



Blue Water Folk Notes



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Planning on coming to Thumbfest 2013?

If you have ever been to Thumbfest you know what a great time you can have. Thumbfest 2013 is a family friendly music festival put on by the Blue Water Folk Society an all volunteer 501c3 nonprofit. Although the festival is FREE we do rely on your donations to help cover the \$20,000 it takes to put on the festival. During the year we raise funds by 50/50 raffles, donations at our open mics and at the benefit concerts we have held this year, advertisers, sponsors and sales of T-shirts.

Here are some tips to help you enjoy your day at Thumbfest:

- **Bring a lawn chair**...chairs cost us \$1 each to rent so we can only afford 400
- There is a **free shuttle for your use**.. the shuttle will also run to the parking lots ...you can also flag it down if needed. (Yes...we pay to rent the shuttle)
- **Visit the Information table on Huron at the Lion's Hall Parking lot** for **Thumbfest schedules & maps**, T-shirt sales & pick-up, information, get on our newsletter mailing list and membership information.
- **Visit the Information & CD table at the Harbor** for CD sales, T-shirt sales, 50/50 raffle tickets and **Thumbfest schedules and maps**.
- You can find **information on the boards at each stage**.
- There will be some **food vendors at the harbor** this year (yeah!) and there are many restaurants in town you can visit. You can also bring your own food if you want. (see complete list of vendors on page 4)
- Many of our **sponsors and advertisers have food** including the Old Town Hall Winery, Irish Rose Gift & Travel Woolen Shoppe, Oh Fudge, Foley's Market, Lexington Dairy Queen, Wimpy's Place, The Beach Basket, Bunny's Frozen Custard, Cadillac House Restaurant, Lakeside A&W and Oldford Marina.
- **Bring your instrument to jam and sing** with the musicians at the Cadillac House Jam Site inside the Lion's Hall. You can just listen if you want.
- Come down to the **Open Mic Stage** at Oldford Marina and sign up to play a couple of songs.
- Visit the **Marty & Ruth Habalewsky workshops** to learn how to play a harmonica, write a song, use open tunings, sing in harmony, play a ukulele, and tell a story with song. **Bring your instrument with you**. Andy Mather's beginning harmonica workshop will have some harmonicas available.
- **Take some time to explore the fine beach, playground and visit some of the fine shops in Lexington including our sponsors and advertisers**.
- **Stay for the Hootenanny** at the end of Thumbfest featuring any of the scheduled musicians still there.
- **Porta-johns are located around town as well as indoor restrooms**. See the Map in the Tri-fold or ask at the information tables for locations.
- **Call 911 for emergency calls**. The Welcome Center is on M-25 south of the traffic light and has Village information and restrooms.
- **ATMs are available** at Talmer Bank and Eastern Michigan Bank on M-25.
- **Feel free to sing along, dance and enjoy yourself !**

Save these dates:

Saturday, August 24, 2013

Thumbfest 2013

Volunteer Potluck

Butler Bed & Breakfast

4774 Main St. Lexington, Mi.

6:00 pm to ?

RSVP to 810-359-5910

Bring a dish to pass, your instrument and a lawn chair.

Come relax before Thumbfest!

One meat will be provided.

T-shirts will be available and volunteer assignment details.

Contact: Ruth Habalewsky to volunteer....810-305-2388 or rhablewsky@comcast.net

Saturday, August 31

Thumbfest 2013

Lexington, Mi. 10am to 10pm

Bring your chair, instrument, and your family & friends & join us for a music filled day!

Saturday, October 12

BWFS Traditional Acoustic

Open Mic Coffeehouse

Trinity Episcopal Church

5646 Main St. Lexington, Mi.

1st Open Mic Coffeehouse of the 2013-2014 season begins again...

7pm to 10pm

3rd Saturday of month

BWFS Open Mic at the

Old Town Hall Winery

Watch for Details at

www.oldtownhallwinery.com

Schedules and Maps can be found in the Thumbfest trifolds plus performer information can be found online at www.thumbfest.org and on Facebook.

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

> **Friday, Aug. 23 3 - 6pm**

Farmer's Market, Pt. Sanilac, Mi.

> **Saturday, Oct. 19 7:00 pm**

Dean & Mary at Baseline Folk Society

Plymouth, Mi. \$ 5

bionomic2@yahoo.com

William Henry Russell

> **Sat. Sept. 21 & Oct. 19 7:30-10:30pm**

Raven Café Port Huron, Mi.

