



Blue Water Folk Notes

Spring 2021

Newsletter of Blue Water Folk Society-a 501© 3 Non-Profit Organization

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“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.” — Plato

Music Is ON!

It has been a year since most live music was turned off, not only in the area, but all over the country and the world. During that time many experienced loss of friends and/or family members. Yet, hope – that so fleeting feeling, prevailed as scientists developed vaccines in record time. And so, with an increasing sense of hope, the BWFS Board of Directors recently met to plan a schedule of musical events. Although we do not expect a pre-pandemic normal for some time. We do hope a new normal will set in as more and more people get vaccinated.

Fundraising - Give Where You Live



On Friday, May 21st the BWFS is participating in the “Give Where you Live” fundraiser event sponsored by the Sanilac County Community Foundation - a 24 hour event during which community members give to the non-profit organization of their choice.

Although Give Where You Live is an online fundraiser, there will be a live event that day (5/21), on the grounds in front of the courthouse in Sandusky. The live entertainment (Noon – 7:00PM) is sponsored in part by the BWFS. Refer to schedule below. **Musicians wishing to play should contact Dawn Malek at: schsdawn@gmail.com**

- Noon - 1pm **MUSICIAN(S) NEEDED**
- 1:00-2:00pm - The Acoustic Humbuckers
- 2:00-3:00pm - Mike Tremblay & Friends
- 3:00-4:00pm - Wildcat Road
- 4:00-5:00pm - Still Running
- 5:00-6:00pm - CL Spirit (girl's cheerleading performance)
- 6:00-7:00pm - Forest Parker

We hope you will be able to support the BWFS in its effort to raise funds to support this year's Thumbfest. For more information visit:

<https://sanilacountycommunityfoundation.org/give-where-you-live-2021/>



"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music." — Billy Joel

"Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness." — Maya Angelou

"To live is to be musical, starting with the blood dancing in your veins. Everything living has a rhythm. Do you feel your music?" — Michael Jackson

"A painter paints pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence." — Leopold Stokowski



Membership

Given our inability to host any fundraising events this past year due to the pandemic, donations and membership dues are essential to BWFS' ability to host Thumbfest. June 30 is the end of the annual BWFS Membership. Individual Membership is only \$15 a year or \$25 for two years, whereas Family Membership (two adults and any children 18 and under) is \$25 a year or \$45 for two years. A reminder will be sent to members whose membership ends June 30. Membership renewals may be made:

1. On-line at <https://squareup.com/store/blue-water-folk>
2. By mail with checks made to *Blue Water Folk Society* and sent to:

Blue Water Folk Society, Membership Chairperson

P. O. Box 83

Lexington, MI 48450

For questions related to membership please contact Maria Madalena Ferreira at membership@bluewaterfolk.org. Thank you in advance for helping to keep the music alive in the Thumb of Michigan area.

BWFS Annual Meeting: The annual meeting takes place **June 5th at 11:00 AM** through Zoom. Details and ballots for vacant director positions will be forthcoming. Please contact us if you wish to run for a position on the board and be on the ballot.



Saturday, September 4th

Lexington, Michigan

Thumbfest takes place on Saturday, September 4th with performances throughout the Village of Lexington with music from roots folk, country, blues, Celtic, Indian fusion, Cajun and dancehall. The festival also offers workshops, jam sessions, community sing along and songwriter circles.

Thumbfest is free and made possible through fundraisers held throughout the year, sponsorship by local businesses, and donations the day of the event. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic none of the fundraising events have taken place and local businesses have seen their revenues dwindle. As a result, we need your generous support in helping make the festival a success.

Thumbfest Committee 2021

Thumbfest Co-Directors – Marty Malek & Mike Mercatante

Artistic Director – Tom Schlichting

Site/Logistics Director – Marty Malek

Publicity Director – Dawn Malek

Fund Development – Maria Madalena Ferreira

Vendor Coordinator – John Putt

Merchandise Director – Bea Castillo

Volunteer Co-Directors – Leigh Marciniak & Ginny McNabb



"Music can change the world because it can change people." — Bono

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For a full listing of contacts please visit our website by clicking here

Donations may be sent to our mailing address (above) or online by clicking here

A membership or donation to BWFS is a GIFT IDEA for the music lover in your life!!

**All donations are tax deductible. You will receive a receipt to verify your donation.*

Thank you in advance!



Volunteers Needed for Thumbfest

Thumbfest is not possible without the help of many volunteers. Please consider volunteering some of your time for any of the volunteer roles described below. **Contact Leigh Marciniak** bwfsleigh@gmail.com or email thumbfestvolunteer@bluewaterfolk.org and indicate your availability.

Donations: Certainly one of the most important positions. It involves working at one of the venues collecting and soliciting donations from the audience by passing the bucket.

Table Sales/Information: Work at one of the Blue Water Folk Society's information tables providing information, selling T-shirts and raffle tickets.

Emcee: Introduce performers, make announcements and thank the performers.

Site Setup/Teardown: Help putting up & taking down stages, chairs, banners, tables, signs, flip boards and other items.

Flyer and Poster Distribution: Put posters up in various locations and distribute flyers to people, community boards and businesses.

Sound person: Work as a sound person at one of the stages assisting in setting up and/or provide relief for the sound person.



Open Mic at the Sanilac County Historical Village and Museum

May 22, June 5, July 24, August 14,
September 18, October 2, at 4:00 PM
228 S. Ridge St (M25) Port Sanilac, MI

BWFS is partnering with the Sanilac County Historical Society for 6 evenings of live music at the museum. The performances begin at 4:00PM.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1179113735860748>

Bring a lawn chair/picnic blanket and your favorite snacks. **There is no entrance fee but your donations are appreciated!**

Musicians/Performers

All genres, instruments, ages, and abilities are welcome! Individual performers may play two songs, and duos or groups three songs.

Singing in the 60s

Saturday, June 19

Sanilac County Historical Village &
Museum

Interested musicians contact Walt Schlichting at:

walt@sanilac-arts.org

Purchase your tickets in advance for a \$5 savings!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/4224190007599932>



Blue Water Folk Society is a nonprofit organization that cannot exist without generous donors and patrons.



Summer Concert

Featuring *Rough and Tumble*

Sat., July 10 at 5:00 PM

Sanilac County Historical Village & Museum

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1090072734747833/>

The *Rough & Tumble* are a national touring duo (Mallory Graham & Scott Tyler) out of Nashville, Tennessee. They have been recognized as a Feature Showcase Artist at the 2018 SERFA, 2018 honorable mention for the Listening Room Network and the 2019 Listening Room Network Artist of the Year. For more info. Visit:

www.theroughandtumble.com

Music on the Porch Day

Saturday, August 28 12noon - 4pm

Sanilac County Historical Village & Museum



Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/892963448155291>

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