



Blue Water Folk Notes



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Hot News to Use

Upcoming Dates

Coffeehouse Dates:

➤ Sat. February 12th

➤ Sat. March 12th

Sign up at 6:30 pm..Open Mic begins at 7:00 pm

(See Article on page 2 for more information)

Some quotes from attendees:

This is just so much fun....one of the best open mics around

Save these dates:

Thumbfest Fundraisers

Saturday, April 9th being planned now....watch for future details. Contact: Dean Barnett

Saturday, August 6th

Circle of Friends in Lexington Harbor....watch for future details. Contact: Dean Barnett & George Stewart

Saturday, August 13th

being planned now....in Port Sanilac Harbor..watch for future details. Contact: Tom Schlichting

Have an idea for a Thumbfest Fundraiser?

Contact Tom Schlichting
tom@hotmail.com

Thumbfest 2011 T-shirt contest Jenna Reed

Do you want to design the Thumbfest 2011 T-shirt ? YOU can enter our first ever T-shirt contest which is open to everyone.

It's *Thumbfest's 10th year*, so we'd love to have that celebrated somehow in the design.

Thumbfest is an *acoustic* music festival – artwork including electric guitars is less likely to win.

Artwork is *preferred* in .jpg or .gif formats. PDF is okay. (*Will accept hardcopy, but that makes for possible resolution problems.*)

If you can include lettering of "BWFS" or "Blue Water Folk Society," that's a plus. Unless it looks dorky. Then it's a minus.

Winner gets fame and accolades, and an announcement from the main stage during Thumbfest, openly declaring how amazing you are, and what a cool logo you designed. And we'll include it in our

publicity, crediting you on our website and Facebook page.

Oh, and you get a free t-shirt in your choice of size (and maybe color)

Thumbfest 2011 T-shirt Logo Contest Guidelines:

- Contest open to everyone!
- Artwork becomes the property of the Blue Water Folk Society.
- Entries will be accepted until March 19, and the winner will be chosen by April 2.

Be sure to include:

- Artwork (jpg, gif preferred) pdf okay
- Your name and contact information (phone and email)
- Send to: 2jnsgrover@comcast.net

It is imperative that:

- Artwork must be original, and yours.
- No copyrighted images.
- Obviously, include "Thumbfest 2011" in lettering.

Will YOUR design be the one for the 2011 Thumbfest?



Past Thumbfest T-Shirt Designers

- ◆ 2002-George Stewart & BWFS Board
- ◆ 2003- George McInnis
- ◆ 2004- Karen Schlichting
- ◆ 2005- George McInnis
- ◆ 2006- George McInnis
- ◆ 2007- George McInnis
- ◆ 2008- Shirley Barnett
- ◆ 2009- Jenna Reed
- ◆ 2010- Mary Foley

You can support Thumbfest by ordering a T-shirt and encouraging others to buy them. All profit from the sales go to support Thumbfest.

Did you know the Blue Water Folk Society is an all volunteer 501 3 c non-profit organization and is open to all?

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More Event Dates

Other Open Mics

- **Cadillac House (Upstairs) 9:00 pm**
3rd Saturday of Month
Contact: *Ted Smith*
ted@theimprinthouse.com
- **Blue Water Musicians Network**
Contact: Dave Rutkofske at
woodsedge@advnet.net

BWFS member performance dates to consider:

William Henry Russell

> Sunday Feb. 27 3:00 pm

An all Classical show
Sanilac County Museum Church
228 S. Ridge Street (M-25)
Port Sanilac, Mi. 48469
\$10 tickets
russell.william@att.net

Ourselfes....

> Sunday March 13 3:00 pm

Sanilac County Museum Church
228 S. Ridge Street (M-25)
Port Sanilac, Mi. 48469
\$10 tickets
tomshchlichting@hotmail.com

Lost Cuzzins....

> Saturday March 5th 7:00 pm

Opening for Mustard's Retreat
Season for Non-Violence Concert
Upper Level Acoustic Cafe
1227 10th Ave.
Port Huron, Mi. 48060
www.myspace.com/lostcuzzins

Maggie Ferguson

> Saturday Feb. 26 7:00 pm

Unity of Livonia Coffeeshouse
28660 Five Mile Rd.
Livonia, Mi.
\$10 tickets

Denny Dwyer

> Saturday Feb. 26 8-12 pm

Tally Ho Inn
Lakeport, Mi.

