



Blue Water Folk Notes

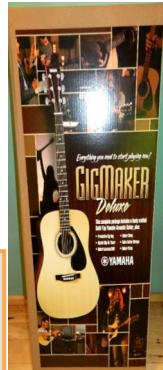


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New this year at Thumbfest 2014

"Guitar for Kids" Giveaway



The giveaway is open to kids from 7 to 17 years old. All you have to do is fill out a simple application answering questions like "why do you want to play a guitar"? The applications will only be available at the Information Table on Huron Ave. from 10 am to 3:30 pm. The Yamaha Guitar kit will be presented on the Noble Main Stage at the Harbor around 4:15 pm. A musician will be available to help you unpack,

tune, explain the parts and give a brief lesson. You must be present to win! The guitar was very generously donated by Craig Carrick from the Nor-East'r Music Festival to start a Guitar for Kids program at Thumbfest.

The Information Table has a new location this year! It is on Huron Avenue located directly in front of the workshops and across the street from the Irish Rose Stage on the Harborview Plaza Courtyard.

Save these dates:

BWFS/ Lexington Brewing Co. Open Mic
Saturday, August 23 8-11pm
Stella & the Hot Kielbasas
 Lexington Brewing Company and Wine House
 Lexington, Mi. 48450
www.lexingtonbrewery.com

Thumbfest 2014

Saturday, August 30
10am to 10pm

Downtown Lexington, Mi.
Bring your chair, instrument & voice and join in the music!

FREE..Family Friendly
Donations always needed!
www.bluewaterfolksociety.org
www.thumbfest.org
www.facebook.com/thumbfest

Blue Water Folk Society Traditional Acoustic Coffeehouse Open Mic

begins again on the 2nd
 Saturday of October
 October 11 ... 7 to 10 pm
 Trinity Episcopal Church
 Lexington, Mi.

Watch for details via email or
<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/photos-from-1st-coffeehouse/acoustic-coffeehouse-open/>

Interested in volunteering at the Coffeehouse Open Mic?
 Contact: Dawn Malek at
dawnmalek@comcast.net

There is always room for YOU!

Tips to help you enjoy Thumbfest 2014

If you have ever been to Thumbfest you know what a great time you can have. *Although the festival is FREE we do rely on your donations to help cover the \$20,000 it takes to put on the festival.* Sources of funds are advertisers, sponsors, sales of T-shirts, 50/50 raffle and YOUR donations. **Here are some tips to help you enjoy your day at Thumbfest:**

- Bring a lawn chair....
- 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 their NEW location on Huron across from the Harborview Plaza for Thumbfest schedules & maps,** Guitar Giveaway applications, T-shirt sales & pick-up, sign up for our newsletter mailing list and membership information.
- **Guitar for Kids Giveaway applications** for kids 7 to 17 yrs. old are **ONLY** at the Information table.
- Visit the **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 are **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.
- Many of our **sponsors and advertisers have food** including the Lexington Brewing Co. Windjammers, Celtic Ray Public House, Steis's Village Inn, Irish Rose Gift & Travel Woolen Shoppe, Foley's Market,
- Lexington Dairy Queen, Wimpy's Place, Bunny's Frozen Custard, Cadillac House Restaurant, Lakeside A&W and Oldford Marina, & in Port Huron; Lynch's Irish Tavern & Raven Cafe
- **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 **workshops** to learn how to play a harmonica, guitar tapping, vocal techniques, drum circle, Cajun fiddle & more. **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 many of the scheduled musicians....Sing along!
- **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 !

BWFS member performance**dates to consider:**

From the Blue Water Folk Society Event Calendar For more info:
<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwfs-event-calendar.html>

Thursday, August 7

6:00pm William Henry Russell at Joe Bologna Trattoria

6:00pm Bordertown at Rockin' on the River

Friday, August 8

3:00pm Still Running at the Port Sanilac Farmer's Mkt.

5:30pm Denny Dwyer at Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine House

8:00pm Keith & Company American Legion Open Mic

Saturday, August 9

5:30pm Whistle Stop Revue

7:30pm Air Margaritaville at the Cheeseburger Festival

8:00pm Brother-in-Arms Marysville American

Sunday, August 10

3:00pm Denny Dwyer - Christmas in July

6:00pm Still Running at Lynch's

Wednesday, August 13

5:00pm William Henry Russell at Juan Miquels

Thursday, August 14

6:00pm William Henry Russell at Joe Bologna Trattoria

6:00pm Ruby Hill at Rockin' on the River Pt. Huron

7:30pm Denny Dwyer at the Raven

Friday, August 15

10:00am Air Margaritaville at Stoney Creek Metro Park

3:00pm Dean Barnett at the Port Sanilac Farmer's Market

8:00pm Brother in Arms at the Moose in Port Huron

8:00pm Double Play at Garfields

Saturday, August 16

12:00pm Brother in Arms at the Fisher Valley Celtic & Country Music Festival

8:00pm Lost Cuzzins at the Winery

Sunday, August 17

2:00pm Dean Barnett at Lexington Brewing Co.

