



Blue Water Folk Notes



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Save these dates:

Saturday, June 22; 7-10 pm

Thumbfest Fundraiser
Old Town Hall Winery

Saturday, July 6; 3-9 pm

Thumbfest Benefit Concert
Harbor; Port Sanilac, Mi.

Saturday, July 21; TBA

Thumbfest Benefit Concert
Huron Shores; Port Sanilac, Mi.

Saturday, August 31

Thumbfest 2013

Lexington, Mi. 10 AM to 10 PM

Performing at Thumbfest: Blue Water Folk Society Members in Blue:

Red Sea Pedestrians; Nicky Boy Street Band; The Appleseed Collective; Dragon Wagon; Creole du Nord; **Mustard's Retreat**; Floyd King and the Bushwhackers; Jim Bizer and Jan Krist; Jo Serrapere and the Willie Dunns; Stella!; Sheri Kane and Dave Steele; Kitty Donohoe; Brian Wood and the Troubadads; Le Compagnie; Billy Brandt and Sarana VerLin; Quench; Cornpone; Duality; **Still Running**; Rocky Top;; Pine River Legacy Band; Floyd and Buck Rooster King; Maggie Ferguson; **Campfire Compadres**; **Heritage String Band**; **The Barones**; Dan Hazlett; **Ourselves**; **Circle of Friends**; **Ruby Hill**; **Lost Cuzzins**; John Finan and Sharon Tse; **Banjo Jim and Ricky**; **Bobby Budd**; **William Russell**; Troublesome Creek **Judy Insley & Almost Perfect**; Bishops of Southshore; John Dobat; **Butterhair**; Rockafellas; Alan Cayn; Julianne Ankle; Wayneboro Boys; **Denny Dwyer**; Emily Lewandowski; **Mary Foley**; Phil/Marsha Larson

Thumbfest Benefit Concert June 22

Are you ready to have a great time while supporting *Thumbfest 2013*?

Mark your calendar for a **Thumbfest Benefit at the Old Town Hall Winery, 5475 N. Main St., Lexington, Mi. Saturday, June 22 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm.**

Not only will there be some great music, but Connie Currie and Steve Velloff will be introducing a special beer, "Thumbfest Thunder" at the Fundraiser. Every bottle you buy will result in a donation of \$1 to Thumbfest.

Organizer and emcee Mike Mercatante said the performers would include *Banjo Jim and Ricky, Still Running and the Lost Cuzzins*, in that order with a hootenanny to end the night.

Jenna Reed will have the Thumbfest T-shirts available for purchase and preorder and Shirley Barnett will have membership info. (see info on page 4)

Ruth Habalewsky will be running a raffle, which will also include a basket from the Old Town Hall Winery, taking names for volunteering at Thumbfest and accepting donations to help support Thumbfest 2013.

The Thumbfest is a free Acoustic Music Festival and is organized by the all volunteer 501c3 non-profit Blue Water Folk Society. **Help us to keep**

Thumbfest and the music happening by joining us at the Fundraiser!

BWFS Annual General Meeting Sunday, June 23 by Jenna

It's time again for the Blue Water Folk Society Annual Meeting, which *will be held at Marty & Ruth Habalewsky's home at 2848 Monticello, Port Huron on June 23, 2013 at 6:30pm.*

Each year, as a 501c3 organization, there are a few requirements we must meet. One of these is having an annual meeting. We need a quorum of all members and since we now have 107 members, that means we need 22 people in attendance. Attendance can be either in person or by proxy, which means you can just let us know you're with us in spirit, if not in person. Send me an email 2jnsgrover@comcast.net voicing your attendance by proxy, and that will count.

Two board positions are opening. Tom Schlichting, one of the founding members of the Blue Water Folk Society, is stepping down; and Ruth Habalewsky's position is up for election. This means we need nominations for these two positions. If you would like to run for a board position, you must be a current member of the Blue Water Folk Society - if you'd like to run,

but aren't yet a member, you can contact Shirley to let her know you're joining at barnettsjmd@gmail.com See **information on dues and membership information on page 4.**

The board will then elect its officers. Currently Carl Kammer is president, and I'm secretary. Tom Schlichting has been our irreplaceable treasurer for years, but now the board will need to elect a new treasurer. Votes for board positions are cast in person or by proxy, so if you can't be at the meeting, send me an email to cast a proxy vote for trustee positions for the board. Ballots will be out soon.

