



## Blue Water Folk Notes

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### Thumbfest Volunteers Needed We need YOU!

If you have never volunteered before for Thumbfest, this may be the year for you to give it a try and join the fun!

**Camp Cavell is offering a 50% discount** on overnight lodging for those volunteers that commit to four hours of volunteer work and Thumbfest musicians. You can find more information at:

[http://www.campcavell.org/thumbfest\\_meals\\_and\\_lodging.html](http://www.campcavell.org/thumbfest_meals_and_lodging.html)

You can volunteer for as little as two hours or as many hours as you think you can handle. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities where you can sit at one place if you prefer or you can have a position that involves walking around the festival. It is your choice.

Sign up early to get first pick of slots. Some of the volunteer positions still open are:

**Donations:** Helping collect donations, **Table**

**Sales / Info:** provide information & assist with sales at tables & 50/50, **Site Setup/Teardown,**

**Stage Assistants,** includes emcees, & **Flyer & Poster Distribution.**

It is never too early to sign up! We will wait to assign you after the performance schedule is published, if you prefer. **It takes all of us to put on a successful Thumbfest!**

To register as a volunteer contact: Shirley at [barnettsjmd@gmail.com](mailto:barnettsjmd@gmail.com) or 586-727-5197

### BWFS July 11 Concert

The times of the performances have been set for the BWFS July 11 Concert. 7:00pm for Dale George, 7:40 for Blood Harmony, 8:30 for Still Running & 9:20 for Ourselves.

There will be a 50/50 Raffle to benefit Thumbfest at the concert.

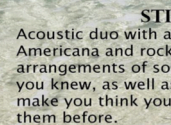
the Blue Water Folk Society presents

### JULY 11 CONCERT HARBOR STAGE LEXINGTON, MI 7-10PM



#### OURSSELVES

An Irish twist on the fantasies and foibles of relationships - reflected in songs from across the ages boiled down into one sweet, sour, humorous and bitter concoction.



#### STILL RUNNING

Acoustic duo with a modern take on Americana and rock - fun, surprising arrangements of songs you thought you knew, as well as originals that make you think you may have heard them before.



#### BLOOD HARMONY

Family band relying on vocal harmonies and multiple instruments. Old time to old country, gospel to americana, traditional covers and original songs.



#### DALE GEORGE

Soft rock, traditional country, folk and bluegrass with possible special guests.



### It is time to renew your membership dues!

Have you renewed your membership dues? Membership dues expired on June 30, 2015. You can show your support of the Blue Water Folk Society by renewing your dues or joining us. Opportunities to renew will be at both Thumbfest fundraiser concerts and at Thumbfest. You can also send your dues of **\$10/person per membership year** to:

Shirley Barnett; 1809 Caughill, Columbus, Mi. 48063

Please make all checks payable to:

**Blue Water Folk Society**

and mark on the check the purpose of the check.

Please include your email address & mailing address so we can reach you!

**Become a part of Thumbfest 2015!**

### Saturday, September 5

11:00am – 10:00pm

### Thumbfest 2015

Lexington, Mi.

#### Performing as of 7/08/15:

- Jill Jack, Dragon Wagon
- The Luddites, Creole du Nord
- Nicky Boy Street Band
- Nessa, Whistle Stop Revue,
- Finvarra's Wren, Matt Watroba,
- Mustard's Retreat, Sel de Terre
- Annie and Rod Capps
- Kitty Donohoe, David Youngman
- Jan Krist and Jim Bizer
- Floyd Old Time Gospoer Hour
- Carl Henry, LeCompagnie
- Genot Picor, Yellow Room Gang
- Lost Cuzzins, Ourselves
- Circle of Friends, Denny Dwyer
- Floyd & BuckRooster King
- John Finan & Sharon Tse
- Still Running, Blood Harmony
- Tritone Paradox, Dan Hazlett
- Waynewood Boys
- Jean Marie and the Lads
- William Henry Russell
- Rockafellas, The Barones
- Rocky Top, Wells & Witz
- Marty Kohn, Andy Mather
- Tom McGovern, Tracy Kash
- Taller Than They Appear
- Banjo Jim and Ricky
- Jimmy Deheno, Butterhair
- Emilie and Andrew, Bobby Budd,
- Heritage String Band,
- Mike and Ande McCarthy,
- Camp Cavell Folk Dance