Wednesday, August 20

5:00pm William Henry Russell at Juan Miquels

Thursday, August 21

6:00pm William Henry Russell at Joe Bologna Trattoria

6:00pm Dean Barnett at Rockin' on the River Pt. Huron

7:00pm Air Margaritaville at Rockin' on the River Pt. Huron

9:00pm Denny Dwyer-Steis's Village Inn

Thumbfest 2014 Update by Mike Mercatante

I'm sitting on my front porch on a beautiful summer night as I write this article. The Tigers have just swept the Rockies. The sounds of late summer are all around me and I'm thinking that one of the most exciting sounds of summer will be heard in less than four weeks. On Saturday Aug. 30th from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. in Lexington, the 13th annual Thumbfest acoustic music festival begins and we here at the Blue Water Folk Society are in high gear to make this the best festival ever.

Check it out. There will be 50 different acts appearing at 11 venues throughout Lexington. Add to that two additional workshop presenters and we have 52 different artists to view. That's the most acts for any Thumbfest! There will be music, storytelling and activities to please everybody.

How about an 11 piece folk orchestra that mix-matches folk, rock, zydeco, calypso, klezmer, ragtime, and Bourbon Street swing? Why that would be seven time winner for Best Folk/Acoustic Band in Detroit called **The Luddites!** Acoustic swing ala the Hot Club? Make sure you see the **Appleseed Collective**. You want *classical, jazz, and Celtic influences with accents of world music and soul, don't miss the Thumbfest debut of **Nessa!*** You want New Orleans brass party music? Welcome back the **Nicky Boy Street Band!** Multiple award winning Americana? Check out **Stella!**, and **Jo Serrapere and the Willie Dunns!** Celtic and Irish influenced music? Check out **Finvarra's Wren, Kitty Donohoe and Ourselves!** Cajun music? We welcome back **Sel de Terre!** French-Indian music? Don't miss **Le Compagnie!** Looking for traditional and modern Bluegrass? Check out Michigan festival favorite **the Blue Water Ramblers**, or the hot newgrass style picking of **The Whistlestop Revue** (making their Thumbfest debut), along with **Black River Bluegrass Boys** and **The Waynewood Boys!** The bluegrass jam should be smokin'. Want the real acoustic blues? Don't miss award winning **Carl Henry!** Classical and fingerstyle guitar to blow you away? Check out 2013 Fretboard Festival Winner **David Youngman** or 2009 Gamble Rogers Fingerpicking champion **William Henry Russell!** All these and so much more. Whew.

I'm also pleased to announce the return of

the Oldford Marina Open Mic Stage. It will be down by the 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/voice 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!

The Thumbfest festival is an all-around family friendly event but this year we have a dedicated area for kids. Come see the various musical, story-telling, and mime/juggling performances at the Cadillac House Family Area down by the beach. Lots of fun!

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 at:

<http://bluewaterfolksociety.org/thumbfest-2014/> Be sure to go to this site and it will help guide you the day of the festival. Spread the word to your friends and also be sure to "Like" us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Thumbfest>

Thumbfest 2014 is a free (no admission) festival and is run solely by volunteers. An amazing accomplishment for a festival of this size. This is my fifth year as the Artistic Director and first as overall 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

I'll see you all on August 30.

Peace. Mike

You can find the Thumbfest schedule at:

<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/thumbfest-2014/printershirleythumbfest2014.pdf>



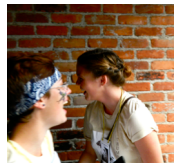
Come join us and enjoy the music!

MORE BWFS member performance dates:

