



Blue Water Folk Notes

Summer 2021

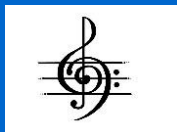
Newsletter of Blue Water Folk Society-a 501© 3 Non-Profit Organization

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Calendar of Events

- July 10th – Concert @ the Museum: Rough & Tumble
- July 24th - Open Mic @ Museum
- August 14th - Open Mic @ Museum
- August 28th – Music on the Porch Day @ the Museum
- September 4th – Thumbfest
- September 18th - Open Mic @ Museum
- October 2nd - Open Mic @ Museum



“Ah, music,” he said, wiping his eyes. “A magic beyond all we do here!”

~Dumbledore, ‘Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone’~



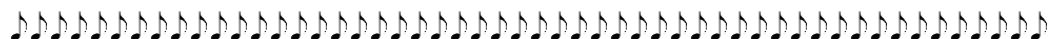
Leah at the 2017 Thumbfest



Leah and her beloved Uke

In early March 2021, Blue Water Folk Society lost one of its youngest members, Leah Conner-MacDonald. Leah loved Harry Potter and she loved music. Music and performing provided her a means to express her feelings, spread happiness and find joy. She received her first ukulele through the ‘Guitar for Kids’ program at Thumbfest 2017. Leah particularly enjoyed playing and singing at Coffee House. On Sunday mornings you could often find Leah joining her sister, Hannah and grandfather, Gordon, to play for services at Trinity Episcopal Church.

To celebrate Leah’s life, the MacDonald Family and Blue Water Folk Society have established **‘Leah loves ukes’**, in the hope that other young people can also find joy in music. On June 7th, Gordon and Hannah MacDonald delivered the first sixteen ukuleles to Yale High School, where Leah was a Junior. If you know of a young person who would like a ukulele, please contact Gordon MacDonald at 810-334-6371. If you would like to help financially, please send your donation to the Blue Water Folk Society with ‘Leah loves ukes’ noted.





"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



**Saturday, September 4th
Lexington, Michigan**



We know you are coming to Thumbfest 2021, so how about volunteering for a few hours as an emcee, working information table, or collecting donations? Frankly, we just can't put on Thumbfest 2021 without the help of many volunteers. Please consider volunteering by contacting Leigh Marciniak at bwfsleigh@gmail.com or thumbfestvolunteer@bluewaterfolk.org and indicate your area of interest.

BWFS Annual Meeting and Elections

On June 5 the BWFS' annual meeting took place virtually through Zoom with the various board members providing reports related to their area of responsibility. Elections to the Board of Directors were also conducted in the weeks before the annual meeting with ballots sent in electronically or through the mail. All three incumbent candidates were re-elected: Ginny McNabb, Marty Malek and Tom Schlichting.

Fundraising - Give Where You Live

On May 21 BWFS participated in the 24-hour fundraising organized by the Sanilac County Community Foundation. We raised a total of \$3,171.25 for this year's Thumbfest. We are grateful to all who have made 2021 possible through their generous donations. Anyone still interested in donating to support Thumbfest may do so by mail, sending a check to **Blue Water Folk Society, Thumbfest, P. O. Box 83 Lexington, MI 48450** – or online at:

<https://squareup.com/store/blue-water-folk>



"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!



Membership

Membership renewal notices have been sent to those whose membership has or is expiring on 6/30/21. If you are in that category please consider renewing your membership so that we may continue to offer live music in the Thumb of Michigan. Individual Memberships are only \$15 a year or \$25 for two years, whereas Family Memberships (two adults and any children 18 and under) are \$25 a year or \$45 for two years. 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.



Open Mic at the Sanilac County Historical Village and Museum

**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/1179>

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.



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>

Interested musicians contact Walt Schlichting at: morrisman.geo@gmail.com



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