Watch for more info at:

[www.bluewaterfolksociety.org](http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org)

[www.thumbfest.org](http://www.thumbfest.org)

[www.facebook.com/thumbfest](http://www.facebook.com/thumbfest)

Schedule to be published soon!



the Blue Water Folk Society presents  
in concert

**Whistle Stop Revue**

**Tritone Paradox**

**Wells and Witz**

tickets \$20

contact Dawn for tickets

(586)995-1974 or [dawnmalek@comcast.net](mailto:dawnmalek@comcast.net)

Huron Shores Estates  
144 Shoreline Drive East  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

Concert will be held  
on the bluff  
overlooking beautiful  
Lake Huron.



## BWFS member performance dates to consider:

### More details at:

<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwfs-event-calendar.html>

#### Friday, July 10

5:30pm Still Running at the Lexington Brewery  
6:30pm Rick and John Trio at Gino's Pizzeria and Restaurant  
7:00pm Julianne Ankley at Michigan By the Bottle

#### Saturdays, July 11, 18, & 25

8:00pm Double Play at Garfield's

#### Saturday, July 11

7:00pm Blue Water Folk Society Concert at the Harbor  
7:00pm Dale George at the BWFS Concert  
7:40pm Blood Harmony at BWFS Concert  
8:30pm Still Running at BWFS Fundraiser  
9:20pm Ourselves at BWFS Fundraiser

#### Sunday, July 12 & 26

12-3pm Keith & Company at Vantage Point

#### Wednesdays, July 15, 22, & 29

5:00pm William Henry Russell at Juan Miquels  
8:00pm Denny Dwyer at Steis's  
**Thursdays, July 16, 23 & 30**  
6:00pm William Henry Russell at Joe Bologna Trattoria

#### Thursday, July 16

6:00pm Lost Cuzzins in Roscommon  
7:30pm Denny Dwyer at the Raven  
8:00pm Julianne Ankley and the Rogues at Blue Water Festival

#### Fridays, July 17, 24, & 31

5:30pm Denny Dwyer at the Lexington Brewery

#### Friday, July 17

5:00pm Julianne Ankley at the Blue Water Festival

#### Saturday, July 18

11:30am Brian Wood at Colasanti's  
3:00pm Julianne Ankley & Acoustic Rogues St. Joseph Church  
7:30pm William Henry Russell at the Raven Cafe  
8:00pm Whistle Stop Revue at Lexington Brewing Co.

#### Sunday, July 19

10:30am Ruby Hill at Unity  
2:00pm Thumbfest Fundraiser in Port Sanilac  
2:00pm Tritone Paradox at the Thumbfest Fundraiser  
2:00pm Whistle Stop Review at Thumbfest Fundraiser  
2:00pm Wills and Witz at the Thumbfest Fundraiser

#### Wednesday, July 22

12:00pm Julianne Ankley & Roscoe at Campus Martius

#### Saturday, July 25

6:00pm Julianne Ankley at Rix's on the Rocks  
7:30pm Still Running at the Raven  
8:00pm Open Mic at the Lexington Brewery

#### Thursday, July 30

7:00pm Tritone Paradox at the Northville Winery

#### Saturdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

8:00pm Double Play at Garfield's

**Support our BWFS musicians!**

## June 20 Thumbfest Solstice Fundraiser a Success



Connie Currie



Ande McCarthy



Circle of Friends



Still Running, Circle of Friends



Mary Foley

### News from the President.....Ruth Habalewsky

The June 20<sup>th</sup> Solstice Fundraiser at the Lexington Brewing Company & Wine House was entertaining and a financial success.

