



Blue Water Folk Notes

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Dates to Save

Palmer Jam:

Saturday, May 6th 7-10 pm and every 1st Saturday of the month. BWFS members Phil Larson and Dale George have arranged for a jam to be held at Westminster Presbyterian, 2501 Stone St., Port Huron, Mi. contact: dtgeorge1@aol.com

Sanilac Consortium for the Arts Acoustic Song Circle at Bark Shanty, Port Sanilac on **every 1st Friday of the month.** Contact Tom at 810-622-9716 for information

BWFS Annual Meeting & Election June 17 11am at Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main Street, Lexington, Mi. Contact: secretary@bluewaterfolk.org

Let's Get Nauti Taste Festival Sunday, May 21 1:00-5:00pm at Port Huron Seaway Terminal 2336 Military St. Port Huron secretary@bluewaterfolk.org More info on Page 2 newsletter

Singin' in the 60's Saturday, July 22 12-6 pm Featuring many BWFS performers at the Sanilac County Historic Museum & Village, Port Sanilac, Mi. Contact Tom at: 810-622-9716

Guitars for Kids Fundraiser Saturday, May 20 7:30-9:30pm Featuring Floyd King & the Bushwackers. Hosted by BWFS member Ricky Novak's home: 140 S. Hughes Rd. Howell, Mi. \$25/couple \$15/person Contact: 586.663.6683 furbar_howell@hotmail.com

Please send your comments, & pictures of Thumbfest & the Coffeehouses Open Mic to: newsletter@bluewaterfolk.org

BWFS Acoustic Coffeehouse Open Mic Season is Done

The BWFS Acoustic Coffeehouse Open Mic season is done. The next season will begin on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

January had 8 acts, February had 12 acts and March grew to 17 acts providing a wide variety of acts with some new performers.

Since January we have been using our new guidelines which can be found on the website at www.bluewaterfolk.org under the Open Mic tab.

Performers were Ed Dombrowski, Blood Harmony, Steven Jones, Blaire deWilde Kohler, Marie Davis, Circle of Friends, Bobby Budd, Phil Larson, John Putt, Tom Schlichting, Pete Hartung, Bookends, Still Running, Hannah MacDonald, Dave Faley & Alexis, Ourselves, Tim May, Stephen Jones & George Brown, Mike and Sue Baysch, Bob Hausler, M-25, Chris Rudy & Dale George, Vicky & David, Ron McPhail, and Nina Mann. Emcees were Al Lewandowski, Bruce Filbeck & Tom Schlichting.

Refreshments were donated by many people including Marie McCarthy, Judy Willis, Sharon Walby, Pat Anderson, Ginny McNabb, Diane Rizzo, and Marie Davis. The list is lost so I am missing some very deserving people. Helping with sound were Tom Schlichting, Walt Schlichting, Phil Larson and Randy. Al Lewandowski, John Broadwell, Ron and Pat Anderson, B.J. Swarts, Frank Swarts, Ginny McNabb and many others helped with set-up and clean-up. Manning the front table were Leigh and Dennis Marciniak and Shirley Barnett & Diane Rizzo. Dawn Malek ran the kitchen with help from Marty Malek, Halusia Witkowski, Mary Filbeck. Marty Malek is the new Coffeehouse Director. Contact Marty to volunteer at the Coffeehouse Open Mic: coffeehouse@bluewaterfolk.org

Volunteer Crew in January 2016



BWFS April Fundraiser Was a Success

The first BWFS fundraiser of the year on April 8, 2017 was a success. About 60 guests were entertained by Ourselves, Still Running and Floyd King & the Bushwackers.

The musicians donated their performances to help support the BWFS and their projects including the Open Mic, Thumbfest and Guitars for Kids.

As usual, many volunteers made the event a success including, Al Lewandowski, John Broadwell, Walt Schlichting, Tom Schlichting, Shirley Barnett, Dawn Malek, Marty Malek, Marie McCarthy, Halusia Witkowski, Ginny McNabb, Dennis Marciniak, Leigh Marciniak, Phil Larson, and Randy. Barb Ernsberger served as the emcee.

Hootenanny featuring all three bands.



BWFS Board Elections

Would you like to become a member of the BWFS Board of Directors?

The BWFS Board of Directors has two positions expiring in June, so candidates are being recruited now to fill the positions. Interested candidates can self-nominate by notifying Leigh Marciniak, BWFS Secretary, of their interest at secretary@bluewaterfolk.org.

