



Blue Water Folk Notes



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Open Mic Coffeehouse Series Going Well!

Our very popular **Acoustic Open Mic Coffeehouse** has two more dates on **Saturday, Feb. 9 & March 9 at the Trinity Episcopal Church Hall, 5646 Main St. (M-25) in Lexington, Michigan** under the direction of *Dawn Malek*, the Coffeehouse Director.

Dawn reports that attendance has been up this season with 90 to 110 people each month in the audience.

The Open Mics will begin at 7:00 pm and end by 10:00 pm but if you want to perform, you should be there to sign-up for a performance slot which is scheduled to begin by 6:30 pm. Sign-up will continue until all slots are filled and they have been filling early this season.

A solo performance slot will be allowed no more than 2 songs or 10 minutes, while the band slots will allow 3 songs or 15 minutes. Be ready to play when it is your turn as excessive set up time will be deducted from your performance time that you are allowed.

The emcee for the night has the right to adjust the show or time allowed to fit the time constraints. Emcees for the season have been Carol Roberts, Dean Barnett, Shirley Barnett & Bruce Filbeck. February emcee will be Jim Williams.

Tom Schlichting, Dean Barnett, Mike Mercatante & John Broadwell have been handling set-up, tear-down & sound, *Dawn & Marty Malek* are the all important kitchen staff and *Ruth Habalewsky* has handled the 50/50 Raffle. New this season has been a greeter, with Mike McCarthy filling that role in December.

The 50/50 Fundraiser Raffle with tickets at \$1 each or 6 for \$5 to support Thumbfest has raised \$427 for Thumbfest so far. Winners have been Dave Bailey (donated his \$74.50 back),

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.

Bob Michelen, Mary Spencer (donated \$20 back) and Malcolm Lee.

Although we have no cover charge, we continue to collect canned goods for *Project Blessing* at the Church. We will also happily accept and need your financial and/or goodie donations for our refreshment table at the Coffeehouse. Remember: your contributions directly affect the quantity and quality of the refreshments we serve!

Performers during the first three months included many new acts as well as returning artists. They included *Gloria & Earl Lowen; Banjoey; Iris Spencer; Dean Barnett; Mary Foley; Larry Maykowski; Circle of Friends; Still Running; Jerry Larkowski; Mike Mullen; Ruby Hill; The Lost Cuzzins; John Broadwell; Dale George; Jediah Willis; Jessica & Iris; Jim Spoutz; Madison Taylor; The Willis Girls; Rhonda Johnson; Valerie Rushing; John Johnston; Austin Stark & Brittany Howard; Bobby Budd; John-N-Dave; Charlie Winters & Kevin Batchelder; John Dobat.* A last minute addition to the November coffeehouse was *Blair* (sorry lost her last name) who performed a wonderful classical violin piece. In addition to the classical violin we had *Country, Bluegrass, Folk, Classic Rock, Gospel, Blues and a mime.*

Jeannine Kirchoff, Ruth Habalewsky, Judy Butler, Marge & Jim Bachowski, Marie & Mike McCarthy, Susan Amato, Carol Roberts & Shirley Barnett donated refreshments with *Dawn & Marty Running* the kitchen. *Ginny McNabb, the Reids, Jenna Reed & Micke Mercatante* helped with clean up.

Please contact Dawn at 586-995-1974 dawnmalek@comcast.net to volunteer.

Save these dates:

Traditional Acoustic

Open Mic

*****Sat. Feb. 9 & March 9**

**Trinity Episcopal Church
5646 Main St.(M-25)
Lexington , Mi. 48450
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
sign up at 6:30 pm**

***Saturday Jan. 26, Feb. 23 & March 23**

Old Town Hall Winery/BWFS

Open Mic

6:30 to 9:00 pm

Old Town Hall Winery

5475 N. Main St. Lexington, Mi.

*****Sunday Jan. 27 2-5 pm**

Taste of Thumb

St. Denis Hall, Lexington, Mi.

*****Saturday, April 13**

Thumbfest Fundraiser

Trinity Episcopal Church

Details to be announced

*****Saturday, June 22**

Thumbfest Fundraiser

Old Town Hall Winery

Details to be announced

*****Saturday, July 6**

Thumbfest Fundraiser

Port Sanilac Music at the

Harbor

Details to be announced

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

Contact the board at board@bluewaterfolk.org

BWFS member performance dates to consider:**Dean Barnett**> **Sunday, January 20 1 - 2 pm**

Great Lakes Maritime Center
Port Huron, Mi.

