



Blue Water Folk Notes



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Thumbfest Benefit Concert Saturday, April 13

The first Thumbfest Benefit will be Saturday, April 13 from 7:00 to 9:15 pm at the Trinity Episcopal Church Hall at 5646 Main St., Lexington, Mi. Dean Barnett, organizer of the concert, announced the performers will include John Broadwell, a fine entertainer; Still Running with their unique style and Ruby Hill with their great harmonies as the opening acts appearing in that order. Dean says "The main act will be Brian Wood and the Troubadads. Brian has written over 200 songs and has written the radio jingles for "Over Easy", "Alyce's Restaurant", and "Sunday Morning Drive". The Troubadads have been a part of Thumbfest since the beginning and I'm delighted that they can be a part of this."

Admission will be by donation and there will also be a 50/50 Raffle for the benefit of Thumbfest. Checks will be accepted made out to the Blue Water Folk Society. Ruth and Marty Habalewsky will be handling the 50/50 Raffle. Tom Schlichting will be available for receipts for your donations and Shirley Barnett will accept dues. As usual it takes a crew to put on an event so you can expect to see Ginny McNabb, Jim Spoutz helping to set-up and Dawn & Marty Malek in the kitchen. **Now all we need is you to make it a SUCCESS!**

Save these dates:

Thumbfest Benefit

Saturday, April 13

Trinity Episcopal Church

5646 Main St.(M-25)

Lexington , Mi. 48450

7:00 pm to 9:15 pm

Admission by donation

Saturday Apr. 27

Blue Water Folk Society

Open Mic at the

Old Town Hall Winery

6:30 to 9:00 pm

Old Town Hall Winery

5475 N. Main St. Lexington, Mi.

***Saturday, June 22

Thumbfest Fundraiser

Old Town Hall Winery

Details to be announced

***Saturday, July 6

Thumbfest Fundraiser

Music at the Harbor in

Port Sanilac

Details to be announced

It is not too early to think about hosting a Thumbfest Fundraiser!

Contact the board at

tomschlichting@hotmail.com

Special Thanks to the Trinity Episcopal Church for all their support in our endeavor to bring acoustic music to the Thumb of Michigan. We could not do it without them.

Support the Blue Water Folk Society by Joining Us

Have you considered renewing your dues or joining the Blue Water Folk Society? BWFS Membership expires on June 30, 2013. Renewal or joining now will result in membership until June 30, 2014.

When you become a member you show your support of the Blue Water Folk Society and it's mission of "Presenting and Promoting Traditional Music in the Thumb".

In addition your membership will allow you to receive a discount on BWFS merchandise and fee events, vote at the General Meeting, run for a board position, have the newsletter by U.S. mail if preferred and have your musical event or performances published in the newsletter and BWFS calendar.

Email is the preferred method of communication because of it's

quickness and the prohibitive cost of stamps.

Dues remain at a very reasonable \$10 per year per person. Membership is open to everyone just by payment of your dues.

To become a member or renew please *send your dues with your printed information, including your name, mailing address, phone number and your email address to: Shirley Barnett; 1809 Caughill; Columbus, Mi. 48063.*

All checks should be made out to *Blue Water Folk Society.* Please note on the check "dues". If you decide to also include a donation with your dues, please note that in your information. Thank you for considering membership. Come be a part of the music!