> **Every Thursday 6-9 pm**

Poncho's New Baltimore, Mi

Still Running

> **Sat. Aug 24; Sept. 28; Oct. 26 7:30 -10:30 pm**

Raven Café, Pt. Huron, Mi.

> **Thurs. September 12 8 pm -12 am**

Lynch's Irish Pub Pt. Huron, Mi.

> **Thurs. September 12 8 pm -12 am**

Lynch's Irish Pub Pt. Huron, Mi.

Lost Cuzzins

> **Monday, September 2 12:35 pm**

Blue ChiliGrass Festival

Goodells County Park; Goodells, Mi.

jimwilliams1150@gmail.com

Replay

> **Saturday, Oct. 19, 8:30 pm -12:30 am**

Holly Meadows, Mussey, Mi.

gjmacdonald@comcast.net

Judy Insley

> **Sunday, September 1, 3:15 - 4 pm**

Dancin' in the Streets

Ann Arbor, Mi.

> **Sunday, September 15, 3-5 pm**

Midland Brewing Company

Midland, Mi.

insleyjc@comcast.net

Jimmy Deheno

> **Thurs Jun 27, July 25, Aug 29 7:30-10:30 pm**

Raven Café, Port Huron, Mi.

jimmy@jimmydeheno.com

Mustard's Retreat

> **Saturday Aug. 24 TBA**

Harsen's Island Bluegrass Festival

Harsen's Island, Mi.

> **Wednesday Sept. 4 7:00 pm**

with Matt Watroba; Chelsea Depot

125 Jackson St. Chelsea, Mi.

> **Saturday, Sept. 14 7:00 pm**

Yellow Room Gang at Trinity House

38840 West Six Mile, Livonia, Mi.

dave@tamulevich.com

Butterhair

> **Monday Sept. 2 2 pm**

Blue ChiliGrass Festival

Goodells County Park; Goodells, Mi.

ted@imprinthouse.com

Keith Menzies/Brother-in-Arms

> **Sat. Sept. 14 & Oct. 12 7:30- 10:30pm**

Raven Café Port Huron, Mi.

clanmenzsofwales@aol.com

Thumbfest 2013 Update by Mike Mercatante

Time is ticking away as Thumbfest 2013 nears and the Blue Water Folk Society is in high gear to make this year's festival the most exciting one yet!

Check it out. There will be 51 different acts appearing at 11 venues throughout Lexington. That's the most acts for any Thumbfest! There will be music to please everybody.

You want New Orleans brass party music? Welcome back the Nicky Boy Street Band! High energy world music? We are happy to see the return of the Red Sea Pedestrians! Celtic and Irish influenced music? Check out Dragon Wagon, Kitty Donohoe and Ourselves! Cajun music? We welcome back Creole du Nord and, making their festival debut, Sel de Terre! Acoustic swing ala the Hot Club? Make sure you see the Appleased Collective as they make their first appearance at Thumbfest!

Western swing? Got that, too, with Cornpone! Multiple award winning Americana? Check out Stella!, Jo Serrapere and the Willie Dunns, and Billy Brandt and Sarana VerLin! French-Indian music? Don't miss Le Compagnie! Bluegrass? Check out the Black River Bluegrass Boys and introducing, The Waynewood Boys! The real acoustic blues? Don't miss Shari Kane and Dave Steele! Fingerstyle guitar to blow you away? William Henry Russell is your man! All these and so much more. Whew.

I'm also pleased to announce that we will be having an Open Mic Stage at this year's Thumbfest. It will be down by the Oldford Marina and will be on a first come, first served basis. So, if you have a few tunes that you'd like to play, bring your instrument or voice and sign up and play your songs. It's a lot of fun.

We will also be having workshops and jam sites again. Be sure to bring your instrument and jam or get a lesson from many of the Thumbfest performers. If you don't play, you are welcome to attend and listen and enjoy.

The more the merrier!

There are a lot of acts to take in and to make things easier this year, we have posted many of the bands biographies, photos, and web links where you can hear their music on the Thumbfest Facebook Event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/141535882721280/> Be sure to go to this site and it will help guide you the day of the festival.

Thumbfest 2013 occurs between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday, August 31 in the beautiful lakeside village of Lexington. This is the 12th annual Thumbfest festival and our ninth year in town. It is a free (no admission) festival and is run and manned purely by volunteers. An amazing accomplishment for a festival of this size. This is my fourth year as the Artistic Director for Thumbfest and I am proud to work with such a dedicated group of volunteers. It's not too late to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Hablewsky at: rhabalewsky@comcast.net

Got all that? Spread the word to your friends and also be sure to "Like" us on Facebook.

