

2006 Vandalia Gathering fiddle, bluegrass banjo and mandolin contest winners announced

Youth Fiddle (age 15 and under)

- 1st place (\$75) - Meredith Pheasant, Fairmont
- 2nd place (\$50) - Aesop Brown, Hurricane
- 3rd place (\$25) - Jerrica Hilbert, St. Albans

Fiddle (under age 60)

- 1st place (\$400) - Meredith Pheasant, Fairmont
- 2nd place (\$250) - Chance McCoy, Martinsburg
- 3rd place (\$150) - Jenny Allinder, St. Albans,
- 4th place (\$75) - Jared Nutter, Meadow Bridge
- 5th place (\$50) - Jake Krack, Orma

Senior Fiddle (age 60 and over)

- 1st place (\$400) - Junior Spencer, Frankford
- 2nd place (\$250) - Elmer Rich, Morgantown
- Honorary 2nd place (\$250) - Harold Burns, Yawkey
- 3rd place (\$150) - Don Jones, Scott Depot
- 4th place (\$75) - Boyd Phillips, Elkins
- 5th place (\$50) - Mack Samples, Duck

Mandolin (all ages)

- 1st place (\$400) - Brandon Bentley, Sumerco
- 2nd place (\$250) - Dan Kessinger, St. Marys
- 3rd place (\$150) - John Putnam, Looneyville
- 4th place (\$75) - Robin Kessinger, St. Albans
- 5th place (\$50) - Rachel Singleton, Summersville

Bluegrass Banjo (all ages)

- 1st place (\$400) - Butch Osborne, Parkersburg
- 2nd place (\$250) - Zack Life, Murraysville
- 3rd place (\$150) - Doug Cossin, Mount Alto
- 4th place (\$75) - Ben Harrington, Artie
- 5th place (\$50) - Ron Seebaugh, Parkersburg

Vandalia Gathering old-time banjo, lap dulcimer and flat pick guitar winners announced

Old-Time Banjo (under age 60)

- 1st place (\$400) - Tim Bing, Huntington
- 2nd place (\$250) - Adam Hurt, Morgantown
- 3rd place (\$150) - David O'Dell, West Logan
- 4th place (\$75) - Doug Van Gundy, Elkins
- 5th place (\$50) - Pete Kosky, Charleston

Senior Old-Time Banjo (age 60 and over)

- 1st place (\$400) - Mack Samples, Duck
- 2nd place (\$250) - Bernard Cyrus, Fort Gay
- 3rd place (\$150) - Ted Samples, Harrisville
- 4th place (\$75) - Charlie Loudermilk, Frankford
- 5th place (\$50) - Ben Carr, Wilsie

Youth Lap Dulcimer (age 15 and under)

1st place (\$75) - Katie Stricker, South Charleston

Lap Dulcimer (over age 15)

1st place (\$400) - Alan Freeman, Renick

2nd place (\$250) - Dave Haas, Cross Lanes

3rd place (\$150) - Timmy Gillenwater, Griffithsville

4th place (\$75) - Bernard Cyrus, Fort Gay

5th place (\$50) - Trishy Westman, Mabscott

Flat Pick Guitar (all ages)

1st place (\$400) - Robin Kessinger, St. Albans

2nd place (\$250) - Matt Lindsey, Dunbar

3rd place (\$150) - Brandon Bentley, Sumerco

4th place (\$75) - Dan Kessinger, St. Marys

5th place (\$50) - Josh Moody, St. Marys

The annual Vandalia Gathering is a FREE celebration of the traditional arts, music, dance, stories, crafts and foods of West Virginia. The Cultural Center and State Capitol Complex grounds plays host to this expanding family-style gathering each year on Memorial Day weekend. The festival continues tomorrow at 10 a.m., with old-time banjo, lap dulcimer and flat-pick guitar contests beginning at noon.

The statewide folk festival, named for the proposed 14th colony, creates new memories for the thousands of visitors who flock from across the Mountain State and the entire country to celebrate traditions passed from generation to generation. In addition to offering a sampling of West Virginia's traditional mountain culture by showcasing craftspeople and performers, the Vandalia Gathering pays tribute to the state's ethnic heritage through a variety of exhibitions and programs.

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