



Blue Water Folk Notes

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Hot Dates to Save

No BWFS member performance dates in this special pre-Thumbfest edition. Check out our Event Calendar at <http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwfs-event-calendar.html>

Thumbfest 2016
Downtown Lexington
Saturday, September 3
11am to 10pm

Find more info at:
www.bluewaterfolk.org or
www.facebook.com/thumbfest

July 24 Thumbfest 2016 Fundraiser ...

You can now buy tickets
 and donate online!

Go to our new Donate/Buy
 Now page at:

<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/donate-and-buy-now.html>

BLUE WATER FOLK SOCIETY
 FUNDRAISER CONCERT
 TO BENEFIT THUMB FEST 2016

SUNDAY, JULY 24
 MCCARTHY'S LAKE HOUSE
 6121 LAKESHORE ROAD
 LEXINGTON, MI 48450
 2PM-5PM
 \$15 DONATION

William Henry Russell - 2009 Gandy-Bogers Finger Picking Champion
 Still Running - roots rock, country and folk sounding both familiar and unusual
 Emma Guzman - Akademia Music Award winner for best folk singer-songwriter album
 Dominic McCarthy - fresh new talent from Austin, Texas

Outside concert on the bluff overlooking beautiful Lake Huron.
 Light refreshments.
 Bring lawn chairs and cooler of adult beverages if desired.
 Contact Dawn for tickets - 586.995.1974 or
thumbfestdirector@bluewaterfolk.org

Rain venue - Trinity Episcopal Church
 5646 Main St. Lexington, Michigan 48450

Featuring William Henry
 Russell, Still Running, Emma
 Guzman & Dominic
 McCarthy

\$15 suggested donation.
 Contact:

thumbfestdirector@bluewaterfolk.org

BWFS Membership .. Leigh Marciniak

Thank you to the over 100 BWFS Members who have joined or renewed their membership! Your personal commitment to be part of the Blue Water Folk Society, and its purpose to promote acoustic and traditional music in Michigan's Thumb, is vital for this to occur. We hope you enjoy the *Blue Folks Notes* newsletter we send you and occasionally look at the bluewaterfolk.org website for valuable information. These are just a couple benefits of membership.

We need member involvement, so please consider filling the recent vacated BWFS Board seat. Talk with any BWFS Board member for additional information. Contact: membership@bluewaterfolk.org

Elections of BWFS Board

The Annual Meeting & Election was held on Saturday, June 18 at 11:00 am at Trinity Episcopal Church, 5656 Main St., Lexington, Mi. 48450.

At the meeting, Leigh Marciniak and Al Lewandowski were elected to serve on the Board of Trustees to replace Ruth Habalewsky and Jerry Huff whose terms had expired. Both Ruth Habalewsky and Jerry Huff had decided not to run for the Board again.

We want to thank Ruth and Jerry for their years of fine service. They will be missed.

After the General Meeting, the new Board of Trustees choose their officers for the year. The President is Barbara Ernsberger; Secretary is Leigh Marciniak and the new Treasurer is Tom Schlichting.

A vacancy has opened up on the Board with the resignation of Dale George. Dale will remain active with BWFS.

The Board is looking for someone to fill Dale's position. To be eligible you need to be a current member for the six months previous to your appointment.

The Board will appoint a member to serve until June 2017.

The remaining members of the current Board are Barbara Ernsberger, Leigh Marciniak, Tom Schlichting, Marty Malek, Al Lewandowski, and Shirley Barnett.

Come join us and be a part of the team!

Singin' the Sixties Festival is July 23 Tom Schlichting

This festival was formed just as a sixties festival should be. Somebody got the idea, asked a bunch of musicians to come hang out and play music at the museum and started laying the information out there.

Word spread and soon there was a lot of music happening. So the stage under the tent by the entrance is called "the happening", where bands can come and lay down their chosen sixties-era sound.

Many area musicians have favorite sixties artists they love, so they are paying tribute to their sixties icons by playing their own versions of the songs they love at "love-ins" in the church building.

There were a lot of music movements in the sixties, folk revival, social justice and peace movements showing a generally rebellious spirit new great songwriters emerging. Everybody got in on the act. And "Singin' the Sixties" gets into that scene too, with sit-ins at the railroad depot building where everyone can join in with the hosts to relive some musical highlights of those movements.

Because we all want to be free, there are plenty of porches and building fronts on the museum grounds where attendees can gather together and do their own musical thing or just rap.

