



Blue Water Folk Notes



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Summer Solstice Thumbfest Benefit is June 21

Looking for a fun music night & want to help support Thumbfest 2014?

Come join us at the *Summer Solstice Thumbfest Benefit* on Saturday, June 21 from 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm at the Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine House, 5745 N. Main St., Lexington, Mi.

Mike Mercatante, the organizer of the night said the scheduled music acts for the benefit are: *Still Running* from 7-7:45 pm blending roots, rock, country and folk into an eclectic style, *Black River Boys* from 8-8:45 pm bringing their high lonesome sound with some hot pickin', and the *Lost Cuzzins* from 9-9:45 pm ending the night with their great four part harmonies in their folk, country, light rock music blend with a possible jam at the end of the night.

Connie Currie and Steve Velloff, owners of the Lexington Brewing Co. and Wine House have been strong supporters of Thumbfest by hosting a Thumbfest Benefit, hosting a stage inside the Brewery during Thumbfest and selling Thumbfest Thunder

beer. Every bottle of the Thumbfest Thunder beer results in a \$1 donation to Thumbfest. Thank you Connie and Steve for your support. During the benefit you will have the opportunity to support Thumbfest by making a donation, buying a raffle ticket, signing up to volunteer at Thumbfest, preorder a Thumbfest T-shirt or join the *Blue Water Folk Society*. All checks should be made to: *Blue Water Folk Society*. More information on the t-shirts and membership are in this newsletter or at www.bluewaterfolksociety.org

Save these dates:
Thumbfest Meeting
Saturday, June 21 3-5 pm
 Ernsberger home at
 7301 Broadview, Lexington
 Info: 810-359-2562

Thumbfest Benefit
Saturday, June 21
7-10:30pm
 Lexington Brewing Co. &
 Wine House
 5745 N.Main Lexington, Mi.
 Info: 810-359-5012
www.lexingtonbrewery.com

BWFS General Meeting & Election
Sunday, June 29
2-4 pm
 Trinity Episcopal Church
 5646 Main St., Lexington, Mi.
 Info: jenna.reed.39@icloud.com
www.bluewaterfolksociety.org

BWFS/ Lexington Brewing Open Mic
Friday, June 20,
July 18 from 9 to 11 pm &
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

BWFS General Meeting & Election

The BWFS General Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 29 from 2 to 4pm at Trinity Episcopal Church at 5646 Main St., Lexington, Mi.

Although all are invited to attend, only current members can vote or run for the board.

Nominations for the Board were accepted until **June 17**. Nominations can be made at the meeting but will not appear on the printed ballot at the General Meeting.

Nominees run for a board position. The newly elected board will then elect their officers at a board meeting. There are two board positions are up for election. The term will run for three years, expiring at the June 2017

At the current time there are three nominees for the two positions: *Carl Kammer*, *Barbara Ernsberger* and *Dale George* have been active volunteers and are members of the Blue Water Folk Society.

A ballot with the nominees will be mailed on June 19 either by email or mail. Also on the ballot will be at least one by-law amendment change.

The election procedure will be explained when the ballot is released on June 19.

Don't forget to renew your dues by June 30, 2014.



Thumbfest T-Shirts Preorders are available NOW!

Discount available on preorders only!

- T-shirts \$15.00 each if preordered, \$17.00 Festival price
- Tank Tops \$ 17.00 each if preordered, \$19.00 Festival price
- Long Sleeve T-shirts \$ 17.00 each if preordered, \$19.00 Festival price
- Ladies Cut t-shirts \$15.00 each if preordered, \$17.00 Festival price.
- Add \$2.00 to each cost for size 2XL and up
- All shirts, except STAFF are in Teal.
- NOTE: If you have been authorized as a STAFF member, make sure you note which shirt is your staff shirt as they will be red in color.
- **Order** by sending an email with **sizes and style to:** thumbfestts@gmail.com
- **ALL preorders need to be in by July 29**
- Call Barb Ernsberger at 810-404-7302 with questions.

This year we are using the Gildan Brand so the fit will be much better!

Limited T-shirts will be available at Thumbfest so get your order in now!

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, June 19

6:00pm William Henry Russell Joe

Bologna Trattoria Sterling Hgts.

