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Henry Reed Memorial Fiddlers Convention to Become an Affiliated Festival of The Crooked Road

The Henry Reed Memorial Fiddlers Convention, June 8 and 9 at the Town Park in Glen Lyn, Va., will be presented with a banner acknowledging this festival's recent inclusion as a Crooked Road Affiliated Festival. As an Affiliated Festival, the Henry Reed Memorial Fiddlers Convention will be represented in Crooked Road publicity and promotional materials. The Crooked Road executive director, Jack Hinshelwood, will present the banner to representatives of the Festival on Saturday, June 9, at 6 p.m.

"The Henry Reed Memorial Fiddlers Convention presents high quality traditional music which exemplifies the culture and music of the region," notes Hinshelwood. "We are proud to recognize them as a Crooked Road Affiliated Festival, especially during their 10th year. The Crooked Road region owes much to legacy musicians like Henry Reed and the music they have preserved for us to enjoy today."

The Henry Reed Memorial Fiddlers Convention kicks off on Friday, June 8, at 5 p.m. with stage performances by the Reed Family Band, the Crooked Road Ramblers, and State Line Bluegrass. The old-time and bluegrass competitions for individuals and bands will be held on Saturday, June 9. Alan Jabbour, who studied and helped preserve the music of Glen Lyn fiddler Henry Reed, will offer a two-day fiddle workshop from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday and Saturday mornings. WNRV (AM 990 "The Ridge") will be on-site to broadcast music from the festival on both days. The general admission cost is \$8 per day.

The Crooked Road recently announced the naming of 12 new Affiliated Venues and Festivals. The Affiliates are all traditional music presenters and include annual festivals and weekly or monthly jams and concerts. A complete listing of the Affiliated Venues and Festivals and the nine Major Venues of The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail can be found at www.thecrookedroad.org.

The Crooked Road's mission is to support tourism and economic development in Southwest Virginia by celebrating and preserving this Appalachian region's unique musical and cultural heritage. The Trail itself covers 330 miles and connects Rocky Mount in Franklin County to Breaks Interstate Park in Dickenson County.

For additional information about The Crooked Road, call 276-492-2409 or send an email to info@thecrookedroad.org. For more information about the Henry Reed Memorial Fiddlers Convention, call 540-726-7075 or visit them on Facebook.