The cut-off for prospective directors is May 10, 2017.

Sometime in May BWFS Members will be able to begin voting by email or mail for the candidates.

The BWFS Annual Meeting and election is scheduled at 11 a.m., June 17, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main Street, Lexington, Michigan, 48450. We hope you will attend this meeting to learn more about your organization.

You must be a BWFS current member for 6 months prior to running for the Board of Directors position.

BWFS member performance dates to consider:



More details can be found at:
<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwfs-event-calendar.html>

Monday, May 1

8:00pm Albert Young and Straight Eight at Howe's Bayou, Ferndale

Friday, May 5

7:30am Mike Myers and Judy Brown at the Raven Cafe, Port Huron

6:30pm Sanilac Consortium for the Arts Acoustic Song Circle at Bark Shanty

Saturday, May 6

7:00pm Palmer Jam , Westminster Presbyterian Port Huron

Friday, May 12

8:30pm William Henry Russell at Dessert Oasis, Rochester

Saturday, May 13 & 27

7:00pm Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, Sandusky

Sunday, May 14

3:00pm William Henry Russell Mother's Day Concert, Port Huron

Saturday, May 20

7:30pm William Henry Russell, Raven Cafe, Port Huron

7:30pm Guitars for Kids Benefit with Floyd King & the Bushwackers Howell

Sunday, May 21

1:00pm Let's Get Nauti at Seaway Terminal Bean Dock, Port Huron

Friday, May 26

3:00pm Mike Balysh at the Pt. Sanilac Farmers Market

7:30pm Denny Dwyer at Lexington Brewery

Thursday, June 1

7:30pm Julianne Ankley at the Raven Cafe

Friday, June 2

3:00pm Phil & Marsha Larson at Pt. Sanilac Farmers Market Port Sanilac

6:30pm Sanilac Consortium for the Arts Acoustic Song Circle at Bark Shanty

Friday, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

7:30pm Denny Dwyer at Lexington Brewery

Saturday, June 3

7:00pm Palmer Jam at Westminster Presbyterian Port Huron

Sunday, June 4

7:00pm Denny Dwyer at Tailgators Sport Bar, Port Huron

Monday, June 5

7:30pm Albert Young and the Straight Eight, Howe's Bayou, Ferndale

Friday, June 9

3:00pm Ruby Hill at the Pt. Sanilac Farmer's Market

Support our BWFS Musicians!

Submit your performances to:
newsletter@bluewaterfolk.org

Come Join Us!!

The BWFS Board of Directors has made no due changes for 2017-8. For just \$10, you can belong to an organization that is committed to perpetuate the heritage of traditional and acoustic music in Michigan's Thumb. You can directly support the continued success of BWFS programs that include Thumbfest, Coffeehouse Acoustic Open Mic and Guitar for Kids.

The annual dues come up for renewal by June 30, 2017. Current BWFS members have been advised of their membership expiring. To renew membership, just send a \$10 check payable to BWFS, with contact information, to BWFS, P. O. Box 83, Lexington, MI 48450.

Vendor Information

We are currently accepting vendors of hand-crafted items for Thumbfest 2017. We only accept one vendor for each product type, and we only have space for a very limited number of vendors. Over 5000 people visit Thumbfest each year for this one-day event and they'd love to see your products!

All vendors are located at the harbor, where our main stage is located, and where a steady stream of shoppers is shuttled all day long!

Please be in touch with John, our Thumbfest Vendor Director, for an application and more information at

thumbfestvending@bluewaterfolk.org

Come join the vendors that have already signed up: Lounies Soap Co.; Michigan Candy, Inc.; Artful Tatting; Re-Creations; Bee's Knees Apiary; Mother Nature's Jewelry Box; Just A Poppin; Energy Smoothie Booth; Whispering Smoke BBQ, LLC and Thumb Roast Coffee.

Volunteers Needed



There is not a better way to imbibe in some Thumbfest mirth and merriment than volunteering!!! You have numerous opportunities to choose from including emceeding for your favorite band, providing information to the revelers, hawking for donations, encouraging people to win the 50/50 by selling tickets, helping set up or tear down. and there will be more!

You can sign up here and the Volunteer Coordinator aka Barbara Ernsberger will contact you or you can contact Barbara directly at secbwfs@gmail.com or call her at 810.404.7302.

Sign up early so you get your preferred time slot! Tell a friend...who knows, you might have twice as much fun with a buddy!!!