The meeting should be fairly short, as there are few agenda items to cover. **We'll also have a brief Thumbfest planning meeting as soon as we adjourn the annual meeting.** It's two, two meetings in one!

Come join us and be a part of the intricate machinations that make up the Blue Water Folk Society! And if it makes any difference... I'm bringing cake.

Thumbfest 2013 Update by Mike Mercatante**BWFS member performance dates to consider:****Dean Barnett**

- > [Saturday, June 22 12 – 1 pm](#)
Marysville Days, Marysville, Mi.
- > [Friday, July 5 12 – 1 pm](#)
Sandfest at Ft. Gratiot Lighthouse
Port Huron, Mi
- > [Friday, July 5 & 26; Aug. 2 3-6pm](#)
Farmer's Market, Pt. Sanilac, Mi.
- > [Friday, July 19 1-2 pm](#)
Blue Water Fest, Port Huron, Mi.

Iris Spencer

- > [Friday, June 30 8-9:30 am & 10:30 am](#)
PHHS & Main Stage YMCA ,Pt. Huron,
- > [Wed. June 19 – Fri. June 21](#)
4-H Performing Arts. Lansing, Mi.

William Henry Russell

- > [Saturday, June 22, 4 - 6 pm](#)
Old Town Hall Winery Lexington, Mi.
- > [Sat. Jun 15; July 20; Aug 17 7:30-10:30pm](#)
Raven Café Port Huron, Mi.
- > [Friday, July 12, 4:30-7:00 pm](#)
Harbor Beach Maritime Festival
- > [Every Thursday 6-9 pm](#)
Poncho's New Baltimore, Mi
- > [Saturday, August 17 at 12:30 pm](#)
Blue Water Winery, Carsonville, Mi

Still Running

- > [Saturday, June 22 7-10 pm](#)
Thumbfest Benefit
Old Town Hall Winery Lexington
- > [Fri. Jun 28; July 27; Aug 24 7:30 -10:30 pm](#)
Raven Café, Pt. Huron, Mi.
- > [Sat. July 6 & Aug. 17 4-7 pm](#)
Old Town Hall Winery Lexington
- > [Sat. June 13 & Sun. July 21 6-10 pm](#)
Lynch's Irish Pub Pt. Huron, Mi.
- > [Saturday, June 29 7-9 pm](#)
Music at the Harbor Pt. Sanilac

Lost Cuzzins

- > [Saturday, June 22, 1-2 pm](#)
Marysville Days, Marysville, Mi.
- > [Saturday, June 22, 7-10 pm](#)
Thumbfest Benefit Concert
Old Town Hall Winery, Lexington, Mi.
- > [Friday, June 19, 3-4 pm](#)
Bluewater Fest, Port Huron, Mi
- > [Fri. & Sat. July 26 & 27 8 – 10 pm](#)
St. Clair County 4-H Fair, Goodells, Mi.
- > [Sunday July 28 12 – 2 pm](#)
Harbor at Port Sanilac, Mi.

Replay

- > [Saturday, June 22, 8:30 pm -12:30 am](#)
Holly Meadows, Mussey, Mi.
- > [Saturday, June 29, 8:30 pm – 12:30 am](#)
Dorsey House, Clyde Twp., Mi.
- > [Saturday, July 13, 9 pm – 1 am](#)
Leaning Tree, Wales Twp., Mi

Judy Insley

- > [Saturday, August 3, 8:00 pm](#)
Crazy Wisdom Ann Arbor, Mi.

I'm writing this on a brilliant sunshiny May 25th morning and it is thirty degrees outside. Brrrr. Michigan weather. Will it ever warm up? Well, I know one day when things will be hot. That's Saturday August 31 from 10 am-10pm in the beautiful port city of Lexington. That's the day the BlueWater Folk Society presents Thumbfest 2013, the Thumb area's premier acoustic music festival.