The event raised \$500 and Connie Currie presented a \$500 check for the future profit of the Thumbfest Thunder Beer for a total of \$1000 raised that night. The BWFS thanks Connie Currie and Steve Velloff for their generous support of Thumbfest, and the use of their business for the event. A special thank you to the musicians: Still Running, circle of friends, and the Joni Mitchell Tribute (Mary Foley, Ande McCarthy, Mike McCarthy, and Connie Currie) and the other volunteers: Dawn Malek, Jenna Reed, Shirley Barnett, and Dean Barnett.

Come join us at Patrick Tierney Park on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> to hear some BWFS musicians from 7 to 10 pm. On Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, there is a fundraiser at Huron Shore Estates; tickets are \$20 which will be available for sale at the July 11 event or contact Dawn Malek for tickets at [dawnmalek@comcast.net](mailto:dawnmalek@comcast.net)

## BWFS Election Results

At the Blue Water Folk Society General Meeting on June 20, an election was held. All of the bylaw amendments were passed. The new bylaws will be posted on the [www.bluewaterfolksociety.org](http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org) website as soon as they are done.

We wish to thank *Shirley Barnett, Marty Malek, Leah Marciniak, Randy Orchard, and Tom Schlichting* for volunteering to be on the BWFS Board. Unfortunately, there were only 3 openings, and not everyone could be elected.

Congratulations to the newly elected BWFS Board members who are: *Shirley Barnett, Marty Malek, and Tom Schlichting*. Their terms will expire in 2018.

The new seven member board elected *Ruth Habalewsky, President, Jerry Huff, Treasurer, Barbara Ernsberger, Secretary.*

Thank you all for taking the time to vote. The election was very close with just a few votes separating the candidates.

### Great News!

*The Village of Lexington D.D.A. has joined the list of major sponsors of Thumbfest 2015 with their generous donation of \$1000. They will be the main stage sponsor and a cover program sponsor. Lexington Brewing Co. and Town & Country Realty are the other cover program sponsors.*

## Vendor List for Thumbfest

**A record of 18 vendors currently registered & paid**

\*New vendors for 2015

### PRODUCTS

*Debbie Graham* - handmade jewelry  
*Aspirations Jewelry Studio* - wire wrapped jewelry  
\**Essential Oils Company* - essential oils  
*Lounies Soap Company* - soaps and body care re-creations - mittens, hats and scarves made from vintage sweaters  
*Beth Baldock* - crocheted, knitted and sewn items  
\**Smith's Creek Alpacas* - sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets, etc and live alpacas!  
\**Mi Old Barn* - barnwood signs  
\**Bethany Spicer* - yard art/plates w/ poles

### FOOD

*Just a Poppin'* - kettle corn and freshly squeezed lemonade  
\**Millard's Catering* - Polish food  
\**Little Z's BBQ* - BBQ and comfort food  
*Lucky Lunch* - gourmet wraps/sandwiches, salads and sides  
\**Michigan Candy Inc* - Sweet & Sour Licorice  
*Energy Smoothie Booth* - Smoothies and water

### SERVICES

*Elise's Henna Tattoos and Face Painting*  
\**Freddy K's Faces of Fun* - Caricatures

### Still looking for

Massage therapist, Ice cream  
Elephant ears

Contact: [dawnmalek@comcast.net](mailto:dawnmalek@comcast.net)



**MORE BWFS member performance dates:**

**Saturday, August 1**

12:00pm Julianne Ankley at Lexington Fine Arts Street Fair

**Sunday, August 2**

10:30am Yobany & Jim at Unity of Bluewater  
2:00pm Julianne Ankley at Brighton Fine Arts & Acoustic Music Festival