> Saturday Feb. 12 8-11 pm

American Legion
Port Huron, Mi.
d.dwyer@comcast.net

Send your performance dates to:

Shirley Barnett at
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December & January Open Mic Coffeeshouse Notes

The December and January Open Mic Coffeeshouses were again successful ! The December 11th Open Mic Coffeeshouse, with *Dean Barnett* as the emcee had a crowd of 60 plus persons, even with the snow and all the other events that were happening during the busy Holiday season.

Performers included *Banjoey*, decked out in his colorful vest, with some old standards; *Tom Schlichting* doing some funny Christmas songs including *Jingle Bell Shop*; *John Broadwell* breaking out his concertina and performing *Hark the Herald*; *Ron McPhail* in a solo act, including a funny number called *George*; the *Circle of Friends*, with a few *Peter, Paul and Mary* songs; *Dean Barnett* performed *Cat Stevens* numbers; *Still Running* with their renditions of *Santa Baby*, *Dennis Kingsbury's Glory, Glory and Rebel Jesus* ; *Denny Dwyer* with a few numbers including *Mary Did You Know*; *Brooke Cichoraki* did several songs including *Little White Church* ; *Jerry McNabb* with some Christian music including some originals; the *Lost Cuzzins* with some *Simon & Garfunkel*, and *Dean Barnett* closed it out with *I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa* and *Santa Looked a Lot Like Daddy*. Despite all my careful notes at the December open mic, I managed to lose the notes, so rather than miss someone, let me just say that *Dawn and Marty Malek* ran the kitchen, *Mike Mercatante*, *Tom Schlichting* and *Gene Butler* were involved in the sound and set-up.

On a snowy night, with storm warnings up, a crowd of 85 persons still showed up to enjoy the January 8th Blue Water Folk Society Open Mic at Trinity Episcopal Church.

The emcee was *Bobby Budd*, aka *Al Lewandowski*, who brought his wonderful story telling ability to the mic. *Dawn and Marty Malek* ran the kitchen, with help from *Michelle Doerr*, with clean up help from *Mary Jean and Don Reid*, *Judy and Gene Butler and Ruth and Marty Habalewsky*. Refreshment donations came from *Shirley Barnett, Jeannine Kirchoff, Judy Butler, Ruth Habalewsky, and Sandy Dehem*.

Performers at the January Open Mic were *John Broadwell*, playing some old standards including *Embraceable You* & showed us his homemade guitar stand; *George Stewart*,

performing solo with some *Joel Mabus* songs including *Five Kinds of Snow*; *Larry Calhoun*, and *Mike James* doing *Cripple Creek*, on banjo and guitar ; *Dean Barnett* with one solo number, *McConvilles* by *James Keelaghan*; a duet with *Mary Foley* performing the *Dutchman* and then *Mary Foley* performed a few of her favorite numbers; *Still Running*, with originals, Beatles and a rousing *Staying Alive* ; *Lost Cuzzins* performed *Close Your Eyes*, an original *Trouble be Gone* and *Helplessly Hoping*, as Elmer Fudd would have done it. *George and Sharon Young* did a couple of songs plus a *Old Crow Medicine Show* song; *Denny Dwyer* did *Wild World*, *The Boxer* and *California Dreaming*; *Bobby Budd* performed the *Wreck of the 97*; *Glenbrooke Cichoracki*, who is performing regular at Alexander's in Marysville, performed an original and a couple of other songs. *The Trids (Dale, Ted and ?)* did a few numbers including *Staggerlee*. The evening ended with *Dan Butler* who began playing guitar after years of watching the performers at the open mic. Dan performed a *Decemberist's* song and another new music number. All this made for a very enjoyable evening on a snowy night!

Come join us at our next Open Mic Coffeeshouse on Saturday, February 12th at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main St. (M-25) in Lexington, Michigan 48450.

The music will start at **7:00 pm** and continue no later than **10:00 pm**. We begin signing up performers at **6:30 p.m.** and will sign up performers until all the slots are filled. **Individual performers** will have **10 minutes** to perform while **bands** will have **15 minutes** to perform. Because the time is short, set-up time is limited, so be prepared to perform with *little* set-up.

Our emcee for February 12th will be *Banjoey*, *Dean Barnett* will be doing the set-up, *Mike Mercatante* will do the sound and *Shirley Barnett* and *Ginny McNabb* will run the kitchen. Admission is free, but non-perishable food is appreciated for Project Blessing. Donations for refreshments and the Blue Water Folk Society are always welcome. *Dawn and Marty Malek* are our Coffeeshouse Directors for this season and they can be reached at dawnmalek@comcast.net
Note: The February 12th Open Mic may be covered by the Thumb Magazine....See pictures of December Open Mic on Page 3.

