



Blue Water Folk Notes

Every issue of the **Blue Water Folk Notes** contains a list of BWFS member performances! Join us and have your performance listed in the newsletter & on our website Event calendar!

<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwfs-event-calendar.html>

Thumbfest 2015

Lexington, Mi.

Performers:

Performers in BLUE are Blue Water Folk Society Members

Jill Jack, Dragon Wagon
The Luddites, Creole du Nord
Nicky Boy Street Band
Nessa, **Whistle Stop Revue**,
Finvarra's Wren, Matt Watroba,
Mustard's Retreat, Sel de Terre
Annie and Rod Capps
Kitty Donohoe, David Youngman

Jan Krist and Jim Bizer
Floyd Old Time Gopher Hour
Carl Henry, LeCompagnie
Genot Picor, Yellow Room Gang

**Lost Cuzzins, Ourselves
Circle of Friends, Denny Dwyer**
Floyd & BuckRooster King
John Finan & Sharon Tse

**Still Running, Blood Harmony
Tritone Paradox, Dan Hazlett**

Waynewood Boys
Jean Marie and the Lads
**William Henry Russell
Rockafellas, The Barones
Rocky Top, Wells & Witz**
Marty Kohn, Andy Mather
Tom McGovern, Tracy Kash
Taller Than They Appear

Banjo Jim and Ricky
Jimmy Deheno, **Butterhair
Emilie and Andrew, Bobby
Budd, Heritage String Band,
Mike and Ande McCarthy,**

Camp Cavell Folk Dance,
Bryan Keefe, Balloonatic,
Lesley Durik, **Ed Dombrowski,
Phil and Marsha Larson**

Find more info at:

www.bluewaterfolk.org
www.bluewaterfolksociety.org
www.thumbfest.org
www.facebook.com/thumbfest

BWFS Acoustic Coffeehouse Begins in October 2015

Our very popular *Open Mic Coffeehouse* begins again on **October 10 at 7:00pm.**

The *Traditional Acoustic Open Mic coffeehouse* series takes place monthly from October through March on the second Saturday of the Month. It begins at 7:00pm and ends at 10:00pm. It takes place at Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main St., Lexington, Michigan. Admission is free to everyone but, donations are very appreciated.

Refreshments are available by donation and are provided by the Bluewater Folk Society and prepared and served by volunteers. A 50/50 Raffle is held to benefit [Thumbfest](#) and non-perishable food is collected to benefit [Project Blessing](#).

Performers wishing to play should arrive anytime after 6:15 pm to sign up. Slots are available on a first come, first serve basis until all available slots are gone. Slots are 2 songs or 10 minutes for individual performers and 3 songs or 15 minutes for groups, **whichever comes first.** It is very important to adhere to these times to allow time for other performers a chance to play. The emcee for the night will set the order of play.

A complete sound system is provided with vocal and instrument microphones along with direct boxes. The only thing you need to bring is your acoustic instruments and a few songs to play.

Volunteer positions at the Coffeehouse are Set-up, Tear-down, Sound, Emcee, Kitchen, Greeter, Sales. If you want to volunteer at a Coffeehouse or Concert, contact the Coffeehouse Director Dawn Malek at: dawnmalek@comcast.net

We are very grateful to Trinity Episcopal Church which allows us to use their fine hall and kitchen for the Open Mic! We could not do it without them!

Come Join Us for a night filled with music!

Some BWFS History

The Blue Water Folk Society, is an ALL volunteer, 501c3 nonprofit organization founded in 2001, is dedicated to promoting and sponsoring traditional and acoustic music events in the Thumb area of Michigan.

Our original Board included President George Stewart, Treasurer Tom Schlichting, Secretary Shirley Barnett, Trustee Maggie Ewalt and Trustee Mike Tremblay.

Current Board members include President Ruth Habalewsky, Treasurer Jerry Huff, Secretary Barbara Ernsberger, Trustee Dale George, Trustee Tom Schlichting, Trustee Marty Malek and Trustee Shirley Barnett.