Guitars for Kids Giveaway at Thumbfest 2017

On Saturday, September 2 in Lexington, Mi. The Blue Water Folk Society will give away up to **6 guitars & 3 ukuleles at Thumbfest 2017 to youth from 10 to 17 years old.**

Youths 10 to 17 yrs. old must fill out an application during Thumbfest 2017.

Applications will be available 11am to one hour before presentation.

Youth will need to be present at the presentation to receive their guitar.

**There will be a musician available to help the successful applicants unpack their kit and tune your guitar.

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.

Let's keep the music flowing to the future musicians!

To help or donate contact:

shirley@bluewaterfolk.org

or call 586-727-5197

www.bluewaterfolk.org

Tent Sponsor:

Chef Shell's Restaurant & Catering

<http://www.chefshells.com/>.



The Blue Water Folk Society is proud to announce the launch of the **Rising Stars Music Contest for all talented youth 19 and under.**

Goals of the Rising Stars Music Contest:

- * Identify and promote the talent and abilities of young musicians
- * Develop the stage and performing abilities of young musicians

Talented youth musicians may compete for best performance or best original song or both!

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three in each category:

First place: \$150

Second place: \$75

Third place: \$50

More details will be added soon.

Click "Interested" or "Going" on

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1088012011300824/> to stay up-to-date with all

of the latest information.

Congratulations to BWFS members Julianne Ankley and Tom McGovern for their Detroit Music Awards nominations.

MORE BWFS member performance dates:

Note: Performances listed are those that the BWFS member performers submitted to: newsletter@bluewaterfolk.org

- Saturday, June 10**
1:30pm Denny Dwyer at Art on the River, Port Huron
- Saturday, June 10 & June 24**
7:00pm Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, Sandusky
- Sunday, June 11**
12:00pm Denny Dwyer at Sanilac Historic Museum & Village, Port Sanilac
- Friday, June 16**
3:00pm Still Running at Pt. Sanilac Farmer's Market
- Saturday, June 17**
7:30pm William Henry Russell, Raven Cafe, Port Huron
- Thursday, June 22**
7:30pm Denny Dwyer at Raven Cafe, Port Huron
- Friday, June 23**
3:00pm Dean Barnett at Pt. Sanilac Farmers Market
- Saturday, June 24**
12:00pm Denny Dwyer at the Sandusky Thumb Festival, Sandusky
12:00pm Circle of Friends at the Porch Fest, Port Austin, Mi.
- Friday, June 30**
3:00pm Lost Cuzzins at Pt. Sanilac Farmers Market
- Saturday, July 1**
9:00pm Denny Dwyer at Tailgators Sports Bar, Port Huron
- Friday, July 7**
6:30pm Sanilac Consortium for the Arts Acoustic Song Circle at Bark Shanty
- Friday, July 7, 14, 21, 28**
7:30pm Denny Dwyer at Lexington Brewery
- Saturday, July 8, 22**
7:00pm Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, Sandusky
- Wednesday, July 12**
7:30pm Albert Young and the Straight Eight, Howe's Bayou, Ferndale
- Thursday, July 13**
7:30pm Denny Dwyer at the Raven Cafe, Port Huron
- Friday, July 14**
3:00pm Black River Bluegrass Boys at the Pt. Sanilac Farmers Market
- Saturday, July 15**
7:30pm William Henry Russell, Raven Cafe, Port Huron
- Friday, July 21**
3:00pm Circle of Friends at the Pt. Sanilac Farmers Market
- Saturday, July 22**
12:00pm Singin' in the 60's Pt. Sanilac
<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwfs-event-calendar.html>

Let's Get Nauti to Benefit BWFS



SUNDAY MAY 21, 2017
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM



PORT HURON SEAWAY TERMINAL
2336 MILITARY ST. PORT HURON, MI 48060

LET'S GET NAUTI

JOIN US AT THE 3RD ANNUAL TASTE FESTIVAL. THIS YEAR WE ARE FEATURING A NEW LOCATION OVERLOOKING THE BEAUTIFUL ST. CLAIR RIVER! STROLL AND SAMPLE THE BEST WINES AND HARD CIDERS THE THUMB HAS TO OFFER!