**Wednesday, August 5, 12, 19, & 26**

5:00pm William Henry Russell at Juan Miquels  
8:00pm Denny Dwyer at Steis's

**Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20 & 27**

6:00pm William Henry Russell at Joe Bologna Trattoria Thursday, August 6

**Fridays, August 7, 14, 21 & 28**

5:30pm Denny Dwyer at the Lexington Brewery

**Friday, August 7**

8:00pm Whistle Stop Revue benefit for Scared Heart

**Saturday, August 8**

6:00pm Julianne Ankley at Rix's on the Rocks

**Sunday, August 9 & 23**

12-3pm Keith & Company at Vantage Point

**Thursday, August 13**

7:30pm Julianne Ankley at the Raven Cafe

**Sunday, August 16**

10:30am Ruby Hill at Blue Water Unity

**Thursday, August 20**

7:30pm Lost Cuzzins & Ruby Hill at Raven Cafe

**Friday, August 21**

8:00pm Whistle Stop Revue at Thumbcoast Brewing

**Saturday, August 22**

7:30pm Denny Dwyer at the Raven

8:00pm Whistle Stop Revue at Lexington Brewery

**Sunday, August 23**

1:00pm Dean Barnett at Vantage Point

**Wednesday, August 26**

8:00pm Julianne Ankley & the Rogues at the Ark in Ann Arbor

**Friday, August 28**

6:30pm Rick and John Trio at Gino's Pizzeria and Restaurant

**Saturday, August 29**

7:30pm Still Running at the Raven

8:00pm Open Mic at the Lexington Brewery

**Wednesday, September 2**

5:00pm William Henry Russell at Juan Miquels

**Thursday, September 3**

6:00pm William Henry Russell at Joe Bologna Trattoria

7:30pm Julianne Ankley at the Raven Cafe

**Friday, September 4**

5:30pm Denny Dwyer at the Lexington Brewery

**Saturday, September 5**

11:00am - 10:00pm Thumbfest Acoustic Music Festival in Lexington (schedule will be published at [www.bluewaterfolksociety.org](http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org))

**MORE DETAILS on performances at:**  
<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwfs-event-calendar.html>

Note: Performances listed are those that the BWFS member performers submitted to:  
[barnettsjmd@gmail.com](mailto:barnettsjmd@gmail.com)

**Thumbfest Update ..... Mike Mercatante**

As I write this article, I'm watching the USA Women's soccer team win the World Cup with a dominating display of offense to accompany their stingy defense. Wow. What a great performance. Speaking of great performances, it's hard to believe that it is only two months away to Thumbfest 2015. Yes, the Blue Water Folk Society will once again present the Thumb region's premiere acoustic music festival. Thumbfest 2015 will return to beautiful Lexington Michigan on Saturday September 5 from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.. As of this writing, there are 54 different acts/workshop presenters. More than any other Thumbfest. There will be music, storytelling and activities to please everybody. This will be the Blue Water Folk Society's 14<sup>th</sup> festival and it promises to be a good one.

How good? Well check out these acts. Making her Thumbfest debut is 38 time (yes, that's right) Detroit Music Award winner **Jill Jack** and her band. Jill has opened for Bob Seger, John Waite, Emmylou Harris, Shawn Colvin, Patty Griffin and many other big acts. We are really honored to have her play at Thumbfest. **The Luddites**, seven time winner for Best Folk/Acoustic Band in Detroit, return with their 11 piece "folk orchestra" to play a blend of folk, rock, zydeco, calypso, klezmer, ragtime, and Bourbon Street swing. **Matt Watroba**, legendary host of WDET's "Folks Like Us" program, returns after a several year hiatus to do a solo set as well as one with the folk super-group **The Yellow Room Gang**. Matt's sets are warm, fun and inclusive and he will have you singing along with him. He has shared the stage with Pete Seeger, Tom Paxton, Richard Thompson, and many others. Also returning is the high energy roots/bluegrass band **Dragon Wagon** from Ann Arbor. Always a festival favorite. More bluegrass can be found by seeing **The WhistleStop Revue** (fresh from their appearance on Ann Delise's WDET show) and the **Waynewood Boys**. The infectious sounds of New Orleans brass bands will be felt when the **Nicky Boy Street Band** hits the stage. If you can't dance to these guys, you'd better check your pulse. Some of Detroit's top jazz and R&B players are in Nicky Boy. Also in the Louisiana vein, are **Creole du Nord** and **Sel de Terre**. Celtic music is represented in many different ways by the performances of **Nessa**, **Kitty Donohoe**, **Finvarra's Wren**, **Jean Marie and the Lads**, and **Ourselves**. All this plus blues, classical, traditional and modern folk, and just about any kind of acoustic music style you can imagine. Add to that workshops & open mic/jams, & our instrument give-away Guitars for Kids, & it's going to be a great festival. All for free.

