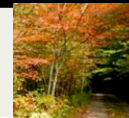




Blue Water Folk Notes



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First Open Mic Coffeehouse is Saturday October 13

Thumbfest 2012 is done and our very popular **Acoustic Open Mic Coffeehouse will begin again on Saturday, October 13 at the Trinity Episcopal Church Hall, 5646 Main St. (M-25) in Lexington, Michigan** under the direction of *Dawn Malek*, the Coffeehouse Director.

Open Mic Coffeehouses are held on the **2nd Saturday of the Month, on October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9 & March 9.**

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.

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.

This month's emcee will be *Carol Roberts*, with *Tom Schlichting & Dean Barnett* doing

set-up, *Mike Mercatante* taking clean-up & sound, *Dawn & Marty Malek* doing the all important kitchen and *Ruth Habalewsky* handling the 50/50 Raffle.

The 50/50 Fundraiser Raffle will continue at 2012/2013 Coffee House. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5; the raffle money goes to support Thumbfest. The raffle drawing will happen after the break, but before the next set of performers. Good luck to every ticket buyer!

It is suggested you bring a canned good for *Project Blessing* at the Church. We will also happily accept 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!

We are currently looking for help at our monthly Coffeehouse events. Please contact Dawn at 586-995-1974 or at dawnmalek@comcast.net to volunteer to help in any of the following areas: Kitchen, Set-up, Emcee, Sound & Clean-up.

We hope to see you on *Saturday, Oct. 13.*

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.

Please support Project Blessing by donating canned goods or a non-perishable item when you attend the Coffeehouse Open Mic. Project Blessing's mission is to serve the Croswell and Lexington communities by providing food and emergency assistance to people in need. You can read more about Project Blessing at: <http://www.trinitylexington.com/projectblessing.htm>

We also want to give special thanks to the 21 performers who donated their performance to Thumbfest 2013 helping us meet our goal of providing quality music to the Thumb. They were *John Broadwell, Pat Harrison, Jimmy DeHeno, Judy Insley & Almost Perfect (Judy Insley, Tex Ragsdale, Floyd Raeon), Banjoey, Pair of Docs (Dr. Tom Ditkoff, Dr. Jeff London, Mike Mullen), Lost Cuzzins (Dean Barnett, Kent Krueger, Ron McPhail, Jim Williams), Ruby Hill (Micki LePla, Ron McPhail, Jim Williams), Troublesome Creek (Pete Kleeman, Kathy & Matt), John Nader, Dean Barnett* performance for Circle of Friends & Campfire Compadres.

Save these dates:

Traditional Acoustic Open Mic

*****Saturday, Oct. 13**

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

*****Sunday, Oct. 14**

Thumbfest 2013 Planning Meeting

**Ginny McNabb's home at 5515
Barmilvian, Lexington
Begins at 2 p.m.
Call 810-404-5681 for RSVP**

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

Contact the board at board@bluewaterfolk.org

You can purchase Thumbfest Photos from Amanda Marcotte, a volunteer who has taken photos at Thumbfest since 2009.

\$ 1.50 for downloads

You can find the link on

www.facebook.com/Thumbfest

or at

www.amandolinphoto.com/music

We also have Thumbfest 2012

T-shirts still available.

Contact Jenna Reed at

2jnsgrover@comcast.net

BWFS member performance dates to consider:**Dean Barnett**

- > **Friday, December 7th 8:00 pm**
Live from the Living Room
7 N. Saginaw Pontiac, Mi.
bionomic2@yahoo.com

Al Young

- > **Friday, November 9th 8:00 pm**
Live from the Living Room
7 N. Saginaw Pontiac, Mi.
michiganhotglass@sbcglobal.net

Denny Dwyer

- > **Saturday November 10 & December 8, 7:30-10:30 pm**
Raven Café, 932 Military
Port Huron, Mi.
d.dwyer@comcast.net

William Henry Russell

- > **Sat. October 20, November 17 & Fri. December 14, 7:30-10:30 pm**
Raven Café, 932 Military
Port Huron, Mi.
- > **Thursday (every) about 6 pm**
Poncho's 37029 Green Street
New Baltimore, Mi.
russell.william@att.net

