

THE SEBA BREAKDOWN

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Sing. Play Dance. Jam. Breathe. Rejoice.

COVID RELIEF

Masks were off, but safe distances were observed, indicating that while “normal” is still a ways off, things are getting better all the time. SEBA Central has met outside since mid summer of 2020, hosting anywhere between 3 and 20 jammers. “We have managed to provide a safe environment and encourage people to participate at their comfort level,” says chapter head **Walter Stark**. “We were hoping to move back inside these next few months, but the rise in COVID cases and new variants will likely cause us to reconsider. We will be jamming as much as possible.”



DECATUR, GEORGIA – *Out in the wide open spaces, in a picture worth a thousand words, SEBA Central jammers met in July to celebrate good weather and music-making.*

Of course other jams, notably those in Marietta, Woodstock, Ball Ground, Canton, Allatoona, and Tucker, have gotten coverage in these pages recently, and continue to work under similar appropriate conditions.






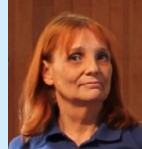



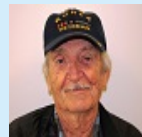




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for helping us to spread the word!**

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From the Editor

**HELP WANTED
EDITOR SOUGHT**

The Breakdown needs a volunteer to assume the position of Editor.

Duties include page composition and layout, soliciting contributions, and e-mailing the monthly newsletter.

Three years ago this month, I answered an ad like the one above, and took on the job of editing your *Breakdown* monthly newsletter. However for personal reasons it is time for me to step aside. I have tried to keep focused on local events, leaving national news to the national newsletters; and extending our music to younger people who perhaps don't have the sense of nostalgia that motivates many of us (self included).

I will continue on until the end of this year, and will certainly help the new editor into the job in any way I can.

Please consider stepping up to help. You may contact breakdown@sebabluegrass.org, or any of the board members you may happen to meet.



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The Southeastern Bluegrass Association (SEBA) is a nonprofit organization consisting of members, fans, bands, promoters, businesses, vendors, musicians, and friends of Bluegrass Music. Working together to reach a common goal: the preservation and promotion of Bluegrass Music, bringing it to the community through performers, instructors, jam sessions, venues and events, and providing information to all through our publications, the SEBA Breakdown and the SEBA websites.

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On your web site, in your email or on your Facebook page you can help get the word out that SEBA is here to help everyone in the bluegrass music community.



Festivals? Yes, Festivals!



August 14 – Decatur Georgia: help us celebrate the return of outdoor live music and the festival’s 20th anniversary. All while under the sun and stars with great BBQ, awesome blues and bluegrass music, featuring our headliner Grammy nominated **G Love & The Juice!** Also: **Payton Kashdan, Catfish, Smith & Calvert, Blair Crimmins & the Hookers.**

Our event is the largest fundraiser for the Community Center of South Decatur, assisting dozens of Decatur based charities every year. This will be a great day and evening of music, cold beverages, tasty BBQ, and fun activities for the whole family.

<http://decaturbqfestival.com>



Sept 10 – 12 Bristol TN/VA. **Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion**, a celebration of the best in Appalachian music’s past, present, and future. More than 100 artists on 16 stages over the three-day weekend. Jason Isbell, Tanya Tucker, Blackberry Smoke, Yola, Steeldrivers, Rhonda Vincent, etc.

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Sept 23 – Sept 26 Cumberland, Maryland
DelFest: Del McCoury, Travelin’ McCourys, Old Crow Medicine Show, Bela Fleck, Seldom Scene, many more



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11400 Moss Ave. Cumberland, MD 21502



Little Roy Lewis & Lizzy Long endorse joining SEBA



Your Monthly guide to ... **Live & Pickin'** Call before you go!

Please note that, due to the lockdowns, any or all may be canceled.

Look at SEBA's Live & Pickin' website for a more up-to-date listing:

<http://www.sebabluegrass.org/events/wpw/>

Submit yours to: www.sebabluegrass.org/events/wpw/submit.php

These Jams and Events meet weekly...

Tuesday - Australian Bakery Tuesday Jam, Australian Bakery Cafe, Marietta, GA, 6pm - 10pm, <http://www.australianbakery.com>, Greg Beyer, jam@australianbakery.com, 678-797-6222

Tuesday - Little Italy's Tuesday Bluegrass/Music Jam, Tallahassee, FL, 6:30p - 10p, <https://littleitalyally.weebly.com/> Ken Towcimak, Co-ordinator, (850) 386-4843

Wednesday - The Wednesday Bluegrass Jams – see back page Colossus Pizza, Tucker, GA 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Reformation Brewery, Woodstock GA. 3:00-6:00 April-October

Saturday - Weekly Jam Sessions, Everett's Music Barn, Suwanee, GA, 7pm-12am, <http://www.everettmusicbarn.net>, renamacd@bellsouth.net, 770-945-5628

Reformation Brewery, Canton GA 11:30 – 2:30, see back page.

