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## WICKENBERG BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Saturday, November 15, and Sunday, November 16, the Wickenberg Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its first Bluegrass Festival. The contests will begin at 9 A.M. and the categories include Bluegrass Bands, Old Time Fiddle, Family Bands, Specialty Vocals, Old Time Country Bands, Specialty Instruments and the Arizona Championship Flat-Pick Guitar and Arizona Championship Bluegrass Banjo. The winners of the latter two categories will be eligible to play in the National Competition in Winfield, Kansas. Anyone desiring further information or registration materials should write: Buck Wayne, Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box CC, Wickenberg, AZ, 85358, (1) 684-5479.

## POT LUCK DINNER/SQUARE DANCE OCTOBER 4

On Saturday, October 4, at 5:30 P.M. we're going to sponsor a pot luck dinner before our monthly square dance, for TFTM members, their families, and anyone interested in joining. The place will be the Y.W.C.A., at 302 E. University Blvd. All you have to do is bring a supper dish large enough to feed your family and at least four other people. The dinner will double as a general membership meeting and nominations for offices will be held. There will also be a sign-up sheet to work at the information booth at Tucson Meet Yourself.

The square dance will begin at 7:30 P.M. and will be free this time for all TFTM members. The cost for non-members will be \$2.00, as usual. The music will be live and the band is open so bring your instruments and join in. Each dance seems to get better than the last so we hope you'll all be there. Remember, we've planned a square dance at the Y.W.C.A. for the first Saturday of October, November and December.





TUCSON MEET YOURSELF, SEVENTH EDITION, El Presidio Park October 10-12

Well, neighbors, it's almost that time again. Tucson Meet Yourself happens this year on October 10, 11 and 12, and the Griffiths and others around the Southwest Folklore Center are showing the usual glazed eyes, nervous ticks (the late summer is definitely Nervous Tick season in Tucson) and other symptoms of putting together a festival. However, it should be a good one this year, and it's time to be able to let you in on some of the things that will probably happen.

The shape of the festival will be the same as in other years. Friday evening, all day Saturday till about 11:00 P.M., and Sunday afternoon are the times, and El Presidio Park is the place, as usual. There will be food booths from almost all our old contributors and perhaps a couple of new groups. The workshop stage (featuring TFTM-er Dan Madden as Genial Host) will be going Saturday and Sunday this year, and we hope to have a few new additions to the usual Liar's



Contest, dance instruction and fiddle styles workshops. Sunday afternoon we hope for a Mexican Children's games workshop, a family song and music workshop (featuring the Jennings Family and Tucson's Ronstadt Family) and maybe even a jam session. Saturday we are trying for an accordion workshop with Czech, Italian and Papago musicians. The regular stage show will go on as before with many of our old pals. The dance groups haven't checked in yet, but I'm pretty sure of Scots and Papagos and Mexican and Norwegians and Hungarians. Clarence Langen will share his fiddling with us, and Joe and Mary Venuti will give us more of their mandola guitar duets. There will be Papago waila music, and Los Changuitos Feos will be back. We have a few newcomers as well. Tom Schenek's polka quartette will give us the European version of the polka music we have enjoyed from Papago and Norteno groups in the past. A Chinese Lion Dance team from Agustin Fong's Wing Chun Gung Fu Federation will

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NOT FLASH Anyone who is interested in helping to plan this year's concerts or dances, or write for the newsletter, should attend the General Membership Meeting/Pot Luck on October 4. If you can't make it to the meeting but are still interested in being involved, call Craig Tinney or Jacquie Wohl at 327-2362.

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perform Saturday night, as will the Harper Brothers--a mountain brother duet which got its start on WLVA in Lynchburg, Virginia in 1946. They play mandolin and guitar, and Rocky Harper will also share his old time comedy act with us. He spent five years as Charlie Monroe's clown, and reminds me of Les Keith's Cuzzin Winesap act. We are also negotiating with a real delta bluesman who lives in town, and hope to get him on the show as well. So you can see that things will be as varied and exciting as ever in the music line.



