

Western Charts

Attention Musicians and Poets! Various DJ friends have reported their playlists for the last quarter, thus helping us compile these charts reflecting which CDs are being played the most on their radio shows. You will find a listing of those reporting DJs in this issue.

TOP 30 COWBOY / WESTERN ALBUMS

1. The Real West – Patty Clayton
2. The Yellow Horse – Doug Figgs
3. Westbound – Micki Fuhrman
4. Between a Horse and Me – Almeda Bradshaw
5. Times Like These – Randy Huston
6. Good Days Are Comin' – Jim Jones
7. Sugarfoot – Paul Kelly
8. Me and Les – Dan McCorison
9. She's Leaving Cheyenne – John Lowell
10. Arizona Stars – Rusted Spurs West
11. Old West Requests – Pioneer Pepper
12. Sidekicks and Saddle Pals – Dan Robert Crow
13. Range of the Buffalo – Kerry Grombacher
14. The Last Best West – Jim Reader
15. American Outlaw – Chris Guenther
16. Doin' What We Do – The Cowboy Way
17. Rancher's Paradise – Barry Ward
18. Straight From the Heart – Cyndi K. Austin & Suzi Killman
19. Frontier – Mary Kaye
20. Little Bit of Texas – Carlos Washington
21. A Place to Land – Kristyn Harris
22. Words and Music – Jim Jones
23. Mile After Mile – Carol Markstrom
24. Travelin' West – Allan Chapman & Rodeo Kate
25. Cow Pony – Ryan Fritz
26. Turn 'em Loose – Susie Knight
27. Rhythm Rides Again – The Hanson Family
28. Texas Star – Lori Beth Brooke
29. Family Shiloh at the Gold Copper Cross – The Family Shiloh
30. One More River to Cross – The Ramblin' Rangers

TOP 10 WESTERN SWING ALBUMS

1. Yearnin' – Jim Winters
2. Arizona Skies – Rusted Spurs West
3. A Place to Land – Kristyn Harris
4. Little Bit of Texas – Carlos Washington
5. Rhythm Rides Again – The Hanson Family
6. Texas Star – Lori Beth Brooke
Dancin' With Swingitude – Grace Clark
8. This is Swing Country – Steve Markwardt
Texas Bound – Bret Raper
10. Devil on My Tail – The Hot Texas Swing Band

10 MOST PLAYED SONGS BY WESTERN MUSIC DJs

1. Everything That I Hold Dear – Clint Bradley
2. Long Gone Out West Blues – Patty Clayton
3. Ride the River – Jim Jones
4. Blue Prairie – Micki Fuhrman
5. If I Had a Horse – Almeda Bradshaw
6. Angus MacKenzie – John Lowell
Welcome to Wickenburg – Dan McCorison
8. The Hands That Held the Child – Randy Huston
9. What a Moon – Micki Fuhrman
Way of the Cowboy – Randy Huston

10 MOST PLAYED POETRY ALBUMS

1. No Better Life – Valerie Beard
2. Between the Sun and the Moon – Teresa Burleson
3. New Mexico Stray – Dennis Russell
4. The Best Horses in Heaven They Have No Tails – Miska Paget
5. Wisdom in the Wind – Sherl Cederburg
6. Horse Tales and Cow Trails – Floyd Beard
Circle Back – Kimberly Kaye
8. Language of the Land – Tom Swearingen
9. Deep Tracks – Marleen Bussma
Born to Ponder – Sherl Cederburg
They Come Prancin' – A.K. Moss
Pensive 'n' Playful – Mark Munzert
A Good Ride – Terry Nash

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REPRESENTS A TIE FOR THAT SPOT.**

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Chapter Update

ARIZONA CHAPTER

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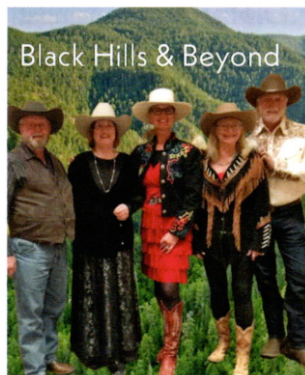
New officers for 2023 were elected and they are Gary Kirkman president; Ralph Brekan vice-president; Ashley Westcott secretary/treasurer. Congratulations to Gary Kirkman for his 8th great grand-child coming in February. Look for a new western swing video coming out in the spring by the Kirkman Country Classic band. Band members are Gary Kirkman, Ashley Westcott, Lyndee Ervien, and Amber Heap. Most sincere thanks must go to Sherry Walker for her many years of service in the IWMA, and specifically the AZ chapter. She has been outstanding. Also, thanks to all the officers that have served in the past. Our goals for the upcoming year are to have chapter meetings in various locations throughout the state such as Tucson, Phoenix, Prescott, and Show Low where members and nonmembers alike will be invited to perform. Also, to have special gatherings during holidays: Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day. Hopefully chapter members will want to pitch in and help.

