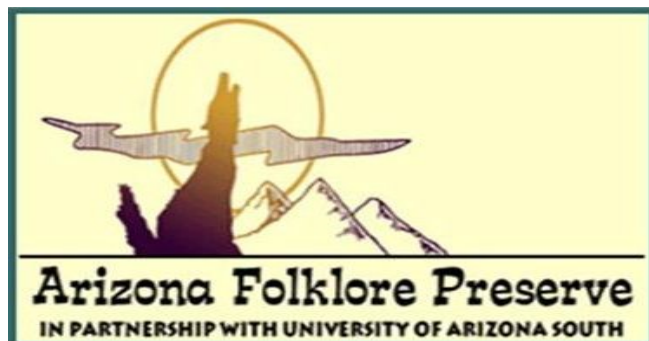


Here's what is happening at . . .



May 2024

Look who's coming this month!

**Saturday & Sunday
May 4 & 5**



Independence Creek

Performing Bluegrass, Folk and Americana music emphasizing three-part vocal harmony, Independence Creek feature covers of popular tunes as well as songs by female lead Sally Wisely. Skilled musicians on traditional acoustic instruments including banjo, 12 and 6 string guitars, mandolin and fiddle. Let's welcome this trio back to the stage with a big AFP welcome!



**Saturday & Sunday
May 11 & 12**



The Arizona Wildflowers

Unfortunately Sue Harris had to cancel this weekend, but we are delighted to bring this talented family band to the AFP for the first time.

The Arizona Wildflowers are an award winning bluegrass band who live on a working ranch in southern Arizona. Ranelle, on mandolin is 15, Brie on guitar is 14, Aspen on fiddle is 12, Sawyer, age 9, is the bass player and Isley on fiddle is 7. They play shows and festivals all over the country, as well as all being state and national fiddle champions. The group will be spending their summer playing at Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO and festivals in Oregon, Colorado, Idaho and Kentucky. Ranelle, 15, is scheduled to play on The Grand Ole Opry on August 31, which happens to be her 16th birthday!



Editor's Note:

Spring has arrived in beautiful Ramsey Canyon! Come on up and join us for one of our Saturday or Sunday shows and enjoy the scenery, too — you might even see deer, coatis, or our local turkeys! We have just ten more week-ends of fabulous entertainment, including our very special International Western Music Association's Youth Chapter show on June 22 & 23 and our annual Patriotic show on July 6 & 7 before our summer hiatus! Be sure to make your reservations now for these popular shows!

We welcome our many new subscribers to the AFP News!

Your comments are welcome at:

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Look forward to seeing you at the AFP!

- Carolyn G.

**Saturday & Sunday
May 18 & 19**



Jeneve Rose Mitchell at age 15 made it through to the final 14 on the television show *American Idol* in 2015—a long way from her off-the-grid lifestyle in the mountains of Colorado. Jeneve lives in Crawford, Colorado, next to the Elk Wilderness on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains with her parents. She is known for her “authentic” country style, although she also delves into old-time gospel, blues, and folk music as well. In addition to her unique and engaging vocal style, Jeneve also plays a whopping twelve instruments, including the cello and the harp! Her favorite thing to do besides performing any kind of music is to train and ride her trail pack horses.



**Saturday & Sunday
May 25 & 26**



Nancy McCallion & Danny Krieger

This husband/wife team brings us an exciting afternoon of music. Nancy is the daughter of an Irish-Scots immigrant and a Texas farm girl who grew up in Tucson. She heard and was obviously influenced by the Norteño sounds of her Southwest Side neighborhood, her older sister's Beatles records, and 1970s and '80s radio rock, mixed with her dad's Irish traditions and her mother's Texas old-time country.

Danny is one of the Southwest's most respected guitarists/slide guitarists. His musical resume includes world-wide tours with British pop band 'Christy' in the early '70s and numerous recording sessions with a variety of artists

**Saturday & Sunday
June 1 & 2**



P.D. Ronstadt & Co.

Peter Dalton Ronstadt is a writer and interpreter of song, a recording engineer and producer, a poet, and lyricist. He is an all around post-modern American songster from the great American Southwest. Along with his band, The Company, Petie paints a musical picture of the American Southwest by presenting music from the region, music from Mexico, collected favorites, songs of his father, and new songs that draw inspiration from all the elements of his upbringing.

All Saturday and Sunday shows begin
at 2:00 PM
\$20 adults - \$10 age 17 and under



Balladeer's Blog #57

HOW TO BUY A STARTER GUITAR

The biggest mistake most people make when buying their child or grandchild their first acoustic guitar, is that they say, "Let's buy him or her a cheap little guitar, until we see if they stick with it." I can't tell you how often I have seen a guitar student struggling to learn how to play guitar on an instrument that even a professional would have a hard time playing. As a result, they often become discouraged, and give up. There is a good reason why some guitars only cost \$75 to \$100. They are unplayable junk!

In a guitar shop, you can expect to pay \$350 to \$500 for a quality beginner's guitar. You can also find great buys on the internet, but you need to know what you are doing. If possible, whether on the internet or in a guitar shop, try to have someone with you who knows guitars. Here are 5 basic things to look for when shopping for a guitar.

1. Tone and volume
2. Strings not too high
3. Frets are not worn down and/or rattling
4. The top has not bowed and the bridge is tight
5. An adjustable neck rod, if possible

Pictured below, is my "Baby Martin" guitar that I use for camping. Notice how the strings are nice and low to the fretboard, for easy playing. This was done by adjusting the metal rod in the neck of guitar. (You can see the little hole where it can be adjusted.) Good luck and good shopping.

- The Balladeer



String action



Guitar neck rod



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