Thumbfest 2013 is the Blue Water Folk Society's twelfth festival and it promises to be the best one yet. There are 48 different acts booked over seven performance sites. Add to that number, a jam site, two workshop tents, and an open mic stage (new this year!), and you have a total of 11 locations in which you can indulge in the musical pleasures of your choice.

I am excited about the new performers this year. New to the festival will be The Appleseed Collective, a swinging Americana band from Ann Arbor with a lot of energy. There will also be the low-down Delta blues sounds of Shari Kane and Dave Steele. A last minute addition is award-winning Thumb native Julianne Ankley who will be bringing her country inflected music to Thumbfest for the first time. You will also enjoy the beautiful harmonies and great songwriting of the all-female group Stella! They will make your ears sigh. I'm excited about the bluegrass sounds of the Wayneboro Boys. Couple them with the Black River Bluegrass Boys and the bluegrass jam sounds like it will be really happening this year. There will be the high lonesome sound of Rocky Top, a local husband-wife duo that really hits the old-timey music of the hills with spot on accuracy. Emily Lewandowski, a young lady who has frequented the jam sessions for years, will be dazzling us with her classical influenced music in her own set. Your favorite acts from Thumbfests past? There will be lots to choose from.

I'm pumped that the world music sounds of the Red Sea Pedestrians will be returning. The happy and joyous New Orleans brass sounds of Nicky Boy Street Band will be back and getting everyone on their feet and dancing. The high energy Celtic influenced sounds of Ann Arbor's Dragon Wagon will return. Award winners Jo Serrapere and the Willie Dunns will be back with their bluesy, atmospheric music. There will be the infectious Cajun/Creole music of Creole du Nord. Irish influenced folk singer Kitty Donahoe returns. Don't miss her. Multiple music award winners Billy Brandt and Sarana Ver Lin will be back. Folk favorites Mustard's Retreat will return to share their talents. Western swing? Try Cornpone out for a good time. Floyd King and the Bushwackers will dazzle you with their harmonies and fun show. So much to choose from.

Thumbfest has always promoted local talent as well. Catch Thumb area musicians like Lost Cuzzins, Ourselves, Still Running, William Henry Russell, Butterhair and many more at any of the stages throughout town.

As the Artistic Director for Thumbfest these past four years, it's been my privilege to work with so many talented musicians and dedicated volunteers. There is always room for more volunteers and if you'd like to help out, even for just an hour or two, please contact Thumbfest Volunteer Coordinator Ruth Habalewsky. It's a wonderful chance to participate in great day of music and fun. I hope you all have a summer filled with sun and fun and I look forward to seeing you at Thumbfest on Saturday August 31, from 10-10 in Lexington. Join us for the fun!

Support Thumbfest 2013 by...

- o Buy an ad \$100 to \$250
- o Sponsor a Stage \$ 150 to \$500
- o Become a Patron \$100 to \$1000
- o Attend a Fundraiser & donate
- o Purchase a Thumbfest T-shirt
- o Volunteer for Thumbfest or Benefit
- o Become a member or donate

Contact: ruthhabalewsky@comcast.net

Submit Thumbfest 2013 & Thumbfest fundraiser pictures to barnettsjmd@gmail.com

More BWFS Performance dates**Jimmy Deheno**

- > [Thurs Jun 27, July 25, Aug 29 7:30 – 10:30 pm](#)
Raven Café, Port Huron, Mi.
- > [Friday, June 8 & 21](#)
Bobby Mac's Bayside Fair Haven, Mi.
- > [Friday, June 14 & 28](#)
Trio, Port Huron, Mi.
- > [Thursday, June 20](#)
Murphy's Inn St. Clair, Mi.

Mustard's Retreat

- > [Saturday July 26 8:00 pm](#)
ARK, Ann Arbor, Mi.
- > [Saturday July 27 time TBA](#)
Flint Folk Festival, Flint, Mi.