- Friday, August 22**
3:00pm Denny Dwyer at Port Sanilac Farmer's Market
8:00pm Double Play at Garfield's
- Saturday, August 23**
7:30pm William Henry Russell -Raven
7:30pm Air Margaritaville at the Lexington Music at the Harbor
8:00pm Stella and the Hot Kielbasas Open Mic
8:00pm Brother in Arms - Harvest Festival
10:00pm Denny Dwyer at the Tally Ho
- Wednesday, August 27**
5:00pm William Henry Russell at Juan Miquels
- Thursday, August 28**
6:00pm William Henry Russell at Joe Bologna Trattoria
7:30pm Brother-in-Arms at the Raven
9:00pm Denny Dwyer at Steis's
- Friday, August 29**
6:00pm Butterhair Dance Party at the Lexington Brewery
6:00pm Brother-in-Arms - Huron Lady II
8:00pm Double Play at Garfield's
- Saturday, August 30**
10am to 10 pm Thumbfest Music Festival see: <http://www.thumbfest.org>
12:00pm Ketih and Company at the Maritime Center
- Monday, September 1**
11:00am BlueChiliGrass Fest.. <http://www.lbmamusic.org/bcgf.html>
- Wednesday, September 3, 10, 17, 24**
5:00pm William Henry Russell - Juan Miquels
- Thursday, September 4**
6:00pm William Henry Russell at Joe Bologna Trattoria
- Sunday, September 7**
2:00pm Rocky Top at the Maritime Center
- Thursday, September 11**
6:00pm William Henry Russell at Joe Bologna Trattoria
- Saturday, September 13**
1:00pm Lost Cuzzins at Seven Ponds Harvest Festival
- Thursday, September 18**
6:00pm William Henry Russell at Joe Bologna Trattoria
7:30pm Denny Dwyer at Raven Cafe
- Thursday, September 25**
6:00pm William Henry Russell at Joe Bologna Trattoria
- Friday, September 26**
8:00pm Double Play at Garfield's
- Saturday, September 27**
7:30pm Still Running at the Raven Cafe <http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwfs-event-calendar.html>

Call for Volunteers

Thumbfest will soon be here! Are you interested in enjoying the music, meeting new people, seeing old friends, and having fun? Volunteering at Thumbfest provides the opportunity to accomplish all these things. Several people have already signed up to help with the music festival. There is always room for more volunteers. Fun areas where volunteers can help with are the following: set-up, donation buckets, 50/50 raffle ticket sales, Information Booth, Cd Table, emcee, and tear down. All help is welcome and appreciated! It is said "Many hands make light work." Most volunteers work a 2 to 3 hour time period; the scheduling is flexible to accommodate the volunteer(s) needs. To volunteer, please contact Ruth Habalewsky at rhabalewsky@comcast.net or 810-982-8371 or 810-300-2388.



Volunteering at Thumbfest can be fun!

Call for Vendors

Last minute call for vendors! Contact Dawn Malek ASAP for an application and more information at dawnmalek@comcast.net

Vendor hours: 10am - 8pm.
 Vendor fee is \$60.

You must provide your own table(s).

Thumbfest T-shirts: The preorder deadline is past but you can still buy Thumbfest T-shirts at the information and CD tables at Thumbfest. Special orders will be taken at Thumbfest with prepayment. Contact: Barb Ernsberger at thumbfestts@gmail.com

For BWFS member Thumbfest performance times: Check the Thumbfest Schedule at <http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/thumbfest-2014/printershirleythumbfest2014.pdf>

BWFS Members Performing at Thumbfest Saturday, August 30, 2014

- **Lost Cuzzins** 12:00 Irish Rose
- **Ruby Hill** 7:00 Irish Rose
- **Still Running** 2:00 Irish Rose/12:00 Oldford
- **Rocky Top** 11:00 Lakeside A&W
- **Phil and Marsha Larson** 10:00 Lakeside AW
- **Denny Dwyer** 6:30 Lex. Brew./1&2 Oldford
- **Ourselves** 4:30 Lexington Brewing
- **Circle of Friends** 5:30 Kirchoff Stage
- **Campfire Compadres** 2:00 Lakeside AW
- **Bobby Budd** 10:30 Kirchoff
- **Emilie and Andrew** 11:30 Kirchoff

Visit our Advertisers & Sponsors

Our Thumbfest Trifold sponsors, advertisers and Stage sponsors help us raise the money needed to present Thumbfest. When you visit them, please thank them for supporting Thumbfest.

Sponsors: *Village of Lexington D.D.A.;*

Town & Country Realty and the

Lexington Brewing Co. and Wine House

Advertisers: *Angel's Garden; Irish Rose*

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Public House; Lexington Dairy Queen;

Wimpy's Place; Chef Shell's Catering and

Restaurant; Steis's Village Inn; Bunny's

Frozen Custard; Premier Properties;

Lynch's Irish Tavern; Captain's Quarters

Inn; Martin J. Habalewsky, APR;

Raven Café; Talmer Bank; Blue Gryphon

Service, Inc.; The Windjammer

Restaurant; Eastern Michigan Bank;

Eastern Shore Brewing Supplies;

Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine House.

Main Stage Sponsor: *Noble Other*

venues: *Virginia McNabb, Realtor Stage;*

Celtic Ray Jam Site; Irish Rose Stage;

Lakeside A & W Stage;

Mel & Jeannine Kirchoff Stage;

Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine House

Stage; Oldford Marina Open Mic Stage;

A-1 Mini Dumpster Workshop; Raven

Cafe Workshop and

Cadillac House Restaurant Stage.