> **Saturday, February 2 4 - 6 pm**

Old Town Hall Winery
5475 N Main Lexington, Mi.
bionomic2@yahoo.com

Iris Spencer & Jessica Uskowski> **Friday, February 22 5 - 8:00 pm**

Roasted with Perks in
Marine City, Mi.
trixies_tans@yahoo.com

Replay Classic Rock'n'Roll> **Friday Feb. 22 at 8:30 pm**

Murphy Inn, St. Clair, Mi.

> **Saturday Feb. 23 at 8:30 pm**

The Dorsey House, Clyde Twp, Mi.

> **Saturday, March 2 at 8:30 pm**

Holly Meadows, Capac, Mi.
gjmacdonald@comcast.net

William Henry Russell> **Sat. Feb. 9 & Feb. 23 4 - 6 pm**

Old Town Hall Winery
Lexington, Mi.

> **Sat. Jan.19 & Feb.16 7:30-10:30pm**

Raven Café Port Huron, Mi.
russell.william@att.net

Judy Insley> **Friday, Feb.15 8-10 pm**

Live From the Living Room
Pontiac, Mi. Admission: \$5.00
insleyjc@comcast.net

Still Running> **Sat. Jan.26&Feb.23 7:30 -10:30 pm**

Raven Café, Pt. Huron, Mi.
mmercatant@aol.com

Hackwells> **Friday Feb. 8 7:30 - 10:30 pm**

Raven Café Port Huron, Mi.
brianmccarty1967@yahoo.com

Butterhair> **Saturday, Feb . 16**

Steis's in Lexington, Mi.

> **Saturday, Feb . 9 12 to 2 pm**

March of Dimes Jail & Bail
Port Huron, Mi.
ted@theimprinthouse.com

Ourselves> **Saturday, March 16 6-9 pm**

Blue Water Inn, Port Sanilac, Mi.

> **Sunday, March 17 3 to 5 pm**

Sanilac County Historical Museum
Port Sanilac, Mi. Admission
tomschlichting@hotmail.com

BWFS Activities at the Old Town Hall Winery

The Blue Water Folk Society has received some exciting news from Connie Currie of the Old Town Hall Winery. Connie & Steve Velloff sponsored a stage at their Old Town Hall Winery during Thumbfest which turned out to be a very successful stage, bringing in new customers to their business.

Connie & Steve have decided to support the BWFS & Thumbfest by sponsoring a Thumbfest fundraiser on Saturday, June 22 at the Old Town Hall Winery, 5475 N.Main St., Lexington and sponsor some open mics led by the Blue Water Folk Society on January 26, February 23 and March 23 which is the 4th Saturday of the month.

The Thumbfest Fundraiser on Saturday June 22nd is just in the very beginning planning stages but mark your calendars now for this exciting fundraiser.

**Help Needed.....for
Coffeehouse Open Mic**

Since we are an all volunteer organization we are always looking for help for the Coffeehouse. Current available spots are as follows:

..Set up (help set up tables, chairs, light candles, etc)

..Kitchen help (making coffee, chopping fruit, keeping refreshment table filled, kitchen clean up)

..Greeter (a friendly face to greet guests as they arrive, put out additional chairs as needed, help guests find seats)

**Set up and run sound - Experience necessary!

..End of night clean up (stack chairs, bag up trash, run the vacuum, etc)

**Additional folks to help set up and run sound is something we are really in need of!*

Won't you please consider doing one of these jobs for us in Feb. or March? Many hands make light work for all! Please contact Dawn if you are able to lend a hand. 586-995-1974 or

dawnmalek@comcast.net

The Open Mics that are being planned will be an experiment to see how they work. The Old Town Hall Winery have been sponsoring Music from 4-6 pm on Saturdays during Happy Hour and they have graciously offered to host an open mic, following the 4-6 pm performance. At the present time the plans are for a Blue Water Folk Society group or band to lead the open mic which will last from about 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Mike Solinsky will provide Jazz piano/vocals at the 4-6 pm happy hour music before the January 26 open mic. Come join us and help make this a success.

Connie wants every one to know that they do have coffee, soft drinks and light food plus the wonderful wines and beers. Contact: 810-358-5912

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Town-Hall-Winery/>

A word about Donations

The Blue Water Folk Society is a 501c3 ALL volunteer non-profit and we **RELY on your** donations and dues to continue our activities. For example, the Coffeehouse Open Mic has no admission cover charge, but we do **NEED** your donations to cover the cost of our refreshments to continue providing the same quality and quantity of refreshments. Donations for refreshments have fallen to less than 80 cents a person. Should we begin to have a cover charge? Our raffle goes to Thumbfest, which will need about \$20,000 to present every year. We raise every bit of that by donations, dues, ads, sponsors and fundraisers.