BWFS member performance dates to consider:**Dean Barnett**

- > [Sunday, April 7 1 - 2 pm](#)
[Sunday, May 26 1-2 pm](#)
Great Lakes Maritime Center
Port Huron, Mi.
- > [Saturday, June 8 12 – 1 pm](#)
Art on the River
Port Huron, Mi.
bionomic2@yahoo.com

Iris Spencer & Jessica Uskowski

- > [Saturday, April 6 5:30 - 8:00 pm](#)
Roasted with Perks in
Marine City, Mi.
- > [Friday, June 30 8-9:30 am](#)
Pt. Huron HS track and then
[At 10:30 am](#) on the Main Stage
YMCA in Pt. Huron
- > [Wed. June 19 – Fri. June 21](#)
Entrant in the State Award
4-H Performing Arts. Lansing, Mi.
trixies_tans@yahoo.com

William Henry Russell

- > [Saturday, April 6 4 - 6 pm](#)
Old Town Hall Winery
Lexington, Mi.
- > [Sat. Apr. 20 & May 18 7:30-10:30pm](#)
Raven Café Port Huron, Mi.
- > [Tue., April 16 & May 21 8-10 pm](#)
Dessert Oasis Coffee Roaster
336 South Main, Rochester, Mi.
- > [Saturday, May 4 6-9 pm](#)
Cinco De Mayo Celebration
Poncho's New Baltimore, Mi.
- > [Every Thursday 6-9 pm](#)
Poncho's New Baltimore, Mi
russell.william@att.net

Judy Insley

- > [Saturday, May 18 7:00 pm](#)
CD Release Party
Trinity House Theatre
insleyjc@comcast.net

Still Running

- > [Saturday, April 13 7:00 pm](#)
Thumbfest Benefit
Trinity Episcopal Church Lexington
- > [Fri. May 10 & June 28 & Sat. May 25 7:30 -10:30 pm](#)
Raven Café, Pt. Huron, Mi.
- > [Saturday, Apr. 27 6:30-9 pm](#)
Old Town Hall Winery Open Mic
- > [Sunday, May 12 6-10 pm](#)
Lynch's Irish Pub Pt. Huron, Mi.
- > [Saturday, June 29 7-9 pm](#)
Music at the Harbor Pt. Sanilac
mmercatant@aol.com

**BWFS Traditional Acoustic Open Mic Done for Season**

The Traditional Acoustic Open Mic held at Trinity Episcopal Church is done for the season. Our February Open Mic had a record number of attendees with 125 plus people enjoying a large turn-out of musicians. Our March Open Mic ended up with the smallest audience of about 70 people even with the competition of all the St. Patrick Day activities. Bruce Filbeck served as emcee in January, Jim Williams & Dean Barnett shared emcee duties in February with a record 17 performers while Jenna Reed finished off the season as emcee in March with our smallest number of performers at 11.

Performers included Larry Maykowski, Iris Spencer, Three Sisters, Jediah Willis, Stevie Weaver, Blair DeWilde Kohler, Dale George, Still Running, Rhonda Johnson, 8th Unknown, Circle of Friends, John Broadwell, Butterhair, Charlie Winters, Suzanne Srodawa, Jim Spoutz, Valerie Rushing, Ourselves, Dean Barnett, John Dobat, Ed Dombrowski, Juliette and Brooke Geck with Grandpa Dean Barnett.

We have had a good balance of music this season, with both young musicians

BWFS Open Mic & Fundraiser

The BWFS Open Mic's being held at the Old Town Hall Winery, 5475 N. Main St., Lexington have been a success and will continue. Past Host bands have been Ourselves, Butterhair and Still Running.

The Open Mic will be the 4th Saturday of the month following the 4:00 -6:00 pm performance of various artists, which are part of the music the Winery hosts on Saturdays. Cory Allen, Jazz Guitar will be the performer from 4:00 to 6:00 pm before the next BWFS Open Mic on Saturday, April 27 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm with host band Still Running.

Owners Connie Currie & Steve are also sponsoring a Thumbfest 2013 fundraiser on Saturday, June 22 at the Old Town Hall Winery which is in the beginning planning stages but mark your calendars now for this exciting fundraiser.

and more mature musicians and different styles of music. The Open Mic has provided the venue for budding musicians and have led to new collaborations.

Iris Spencer, a young performer, has won the Regional Award in 4-H Performing Arts for Southeastern Michigan. She will also volunteer at Harbor in Pt. Huron to share her talent.