Many thanks to our venue site owners:

The Village of Lexington, Lakeside A&W,

the Stencil family, Oldford Marina, Lion's

Club, Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine

House and the Harborview Plaza owners.

Thanks to ALL of the volunteers!!

Support our BWFS musicians by attending their performances!

Blue ChiliGrass Festival, Sept. 1, Monday by Lost Cuzzins, Circle of Friends, the Barones, My Girl Band & more: <http://www.lbmamusic.org/bcgf.html>



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 Membership \$10/year

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

Send your information to
barnettsjmd@gmail.com

Did you know??

The **Blue Water Folk Society**
is a 501c3 volunteer nonprofit

**Donations can be made at any
time by mailing a check to:**

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

*Make all checks payable to
Blue Water Folk Society*

Thumbfest Volunteer Questions:

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BWFS Current Board Members

Mike MercatantePresident	mmercatant@aol.com	term expires 2015 election
Jerry HuffTreasurer	jlhuff221@yahoo.com	term expires 2016 election
Ruth Habalewsky.. Secretary	rhabalewsky@comcast.net	term expires 2016 election
Barbara Ernsberger..Trustee	barbaraernsberger@sbcglobal.net	term expires 2017 election
Dale GeorgeTrustee	dtgeorge1@aol.com	term expires 2017 election

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

Some interesting links of BWFS member venues with BWFS Performers

Lexington Brewing Co. and Wine House... <http://www.lexingtonbrewery.com/>
Port Sanilac Farmer's Market ... <https://www.facebook.com/portsanilacfarmersmarket>
Raven Café ... <http://www.ravencafe-ph.com/>
Lynch's Irish Pub ... <http://www.lynchsirishstavern.com/orderze/home.aspx>
Blue Water Chili Fest 2014... <http://www.lbmamusic.org/bcgf.html>
AuSable Valley Nor-East'r Association of Folk... <http://noraestr.net/>
For links to BWFS musicians... <http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/links.html>



The Thumbfest Solstice Fundraiser at the Lexington Brewing Co. and Wine House was a successful and fun night. We found some volunteers for Thumbfest, raised some money, and enjoyed some fine music from the Black River Bluegrass Boys (not pictured here), Still Running and the Lost Cuzzins. Pictured above is the last of the night jam with Connie Currie, Still Running and the Lost Cuzzins! Thank you to all who donated to the cause including Chris and Kate who donated their tips for the night!!



Lora & Graig Bond the winners of the \$100 50/50 drawing prize at the fundraiser were celebrating their 1st Wedding Anniversary.

Elections of New BWFS Board Members

Two new Blue Water Folk Society Board members were elected at the General Meeting and Election on June 29, 2014. They were *Dale George* and *Barbara Ernsberger*. Their terms will expire on June 30, 2017. Outgoing Board members were *Carl Kammer* and *Jenna Reed*. To run for a BWFS Board position you will need to be a BWFS member for at least 6 months. The BWFS Board elected their officers from among themselves, with *Mike Mercatante* becoming President, *Jerry Huff* remaining as Treasurer and *Ruth Habalewsky* taking on the role of Secretary. Dale George and Barb Ernsberger will serve as Trustees. The next election will be in June 2015. There will be one Board term that will expire at that time.

**See you at the Thumbfest 2014
Saturday, August 30 in Lexington, Mi.
Bring your chair, instrument, voice!
Please consider making a donation
to help keep the music going!**

*There will be \$10 donation buttons for sale.
Checks can be made in any amount to:*

Blue Water Folk Society

Thumbfest Vendors 2014

PRODUCTS

Mother Nature's Jewelry Box – Handcrafted jewelry
Connie Anger – Aspirations Jewelry Studio
Homemade Creations by Beth – crocheted, knitted and sewn items
Gauge Your Style – Tie dye fashions
Elise Cameron – Henna Tattoos
Hoop Ninjas – Hula Hoops
Wildbirds Unlimited – Bird related items & gifts (*confirmed, but waiting on payment*)
Lounies Soap Company – Soaps, etc.
Karen Baka - beaded, chainmail, hemp and paracord jewelry.

FOOD

Brett's BBQ & Catering – Pulled pork, sausage, hot dogs
Just a Poppin' – Kettle corn & freshly squeezed lemonade
The Smoothie Booth – Fresh fruit smoothies
Michigan Candy Inc – Licorice
The New Palace Bakery – Baked goods
Lucky Lunch – Fresh wraps, sandwiches, salads & soups

SERVICES

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