Keith Menzies/Brother-in-Arms

- > [Thurs. July 4 3pm & Fri, July 5 11am & 6:30pm & Sat. July 6 12 pm & Sun. July 7 11am & 3 – 5 pm](#)
Sandfest Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
Port Huron, Mi.
- > [Sat. July 13 & Aug. 10 7:30- 10:30pm](#)
Raven Café Port Huron, Mi.
- > [Sunday June 16 & Aug. 14 11-3 pm](#)
Great Lakes Maritime, Port Huron

Butterhair

- > [Saturday, June 22 7-9 pm](#)
Music at the Harbor, Pt. Sanilac
- > [Sunday, June 23 4-5 pm](#)
Marysville Days, Marysville, Mi.

Circle of Friends

- > [Saturday, July 6, 7:00 pm](#)
Thumbfest Benefit, Port Sanilac, Mi.

Ourselves

- > [Saturday, July 6, 7:00 pm](#)
Thumbfest Benefit, Port Sanilac, Mi.
- > [Saturday, August 3, 4 – 9 pm](#)
Harbor Hoedown Port Sanilac, Mi.
- > [Friday, July 19; Aug. 9 & 30 3-6pm](#)
Farmer's Market, Pt. Sanilac, Mi.

Denny Dwyer

- > [Friday, June 21, TBA](#)
Huron Lady, Port Huron, Mi.
- > [Friday, July 12; Aug. 2 3-6pm](#)
Farmer's Market, Pt. Sanilac, Mi.

Ruby Hill

- > [Saturday, July 6, 7:00 pm](#)
Thumbfest Benefit, Port Sanilac, Mi.
- > [Saturday, August 3, 4 – 9 pm](#)
Harbor Hoedown Port Sanilac, Mi.

Sue Wilson

- > [Saturday, June 22, 4 – 5 pm](#)
Marysville Days, Marysville, Mi.

Barones

- > [Thursday, June 20, 7:00 pm](#)
Marysville Days, Marysville, Mi.
- > [Saturday, June 29, 9-10 am](#)
Classic Car Weekend
Birchwood Mall, Port Huron, Mi.

Call for Thumbfest 2013 Volunteers by Ruth Habalewsky

Do you want to have fun, meet fellow Blue Water Folk Society members, and help the organization? The following volunteer event opportunities are available:

- o June 22nd Thumbfest Benefit Concert at Old Town Winery from 6 to 10 pm
- o July 6th Thumbfest Benefit Concert at Pt. Sanilac Harbor Park from 2 to 9 pm
- o August 3rd thru August 4, 2013 at the Lexington Art Fair from 9am to 6 pm
- o August 30th set-up for Thumbfest in Lexington from 3pm to 8pm
- o August 31st Thumbfest in Lexington from 8 am to 10pm.
- o September 1st Thumbfest tear down in Lexington from 8am to 12pm

The types of volunteer jobs range from set-up, tear down, sound, emcee, collecting donations, selling T-shirts, buttons, posters, and 50/50 raffle tickets. Volunteers are needed for advance marketing/advertising/ publicity activities such as selling advertising and distributing flyers. The volunteer shifts are a two hour minimum commitment. Many volunteers work longer periods, and have fun doing it.

For more information, please contact Ruth Habalewsky at

rhabalewsky@comcast.net or 810-982-8371 (home) or 810-300-2388 (cell).

The volunteers make the Blue Water Folk Society events happen; their help is greatly appreciated! THANK YOU to the volunteers who have already signed up !!

BWFS Open Mic at OTH Winery to Continue by Connie Currie

Last Labor Day 2012, I had my first opportunity to work with many of the dedicated members of the Blue Water Folk Society when we hosted a Thumbfest stage **inside** the Old Town Hall Winery in Lexington. That experience led us to reach out to individual performers all year, and to eventually partner with the BWFS to see if we could play a larger role in the delivery of music

to the area. The result of that joint effort led to an additional monthly Open Mic Night at the Old Town Hall Winery this past winter on the 4th Saturday of each month. The next open mic will be Saturday, July 27 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

The monthly Open Mic Nights have proven to be a hit with many musicians, young and old, folk and jazzy, classical and country. I have learned that the area has a very talented, diverse, and generous group of musicians that gather on these nights. Very old school!