This is my sixth year as Artistic Director and it's a real pleasure to help put this festival together. I enjoy being part of the Blue Water Folk Society family. We are an all volunteer organization that likes to share our passion for acoustic music. There's room for you if you'd like to volunteer. For all Thumbfest information as well as information on how to volunteer, please check out: **Thumbfest.org**.

Be sure to like our Facebook page: **Thumbfest (Blue Water Folk Society)** I'm looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday Sept.5 Peace.

**Guitar for Kids Giveaway Thumbfest 2015 News!**

**Exciting News! We are up to three guitars to give away at Thumbfest 2015!**

*Diane Rizzo*, a member of the Blue Water Folk Society, has donated a 1967 Yamaha guitar that is currently being setup by Larry Stevens for use in the giveaway. In addition, two other new guitars are being purchased. One of the new guitars will be donated by *Dean and Shirley Barnett*. We may also have a couple of ukuleles.

The contest is open to all who are 8 to 17 years old. The applicants will fill out an application at Thumbfest 2015 and must be present to win the guitar or ukulele.

Guitar for Kids was started at Thumbfest in 2014 when *Craig Carrick* of the NorEast'r Art and Music Festival of Mio, Michigan donated a guitar to Thumbfest so we could begin a program here. The purpose of the giveaway is to promote kids becoming involved with music.

Contact: [barnettsjmd@gmail.com](mailto:barnettsjmd@gmail.com)

Donations can be made by a check made out to: Blue Water Folk Society with Guitar for Kids noted on the check.

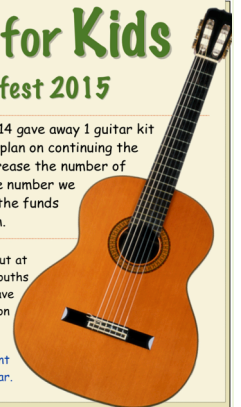
**Consider a donation to "Guitar for Kids"**

## Guitar for Kids at Thumbfest 2015

Last year Thumbfest 2014 gave away 1 guitar kit to one lucky youth. We plan on continuing the program and hope to increase the number of guitars we give out. The number we can give out depends on the funds we raise for the program.

The Guitars will be given out at Thumbfest 2015 to youths 8 to 17 yrs old who have filled out an application at Thumbfest 2015.

You will need to be present to receive the guitar.



**Let's encourage our youth to learn to play a guitar!**

You can help by donating to the Guitar for Kids fund. Checks can be made out to **Blue Water Folk Society**. Include a note specifying Guitar for Kids. Contact: Shirley Barnett at [barnettsjmd@gmail.com](mailto:barnettsjmd@gmail.com)

**Support our BWFS musicians by attending their performances!**



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](http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org)  
[www.thumbfest.org](http://www.thumbfest.org)

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/thumbfest](http://www.facebook.com/thumbfest)

### Join us for only

#### \$10/year Membership

Send your dues & info to:  
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1809 Caughill  
Columbus, Mi. 48063  
[barnettsjmd@gmail.com](mailto:barnettsjmd@gmail.com)  
586-727-5197