Our real innovations will be in the crafts area this year. On Saturday afternoon, a Mormon quilting frame...with a couple of extra chairs so that folks can sit in, learn a bit, and listen to the ladies talk about their traditions. There will also be a demonstration area with Japanese origami, Mexican ribbon flower making, and other Mexican paper crafts. We are even hoping for a Japanese Tea Ceremony, but that's still up in the air. And there will be a couple of other surprises that we aren't ready to talk about yet.

So it's going to be some festival this year. Put the weekend aside and come on down...and oh, yes! TFTM traditionally does the Information Booth, so you will even get a chance to help out in what we feel is Tucson's cultural event of the year. (And if you want to do something else, we can help you there, too.) So we'll see you there!

Jim and Loma Griffith, and  
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The Southwest Folklore Center  
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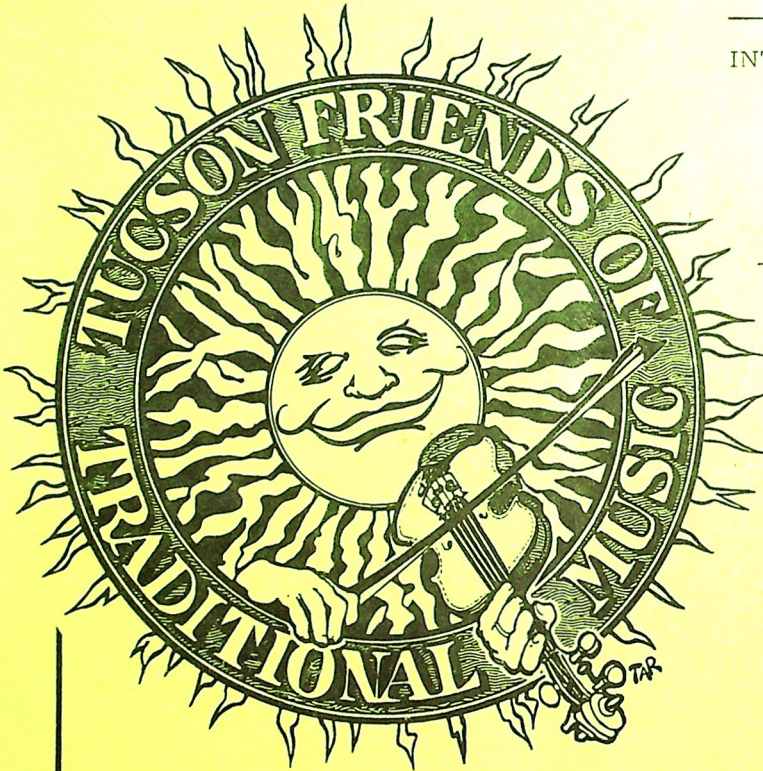
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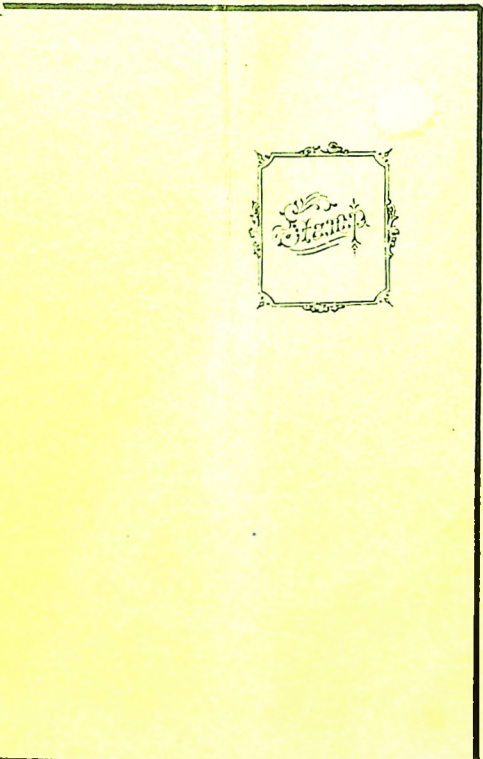
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