9:00pm Denny Dwyer Steis's Lexington

Friday, June 20

3:30pm Still Running Pt. Sanilac Farmer's Market

6:00pm Still Running Lexington Brewery & Wine House

9:00pm Open Mic with Stella & the Hot Kielbasas Lexington Brewery

Saturday, June 21

3:00pm Thumbfest Meeting Ernsberger Home

4:00pm Whistle Stop Revue Thumbcoast Brewery

5:00pm Jimmy DeHeno Bayside

7:00pm Thumbfest Summer Solstice Fundraiser Lexington Brewery

7:30pm William Henry Russell Raven Cafe

Sunday, June 22

10:30am Dean Barnett Blue Water Unity

12:00pm Susan Wilson Maritime Center Port Huron

1:00pm Dean Barnett Great Lakes Maritime Center Port Huron

Wednesday, June 25

5:00pm William Henry Russell Juan Miquels

Thursday, June 26

6:00pm William Henry Russell Joe

Bologna Trattoria

7:30pm Brother in Arms Raven Cafe

9:00pm Denny Dwyer Steis's

Friday, June 27

3:30pm Denny Dwyer Pt. Sanilac's Farmer Market

8:00pm Hackwells Trinity House

Saturday, June 28

12:30pm Croswell Family Fun Fest

4:00pm Denny Dwyer Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine House

6:00pm Battle of the Bands Croswell

7:30pm Still Running Raven Cafe

8:00pm Whistle Stop Revue Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine House

Sunday, June 29

12:00pm Denny Dwyer St. Clair Art Fair

2:00pm BWFS Annual General Meeting and Elections Trinity Episcopal Lexington

3:00pm Jimmy DeHeno Bayside

Wednesday, July 2

5:00pm William Henry Russell Juan Miquels

Thursday, July 3

6:00pm William Henry Russell Joe Bologna Trattoria

9:00pm Denny Dwyer Steis's

Thumbfest 2014 Update by Mike Mercatante

Summer is fast approaching and the Thumbfest 2014 festival team is busy at work assembling all the pieces that it takes to put together the show. All the acts are booked and now it's time to schedule them so the festival flows. Scheduling is a rather complicated affair but I like doing it. It's like sequencing a great mix tape. It's also a challenge because several performers play in different acts and trying to keep the acts from overlapping can sometimes be a challenge. We have many really talented musicians but even Mozart couldn't be in two places at once.

Featured acts include: **The Applesed Collective**, **Nessa**, **The Luddites** (winners of seven music award in **Detroit for Best Folk/Acoustic Band**), **David Youngman**, **Finvarra's Wren**, **Nicky Boy Street Band**, **Stella!**, **Jo Serrapere and the Willie Dunns**, **The Blue Water Ramblers**, **Whistle Stop Revue**, **Mustard's Retreat**, **Kitty Donohoe**, **Rod and Annie Capps**, **Floyd King and the Bushwackers**, **Jim Bizer and Jan Krist**, **Le Compagnie**, **LL Blues**, **Sel de Terre**, and **Carl Henry**.

Favorites from past festivals that are returning include: Black River Bluegrass Boys, Tritone Paradox, Genot Picor, Brian Wood and the Troubadads, Still Running, Lost Cuzzins, William Henry Russell, Circle of Friends, Mary Foley, Campfire Compadres, Rockafellas, Ruby Hill, Ourselves, Waynewood Boys, Banjo Jim and Ricky, Bobby Budd, Emilie and Andrew, John Nader and Dave Reid, Troublesome Creek, Butterhair, Gary Kruger, Andy Mather, John Dobat, Phil and Marsha Larson, John Broadwell and Mike Salowitz, Rocky Top, Luti Erzbenik, Judy Insley and Almost Perfect, Mike and Ande McCarthy, Floyd and the Buckrooster King, and Dan Hazlett.

We are also bringing back our open mic stage which will be located again down by

Check out our new website & Facebook for more information on the Blue Water Folk Society and Thumbfest
www.bluewaterfolksociety.org and
www.facebook.com/thumbfest

the Oldford Marina. Bring your instrument and/or voice and sign up at the top of the hour and play a few tunes

As always, there will be plenty of jams in the Lions Club again so bring your instrument and sit in with some of the Thumbfest performers for an intimate, loose musical conversation. Lots of fun. And it's ok to just visit and listen if you don't play. Some people come to Thumbfest just for the jams!