Coffeehouse pictures from December 2010



Circle of Friends...George Stewart, Mary Foley, Dean Barnett & Gordon MacDonald



Banioev



Ron McPhail



Tom Schlichting



Still Running
Mike Mercatante & Jenna Reed



Glenbrooke Cichoracki



Denny Dwyer



Dean Barnett was the emcee for the night.



Lost Cuzzins (minus 1)
Jim Williams, Dean Barnett & Ron McPhail



John Broadwell



Mary Foley



Hootenanny at the end of the night...always a fun time!



Many thanks to those behind the scenes...
Dawn & Marty Malek Tom Schlichting for sound
for the food and all the other volunteers ! !



Your Current Board Members

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

You can reach **all** the board members by sending an email to board@bluewaterfolk.org

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We welcome your suggestions, pictures and submissions for our event calendar and for publication!

Send your information to shirley@bluewaterfolk.org

Membership Info:

Membership is open to all for a \$10 yearly due per person.

YOU can join us by mailing your dues and information (Name, address, phone number, email) to:

Shirley Barnett
1809 Caughill
Columbus, Mi. 48063
shirley@bluewaterfolk.org
(remember to renew your dues by May 15, 2011)

Thumbfest Update:

Tom Schlichting, the director of Thumbfest 2011 Acoustic Music Festival is still looking for some key members of the Thumbfest planning team.

Needed are persons willing to sell ads to various businesses without which we may not have the budget for a program. We also need volunteers and team leaders in a number of other areas including flyer distribution, set-up and event day work. If you are interested in helping in some way, contact Tom Schlichting at tom@bluewaterfolk.org

We do have some members of the team in place and they include:

Mike Mercatante; Artistic Performer Director; Contact mmercatant@aol.com for performer submissions. Mike will begin booking acts soon. Other team members are Jenna Reed; Publicity; Shirley Barnett; Grants, Program, Newsletter; Ginny McNabb; Donors, Sponsors; Kathy Kelchner; Volunteers; Mimi Johnson & Mary Bruce, Sales table. No meeting date has been set at this time.

We have been notified we have received one grant, and are waiting for news on another grant.

There are three benefit concerts in the works. On Saturday April 9th a benefit concert will be held at the Trinity Episcopal Church. Dean Barnett has agreed to organize the music for this concert. On Saturday August 6th, the Circle of Friends will perform at the Lexington Harbor at a benefit sponsored by the Lexington Arts Council. The actual format for the concert is being planned by the members of the Circle of Friends. On Saturday August 13th, the Port Sanilac Music at the Harbor will be a Thumbfest Benefit. Tom Schlichting will be organizing the music for a 60s, 70s & 80s concert.

Ruth Habalewsky will be holding a benefit house concert, but no date has been set yet.

In order to keep the Thumbfest a quality, free family friendly music festival, we need your support. If you would like to support us by a donation you can send your donation to:

Blue Water Folk Society ATTN: Donation
P.O. Box 83
Lexington, Mi. 48450

We are a 501 c 3 non-profit organization

BWFS Member Activities

Ted Smith & Dale George organized the music & played at the Studio 1219 First Night Activities

Tom Schlichting has been kept busy with organizing and sound work at the Sanilac County Museum Church in Port Sanilac.

Still Running members Mike Mercatante and Jenna Reed recently won a "best ballad" contest in the St. Clair Winter White Out.

Dean Barnett performed at the Maritime Center on Feb. 5th & the Taste of the Thumb on Jan. 28th which was organized by Shirley Barnett.

Dave Rutkofske organized the Winter Fest at the Maritime Center as part of the Blue Water Musicians Network activities.

Members Maggie Ferguson, Jim Williams & Dean Barnett performed in a joint Lost Cuzzins & Floyd King & the Bushwackers concert on Jan. 29th at the Upper Level. Floyd King & the Bushwackers also performed at MAMA's on Jan 22nd with Dan Shepherd performing at the open mic before the show.

William Henry Russell performs every Thursday night at Poncho's in New Baltimore and is a regular at the Raven Café.

Future Elections coming up:

There will be two Blue Water Folk Society Board seats up for election at the next General Meeting, which will be held either in May or June. The date has not been set yet. Send any questions you have to the board at: board@bluewaterfolk.org

Next issue...general meeting news...area summer concert schedules and more