EARLY BIRD (LIMITED QUANTITY) **\$35**
PRE-SALES THROUGH MAY 20TH **\$40**
DOOR TICKETS SUNDAY, MAY 21ST **\$45**

PURCHASE TICKETS AT THUMBSUPMI.COM
TICKET PRICE INCLUDES: WINE, FOOD, LIVE MUSIC AND VENDORS

PORT HURON SEAWAY TERMINAL
2336 MILITARY ST. PORT HURON, MI 48060

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Where Can You Get Info about Thumbfest?

- <https://www.facebook.com/Thumbfest>
- <http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/thumbfest-an-acoustic-music/thumbfest-2017.html>

Singin' in the Sixties on July 22, 2017

BWFS member Tom Schlicting is helping to organize the Singin' in the 60's Festival on the grounds of the Sanilac County Historical Museum and Village.

The event will be Saturday, July 22 from 12:00 to 6:00 pm \$10 adult day pass

Presented by the Sanilac Consortium for the Arts and Sanilac County Historic Museum & Village. The BWFS is co-sponsoring the event. A number of BWFS members have been booked for the event. They include:

- Ruby Hill, Lost Cuzzins** (Cuzzins & Ruby Hill covers include Sam Cooke, Van Morrison, Beatles, Bob Dylan, James Taylor, Johnny Nash, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Buddy Holly, The Band, Everly Brothers, Dolly Parton and more),
- Bookends** (Simon & Garfunkel)
- Circle of Friends** (Peter, Paul & Mary)
- Blue Water Ramblers** (sixties folk revival)
- Butterhair, Dynasty** (rock)
- Four Past Five, Still Running**
- Black River Bluegrass Boys**
- M-25 (Everly Brothers), Ricky Novak Bobby Budd**

The event will also include a Classic Volkswagen Car Show
Elk Street Brews, Food on Site

Guitar for Kids Fundraiser

BWFS member Ricky Novak hosted a successful fundraiser for Guitars for Kids on Feb. 25th with the Blue Water Ramblers and presented \$400 to the BWFS. Ricky is doing it again with Floyd King & the Bushwackers at a fundraiser scheduled at his home on

Saturday, May 20 7:30-9:30pm
\$25/couple \$15/person

Drinks, food and fun provided
140 S. Hughes, Howell, Mi. 48843
email fubar_howell@hotmail.com or call 517.548.2876 or 586.663.6683 to reserve your seat..limited seating!



We Need You....

- ...to run for the Blue Water Folk Society Board of Directors
- ...vote in May for the Blue Water Folk Society Board of Director candidates
- ...attend the Thumbs Up Wine Trail Taste Fest 2017-Let's Get Nauti on May 21 in Port Huron
- ...attend the Blue Water Folk Society Annual Meeting on June 17 in Lexington
- ...come to Singin' the 60's Music Festival on July 22 in Port Sanilac
- ...come and volunteer for Thumbfest on September 2 in Lexington



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.bluewaterfolksociety.org
www.thumbfest.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/thumbfest

**Join us for only \$10/year
Membership**

For more information:

[http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/
membership-info.html](http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/membership-info.html)
membership@bluewaterfolk.org

Coffeehouse Director

Contact: Marty Malek
coffeehouse@bluewaterfolk.org

Newsletter editor:

Shirley Barnett

*We welcome your suggestions,
pictures and submissions.*

Booking for Thumbfest:

thumbfestbooking@bluewaterfolk.org

BWFS members can submit their
performance dates for publication
by sending the information to:
newsletter@bluewaterfolk.org

Did you know that

the Blue Water Folk Society is a
501c3 non-profit established to
present and promote acoustic
traditional music in the
Thumb of Michigan?

**Special Thanks to Trinity Episcopal
Church, the Village of Lexington,
the Lexington DDA and Lexington
Business Assoc. for their support
of the BWFS**

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
Leigh Marciniak	Secretary	secretary@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2019 election
Tom Schlichting	Treasurer	treasurer@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2018 election
Marty Malek	Trustee	marty@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2018 election
Shirley Barnett	Trustee	shirley@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2018 election
Al Lewandowski	Trustee	al@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2019 election
John Broadwell	Trustee	john@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2017 election

Main email: board@bluewaterfolk.org



Hannah MacDonald Marie Davis Ed Dombrowski Steven Jones & George Brown



Bob Hausler Bookends Dave Faley & Alexa Dale George & Chris Rudy



Tom Schlichting/Phil Larson Tim May Still Running Ron McPhail

*See you in
October 2017
for the next
Coffeehouse
Open Mic!*



Vicky & David February Hootenanny with emcee Bobby Budd