

Pistol River Concert Association



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THE PIEDMONT MELODY MAKERS SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 8 PM

The Pistol River Concert Association is proud to present the classic southern bluegrass/country quartet, The Piedmont Melody Makers, live at the Friendship Hall June 24th at 8PM.

The Melody Makers are headlined by the Queen of Old Time Music, Alice Gerrard. In the 1960's and 70's, Gerrard teamed up with singer/songwriter Hazel Dickens. The duo created bluegrass sounds that pioneered women's influence in the genre. The Judd's and Emmy Lou Harris among other, credit Gerrard and Dickens in paving the way for their success. In addition to her spot on lead vocals and classic bluegrass harmonies, Alice is a prolific songwriter who enjoys delving into the lonesome, darker side in her folk tales.



The other members of Piedmont also bring years of traditional bluegrass expertise. Chris Brashear has found a way to fit in playing mandolin, guitar, fiddle and songwriting for over 20 years while maintaining a veterinary practice. Among his musical credentials are numerous recording and performing stints with several musicians including Robin and Linda Williams.

Jim Watson also did some time with the Williams band, but he traces his bluegrass beginnings all the back to "the big folk scare" of the 60's when he started playing guitar. He was also a founding member of The Red Clay Ramblers, producing nine albums with the string band in the 70's and 80's.

Cliff Hale was born and raised in a singing West Virginia family, so grew up with a healthy appreciation for traditional bluegrass. He used his hard hitting, soulful lead vocals and steady guitar strumming as a member of the Rye Mountain Boys bluegrass band before joining forces with Gerrard, Watson and Brashear.

With the many years of classic country and folk roots this quartet brings to the stage, there's little doubt that June 24th will find the Friendship Hall echoing with the beautiful harmonies and superb stringed instrumentation of some great old time bluegrass. Come out and enjoy this special summertime performance by The Piedmont Melody Makers.

Shows on the horizon

Saturday, August 19, 2017
Ray Bonneville
Folk/Blues

Saturday, October 14,
2017
Jeff Scroggins and
Colorado

Saturday, November 11,
2017
Kimo Hussey
Modern/classical Ukulele



Tickets: for all concerts are \$15.00 and are available at:

Gold Beach Books 541-247-2495

Wright's Custom Framing 541-469-7900

Tickets can be reserved at www.PistolRiver.com, and picked up at the door.



Notes from the Board:

WE HAVE DISCONNECTED OUR PHONE, so reservations can no longer be made via that route. Sorry for any inconvenience, but the cost to maintain the phone was proving uneconomical.

SPECIAL NOTE: Oasis House is no longer accepting unscreened used donations. Please do not drop off your softly used items at the Friendship Hall, but do take them to one of the local thrift stores in your community. Thank you!

THANKS TO MR. LENSING'S RILEY CREEK 7TH GRADERS FOR THEIR ARTWORK! We are looking into a new look for our logo, and these young artists provided some great ideas! We'll include a few of their works in the next few newsletters. Let us know if one fits the bill for you, or if you have a logo idea!

A SPECIAL THANKS TO GOLD BEACH BOOKS AND WRIGHT'S CUSTOM FRAMING for being our ticket outlets. We couldn't do it without you! If you purchase tickets for our shows from these businesses, please give them a hearty thank you for their continuing contribution to the arts in our area!

Want to become a PRCA Member?

We welcome anyone as a member of the Pistol River Concert Association that has an interest in supporting the concert series. If you want to get a heads up on upcoming shows and wish to become a member or if it is time to renew your membership, please fill out, detach and mail the registration form below along with your check made payable to the Pistol River Concert Association. (It's tax deductible !!)

Please Print:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Membership: Individual \$15 ___ Family \$20 ___ Amount enclosed _____

Please choose one: I would like to receive newsletter notification via e-mail _____ or Postal Service mail: _____

Please mail this form to: Pistol River Concert Association, Post Office Box 6086, Pistol River, Oregon 97444 Thanks!!!