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Monthly Musings from the Peas
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WEEKLY GIG

We are regulars at Catherine Rooney's in Trolley Square, Wilmington. From 7:30 until 10 we perform every Wednesday. For info or menu, directions and so on go to www.catherinerooneys.com.

WEBSITE

We are please to present our new website. www.whirledpeasband.com Please check it out and let us know what you think. All our up-coming gigs, newsletters, merchandise and more is listed.

GLEN CAMPBELL

From a cotton picker to a finger picker to the best pick singer/actor by the Grammys, other musical organizations and the Golden Globe, Glen Campbell has led a full and interesting life.

Born April 22, 1936 to a sharecropper family from Arkansas, Campbell, along with his 11 siblings, had to help support the family by picking cotton. He displayed a musical talent as young as 4 and his father encouraged him by purchasing a \$5 guitar from Sears and Roebuck. Within a short period of time, he was performing as a paid entertainer as well as singing on the local radio.

By age 16, he dropped out of school to venture West playing in a variety of bands in Wyoming. Next he headed to New Mexico where he formed his own band, *Glen Campbell and The Western Wranglers*.

The next stop on his musical journey was Los Angeles where he became a song writer and session musician playing for Elvis

Presley, Frank Sinatra and other greats. During this gig he wrote/recorded *Turn Around, Look at Me*.



When Brian Wilson retired from the *Beach Boys*, Campbell was invited to tour with the group as a bassist. At age 28, his career sky rocketed with hits like *Gentle on My Mind* and *By the Time I Get to Phoenix* earning him 2 Grammys.

Wichita Lineman and *Galveston* racked up accolades from the Country Music Association.

His stint on a television show caught the attention of the Smothers Brothers who offered the opportunity to co-host one of their productions. His ease, humor and musical acumen charmed CBS executives who then created the *Glen Campbell Good Time Hour* which became a number 1 hit in the US and the UK making Campbell and international star.

Next, came the big screen with his appearance opposite John Wayne in *True Grit*. This performance snagged him a Golden Globe nomination.

Rhinestone Cowboy and *Southern Nights* further cemented his success as a performer.



In the 70's his relationship with Tanya Tucker lead to cocaine and alcohol abuse. This caused a toll on his career and earned him some

prison time. The 80's were better for him as he successfully overcame his drug addiction and became a born again and started touring again. In 2005 he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. He acknowledged he was suffering from Alzheimer's in 2011.

PEAS PONDERING

I like to start the day early, it keeps me out of trouble. **Glen Campbell**