - Rick Good, Spring Valley, Ohio
- 2nd place (\$100) - Walt Koken, Avondale, Pa.
- 3rd place (\$50) - Jimmy McCown, Hardy, Ky.

### **Fiddle**

- 1st place (\$400) - John Showman, Toronto, Canada
- 2nd place (\$200) - Rafe Stefanini, Elkins Park, Pa.
- 3rd place (\$150) - Polo Burguiere, Desaignes, France
- 4th place (\$100) - Genevieve Koester, Chicago, Ill.
- 5th place (\$50) - Clelia Stefanini, Elkins Park, Pa.

### **Youth Fiddle - 15 years of age and under**

- 1st place (\$100) - Andrew Vogts, Chadds Ford, Pa.
- 2nd place (\$50) - Roger Netherton, St. Louis, Mo.
- 3rd place (\$25) - Tessa Dillon, St. Albans, W.Va.

### **Senior Fiddle - 60 years of age and over**

- 1st place (\$200) - Walt Koken, Avondale, Pa.
- 2nd place (\$100) - Jerry Correll, Elk Creek, Va.
- 3rd place (\$50) - Bill Garbus, New Canaan, Conn.

### **Neo-Traditional Band**

- 1st place (\$700) - The Fish From Within, Lancaster, Pa.
- 2nd place (\$400) - Westbound Rangers, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3rd place (\$300) - Evil Diane, Oakland, Calif.
- 4th place (\$200) - Jubal's Kin, Longwood, Fla.
- 5th place (\$100) - Festival Relations, Hurricane, W.Va.

### **Youth Neo-Traditional Band**

- (\$300) - Banana Express, Winchester, Va.

**Best Original Song (ribbon and certificate awards)**

The Fish From Within, Lancaster, Pa.

**Best Original Tune (ribbon and certificate awards)**

The Goldie String Band, Staunton, Va.

**Traditional Band**

1st place (\$700) - Ratchet Mountain Rock Farmers, Athens, Ohio

2nd place (\$400) - Uncle Henry's Favorites, Crozet, Va.

3rd place (\$300) - Orpheus Supertones, Avondale, Pa.

4th place (\$200) - Yeah Buddies, Spring Valley, Ohio

5th place (\$100) - Troublesome Creek String Band, Crozet, Va.

**Youth Traditional Band**

(\$300) - Psycho Exploding Orangutans, Front Royal, Va.

**Old-Time Flat-Foot Dance - 15 years of age and under**

1st place (\$75) - Rebecca Molaro, Asheville, N.C.

2nd place (\$50) - Jeffrey Amundsen, Longwood, Fla.

3rd place (\$25) - Lulu Furtado, Front Royal, Va.

**Old-Time Flat-Foot Dance - 16 years of age through 40**

1st place (\$75) - Becky Hill, Elkins, W.Va.

2nd place (\$50) - Josephine Stewart, Charlottesville, Va.

3rd place (\$25) - Emily Pinkerton, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Old-Time Flat-Foot Dance - 41 years of age through 59**

1st place (\$75) - Jay Bland, Kennesaw, Ga.

2nd place (\$50) - Sharon Leahy, Spring Valley, Ohio

3rd place (\$25) - Jan Scopel, Annapolis, Md.

**Old-Time Flat-Foot Dance - 60 years of age and older**

1st place (\$75) - Marilyn Branch, Kalamazoo, Mich.

2nd place (\$50) - Maureen Terman, Morgantown, W.Va.

3rd place (\$25) - Jim O'Bermeyer, Crown Point, Ind.