

April 2026 Newsletter

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Jam Calendar

Boyd's Jig and Reel

Every Tuesday at 6:30PM

For Weather or Holiday Cancellation Info, Call Boyd's At 865-247-7066

*City of Knoxville Parking Website
Stadium events affect parking in the Old City*

Laurel Theater

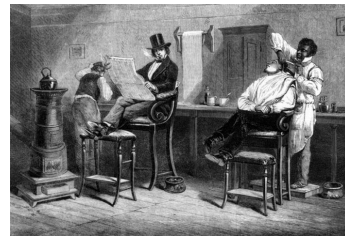
Join us Thursday, April 9th at 7PM

*Weather or Holiday Cancellations Will Be Posted on
knoxvilleoldtime.org.*

Music History

Yellow Barber

(The) "Yellow Barber" is a fairly notey reel in the key of D that is usually played quickly. Research shows that the tune was being played in the early to mid 1800s under at least two different names. Unfortunately, research also shows that this is about all that is agreed upon. But, there may have been an actual "yellow" barber... or possibly a bird. Intrigued? Learn more in this month's addition to Music History.



I've Endured: Women In Old Time Music

The East Tennessee Historical Society is hosting the traveling exhibition "I've Endured: Women In Old Time Music through April 19, 2026. This exhibition, organized by The Birthplace Of Country Music Museum, is "A look into the past, present, and future of the genre and the integral role women played in the development of country music as we know it today." [ETHS is located at 601 S. Gay St. Knoxville, TN 37902.](#)

Old Time Happenings In April

Updates will be added on the [Calendar Page](#) as they are received.

Laurel Theater

3rd John Cowan with Luke Bulla

24th UT Appalachian Strings

25th Laurel Folk School Dance Workshop
with The Resonant Rogues

Boyd's Jig & Reel

18th Blue Ridge Gathering

Museum of Appalachia

Sheep Shearing Days

April 24th and May 1st

These are events with an Old Time connection.

Please consult venues for confirmation plus lots more events.

[Laurel Theater](#)

[Barley's Knoxville](#)

[Boyd's Jig & Reel](#)

Laurel Theater has more free parking options for Friday and Saturday evening shows.
The [Calendar page](#) has details

Upper East Tennessee Fiddler's Convention

The 8th annual Upper East Tennessee Fiddler's Convention comes to Flag Pond on April 24-25. This event celebrates not only the early influential musicians who made recordings (JD Harris, Osey Helton, John Dykes, George and Lloyd Payne, Dud Vance, GB Grayson, Charlie Bowman, and many others), but also the those who played informally, for the love of music and fellowship with one another. If you have not yet been to Flag Pond, this is a great festival to experience. And it's only a two hour drive from Knoxville, which makes for a great Saturday day trip.



Dance



The Laurel Theater Square Dance

Live music, skilled caller. No partner needed.
April 23rd at 7 PM



Knoxville Contra Dance

Laurel Theater. Every Monday at 7:30PM.
Live music, dances taught. No partner required.

Worth A Listen

How about some Old Time music? Here's some you might enjoy:

Songs From The Mountain (1998)
Dirk Powell, John Herrmann, Tim O'Brien
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=OLAK5uy_lcotXeotBT6J4ENSd4qR-g2aFhMxr9mJI

Beehive Cathedral (2021)
Decosimo, Richardson, Schrey
<https://josephdecosimo.bandcamp.com/album/beehive-cathedral>

Impromptu Sessions No. 1 (2022)
Brittany Haas, Paul Kowert & Mike Gaisbacher
<https://brittanyhaas.bandcamp.com/album/impromptu-sessions-no-1-brittany-haas>

The Moose Whisperers (2018)
The Moose Whisperers
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=OLAK5uy_kdf2qWB32dsO9NmYatUGrZXvBeEKrDslo

Grub Springs
Crooked version
Rafe Stefanini-David Bragger
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeGUzO8voaw>

The Tallboys
3 albums
<https://thetallboysstringband.bandcamp.com/>

Deb Shebish (2019)
Good Time Old Time
<https://www.debshebish.com/music>
<https://www.youtube.com/@Debshebish/shorts>

Squirrel Butter
Charlie Beck & Charmaine Slaven
<https://squirrelbutter.com/Music>
6 albums
<https://squirrelbutter.bandcamp.com/>

The Freighthoppers
YouTube playlist 3 albums (1996, 98, 2010)
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzugqMbH3jP-g8ZJiliffA>

Licklog String Band
<https://licklogstringband.bandcamp.com/>

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