### Coffeehouse Director

Contact: Dawn Malek  
[dawnmalek@comcast.net](mailto:dawnmalek@comcast.net)  
586-995-1974

### Newsletter editor:

Shirley Barnett

*We welcome your suggestions,  
pictures and submissions.*

*Send your information to*  
[barnettsjmd@gmail.com](mailto:barnettsjmd@gmail.com)

### Did you know??

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

**BWFS members can submit  
their performance dates for  
publication in the newsletter,  
email updates and the event  
calendar on**

[www.bluewaterfolksociety.org](http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org)  
by sending the information to:  
[barnettsjmd@gmail.com](mailto:barnettsjmd@gmail.com)

*Special thanks to the Village of  
Lexington & the Lexington  
Business Association for  
their support!*

## BWFS Current Board Members

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

Ruth Habalewsky ....President [rhabalewsky@comcast.net](mailto:rhabalewsky@comcast.net)  
Jerry Huff .....Treasurer [jlhuff221@yahoo.com](mailto:jlhuff221@yahoo.com)  
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term expires 2016 election  
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**Main Contact Phone Number:** Ruth Habalewsky at 810-300-2388

### Ads, Sponsors, Patrons

*Ruth Habalewsky reports that as of  
July 8, 2015 the following businesses and  
persons have committed to an ad, cover or  
stage sponsorship or became a patron:*

**Patron** Erhardt's Pharmacy

**Ads:** Foley's Market, Lakeside A&W,  
Angels Garden, Talmer Bank, Raven Café  
Lexington Village Theatre (includes Sweetwater  
Gourmet Deli, Lexington Village Theatre, and Village Pub),  
Chef Shells Restaurant & Catering, Camp  
Cavell, Bunny's Frozen Custard

### Program Sponsors

Lexington Brewing Company & Wine House  
Village of Lexington D.D.A., Town and  
Country Realty

### Stages/Venue Sponsors

Camp Cavell, Raven Café, Lakeside A&W,  
Mel & Jeannine Kirchoff, Eastern Michigan  
Bank, Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine House  
Village of Lexington D.D.A. and Virginia  
McNabb, Realtor

We thank you all for your support! *It is not  
too late for you to become a patron with a  
donation of \$100 or more!*

Contact: [rhabalewsky@comcast.net](mailto:rhabalewsky@comcast.net)

### How do we use your donations?

You may not be aware that the Blue Water  
Folk Society, an ALL volunteer 501c3  
nonprofit organization, pays for everything  
for the Thumbfest out of the money we  
raise. We need to raise about \$20,000.

*We pay for the performers, sound, rental  
of stages, rental of hall, tents, chairs, porta-  
johns, golf carts, the shuttle, program, signs,  
posters, tables, items needed for the tables,  
ice, water, advertising, rented  
communication, Guitar for Kids program,  
shirts, buttons, set-up items, and other  
related expenses.*

We do all of this so we can bring you a  
quality, FREE, all-day, family friendly acoustic  
music festival and keep live music alive in  
the thumb of Michigan.

**Without your help, there would be  
NO Thumbfest.**

You can donate by sending a check to:  
**Blue Water Folk Society**  
P.O. Box 83  
Lexington, Mi. 48450

**Please make all checks payable to:  
Blue Water Folk Society**

Please mark on the check the purpose...  
Thumbfest, Guitar for Kids, dues, etc.



Volunteers B.J. & Frank Swarts



Mustard's Retreat



Come join the crowd at Thumbfest!



Lost Cuzzins & Floyd King & Bushwackers

**Thumbfest T-shirt preorder information will be  
available after July 19...watch for info!**  
Contact: Bea at [thumbfestts@gmail.com](mailto:thumbfestts@gmail.com)  
**Bring your chair, voice, instrument and  
spend the day enjoying the music!!**