If you can make a donation, take an ad in the program, join us, become a sponsor or give a fundraiser, you will help us continue with the open mic and Thumbfest.

Consider what **you** can do to help us?

**Checks can be made to the
Blue Water Folk Society
P.O. Box 83; Lexington, Mi.**



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 48450

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 Acoustic Music in the Thumb
 of Michigan*

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 suggestions, pictures and
 submissions .

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****Membership \$10/year**

Send Check to: Shirley

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*****Coffeehouse Director**

Dawn Malek

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Dates of Coffeehouses

2nd Saturday... February 9

& March 9 at Trinity

**Thumbfest contact &
 to volunteer...**

board@bluewaterfolk.org

**Thumbfest Performer
 submissions:**

mmercatant@aol.com

On the web & Facebook:

www.bluewaterfolksociety.org

www.facebook.com/thumbfest

www.bluewaterfolk.org

Volunteer !

Join Us !!

Donate !!!

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

Your Current Board Members

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

Carl KammerPresident	carl@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2014 election
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Ruth HabalewskyTrustee	rhablewsky@comcast.net	term expires 2013 election

BWFS Musicians to perform at Taste of the Thumb

For the 4th year, the Blue Water Folk Society has been asked to provide the music at the Sanilac County Taste of the Thumb. The 2013 Taste of the Thumb will be held at St. Denis Catholic Church Hall at 5366 Main, Lexington on Sunday, January 27 from 2 to 5 pm. Admission is \$15.

The Taste of the Thumb benefits the Sanilac County Baby Pantry. In addition to the music, there will be baskets to bid on and an opportunity to sample the delicious food from many Sanilac County Restaurants.

This year's scheduled music will be Mike Mercatante 2:00 - 2:45; Circle of Friends 2:45 - 3:30 (Dean Barnett, Mary Foley, Gordon MacDonald); Lost Cuzzins 3:30 -4:15 (Dean Barnett, Ron McPhail, Kent Kreuger & Jim Williams) and Ourselves 4:15 - 5:00 (Tom Schlichting, Walt Schlichting & Lynn Surbrook) all of whom have generously donated their music for the day. Ourselves will provide their sound system and Dean Barnett will serve as emcee. Contact: Brooks Solterman basmas99@greatlakes.net

Member Activities and Other Opportunities to play

>>**Ted Smith** will host the Good Tyme Jam of the Blue Water Musicians Network at Bridges Church at 1101 4th St. in Port Huron from 7 to 9 pm

>>**Tom Schlichting** is looking for a volunteer band to host the Feb. 23 Open Mic at Old Town Winery at 6:30 pm.& volunteers to help plan & work at the Thumbfest fundraisers on April 13, July 6 & June 22.

tomchlichting@hotmail.com

>>**Jeff Baron** announced an open mic on Sun. Jan. 30 from 2 to 6 pm at Trio on Quay in Port Huron.

>>**Irish Original Drinking Song** contest at Lynch's Irish Pub, March 7 9-11pm www.lynchsirishtavern.com

>>**Art on the River** in Port Huron in June is looking for musicians.
cvcgroup2008@gmail.com

If you are interested in choral music:

>> The Schubert Male Chorus of Port Huron is accepting members. They meet on Tuesdays. More info at 810-388-7189.

>> Members Shirley Barnett & Tom McGovern are members of the Richmond Community Choir which won 3rd place in Best Choir in Detroit for Channel 4 Summer 2012. They meet on Monday nights in Richmond and membership is open to all.

Contact: barnettsjmd@gmail.com

Watch For more details later:

>>Members David Tamulevich, Michael Hough will have a new CD in July 2013

>>Member Judy Insley will have a new CD Release Party on May 18th at the Trinity House Theatre.

Pictures from Our Coffeehouse Open Mics at Trinity ..More next issue



Circle of Friends



Hootenanny in October 2012



John N Dave



Mike Mullen Project



Iris Spencer



Blair (?)



Austin Spencer & Brittany Howard



Friends with Earl & Gloria Lowen



Bobby Budd



John Broadwell



Rhonda Johnson



Valerie Rushing



Charlie Winters & Kevin Batchelder



Emcee Dean Barnett



Jim Spoutz



John Johnston



John Dobot



Willis Family



November Coffeehouse Open Mic Audience



Larry Maykowski

More pictures next issue