Instructional workshops will also be returning. These range from beginner lessons to advanced so there is something for everybody. These workshops are usually taught by performers on the Main Stage. One highlight of this year's workshops will be a lesson in "tapping" by Thumbfest 2014 fingerstyle guitarist, David Youngman. Not to be missed. YouTube his videos and you will be amazed.

Thumbfest 2014 will also have an enhanced family area with music and activities near the beach and the Harbor Stage.

Well, I've already run over a hundred words more than I said I would for this article so I should probably wrap it up.

Check the Thumbfest Facebook page and/or the Thumbfest home page
<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/thumbfest-2014/> or
www.facebook.com/thumbfest
for the latest festival updates.

We could always use volunteers! The only side effect to volunteering for Thumbfest is that it can be addictive.
Mark Saturday August 30 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. in Lexington on your calendars.

See you then! Peace., Mike
www.mmercatant@aol.com

**Want to Support Thumbfest ?
 Buy an ad or become a sponsor....**

Limited # of \$100 Program Ads

\$50 Web Ads

\$500 Cover Sponsor Ads

Order yours now!

<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/thumbfest-2014/become-a-thumbfest-2014.html>

Contact: barnettsjmd@gmail.com
 for more details about sizes & .jpg file

MORE BWFS member performance dates:

- Friday, July 4**
1:30pm *Brother in Arms* at the Sandfest Port Huron
3:30pm *Dean Barnett & Mary Foley* Pt. Sanilac Farmer's Market
5:00pm *Jimmy DeHeno* at Sandfest
7:00pm *Whistle Stop Revue* Uri's Pt. Sanilac
- Saturday, July 5**
5:00pm *Dean Barnett* at Sandfest Port Huron
8:00pm *Butterhair* at the Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine House
- Sunday, July 6**
2:00pm *Dean Barnett* at Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine House
4:30pm *Brother in Arms* at Sandfest Port Huron
- Wednesday, July 9**
5:00pm *William Henry Russell* Juan Miquels
- Thursday, July 10**
6:00pm *William Henry Russell* Joe Bologna Trattoria
6:30pm *Mustard's Retreat* Celebrate Hudson
9:00pm *Denny Dwyer* at Steis's
- Friday, July 11**
5:30pm *Denny Dwyer* at the Lexington Brewery & Wine House
6:00pm *Barones* Blue Water Fest Port Huron
7:00pm *Butterhair* Blue Water Fest Port Huron
- Saturday, July 12**
3:00pm *Lost Cuzzins* Blue Water Fest 2014 Port Huron
- Sunday, July 13**
1:00pm *Mustard's Retreat* Burns Park
- Wednesday, July 16**
12:00pm *Mustard's Retreat* in Plymouth
5:00pm *William Henry Russell* Juan Miquels
7:00pm *Mustard's Retreat* Cromaine Library
- Thursday, July 17**
6:00pm *William Henry Russell* Joe Bologna Trattoria
7:00pm *Lost Cuzzins & Ruby Hill* in Oxford
9:00pm *Denny Dwyer* Steis's
- Friday, July 18**
6:00pm *Still Running* Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine House
9:00pm *Open Mic at the Winery Stella and the Kielbasas*
More info at:
<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwfs-event-calendar.html>

Call for Volunteers

The Bluewater Folk Society invites everyone to be part of Thumbfest. It is fun and a great way to meet people. Everyone has unique talents to contribute to Thumbfest.

Volunteers are needed for set-up on Friday afternoon, August 29th; Saturday, August 30th from 8 am until 10 pm, and Sunday morning, August 31st for teardown. The volunteer opportunities on August 30th include table set-up, emcee, 50/50 raffle sellers, T-shirt and CD sales, and donation bucket passers.

If you want to be part of pre-Thumbfest planning, please attend the Thumbfest Meeting on June 21st at 3 pm located at 7301 Broadview, Lexington.

The saying "Many hands make light work." Thumbfest needs many hands to become a reality. The Bluewater Folk Society thanks you for your help!!

Please contact Ruth Habalewsky for more information at 810-300-2388 or rhabalewsky@comcast.net

Call for Vendors

WANTED: Food, Crafts and Product Vendors for Thumbfest, an all-day FREE music festival held on the streets of downtown Lexington, MI on Saturday, August 30, 2014

Approximately 5,000 people attend Thumbfest each year, and many will be interested in your goods and services!