Dawn & Marty Malek ran the kitchen and served as Coffeehouse Director, Ginny McNabb & Jim Spoutz helped with set-up, Ruth & Marty Habalewsky ran the raffle, Dean Barnett & John Broadwell worked on set-up, Tom Schlichting, Mike Mercatante & Jenna Reed handled sound, Many people brought refreshments, including Jeannine Kirchoff, Marie McCarthy, Theresa Geck, Ruth Habalewsky, Shirley Barnett, Judy Butler, Tess DeWalde-Kohler, Al & Penny Philips, Marlene Bezruczyle, Mary Spencer, Mary Filbeck, Susan Broadwell, and Sharon & Jeff Walby.

Mary Filbeck, won \$73 in February and Gary Koester won \$54 in March at the 50/50 Raffle. The BWFS Traditional Acoustic Open Mics at Trinity are scheduled to begin again in October 2013.

Thumbfest Update

Mike Mercatante, Artistic Director of Thumbfest 2013 has announced some of the acts for Thumbfest 2013 although he is still booking. mmercatant@aol.com

Already booked are the Red Sea Pedestrians, Dragon Wagon, Creole du Nord, Mustard's Retreat, Floyd King and the Bushwhackers, Jim Bizer/Jan Krist, Jo Serrapere & the Willie Dunns, Stella!, Shari Kane & Dave Steele, Floyd & Buckrooster King, Maggie Ferguson, Campfire Compadres, Heritage String Band, The Barones, Still Running, Lost Cuzzins, Circle of Friends, Ourselves, Ruby Hill, Black River Bluegrass Boys, and Dan Hazlett.

Stage sponsors, advertisers, volunteers, Thumbfest sponsors and donations are still needed. See the Board member list or for contact information. **There is a role for YOU!**



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Taste of the Thumb a Success

For the 4th year, the BWFS provided the music for the The Taste of the Thumb which benefits the Sanilac County Baby Pantry. Many thanks go out to the musicians who donated their performances were Circle of Friends, Lost Cuzzins, Ourselves, and Still Running with John Dobat. Shirley Barnett again organized the music.

Brooks Solterman, an organizer for the Taste of the Thumb said "Thanks again for arranging groups for yesterday's TOT – it was the best ever with attendance, music and just good fellowship for the area." Presenting & providing traditional acoustic music to the thumb is the mission of the BWFS.

Opportunities to play & learn

>>**Blue Water Musicians Network** has a Jam with a Band on the 3rd Thursday and a Good Time Jam on the last Friday of each month.
ted@imprinthouse.com

>>**Guitar Workshop** May 11 12 -3 pm \$10 with Jimmy DeHeno & Bill Russell at the East China Performing Arts Center , East China, Mi.
<http://www.marinecitymusicfestival.com/acousticguitarworkshop.html>

>>**Open Mic** on the 1st Saturday of the month at Southern Thumb Music in Richmond, Mi. from 1 to 3 pm
pattie@southernthumbmusic.com

>>**Andy Mather/Paint Creek** Andy's harmonica workshop 6:30 pm at the Paint Creek Folklore Society meetings 1st Saturday begins with workshops at 4 pm.
andymather@comcast.net

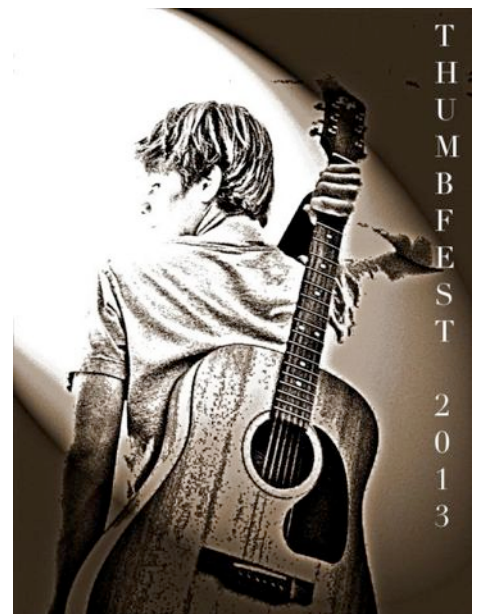
BWFS Annual General Meeting

The date for the June 2013 General Meeting has not been set yet. At the meeting you will have an opportunity to run for 2 board positions that are up for election and any other issues brought up at the meeting IF you are a member in good standing

