

## 2012 Vandalia Gathering Contest Winners Announced

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – West Virginia's champion old-time fiddle, bluegrass banjo and mandolin players competed for top honors on May 26, 2012, and old-time banjo, lap dulcimer and flat pick guitar players and liars on May 27, 2012, during the West Virginia Division of Culture and History's 36th annual Vandalia Gathering. There also were competitions for best homemade pound cake and cupcake.

### Youth Old-Time Fiddle (age 15 and under)

- 1st place - Walter King, Elkins
- 2nd place - Lydia Hager, Kenna
- 3rd place - Jarred Carter, St. Albans

### Old-Time Fiddle (age 59 and under)

- 1st place - Ray Cossin, Mount Alto
- 2nd place - Darrell Murray, Charleston
- 3rd place - Tessa Dillon, St. Albans
- 4th place - Rebecca McClung, Parkersburg
- 5th place - Walter King, Elkins

### Senior Old-Time Fiddle (age 60 and over)

- 1st place - Gerry Milnes, Elkins
- 2nd place - Terry Vaughan, Cross Lanes
- 3rd place - Jim Mullins, St. Albans
- 4th place - Jerry Lewis, Nettie
- 5th place - John Morris, Ivydale

### Mandolin (all ages)

- 1st place - Brandon Shuping, Madison
- 2nd place - David Watson, West Union
- 3rd place - Dan Kessinger, St. Marys
- 4th place - Isaac Putnam, Looneyville
- 5th place - Dustin Frame, Gassaway

### Bluegrass Banjo (all ages)

- 1st place - Andrew Kidd, Hurricane
- 2nd place - Brandon Shuping, Madison
- 3rd place - Blaine Johnson, Beaver
- 4th place - Doug Cossin, Mt. Alto
- 5th place - Logan Browning, Summersville

### Lap Dulcimer (all ages)

- 1st place - Hunter Walker, Beckley
- 2nd place - Will Manahan, Elkview
- 3rd place - David O'Dell, Glenville
- 4th place - Timmy Gillenwater, Griffithsville
- 5th place - Martha Turley, Ona

### Old-Time Banjo (59 and under)

- 1st place - David O'Dell, Glenville
- 2nd place - Pete Kosky, Charleston
- 3rd place - Chad Ashworth, St. Albans
- 4th place - Logan Hoy, Belle
- 5th place - Nevada Tribble, Elkins

#### Senior Old-Time Banjo (age 60 and over)

- 1st place - Jay Lockman, Green Bank
- 2nd place - Jim Mullins, St. Albans
- 3rd place - John Morris, Ivydale
- 4th place - Ken Sheller, Elkins
- 5th place - Steve Harrison, St. Albans

#### Youth Flat Pick Guitar (age 15 and under)

- 1st place - Bryant Underwood, Charleston
- 2nd place - Isaac Putnam, Looneyville
- 3rd place - Logan Jones, Charleston

#### Flat Pick Guitar (all ages)

- 1st place - Dan Kessinger, St. Marys
- 2nd place - Adam Hager, Kenna
- 3rd place - Matt Lindsey, Dunbar
- 4th place - Richard Adkins, Cross Lanes
- 5th place - Rick Hall, Princeton

#### Liars Contest

- Biggest Liar (1st place and *Goldenseal* magazine's Golden Shovel award) - Pete Kosky, Charleston
- Bigger Liar (2nd place) - David Webb, Burlington
- Big Liar (3rd place) - Gary Buchanan, Creston
- Youth (age 15 and under, and *Goldenseal* magazine's Golden Shovel award) - Noah Lepp, Charleston

#### Pound Cake (all ages)

- 1st place - Ella Hoffman, Charleston
- 2nd place - Judy Grigoraci, Charleston
- 3rd place - Mary Adams, Walker

#### Cupcakes (all ages)

- 1st place - Cassandra Atkins, Charleston
- 2nd place - Judy Grigoraci, Charleston
- 3rd place - Janet Sheldon, St. Albans
- Youth (age 15 and under, \$25) - Michael Pauley, Pinch

The annual Vandalia Gathering is a free celebration of the traditional arts, music, dance, stories, crafts and foods of West Virginia. The Culture Center and State Capitol Complex grounds play host to this expanding family-style gathering each year on Memorial Day weekend. The unique blending of ethnic and cultural heritage combines an atmosphere as comfortable as a family reunion with the excitement of a state fair. The statewide folk festival, named for the proposed 14th colony, pays tribute to the state's ethnic heritage through a variety of exhibitions and programs.

The Liars Contest regularly draws standing-room-only crowds. *Goldenseal*, the magazine of West Virginia traditional life, hosts the event and publishes the winning stories each year. The lies must be short stories – humorous, dramatic, supernatural, etc. – of two to five minutes in length.

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