Judy Insley

- > **Saturday October 20 7-10 pm**
Baseline Folk Society
(featured act at the Open Mic)
774 N. Sheldon Rd. Plymouth, Mi.
Admission: \$5.00
insleyjc@comcast.net

Still Running

- > **Thursday Oct. 11, 7:30 – 11:30 pm**
Sunday Oct. 14 & Sunday Nov. 11 from 6:00 – 10:00 pm
Lynch's Irish Tavern 210 Huron
Port Huron, Mi
- > **Friday Oct. 19, Saturday, Nov 24 & Saturday, Dec. 29 7:30 -10:30 pm**
Raven Café, 932 Military
Pt. Huron, Mi.
mmercatant@aol.com

Hackwells

- > **Friday Nov. 30 7:30 – 10:30 pm**
Raven Café 932 Military
Port Huron, Mi.
brianmccarty1967@yahoo.com

Yellow Room Gang

- > **New Year's Eve 7:00– ??**
Flint Folk Society
810-309-3951 for information
Flint, Mi.
david@tamulevich.com

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Volunteers Help Make Thumbfest a Success

Well, **Thumbfest 2012** was a big success according to all the positive input we received. Our attendance estimated to be over 6500 and our event day donations of \$4434.32 set our high record. We had 152 performers at 12 different venues with 82 set fee performers, 46 performers who agreed to play for a share of profit if there was one which resulted in a payment of \$33 for each of the 46 TPS performers and 21 performers who donated their performances. In addition the intrepid Lost Cuzzins (Dean Barnett, Kent Krueger, Jim Williams & Ron McPhail) donated their equipment, set-up & ran the sound all day at the Irish Rose Stage plus Cathy McPhail took a turn at the board when the Cuzzins performed; Tom & Walt Schlichting donated their equipment, set-up and ran sound at the Old Town Hall Winery Stage & the George Stewart Song Circle; and Still Running (Mike Mercatante & Jenna Reed) donated their equipment for the Kirchoff Hilltop Stage where a paid sound person ran the equipment. *Ruth Habalewsky*, the volunteer coordinator this year said, *Let's hear it for the Volunteers! Yeah! A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Thumbfest.* The event was a success because of the volunteers; the Blue Water Folk Society appreciates every volunteer's support. We hope to see you next year! Here is a list of persons that volunteered at Thumbfest 2012: (please let us know if we missed you) : First let's thank the important **Set-up (Friday) and Tear-down Crews** who worked under the direction of *Tom Schlichting*; *Andrew Hale*, *Emily Lewandowski*, *Tom Schlichting*, *Mel Kirchoff*, *Marty Malek*, *Dave Bennis*, *Dean Barnett*, *Shirley Barnett*, *Al Vandergraff*, *Al Lewandowski*. Musicians *Pat Harrison*, *Jack Ferguson*, *Dennis Kingsbury* brought food and prepared a breakfast at the park for the Sunday morning clean-up crew. What a treat that was! *Ginny McNabb* set out parking signs & worked event day; *Pat Cutler* did a great job selling ads and

sponsorships; *Gene Butler & Judy Butler* hosted the pre-Thumbfest volunteer potluck meeting; *Mike Mercatante* was the Artistic Director; *Carl Kammer* took care of communications & finance; *Ruth Habalewsky* handled volunteer & donations & set-up the CD table; *Jenna Reed* handled publicity & T-shirt orders & *Marty Habalewsky* did publicity; *Tom Schlichting* was the finance & site director; *Shirley Barnett* did the MCACA Grant, the program, the tri-folds & the information table. *George McInnis* designed the t-shirt. A large group of persons worked on event day with early morning set-up (chairs, tables, CD, shirts, programs, etc.) and other event day duties including working at the tables, buckets, raffle ticket selling, information, transportation, running, serving as an emcee, taking pictures and other duties.

All were very important to the success of Thumbfest.