In thanks to the museum for hosting this event, and the many other events they support, buy a ticket, man. Don't crash the gate, that's not cool. Bring hip friends. They will dig it. Bring square friends. They will find it enjoyable. Pick up lunch at the museum refreshment table too.

Go to: <http://www.portsanilac.net/singin-in-the-60s-festival-2016/> for more

information including a schedule which includes Ruby Hill, Butterhair, Black River Bluegrass Boys, The Bluewater Ramblers, Frodis Room, Rick Novak, Mary Foley, Gordon MacDonald, Still Running, Emma Guzman, Wells, Witz & Blaine, Ourselves, Bobby Budd, Two or Three, Mike Tremblay, Mike Balysch, Dale George, Phil Larson.

Don't miss this one!



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

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

BWFS Event Calendar:

[www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/
bwfs-event-calendar.html](http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwfs-event-calendar.html)

Website:

www.bluewaterfolk.org
www.thumbfest.org

Join us for only

\$10/year Membership

Send your dues & info to:

Blue Water Folk Society

P.O. Box 83

Lexington, MI. 48450

membership@bluewaterfolk.org

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**Acoustic Coffeehouse Open
Mics begin again on the 2nd
Saturday of October at
Trinity Episcopal Church**

Newsletter editor:

Shirley Barnett

**We welcome your suggestions,
pictures and submissions.**

Send your information to

newsletter@bluewaterfolk.org

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:
newsletter@bluewaterfolk.org

**Special thanks to
Trinity Episcopal Church for
their support of our
15 years of Open Mics !**

**Enjoy all the music
the summer!**

BWFS Current Board Members

*Working to bring you folk, traditional music!
Help us to do that ...join us!*

Barbara Ernsberger	President	president@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2017 election
Tom Schlichting	Treasurer	treasurer@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2018 election
Leigh Marciniak	Secretary	secretary@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2019 election
Marty Malek	Trustee	marty@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2018 election
VACANT	Trustee		term expires 2017 election
Shirley Barnett Trustee	shirley@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2018 election
Al Lewandowski Trustee	al@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2019 election

Entire Board email: board@bluewaterfolk.org

Thumbfest Update

**Many thanks to Leigh Marciniak for all her
work obtaining Sponsors, Patrons & Ads.**

Thumbfest Sponsors

Business and organizational sponsors are crucial to help offset many of the expenses of putting on Thumbfest. So please go out of your way to support these sponsors and thank them verbally and by patronizing them whenever possible.

Venue Sponsors

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Vendor Applications are still being accepted!

Check out our current vendors at:

[http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/thumbfest-
2016-vendors.pdf](http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/thumbfest-2016-vendors.pdf)

Contact: Barb at vendor@bluewaterfolk.org

Guitars for Kids News!

**Do you know a youth from 8 to 17 years
old who wants to play a guitar??**

Good news! We will have **five** guitars and **one** ukulele to give away to applicants at Thumbfest 2016.

There is a new location for the Guitar for Kids booth. It will be located near the Children's area by the beach playground.

Applicants will have to fill out a simple application at the booth on Thumbfest day. Musicians will be reviewing the applications and then select the **six** lucky winners.

You will need to be present to receive a guitar or ukulele. The presentation time has not been set yet, but is tentatively expected to be between 4:30pm and 6:00pm.

The Guitars for Kids sponsors are :

Albert Julius

Dennis & Leigh Marciniak

Randy & Teresa Orchard

Dean & Shirley Barnett

Alan & Penny Phillips

Marie Davis

Bill and Adele Russell

*Black River Blue Grass Boys in
memory of Tim Brown*

Guitars for Kids Tent Sponsor

Sanilac Consortium for the Arts

Guitars for Kids originated with Crag Carrick of the NorEast'r Music Festival and began at Thumbfest with a donation of a guitar from the NorEast'r to Thumbfest in 2014.

Last year we gave away three guitars to Michael Wentzel, Ted Pratt and Grace LaDouceur.

Perhaps someone you know will be one of the lucky winners this year!

More info on Guitar for Kids can be found at:

[http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/thumbfest-
an-acoustic-music/thumbfest-
2016/guitarforkids22016good.pdf](http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/thumbfest-an-acoustic-music/thumbfest-2016/guitarforkids22016good.pdf)

Other Thumbfest Information

The Thumbfest schedule, t-shirt information are not available yet however the most current information on Thumbfest 2016 will be posted on our website and Facebook:

<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/thumbfest-an-acoustic-music/thumbfest-2016/> and
<https://www.facebook.com/Thumbfest/>