Saturday - Dahlonega Appalachian Jam. 2-5PM on the Gold Museum Lawn. <http://dahlonegaappalachianjam.org> Danielle Bell dbell@dahlonegadda.org

Saturday - Weekly Concert Mountain Home Music , Hiawassee, GA, 8-10 PM. <http://mthomemusictheatre.weebly.com/>, Stella Berrong, 706-896-3624 mountainhomemusic@gmail.com

Saturday - 1st & 3rd Saturdays - Pickin' on the Square, Court House, Newnan, GA, 10:30 am to 2pm, Art Arace, Art.Arace@delta.com

Sunday - The Sunday Bluegrass Jam, Colossus Pizza, Tucker, GA, 6pm - 8pm, www.facebook.com/Colossus-Pizza-in-Tucker, David Belcher, davidbelc@gmail.com, 678-231-7820

Various dates - The Crimson Moon, Dahlonega, GA. 7pm-9pm, Please call or check the website to see who's playing. The lineup varies and each night is special! <http://www.thecrimsonmoon.com>, Laura Mae Bain, crimsonmoonpublicist@gmail.com

These Jams and Events meet one time only or maybe once each month...

First Monday "Feed The Community" dinner Jam, Lawrenceville Rd. Methodist Church, Tucker GA. Food @ 5:45, Music Jam @ 6:15 contact Michael Moseley 404-423-2315, www.lrumc.com

First Saturday – South Bartow Gym, 6505 Glade Rd, Acworth GA. Jams 6:00 – 9:00, Bingo at 7:00. jonaustinsr@gmail.com

Second Sunday - SEBA Central Chapter Jam, Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA, 3pm-6pm, <http://www.emorypresbyterian.org/>, Walter Stark, puppetstark@comcast.net, 404-315-6161

2nd and 4th Tuesday each month - Rochelle Georgia Bluegrass Jam, Cabin In The Orchard, 6:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M , Bob McGuinty 229-276-5852, mcapple1@windstream.net

First Wednesday - Waller's Jam, Waller's Coffee House, Decatur, GA, 240 DeKalb Ind. Way, (Near Farmers' Market) 8pm-11pm, www.wallerscoffeeshop.com/events 404-975-3060

All other SEBA Chapters hold once-a-month Jams after a brief Chapter meeting. Please see Page 8 in this Breakdown Newsletter for locations, dates, times, and contacts for a good time near you!

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- Mutts Gone Nuts Oct 2
- Carpenters Tribute Oct 8
- The Platters Oct 10
- The Little Roy & Lizzy Show Oct 22
- Dailey & Vincent Oct 29
- Kathy Mattea Nov 14
- Appalachian Road Show Dec 3
- Linda Ronstadt Experience Dec 4

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All SEBA members with a current (non-expired) membership are eligible for 1 free want ad each membership year. Free ads for instruments or related merchandise run for 3 months - free ads for music instruction run for 6 months. After the free ad expires, members may extend the ad or purchase a new 3-month ad for a cost of \$10. Want ads are limited to a maximum of 50 words in length.

CONTACT US breakdown@sebabluegrass.org

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Items of Interest to Bluegrass Aficionados



Alison with her fiddle, Lynn with her banjo, and the Stoneman Family posing in a world a little different from our own.



IBMA ANNOUNCES 2021 INDUCTEES TO THE BLUEGRASS MUSIC HALL OF FAME:

Nashville, TN, July 20, 2021 – One of the most acclaimed artists in the history of bluegrass, **Alison Krauss**, trailblazing bandleader/banjoist **Lynn Morris**, and early bluegrass influencers the **Stoneman Family** were announced as the 2021 inductees into the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame.

IBMA DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Nashville, TN, July 20, 2021 – Five people who have made significant contributions to bluegrass music were named as recipients of the IBMA Distinguished Achievement Award: industry leader **Nancy Cardwell Webster**, broadcaster **Lee Michael Demsey**, Czech luthier/performer **Jaroslav Prucha**, musician **Cliff Waldron**, and Boston Bluegrass Union's **Stan Zdonik**.



OH, BY THE WAY, MERLEFEST IS BACK!

Sept 16 – 19, 2021 Wilkesboro NC

Festivalgoers and music fans worldwide will be delighted to know that MerleFest, presented by Window World, will officially reconvene on the campus of Wilkes Community College in Wilkesboro, North Carolina. MerleFest is normally held the last weekend of April, but the 2020 festival was canceled due to public safety concerns amidst the COVID-19 outbreak. Officials stressed that this would be a one-time-only move to this fall and they plan to return to the traditional April weekend in 2022.


Sturgill Simpson, Tedeschi Trucks, Melissa Etheridge, Mavis Staples, Margo Price, LeAnn Rimes, Johnnyswim, Shovels & Rope, Milk Carton Kids, We Banjo 3, Balsom Range, Sam Bush, Kruger Brothers, Paul Thorn, Barefoot Movement, Cleverlys, Happy Traum, Nefesh Mountain, Pete and Joan Wernick, Roy Bookbinder, too many more to list!