I'll see you all on August 31. Oh. By the way, it's not too early to start chanting "no rain, no rain, no rain". Peace.

Support Thumbfest 2013 and the Blue Water Folk Society by...

- Buying a Thumbfest T-shirt
- Buying a CD
- Buying a 50/50 ticket
- Become a BWFS member for \$10
Contact: barnettsjmd@gmail.com
- Volunteer at one of our events
Contact: rhabalewsky@comcast.net
- Make a Donation to the Blue Water Folk Society by cash or check.
- Our Mailing address is :
Blue Water Folk Society
P.O. Box 83
Lexington, Michigan 48450
- Checks can be made out to:
Blue Water Folk Society

More BWFS Performance dates

Butterhair

> **Monday Sept. 2 2 pm**

Blue ChiliGrass Festival
Goodells County Park
Goodells, Mi.

ted@imprinthouse.com

Ourselves

> **Friday, Aug. 30 ; 3 – 6 pm**

Farmers Market , Port Sanilac, Mi.

> **Saturday, September 21 TBA**

Great Storm Chautaugua Program
Port Huron Museum

> **Friday, October 18 TBA**

Port Huron Museum Lightship
Details on www.phmuseum.org
tomschlichting@hotmail.com

Denny Dwyer

> **Thurs , October 10 7:30-10:30 pm**

Raven Cafe, Port Huron, Mi.

d.dwyer@comcast.net

Barones

> **Monday, Sept. 2. All day**

Blue ChiliGrass Festival
Goodells County Park; Goodells, Mi.
jbaronjbaron@yahoo.com

PLUS..Twenty of the 51 acts performing at Thumbfest are Blue Water Folk Society Members.

Check out the schedule at:

<http://www.thumbfest.org/images/THUMBFEST2013SCHEDULE.pdf>

*Mustard's Retreat;
Still Running; Rocky Top;
Campfire Compadres;
Heritage String Band;
The Barones; Ourselves;
Circle of Friends; Ruby Hill;
Lost Cuzzins; Banjo Jim and
Ricky; Bobby Budd;
William Henry Russell; Judy
Insley & Almost Perfect;
John Dobat; Butterhair;
Denny Dwyer; Mary Foley;
Emilie Lewandowski;
Phil/Marsha Larson*

Blue Water Folk Society Open Mics to Continue

The very successful BWFS Open Mics will continue during the 2013-2014 season. The open mics have provided opportunities for persons to develop a stage presence and form new collaborations that have led to formation of new bands.

On the **2nd Saturday of the month from October to March** we will hold the Traditional Acoustic Open Mic Coffeehouse at Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main St., Lexington, Mi. from 7pm to 10 pm. Sign-up begins at 6:30 pm. Solo acts are limited to 10 minutes while bands are allowed 15 minutes. The emcee for the night will determine the order of performance. Refreshments are available for a donation and a 50/50 raffle will be held. Audiences have been from 60 to 100 persons. The first Open Mic at Trinity Episcopal Church www.trinitylexington.com will be on Saturday, October 12. Contact Dawn Malek to volunteer for set-up, clean-up, kitchen duty, sound or emcee duties at dawnmalek@comcast.net

We are very grateful for the support of The Old Town Hall Winery in Lexington who will continue to allow the BWFS to host an Open Mic at their fine Winery on the **3rd Saturday of the month**. Food and beverages including Gold Medal wines and microbrew beers are available for purchase at the Winery. Each month will feature a different host band who will lead the Open Mic. Watch for details and check out the menu at www.oldtownhallwinery.com or Facebook.

Submit Thumbfest 2013 and Open Mic pictures for the newsletter to barnettsjmd@gmail.com

Thumbfest 2013 Benefit Concerts Were Successful

Many thanks to the musicians and venues that sponsored a Thumbfest 2013 Benefit that raised \$4,028 to keep Thumbfest FREE. Thank you to organizers...Dean Barnett, Dawn & Marty Malek, Susan Gill, Connie Currie, Steve Velloff, Jenna Reed, Mike Mercatante and the musicians who performed for free John Broadwell, Melissa Schoenher, John Dobat, Emilie Lewandowski & Andrew Hale, Ourselves & Maggie Ewalt, Butterhair, Banjo Jim & Ricky, Ruby Hill, Lost Cuzzins, Still Running, Bobby Budd, Circle of Friends, Dean Barnett, Connie Currie, Ted Smith and Brian Wood and the Troubadads.

