

The Northern Nevada Bluegrass Association

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# STRING BAND STORIES

what's a string band?

Free for Students!



Immigrants to America from Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean in the early 1900's. carried banjos, fiddles and guitars on their backs. The music they made together helped them endure poverty and prejudice, and it became the music of generations to come.

It all started with String Bands!

Join us on four Saturday afternoons in March and April to hear some amazing stories, see some great performances, and take part in being in a String Band yourself!

Dates: Saturdays - March 8, March 22, April 5, April 19, 10am to 1pm (lunch options available)

*Limited enrollment; pre-registration recommended. We provide string and hand percussion instruments.*

Details at [www.nnba.org](http://www.nnba.org). Or email [info@nnba.org](mailto:info@nnba.org) Accessibility Coordinator Cindy Gray 775-348-4692

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## SCHEDULE

A “hands-on” educational workshop for students and adults,  
exploring topics in traditional folk music and dance.

*Presented by the Northern Nevada Bluegrass Association*

This program is free to High School and College students with valid Student IDs

**All sessions take place at the Mountain Music Parlor, 735 S. Center St. Reno**

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### **Sat, Mar 08 – Session 1** 1:00 PM – 4:00PM

Professional String Band musicians will discuss and demonstrate their perspectives on String Band music. Multi-media presentation and discussion on the history of American String Bands and the unique cultural developments in the southern Appalachian Mountain region that gave rise to the American String Band phenomenon.

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### **Sat, Mar 22 – Session 2** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Split into small groups for instrumental, vocal and rhythm "ear training". Learn the unique ways that people 100 years ago -- who couldn't read -- learned music! Use your own instrument, or one of ours. Very fun and interactive! At the end of the session, you will have selected an instrument to use (your own, or one you borrow from us), and we'll provide you with a link to recordings, so you can practice your "ear training" skills. Again, possible lunch together after the session, so bring \$ or a sack lunch.

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### **Sat, Apr 05 - Session 3** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

You will have had 2 weeks to practice your "parts" with your own or borrowed instruments. This session is devoted to playing & singing together in different combinations (we'll draw names from a hat to choose groups). Also, a special "re-enactment" exercise that provides insights about how people 100 years ago used music for stress relief, laughter, supporting each other, and coping with day-to-day struggles. Bring \$ if you want to stay and have lunch together or bring a sack lunch

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### **Sat, Apr 19 – Session 4** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Time to celebrate! We'll invite friends and family (and the general public, if you choose) to see what we've learned! Different groups will perform. Individuals can perform. Nobody's "required" to perform, but we are confident that, over the weeks of the course, everyone will have "discovered" some form of musical expression that they can share. Playing an instrument, singing, dancing, drumming....Potluck lunch at the end!

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