BLACK HILLS & BEYOND CHAPTER

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Greetings from the newly chartered Black Hills and Beyond chapter of the IWMA! We are very excited

to be able to represent the many musicians, poets, storytellers, and supporters of the Western way of life found in the northern tier of our country. Our geographical boundaries will take in South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska, but we hope to attract members from all over the U.S. to help support our efforts. Our founding meeting took place at the 2022 IWMA National Convention in Albuquerque in November, with the following members being selected as officers: Brad Exton (Ramblin' Rangers), President; Sherl Cederburg (poet), Vice President; Richard Cederburg, Treasurer; Bonnie Benson Exton (Ramblin' Rangers), Secretary; and Kimberly Kaye Bachman (musician/poet), Media and Marketing Coordinator. In addition, we intend



Black Hills Chapter Officers

to form standing committees for Youth, Education, Veterans, and Volunteers. If any of you out there would be interested in volunteering for one of the committee assignments, please contact us at the following e-mail address: ramblinrangers@yahoo.com. Again, please consider joining this new chapter to help us keep the Western culture alive and further the mission of the IWMA.

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

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Howdy from California! If it's 51 degrees and raining in Los Angeles, it must be raining (snowing?) all over the world. All roads truly led to Albuquerque as we attended the IWMA Convention which is back at near full strength. Thank you to all making it a success, especially our IWMA National Board and Executive Director, Marsha Short. The music, poetry and Western comradery were, as always, not to be missed. From enjoying our own headliner, Dave Stamey, to watching our nonagenarian, Marilyn Tuttle, waltz



Marilyn Tuttle waltzing the night away, shown here with Greg Khougaz.

to late night jam sessions, a great time was had by all. We are already looking forward to IWMA 2023! Many of us attended and provided Western entertainment for a Christmas

party in conjunction with the Cowboy Social Club, December 10 and a Christmas potluck at our VPs Scott T's home on December 17. We are looking forward to a Western Music and poetry 2023!



Chapter members enjoy a great time in Albuquerque.

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COLORADO CHAPTER

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The 2023 Colorado Chapter is off and running like a racehorse! First, thanks to everyone who attended our Sharing Session at the IWMA Convention in November. (Thank you, Lindy Simmons, for bringing COOKIES!) It was probably the best one we've hosted, for sure! Our leadership has grown since the last Chapter Update. Our new President, Sonja Oliver, (Cripple Creek & Arkansas) has a desire to include Chapter Members in various capacities in 2023. Sonja says, "If you would like to become more involved in sharing Western Music and Cowboy Poetry in your area, we encourage you to reach out and let us know of your ideas and how the Chapter can help." Our new Vice President, Geary Parsons (Durango), has a passion for our Chapter. His email is gearyparsons@outlook.com. Susie Knight (Conifer) remains as Secretary/Treasurer and Showcase Liaison. Contact her at lassothecowgirl@yahoo.com if you have a suggestion for a Showcase venue in 2023. Dennis Knill (Lamar) is on the Advisory Board which means he can join in our Board Meetings (via Zoom) to listen in, make suggestions, question ideas, etc. We would like to see more of



2023 Chapter Board Members (From left: Susie Knight, Sonja Oliver, Geary Parsons, Dennis Knill)

our members step up to be on the Advisory Board. (How 'bout you?) Here's hopin' the new year's ropin' in more Showcases all around the State of Colorado, and that you'll be involved in all the happenings!

COLUMBIA CHAPTER

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After two years of pandemic cancellations, Columbia Chapter was able to hold its annual meeting and showcase concert live to an appreciative audience in The Dalles, OR. Matinee and evening performances featured Larry Wilder, Kathy Moss, Border Crossing (Ed Wahl and Mike Dygert) Venessa Carpenter, Tom Swearingen, Chinook Winds (Veronica Manis and Joe McCutcheon), Ned Bodie, Sam Mattise, Duane Nelson, Wampus Cat, Janice Williams, and Ned Bodie. A highlight was the presentation of custom trophy

buckles and other prizes to 2022 Columbia Chapter Youth Poetry Contest winners Opal Wilson, Thomas Fitzgerald, and Venessa Carpenter. The audience was treated to performances of their poems. It was also announced that the contest continues in 2023 and is open to 3-12 grade students in OR, WA, ID, BC, with info and entry at iwmacolumbia.org. Officers elected for 2023 are Tom Swearingen, Pres. John Seger, VP, Nels Nelson, Treasure, Carla Swearingen, Secretary, with Directors Ned Bodie, Duane Nelson, Ed Wahl, and Mike Dygert. The chapter was well represented at the annual convention in ABQ with a number of attendees, award nominees, and workshop presenters. Chapter award winners were John Seger, Venessa Carpenter, Tom Swearingen, Joni Harms, Miss Devon and the Outlaw, and Jennifer Epps.



Kathy Moss



Duane Nelson



Janice Williams



Ned Bodie



Sam Mattise



Workshop presenters
Scott T and Grace Clark



Tom Swearingen with poetry contest winners Opal Wilson, Thomas Fitzgerald, Venessa Carpenter.



Mike Dygert and Ed Wahl