I have also learned a lot about the years' worth of work that goes into the one day event known as 'Thumbfest'. Wow, what a massive effort. To help the cause, we are having a Thumbfest Benefit Concert on June 22nd, 7-10pm. We will release our Thumbfest Thunder Beer, which will be available all summer and will be a 'fund raiser' beer.

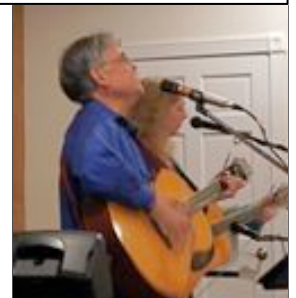
Finally, we are excited about being an indoor stage for Thumbfest 2013 once again. We will also be promoting the concert all summer long at the Old Town Hall and in my weekly emails. My hope is to reach a new group of people in the area about this wonderful festival. Think Globally, Drink Locally!

Here's to a great summer and a successful Thumbfest 2013.

Connie Currie, Owner/Winemaker/Vineyard Wench



Part of Open Mic Crowd May 25



Dean Barnett & Mary Foley, host for May 25



Blue Water Folk Society *Your Current Board Members (will change at elections on June 23)*

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July 6th Thumbfest Benefit

You will not want to miss the July 6 fundraiser concert at Port Sanilac Harbor. Organizer Tom Schlichting said that our performance times will run from 3 pm to 9 pm. We have the following performers: Bobby Budd (MC), Emilie Lewandowski Duo, Ourselves, Circle of Friends, Ruby Hill and Butterhair. The five groups will have an hour each, with 15 minutes in between to change setup. There will be a raffle along with other activities. This is part of the Music at the Harbor series, Susan Gill organizer. Thumbfest t-shirts will also be available. A beautiful setting for a wonderful night of music supporting Thumbfest 2013. A video of the 2012 Thumbfest concert is at: <http://vimeo.com/46324907> It is well worth taking a look at. Be sure to bring a chair & enjoy the lake breeze.

Opportunities to play & learn

BWFS Open Mic at Old Town Hall Winery 4th

Saturday (July 27, August 17) with a host band. www.oldtownhallwinery.com

Blue Water Musicians Network Jam with a Band 3rd Thursday and a Good Time Jam last Friday of each month.

ted@imprinthouse.com

Open Mic at the Harbor Hoedown in Port Sanilac, August 3rd 2 to 4 pm ...a Country music theme (4 -9 pm with 4 acts)

tomschlichting@hotmail.com

Open Mic 1st Sat of month Southern Thumb Music Richmond, Mi. 1-3pm

pattie@southernthumbmusic.com

Andy Mather/Paint Creek harmonica workshop (check time with Andy at andymather@comcast.net 1st Sat. of month.

Check out the Port Sanilac Music at the Harbor 2013 Schedule at

<http://musicattheharbor2013.vpweb.com/>

It has BWFS Member Performers and they are sponsoring a Thumbfest Benefit on July 6

July 21 Thumbfest Concert

Dawn & Marty Malek are planning to host a Thumbfest benefit concert on July 21 at Creekside Huron Shores, 144 Shoreline E., Port Sanilac, MI 48469 (2 miles north of the 4-corners in Pt Sanilac)

The Concert will be held at the Club House that is right on the lake.

The plans are still being developed but a limited ticket afternoon concert with Music, Wine, Beer, and appetizers is being planned. Ticket price has not been set yet. Details are coming soon.

Would you be interested in attending? Contact dawnmalek@comcast.net

Thumbfest 2013 T-shirt Orders

**It is time to order
Thumbfest 2013
T-Shirts!**

The shirt will be sand with a sienna design. The shirts will be available in girl cut sizes short sleeves & regular cut both short & long sleeve in sizes xs – 3 xl.

Prices are \$12 for volunteers/musicians/BWFS members, and \$17 for general admission. Add \$2 for long sleeves, and \$2 for 2XL or 3XL. Folks can email Jenna their orders, and then either send a check to BWFS, PO Box 83, Lexington, MI 48450; or bring money to the June 22 fundraiser at the OTHW. You can pick up pre-orders at the fundraiser and you can place additional orders for t-shirts to be picked up at Thumbfest (or before). Contact: 2jnsgrover@comcast.net



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