We have sponsored a 1960's style "[Coffeehouse](#)" the second Saturday of every month from October thru March in at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lexington since January 2001.

We also sponsor or provide music for various music events in Michigan's "Thumb Area" throughout the year and for the Sanilac County Taste of the Thumb since 2009.

Our main event is an annual festival held on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend called "[Thumbfest](#)".

The first Thumbfest was in 2002 at Camp Ozanam and it moved to downtown Lexington, Mi. in 2005. In 2005 Thumbfest featured multiple stages, a dance hall, jam Sites, workshops, crafts and more.

Thumbfest now takes place on the shores of Lake Huron in downtown Lexington and changes each year. At the present time, it is a FREE event that could only happen because of our dedicated volunteers, donations from the community, numerous fundraisers and the talents of many generous musicians. We do it for the love of the music. [Volunteers](#) are always needed.

Donations are always welcome. Checks can be made out to Blue Water Folk Society and mailed to BWFS; P.O. Box 83; Lexington, Mi. 48450. Please mark on your check the purpose of the check.

Membership is open to everyone. Membership, with dues of \$10 per year, is another way of showing support for the Blue Water Folk Society.

We publish a newsletter four times a year. You can find more information and past copies at www.bluewaterfolk.org



Blue Water Folk Society
P.O. Box 83
Lexington, Michigan 48450

*Promoting Traditional and Acoustic
Music in the Thumb of Michigan*

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Facebook:

www.facebook.com/thumbfest

Join us for only

\$10/year Membership

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pictures and submissions.*

Send your information to

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Did you know??

The **Blue Water Folk Society** is a 501c3 volunteer nonprofit

BWFS members can submit their performance dates for publication in the newsletter, email updates and the event calendar on

www.bluewaterfolksociety.org

by sending the information to:

barnettsjmd@gmail.com

*Special thanks to the Village of
Lexington & the Lexington
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*Working to bring you folk, traditional music!
Help us to do that ...join us!*

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We thank you ALL for your support!

How do we use your donations?

You may not be aware that the Blue Water Folk Society, an ALL volunteer 501c3 nonprofit organization, pays for everything for the Thumbfest out of the money we raise. We need to raise about \$20,000.

We pay for the performers, sound, rental of stages, rental of hall, tents, chairs, porta-johns, golf carts, the shuttle, program, signs, posters, tables, items needed for the tables, ice, water, advertising, Guitar for Kids program, shirts, buttons, set-up items, and other related expenses.

We do all of this so we can bring you a quality, FREE, all-day, family friendly acoustic music festival and keep live music alive in the thumb of Michigan.

With your help, Thumbfest will continue.

You can donate by sending a check to:

Blue Water Folk Society

P.O. Box 83

Lexington, Mi. 48450

Please make all checks payable to:

Blue Water Folk Society

The guitars for the Guitars for Kids were made possible by donations from the Blue Water Folk Society, Diane Rizzo, Randy & Teresa Orchard and Dean & Shirley Barnett.

It is time to renew your membership dues!

Have you renewed your membership dues? Membership dues expired on June 30, 2015.

You can show your support of the Blue Water Folk Society by renewing your dues or joining us. You can renew here at Thumbfest or you can also send your dues of

\$10/person per membership year to:

Leigh Marciniak

7489 Beechwood Rd., Lexington, Mi. 48450

Please make all checks payable to:

Blue Water Folk Society

& mark dues on the check.

Please include your email address & mailing address so we can reach you!

Thumbfest 2015 Vendors

PRODUCTS

Debbie Graham - Aspirations Jewelry Studio - Essential Oils Company - Lounies Soap Company - re-creations - Beth Baldock - Smith's Creek Alpacas - Mi Old Barn - Bethany Spicer - Gauge Your Style - Lesley Durik - Dusty's License Plate Designs - Vintage Tinkers - Crazy Cluckers Ranch - Thomas Ciul Harpsichords

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SERVICES

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Information on Advertisers, Sponsors, Patron, Vendors and Performers will be available at www.thumbfest.org until June 2015