



Tucker, Les

Fiddler and Guitarist

Born and raised on a farm in Arkansas, Les Tucker started playing both fiddle and guitar around 1940. He plays by ear and learned to play by being around other musicians in his community. Mr. Tucker has played at festivals, in fiddle contests, at various retirement complexes, and nursing homes.

For many years, Les played with a band called the Grey Eagles. Since the summer of 1995, he and two other members of the Grey Eagles have been working hard developing a repertoire of Western Swing music. The new band The Last Chance Band features Texas Swing, but the band also sticks close to their roots with traditional Arkansas and Louisiana tunes.

The band looks forward to performing at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival in Natchitoches. Performing individually, Les has won the Senior Division of the Louisiana State Old Time Fiddler's Contest twice. Les and his wife, Peggy, travel widely, stopping to jam and enjoy fiddling contests and other musical gatherings when opportunity affords.