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Texas-Style Patriarch Dick Barrett

From the Livingston, MT *Enterprise*:

Lloyd Rollins "Dick" Barrett of Livingston, 93, departed this earth on Feb. 23, 2012. He was born on Aug. 6, 1918, in Maysville, OK, to Samuel Silas and Minnie Gertrude Culbreath Barrett. An icon in the traditional music community, he will be remembered for his enormous sense of joie de vivre.



He survived the Great Depression and Dust Bowl of the Southwest as a child by picking cotton all over Texas and Oklahoma. On the heels of the '30s, he was sent to the Pacific Theater of World War II in the service of the U.S. Army Combat Engineers. There he became a decorated veteran, receiving medals for Valor, Acts of Merit and Extreme Bravery in a combat zone. These searing experiences left him a man who greatly appreciated the privilege of life itself, and of being an American. He was determined to fill

every day of his life with humor love, laughter and music. His razor-sharp wit was legendary and not appreciated by the humorless.

Family, friends and close associates are left with a deep sense of gratitude for having known him. Following his discharge from the military, he worked as the band leader and fiddler for Rex Allen, Tex Ritter and T. Texas Tyler for many years. Tiring of the rigors of life on the road, he took a break from commercial music and decided to marry and have a family. He worked as a commercial/industrial contractor while raising his children. He raised his children to be good musicians, educated them and gave them the opportunity of higher education. During that period of his life, he started playing the traditional songs of his childhood again and began competing in fiddle contests all over the country. He amassed a collection of hundreds of awards over the next five decades, winning every large fiddle competition in the U.S. He was inducted into the Pioneers of Western Swing Hall of Fame in Seattle, the Legends of Western Swing Hall of Fame in Sacramento, Calif., the National Fiddlers Hall of Fame in Weiser, Idaho and the Jazz Fiddler Hall of Fame of Oklahoma.

The amazing accomplishments of his life would require the space of an entire book to list, but he will live on through the legacy of his incredible musical life. At age 63 he started life over again with his current wife, Lisa, and together they built the first In-Residence Traditional Fiddling Study program in America. He was father, mentor and friend to

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Dick Barrett (From Page 1)

many, not only sharing his traditional music skills with students, but also teaching them how to garden, fish and hunt so that they too would know how to survive the hardest of times, should they come again in this country.

He clearly understood what had intrinsic value and what did not. Their house was always filled with people, laughter, song and good food, and Dick and Lisa delighted in supporting and watching many students grow into well educated and highly evolved adults, with simple, solid values. He was preceded in death by his parents and his eight siblings. He is survived by his loyal wife of 30 years, Lisa Rhoades Barrett; two children, Christie Barrett and Brett Barrett; six grandchildren; two nephews; and an incredible community of friends.

To learn more about his life and times, go to:

www.dickbarrett.com. Condolences may also be emailed there.

Upcoming Events and Workshops:

March

- Katie Glassman-Salzberg is in concert at Oskar Blues in Longmont on March 11th, and will be holding a CD release party for Snapshot, her latest CD at Denver's own Dazzle on March 18th. There will be two shows at Dazzle featuring the full band, one at 5:00 and one at 7:00.
- Rhythm Guitar Workshop March 11th:
<http://www.coloradofiddlers.org/calendar/>

April

On the 11th and 22nd there are Texas-Style rhythm guitar workshops, put on by Sydney Green. Visit the COTFA website for information and registration.

Fiddlers' Frolics return to Hallettsville, TX from April 27th through the 29th..

- Rhythm Guitar Workshop April 18th:
<http://www.coloradofiddlers.org/calendar/>

July

The Rolland Fiddle Camp runs from July 8th to 14th. Visit the website www.peterrolland.com for all the details about the second year of this camp.

King Soopers Gift Cards: Support COTFA

COTFA is continuing to offer "reloadable" Gift Cards from King Soopers. Here's how it works: COTFA will be offering Gift Cards, initially at sponsored events and at Denice Carter's fiddle lessons. The great thing is that you may "reload" the card, for as much as \$500 at a time, for use on your trips to the store (it takes just a minute for the Customer Service Counter to do this, or you can now do it right at the register). You may then continue to use and reload the card indefinitely.

Here's how this helps COTFA: Each \$5,000 that is spent using the COTFA-issued cards earns the organization \$250! When you think about how much we all spend per

month at the grocery store, it's easy to see how this simple program can earn our organization much-needed money for all of the events we put on throughout Colorado.

You can use the cards at the following Kroger-affiliated stores: **King Soopers, Kroger, Fred Meyer, Ralphs, Fry's & Fry's Marketplace, Dillons, Smith's Food & Drug, City Market, QFC, Food 4 Less, Owen's, Foodsco, Hilander, Pay-Less, Cala-Bell, Baker's, JayC, Fred Meyer Jewelers, Littman & Barclay Jewelers.**

Please help support the Colorado Old Time Fiddlers' Association and get a gift card today! Contact Marcia deWerd: madewerd@gmail.com



Rolland Fiddle Camp July 8th - 14th

This will be the second year of the Rolland Fiddle Camp, and we're really excited about it. Last year's camp was a great experience for everybody that attended. Please take a moment and check out the website www.peterrolland.com for all the details including photos and videos from the 2011 camp. This summer the fiddle camp will take place from July 8 - 14 at the same location: Hermit Basin Conference Center about 7 miles west of Westcliffe, Colorado. It's up in the forested foothills of the Sangre De Cristo mountains at about 9000'.

The Hermit Basin Conference Center started life out as the mega-million dollar Conquistador ski resort long ago, so the facility is gorgeous and provides really nice accommodations. There are two big buildings: the Lodge where we hold classes, eat meals, dance, play and visit; and the Inn, which has 38 spacious sleeping rooms that can comfortably accommodate up to 4 people. Some of the rooms have kitchenettes, which is useful for people with special dietary needs. They will probably cap the camp registrations at around 75 or so, to make sure that everybody has a quality experience in a small camp atmosphere. There is plenty of small group and one-on-one interactions with the instructors, so they are able to custom-tailor the instruction to the interests and skill levels of the students. Check out the instructor bios at the website www.peterrolland.com. There is a ton of information at the website, but Peter will be happy to answer any questions either by email (peterrolland@cox.net) or by phone (480-969-9744). Hope to see some of you at the Rolland Fiddle Camp this summer!