

# A Tribute to Master Artist Bob Holt

## Missouri Folk Arts Program

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It is with great sadness that I report Bob Holt passed away on Friday morning, March 19th at his home.



Bob received a National Heritage Fellowship in 1999, and he was selected as a master in Missouri's Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program ten times. He's known for his exemplary fiddling and a tireless devotion to sustaining old-time fiddling AND dance traditions in the Ozark region. In 2002, the West Plains Council on the Arts named the jig dancing contest at the Old-time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival in Bob's honor. On top of all that, he was a sweetheart.

To read more about Bob, visit his page on the Masters of Traditional Arts website:

[http://www.mastersoftraditionalarts.org/artists/144?  
selected\\_facets=tradition\\_exact:Fiddler](http://www.mastersoftraditionalarts.org/artists/144?selected_facets=tradition_exact:Fiddler)

Bob's family has posted an obituary here:

[http://ccheadliner.com/obituaries/robert-bob-morris-holt/  
article\\_284911cf-fc31-54e4-81dd-ab0ac8ce95f3.html](http://ccheadliner.com/obituaries/robert-bob-morris-holt/article_284911cf-fc31-54e4-81dd-ab0ac8ce95f3.html)