Of course any successful event can't happen without the venues and volunteers. Thank you to Trinity Episcopal Church & Port Sanilac Music at the Harbor for their support over the years; The Old Town Hall Winery for their use of their venue & the Thumbfest Beer sale & donation; Huron Shores Clubhouse and volunteers Ruth & Marty Habalewski, Shirley Barnett, Pavanne Lapham, Mike & Marie McCarthy and Tom Schlichting. I hope I have not forgot anyone. We can't do it without YOU !!



Marty Malek, John Broadwell & Melissa, Dawn Malek, Dean Barnett & John Dobat at July 21 Benefit



Emilie Lewandowski & Andrew at July 6 Pt. Sanilac



Kent Krueger, Jim Williams, Jenna Reed, Dean Barnett, Ricky Novak, Ted Smith and Ron McPhail. Missing is Banjo Jim & Connie Currie who also performed at the June 22nd Benefit at the Old Town Hall Winery .



Ourselves at July 6 Pt. Sanilac Benefit



Blue Water Folk Society *Your Current Board Members*

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Check out the New Website
Click on

**Blue Water Folk Society in
the bottom right box at
www.thumbfest.org for
more info on the BWFS**

Newsletter editor:

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

Send your information to
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***Coffeehouse Director

Dawn Malek

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Special Volunteer Call

We need your help to set up &
tear down stages for Thumbfest.
Join Marty Malek and his crew
of volunteers on Friday, August
30 at 1 pm at Trinity Episcopal
Church, 5646 Main, Lexington
and/or at 9am on Sunday,
September 1 at Tierney Park at
the Harbor for tear down duties.

Bring work gloves! You may
move chairs, stages, set-up tents
and sign boards. Call Marty at

586-215-2364

mdmalek@comcast.net

On the web & Facebook:

www.thumbfest.org

www.facebook.com/thumbfest

Vendors, Sponsors & Advertisers

Thumbfest Vendors! You can visit them
at the Main Stage, located at the harbor.

***Stone House Studio** Handcrafted wire
jewelry in copper & silver
Crocheted, knitted, and sewn

items ***Connie Anger** Handmade jewelry

***Hoop Ninjas** Hula hoops ***Debbie**

Graham & Cindy Jones Handcrafted
jewelry from chain, gemstones, crystals
& other materials ***Val Kline** Pucker

Powder, handbags, puppets & teen

jewelry ***Energy Smoothie Booth**

Smoothies & water ***Just a Poppin'**

Kettlecorn, fresh squeezed lemonade &

Hawaiian Ice ***New Palace Bakery**

Yummy baked goods from Hamtramck

***Beach Basket** Fresh sandwiches &

salad, vegetarian & vegan options, plus

homemade ice cream! ***Wild Birds**

Unlimited Wind chimes, garden art &

birdfeeders

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Ruth Habalewsky & to our Corporate

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Powell House; Butler B&B ; Inn the

Garden B&B; Shady Rest B&B) and to

*** Captain's Quarters Inn**

**Special thanks to the Stencil Family and
Sandra Oldford**

General Election Results

*The Blue Water Folk Society Annual
meeting and election of two trustees
took place at the home of Marty & Ruth
Habalewsky in Port Huron on June 23,
2013 at 6:30pm. Mike McCarthy and
Ruth Habalewsky were elected to serve
3 year terms that will expire in June
2016. The new officers elected by the
board are Carl Kammer, President;
Jenna Reed, Secretary; Mike McCarthy,
Treasurer with Mike Mercatante & Ruth
Habalewsky as Trustees. Dawn Malek
will remain the Coffeehouse Director
and Shirley Barnett will remain the
membership chair & newsletter editor. A
Thumbfest meeting followed the
Annual Meeting. We are looking
forward to another music filled year!*

Thumbfest 2013 T-shirt Sales

It is time to buy

Thumbfest 2013

T-Shirts! The shirt

is sand with a sienna
design. The shirts will be

available for sale at

both the information

table in front of the

McNabb Stage on Huron

And at the CD & Information table at

the Harbor.

You can pick up pre-ordered shirts at

the information table at the McNabb

Stage by the Lion's Hall on Huron.

Buy a shirt and help support

Thumbfest 2013. Shirts are \$12

for BWFS members, Thumbfest

volunteers and musicians and

\$17 for nonmembers.

Add \$2 for 2x & 3x sizes.

Checks should be made out to:

Blue Water Folk Society



See you at Thumbfest.... NOTE: Next issue...deadline for submissions....September 20