

PERFORMERS: BANJO

T. V. Barnett

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Roan Mountain, TN 37687
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Age/Years Experience: 70 years+ (My whole life—not yet)

Available to perform: as part of T.V. Barnett and His Roan Mountain Moonshiners

Performance areas and styles:

Old-time banjo: clawhammer, frailing, 2-finger;

Fiddle: east Tennessee old-time; guitar

My Performance: we play nothing but East Tennessee style old-time mountain music (learned from my uncle and others. Get up and go fiddle music.

Venues: all except K-12 schools

Set-up Needs: 1 straight back chair, sound system if large place

Ken Childress and Jimmy Mullins

Ken Childress
1859 Camp Creek Road
Clintwood, VA 24228
276 926-6275 or 926-8707

www.kenchildressandjimmymullins.com

Performance areas and styles: Traditional and folk singing

Old time frailing **banjo**; fingerpicking guitar

My Performance: we play a variety of music linked to Old Time

Venues: small, medium; schools, colleges, festivals

Set-up Needs: 4 mikes, 2 seats

Travis Kern

PO Box 949
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
276 523-220-2036

traviskern@gmail.com

Age/Years Experience: 27

Available to perform: as a solo artist

Performance areas and styles:

Clawhammer banjo; Guitar, folk; Harmonica

My Performance: Carter Family, Prine, Dylan, Old Crow. Short and sweet, singer/songwriter, original music and folk standards, mountain music

Venues: small and medium venues, community centers, schools, colleges, festivals, special events

Set-up Needs: voice and instrument mike

Art and Cathy Lang

Roan Mountain, TN

Age/Years Experience: 67/61, 20 years experience

Available to perform: as a group, the group's name is Art and Cathy

Performance areas and styles:

Banjo, clawhammer; Old time fiddle; Old time flatpick and fingerpick guitar;

Dulcimer, old time accompaniment; Autoharp, old time accompaniment

My Performance: Carter Family and others have influenced our shows, a variety of old time songs, fiddle tunes, and banjo tunes

Venues: all. Square dances with the Ripshin Ramblers

Set-up Needs: 4 mikes, chairs if appropriate

Rhodyjane Meadows

1816 Alpine Road

Johnson City, TN

423 773-6169

rhodyjane@hotmail.com; www.myspace.com/rhodyjane

Age/Years Experience: 55 years old, 55 years experience!

Available to perform: as a solo artist

as part of a group, T.V. Barnett and His Roan Mountain Moonshiners

Performance areas and styles:

Clawhammer **banjo**; Guitar, old-time, Bass fiddle, old-time; Dulcimer, old-time;

Autoharp, Carter Family style; Singing, old-time; Storytelling, unique style;

Dance, flatfoot

My Performance: We play gen-u-ine East Tennessee style OLDTIME MOUNTAIN MUSIC (and nothing but). Most common quote: "Now that's the real thing!"

Venues: all, including house concerts, instrument workshops, camps, "any life celebration"

Set-up Needs: 1 straight-back chair. Sound system in large venues only

Sparky and Rhonda Rucker

PO Box 5443

Maryville, TN 37802

865 977-1994

ruckweb@aol.com; www.sparkyandrhonda.com

Age/Years Experience: many

Performance areas and styles: **Banjo**, clawhammer and blues

Guitar, piano, bones/spoons, singing, storytelling

My Performance: We perform as a duo, playing old time blues, Appalachian music, and historical songs. We weave history and storytelling in between songs

Venues: all except square dances

Set-up Needs: sound system with 5 mikes; direct box for keyboard

Lee Sexton

215 Dead End Road

Cornettsville, KY 41731

606 633-9434

Age/Years Experience: 73 years experience

Available to perform: as a solo artist
as part of a group, the Lee Sexton Band
Performance areas and styles: 2-finger **banjo**, old time and bluegrass
My Performance: hard driving eastern Kentucky repertoire
Venues: all
Set-up Needs: vocal and banjo mikes

Papa Joe Smiddy

Box 3160
Wise, VA 24293
276 328-6656
Age/Years Experience: many!
Available to perform: as a solo artist
as part of a group, Reedy Creek
Performance areas and styles: **banjo**, old time; singing
My Performance: traditional songs, old-time banjo
Venues: all
Set-up Needs: vocal and banjo mikes

Bill Smith

5365 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
276 523-0040
hwsmith@thecrookedroad.org
Age/Years Experience: 56/48
Available to perform: as a solo artist
as part of a group, the group's name is Old, Fat, and Slow
Performance areas and styles:
Banjo, old time; Fiddle, old time and bluegrass; Guitar, blues, old time, bluegrass,
and original; Bass, blues, old, blues; Singing, all styles; Storytelling, American
My Performance: my own style
Venues: all, including tours