



May 2,3,4&5 2019

Based at "Shack Up Inn"

On the Historic Hopson Plantation

# ***Program***

## Welcome to Clarksdale, MS, and Bones Fest XXIII

Welcome to Bones Fest XXIII in Clarksdale, Mississippi, birthplace of the blues; the foundation of American music. A heartfelt thank you to Bill Talbot and his congenial staff for hosting our event in a unique and memorable environment. Thanks as well to Hambone Gallery and Ground Zero for hosting our evening rhythm bones presentations.

I hope you enjoy your stay here in the heart of the Mississippi Delta; a soil rich land with a rich history and powerful musical heritage. There is much to see and experience here such as Delta blues tours, museums, blues trail sites and blues music always happening. If you can spare some time I would surely recommend spending a few extra days in the area. This is the “Land Where The Blues Began” and if that spirit grabs you it will make you want to know more about this intriguing place and just may keep you coming back time and time again, like it did to me. I first visited Clarksdale in February of 2004 and came back the following April for the 2nd Annual Juke Joint Festival. Last month we celebrated the 16th festival and will soon complete my 6th winter here.

A big thank you to the all the musicians who have come forward and offered their talents to help make this Bones Fest an authentic experience. The hope is to bring some new rhythm bones players into our midst and get more rhythm bones playing back into the blues.

Sunday morning at 10:00 am is the official end to Bones Fest XXIII, but rhythm bones playing opportunities continue in town at the Bluesberry Café with blues breakfast 8:00 to 12:00. We have the stage from 10:00 to 12:00. Music continues with the Sunday Ramble at Levon’s at 3:30 and also at the infamous Red’s Lounge with blues starting at 7:00. Da blues happens seven days a week in Clarksdale.

Thank you for attending Bones Fest XXIII. *Randy Seppala*, Your Host  
(Call 906-235-5928, if you need help)

## **Bones Fest XXIII Program**

*Note: All events at Shack Up Inn except where otherwise noted.  
For breakfast and lunch menus, see Pages 14 and 15.*

### **THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019**

- 3:00 PM Registration starts
- Jamming and Visiting with Drinks and Hors D'oeuvres

### **FRIDAY, MAY 3**

- 7:30 Breakfast (until 9:00)
- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30 Musical Presentation
- 10:00 Steve Brown - Beginner's workshop
- 11:00 Vgo - Blues Rhythms and Bone
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Bill Vits - Bones Playing w/ Drums (until 2:00)
- 2:30 Jamming, Breakout sessions, Visiting, Prepare for shows
- 5:00 Crawfish Boil at Shack Up (until 7:00)
- 8:00 Music & Public workshops @ Hambone Gallery

### **SATURDAY, MAY 3**

- 7:30 Breakfast (until 9:00)
- 9:30 Musical Presentation
- 10:00 Steve Brown - New rhythm bones players workshop
- 11:00 Skeffington Flynn - Rhythm Bones playing techniques
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Music with The Organgrinders
- 2:00 Open Time - Jamming, work on show performances (until 4:30)
- 3:00 Board meeting
- 4:30 General Membership Meeting
- 5:00 Dinner on your own in Clarksdale
- 7:00 Individual Bones Playing Presentations@ Ground Zero Blues Club

### **SUNDAY, MAY 5**

- 8:00 Bagels, Coffee, Goodbyes (Official end of BFXXIII)
- 10:00 Sunday Blues Breakfast, Bluesberry Cafe, 237 Yazoo (Until 12:00)  
Music with bones players (10:00 to 12:00.)
- 12:00 Lunch



In Memory of  
Yirby Machar  
(1947-2018)



my butcher father and then, after finding Ev Cowett and attending Bones Fest II, I learned to play two handed. I love to research and write about rhythm bones, but I really love it when members renew their membership and send in articles for the newsletter.

**Musicians** - Special Thanks to these musicians for helping us out with our event: Bill Abel, Fiona Boyes, Heather Crosse, Joe Eagle, Sven Gonstead, Looper, Mississippi Marshall, Rev Robert Reynolds, Eric Sheffield, Dan Smith, Lucious Spiller, Stan Street, and Gary Vincent.

## Menus

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Welcome Hospitality Hours 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Smokey Loaded Baba Ganoush with Pita Chips and Mini Naan  
Sausage Spinach Cheese Tailgate Dip with Tortilla Scoops  
BLT Hot Philo Bites  
Tangy Marinated Meatballs  
Bacon Parmesan Wrapped Baby Potatoes with Homemade Ranch  
7 Layer Shrimp Dip with Artisan Crackers

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Breakfast 7:30am to 9:00am

Bachelor's Brunch Sausage Egg and Cheese Casserole  
Delta Garlic Cheese Grits  
Hot Buttered Biscuits  
Crisp Fresh Bacon  
Fresh Fruit of the Season

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Large Garden Salad with your choice of Homemade Ranch or Greek Vinaigrette  
Hot Chicken Salad Casserole  
Warm Garlic Knots  
Homemade Banana Pudding

May 4<sup>th</sup> Breakfast 7:30am to 9:00am

Sausage, Egg, Tomato, Cheese, Tricolor Bell Pepper Breakfast Pizza  
Delta Garlic Cheese Grits  
Fresh Fruit of the Season

May 4<sup>th</sup> Lunch 12:00 to 1:00

- Taco Bar Brunch: Create your own as you like
- Vessel Choices: Spinach and Whole Wheat and Flour Tortilla Wraps  
Tortilla Mini Bowls  
Tortilla Large Salad Crunchy Bowls  
Hard Shell Tacos: Yellow Corn  
Blue Corn  
Dorito Flavored
- Meat Choices: Ground Beef Taco Seasoned Meat  
Fajita Style Chicken
- Veggie Choices: Sautéed Onions and Bell Peppers Tricolored  
Fresh Lettuce  
Fresh Tomato  
Fresh Green Onions  
Fresh Cilantro  
Fresh Black Olives  
Fresh Tomatoes  
Fresh Pico de Gallin  
Fresh Avocado  
Black Beans  
Mexican Sweet Corn
- Topping Choices: Shredded Cheddar  
Sour Cream  
Salsa - Avocado, Black Bean Corn, Picante Style
- Homemade Spanish Rice
- Corn Salad
- Strawberry Shortcake with Homemade Whipped Cream

May 5<sup>th</sup> Breakfast 7:30am to 9:00am

Boxed Grab and Go Breakfast

- Fresh Fruit of the Season  
Biscuit Bottom Ham, Cheese, Egg, Spinach Muffins  
Assorted Mini Sweet Muffins  
Yogurt assorted fruit flavored



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