Tom Schlichting is looking for a volunteers to help work at the Thumbfest fundraiser on July 6 in Port Sanilac & June 22 in Lexington.
tomschlichting@hotmail.com

Congratulations to Jimmy DeHeno who is featured in issue # 3 of Fingerstyle360 magazine. Check out:
http://fingerstyle360.com/Digital_Magazine.php

Thumbfest 2013 T-shirt Design



Here is your chance to vote on a color for the Thumbfest 2013 T-shirt. Go to www.facebook.com/thumbfest No other info is available right now.

It is not too early to Volunteer.... NOTE: Next issue...deadline for submissions....June 25th

More BWFS member performance

Pictures from Our March Coffeehouse Open Mic at Trinity ..More next issue

Jimmy Deheno

- > [Thursday May 30 & June 27](#)
7:30 – 10:30 pm
Raven Cafe Port Huron, Mi.
- > [Friday, April 5, 19th & 27](#)
Bobby Mac's Bayside
Fair Haven, Mi.
- > [Friday, April 12 & every Friday](#)
Trio, Port Huron, Mi.
- > [Friday, April 20](#)
Hunter Hospitality House Benefit
Port Huron, Mi.
- > [Saturday, May 11, 12-3:30 pm](#)
Marine City Guitar Workshop \$10
East China Performing Arts Cent.

jimmy@jimmydeheno.com

Michael Hough

- > [Thursday, May 2, TBA](#)
Ark part of Pete Seeger Show
Ann Arbor, Mi.

David Tamulevich

- > [Thursday, May 2 7:30 pm](#)
Sippin Lizard opening for Don
White, Flint, Mi.
www.mustardsretreat.com

Keith Menzies/Brother-in-Arms

- > [Saturday, April 7 & 21 12-3pm](#)
Great Lakes Maritime Center
Port Huron, Mi.
- > [Sat. April 13, May 11 & June 8](#)
[7:30-10:30pm](#)
Raven Café Port Huron, Mi.
- > [April 27 8:30 pm](#)
LaCroix Riverside Pub, St. Clair, Mi.
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John Broadwell

- > [Saturday, April 13 7:00 pm](#)
Thumbfest Benefit at Trinity
Lexington, Mi.

Ruby Hill

- > [Saturday, April 13 7:00 pm](#)
Thumbfest Benefit at Trinity
Lexington, Mi.
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Lost Cuzzins

- > [Sunday, June 9, 4 – 5 pm](#)
Art on the River Main Stage
Port Huron
Jimwilliams1150@gmail.com

Patti Christensen

- > [Saturday, June 22 12 noon](#)
Habitat for Humanity Concert at
Sheppard's Auto, Richmond, Mi.
patti@southerthumbmusic.com



Juliet & Brooke Geck with Dean Barnett



2/3 of Ourselves (Tom & Lyn)



Iris Spencer



John Broadwell



Three Sisters



Still Running



Emcee Jenna Reed



Ed Dombrowski



Valerie Rushing



Mary Foley & Dean Barnett



Ruth Habalewsky



Circle of Friends



Jedediah Willis

*Don't forget...**YOU** can Support the Blue Water Folk Society by attending their events, attending the BWFS musician performances, by volunteering at the Thumbfest & Fundraisers, by becoming a member (\$10 dues) and by making a needed Donation. All checks should be made out to **Blue Water Folk Society***