

*"Bluegrass has brought more people together and made more friends than any other music in the world. You meet people at festivals and renew acquaintances year after year."  
- Bill Monroe*



**Willis Music Jammers in the break room waiting to go on stage.**



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*"Keeping Bluegrass Music Alive in the Northern Kentucky Area"*

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The Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Music Association (NKBMA) is a non-profit organization headquartered in Florence Kentucky. The NKBMA was formed for the purpose of preserving and promoting the Kentucky & Appalachian tradition of bluegrass music. Each year we meet this objective by hosting and supporting a variety of bluegrass related events throughout northern Kentucky, southwest Ohio and southeast Indiana.

The Association began with 26 dedicated members, and has since grown to more than 140. Our members volunteer to help at various events throughout the year that enable us to promote and expand the tradition of bluegrass music to people of all ages.

The NKBMA promotes Bluegrass music in our local schools through personal appearances. If you are an educator and would like to have one of groups come and speak or play at your school, please send an email to [smccain@nkbma.com](mailto:smccain@nkbma.com)



The NKBMA supports the Kentucky School of Bluegrass & Traditional Music (KSBTM) through an annual scholarship fund. When you become a member of the NKBMA your membership fee is used in part to help fund this scholarship, and help a promising young musician. Our very first scholarship winner was Seth Mulder in 2010!



## The Northern Grass

The NKBMA publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, The Northern Grass. It is mailed out to members of the NKBMA and keeps them up-to-date on Association business, Bluegrass music news, and festivals and concerts in the Northern Kentucky and surrounding areas.

Each issue contains:

- News From The President
- Jam Sessions and Events
- CD and Concert reviews
- Member advertisements
- Bluegrass Related Classifieds
- Stories and Tall Tales

And Much More!

Members may purchase advertising space at the following rates:

	Single Add	Yearly
Card	\$5.00	\$15.00
1/4 Page	\$10.00	\$30.00
1/2 Page	\$15.00	\$60.00
Full Page	\$25.00	\$90.00

If you would like more information on advertising in The Northern Grass please email [smccain@nkbma.com](mailto:smccain@nkbma.com)

\*\*Discounted yearly rates are also available.\*\*



## NKBMA/Willis Music

Willis Music Superstore on Mall Road in Florence, Kentucky is one of our favorite partners, and currently hosts one of our most successful monthly jam sessions. Held on the fourth Friday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., you can experience the very best place for a jam session. There are plenty of rooms for multiple jams, a stage area, and lots of chairs for sitting and listening, and You can shop for great instruments and music supplies at the same time.

### Gene Thompson Jam Session

Located at the Hebron Masonic Lodge off Petersburg Road (Route 20) at 1819 Hart Drive Hebron, Kentucky. This jam session runs from October through April and is held on the first Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please call Gene Thompson for more information at: 859-689-7431

If you have a local jam session and want to get the word out, send an email to [pmesser@nkbma.com](mailto:pmesser@nkbma.com)

### Come and Join Us!

Whether you can play Bluegrass or just love to listen or sing along, becoming a NKBMA member can bring you closer to this traditional form of music. Being a member allows you to make friends, play in jam sessions, get discount tickets to NKBMA events and help raise awareness of this art form to adults and children in our community. Without YOU, we run the risk of this music becoming something of the past! **Joining is SO easy!** Visit us at one of the jam sessions at the Willis Music Superstore on the fourth Friday of each month and introduce yourself to anyone at the door. We'll get you set up. You may also find the application on our website at [www.nkbma.com](http://www.nkbma.com). We look forward to seeing, jamming and working with you in the future!