Vendor hours: 10am - 8pm.

Vendor fee is \$60.

You must provide your own table(s). Contact Dawn Malek for an application and more information at dawnmalek@comcast.net or [586.995.1974](tel:586.995.1974)

Join Us/Renew your dues!

Membership is open to everyone!

Becoming a member of the Blue Water Folk Society is a good way to show your support of our efforts to provide and present traditional acoustic music in the Thumb of Michigan. Dues are only \$10 per person per membership year of July 1st to June 30 of each year.

To join simply send a check made out to [Blue Water Folk Society](#) in the amount of your dues with a note indicating it is for dues with:

Your name, address, email address and phone number to: Shirley Barnett
 1809 Caughill Columbus, Mi.,48063

Through your membership you are helping to ensure that live folk music will be seen and heard throughout the blue water area for the coming year.

Your membership is effective immediately and will be valid until June 30, 2015.

As a member you would be eligible to:

- Receive discounts on BWFS merchandise and events (as determined by the Board)
- Publish your performance dates in the Blue Water Folk Notes Newsletter
- Publish your music related activities in the Blue Water Folk Notes Newsletter
- Eligible to run for a Board position
- Vote at the General Meeting and Election tentatively set for June 2015
- For more info or to check if you renewed your dues send an email to: Shirley Barnett at: barnettsjmd@gmail.com

We Need YOU!!

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- Saturday, July 19**
7:30pm *William Henry Russell* Raven Cafe
8:00pm *Whistle Stop Revue* Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine House
8:00pm *Barones* at the Folk in the Woods
- Wednesday, July 23**
5:00pm *William Henry Russell* Juan Miquels
- Thursday, July 24**
6:00pm *William Henry Russell* Joe Bologna Trattoria
7:30pm *Denny Dwyer* Steis's
- Friday, July 25**
8:00pm *Lost Cuzzins* St. Clair County 4H Fair

- Saturday, July 26**
4:00pm *Denny Dwyer* Lexington Brewing Co. & Wine House
7:00pm *Mustard's Retreat* Flint Folk Festival
7:30pm *Still Running* Raven Cafe
8:00pm *Lost Cuzzins* St. Clair County 4H Fair
- Wednesday, July 30**
5:00pm *William Henry Russell* Juan Miquels
- Thursday, July 31**
6:00pm *William Henry Russell* Joe Bologna Trattoria
7:30pm *Brother-in-Arms* at the Raven Cafe
9:00pm *Denny Dwyer* Steis's

More info: www.bluewaterfolksociety.org

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

Website:

www.bluewaterfolksociety.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/thumbfest

**Join us for only
Membership \$10/year**

Send your dues & info to:
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Shirley Barnett

*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 Performer Questions:
mmercatant@aol.com

Your Current Board Members

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Jenna Reed	Secretary	jenna.reed.39@icloud.com
Mike Mercatante...	Trustee	mmercatant@aol.com
Ruth Habalewsky....	Trustee	rhabalewsky@comcast.net

term expires 2014 election
term expires 2016 election
term expires 2014 election
term expires 2015 election
term expires 2016 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>
 Blue Water Sandfest ... <http://www.bluewatersandfest.com/>
 Blue Water Fest 2014... <http://www.thebluewaterfest.com>
 Blue Water Chili Fest 2014... <http://www.lbmamusic.org/bcgf.html>
 AuSable Valley Nor-East'r Association of Folk... <http://noreastr.net/>
 For links to BWFS musicians... <http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/links.html>



The 2013 Malek Thumbfest Fundraiser with Dawn & Marty Malek and musicians, John Broadwell, Melissa, Dean Barnett & John Dobat



The Thumbfest is a family friendly festival, drawing people of all ages !



The Thumbfest brings big crowds to enjoy the music and shop & eat in Lexington. Come join us this year!



Face painting was popular in 2013. Theresa Geck and Rachel Steerzer are doing the painting



Hootenanny Thumbfest 2012



Some serious harmonica jamming going on at the Thumbfest 2013 Hootenanny



Volunteering at Thumbfest can be fun!

Contact: Ruth Habalewsky at:
810-982-8371 or
rhabalewsky@comcast.net

**See you at the Thumbfest 2014 on
Saturday, August 30 in Lexington, Mi
Bring your chair, instrument, voice!
Consider making a donation!**