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Relatively Recent Releases



Andy Thorn

Fox Songs and Other Tales from the Pandemic

“Home is where we shelter out the storm, and home is where the fire keeps us warm,” sings **Leftover Salmon** banjo-picker **Andy Thorn** on the opening track from his new solo release, an album crafted during the dark days of a growing worldwide pandemic and a gentle rumination on life.

When the world shut down and cancelled all the shows, Thorn found himself home with nowhere to go. He also soon found himself with a new child on the way. Inspired by a fox who made his home near Thorn’s house and who would visit daily, Thorn and his wife **Cecelia** began writing songs together, recording them in a home studio constructed in their basement. Thorn played all the instruments on the album, with additional vocals from his wife.

For Thorn stepping outside of his comfort zone musically, and tackling both the bass and drum parts that adorn the album, helped create a record delivered with a simple innocence where each song sounds instantly like an old friend.

(source: Tim Newby in www.bluegrassunlimited.com)



Shannon Bielski & Moonlight Drive
Tennessee Heart

Some albums grab a listener’s attention from the get-go and don’t let up. Sometimes, in a first listen of a CD, you just know “this is something special.” *Tennessee Heart*, the debut from **Shannon Bielski & Moonlight Drive** checks both of those boxes and then some.

Bielski and her band won the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Bluegrass Competition and Bielski took first place that same year in the Deer Creek Fiddler’s Convention Songwriting Contest. She put those skills to good use on *Tennessee Heart*, opening the album with the heartfelt title track.

Banjo player **Rob Benzing** has two nifty original instrumentals that showcase some tight picking all the way around, from Bielski’s fiddle to **Kyle Windbeck**’s mandolin and **Greg Mulley** on bass. Bielski’s vocals are strong out in front of this progressive band, but she’s not just using that great voice, it is backed by her strong writing and the authentic feel this band produces.

(source: Michael Brantley, bluegrassunlimited.com)



Nefesh Mountain

Songs For The Sparrows

Hailed as one of today’s formative boundary-pushing bluegrass Americana bands, **Nefesh Mountain** is among the first to truly give voice and openly represent Jewish American culture, tradition, values and spirituality in the world of American roots music. *Songs For The Sparrows* melds elements of everything from Americana and Appalachian bluegrass to Celtic folk and Eastern European music. They are joined by bluegrass royalty **Jerry Douglas**, **Sam Bush**, and **Bryan Sutton**.

(source: www.newreleasesnow.com/new-bluegrass-songs)



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<p>SEBA CENTRAL (Atlanta Metro) Walter Stark 404 315-6161 SEBACentral@sebabluegrass.org Click for Map Emory Presbyterian Church 1886 N. Decatur Rd Atlanta, GA 30307 2nd Sunday 3 - 6pm</p>	<p>SEBA TAG (Chattanooga, TN) VP Mitchell Kent 423-624-3063 SEBATAG@sebabluegrass.org Click for Map Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 7407 Bonny Oaks Drive, Chattanooga, TN. 37421 3rd Sunday 2 -5pm</p>	<p>SEBA Rabun (Clayton, GA) VP Dean English 706 782-9852 SEBARabun@SEBAbLuegrass.org Click for Map Blueridge Music Store 629 Duggan Hill Rd. Clayton, GA 30525 1st Saturday 12pm - 3pm</p>
<p>SEBA DAHLONEGA, GA VP Joe Matteson 706-319-2045 SEBADahlonga@sebabluegrass.org Farmington Creek Clubhouse 35 Harvest Circle, Dawsonville Ga. 30534 Click for Map 3rd Sun 2 - 5pm</p>	<p>SEBA MARIETTA GA VP Dan Daniel 770-900-7472 SEBAMarietta@sebabluegrass.org Click for Map Woodstock Community Church 237 Rope Mill Road Woodstock, Georgia. 30188 4th Sunday 1:30 - 4:30pm</p>	<p>SEBA Macon County, NC VP Jay Baird 828-200-1932 Apr - Oct: Macon Heritage Center 51 Cowee School Drive, Cowee, NC 28734 Click for Map Nov - Mar: Whistle Stop Depot 145 River Road, Franklin NC 38734 Click for Map</p>
<p>START A NEW CHAPTER CONTACT DAN DANIEL President@sebabluegrass.org 770-900-7472</p>	<p>SEBA Middle Georgia Bluegrass Macon Ga VP Joe Choo SEBAmiddlegeorgia@sebabluegrass.org Click for Map Young America Music School (YAMS) 6361 Zebulon Rd, Macon, GA 31220 2nd Sunday 2 - 5pm</p>	<p>SEBA WINDER, GA VP Scott & Lizabeth Weber 770-207-9223 SEBAWinder@sebabluegrass.org Click for Map St. Anthony's Episcopal Church 174 St. Anthony's Dr, Winder, GA 30680 1st Sunday 3pm -6pm</p>



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