They included *Sue Amato*, *Vic Amato*, *Banjoey*, *Pat Beukema*, *Mary Bruce*, *Pam Campbell*, *Bea Castillo*, *Denny Dwyer*, *Stan Domanski*, *Philip Dooley*, *Barbara Ernsberger*, *Dean Ernsberger*, *Brooke Geck*, *Juliet Geck*, *Tess Geck*, *Theresa Geck*, *Rachel Geck*, *Marty Habalewsky*, *Anne Howard*, *Brittany Howard*, *Ed Hubbel*, *Judy Hubbel*, *Jeane Houston*, *Kathy Kelchner*, *Terry Kelchner*, *Jeannine Kirchoff*, *Sherry Kumler*, *Phil Larson*, *Ed Lowen*, *Gloria Lowen*, *Dawn Malek*, *Amanada Marcotte*, *Joe Marcotte*, *Glen Maxwell*, *Nora McCanna*, *Andy McCarthy*, *Mike McCarthy*, *Cathy McPhail*, *Annette Mercatante*, *Rita Marks*, *Judy Meno*, *Catherine Merritt*, *Elizabeth Merritt*, *Emily Merritt*, *Chris Noetzel*, *Penny Peck*, *Chelsea Phillips*, *Don Reid*, *Maryjean Reid*, *Carol Roberts*, *Judy Schulte*, *Leon Schulte*, *Claire Spencer*, *Iris Spencer*, *Mary Spencer*, *Claire Srodawa*, *Suzanne Srodawa*, *Ann Sobell*, *B.J. Swartz*, *Frank Swartz*, *Kathe Stevens*, *Renee Wilson*. *Precision Printing* on Lapeer in Pt. Huron did our Program & Tri-folds this year at a special price. The BWFS is grateful to ALL of you.

MORE BWFS member performance dates:

Butterhair

- **Saturday Oct. 13 2:30 – 11 pm**
Old Town Hall Winery
5475 N. Main St.
Lexington, Mi.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 17, 7-9:30 pm**
Jam along with Butterhair
Studio 1219 downstairs
Use Back Door
Port Huron, Mi.
- **Saturday Nov. 3 8:30 pm -12 am**
Steis's Village Inn 5523 Main St.,
Lexington, Mi.
ted@theimprinthouse.com

Send you performance dates to:
shirley@bluewaterfolk.org

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

*Have you thought of
Joining us?*

The Blue Water Folk Society is a 501c3 all volunteer non-profit and is open to ALL. **YOU can join us or renew your dues by mailing your dues and your contact information including your address, phone number, email to: Shirley Barnett; 1809 Caughill; Columbus, Mi. 48063**

Dues are \$10 a year/per person

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

Contact: shirley@bluewaterfolk.org

Benefits of Blue Water Folk Society membership

- Performances are listed
- Musical activities listed
- Discount on BWFS Events and merchandise
- Newsletter mailed if desired
- Ability to run for the board of the BWFS
- Able to vote at June Annual meeting
- Showing your financial support for the music.

Thumbfest 2013 Planning Meeting Set

Do you want to be part of the Planning of Thumbfest 2013 or want to volunteer to help? We are holding a Thumbfest Planning meeting on Sunday, October 14 at 2:00 PM at Ginny McNabb's house which is located at 5515 Barmilvan, Lexington, Mi. Ginny asks that you park in the median and not on the side of the street. Call 810-404-5681 for more info and to RSVP. We have begun planning using some of the valuable input that we received and already have a few volunteers but there are lots of team leader and volunteer roles left.

Thumbfest 2012 July Benefits

Two Thumbfest 2012 Benefits were held in July 2012.

The first was on Saturday, July 7 beginning at 6 pm at the beautiful Harbor in Port Sanilac. Tom Schlicting served as the organizer, with Tom Wilson hired to do sound. A banjo donated by Brian Bennert was raffled off and won by a gentleman from Lapeer. The Port Sanilac Music at the Harbor series donated \$500 to Thumbfest 2012 to supply the music for their July 7th concert before their fireworks. Four great donated acts performed before a very large and happy crowd. The night began at 6 pm with Still Running, Butterhair at 7 pm, Judy Insley with Almost Perfect at 8 pm and finished with the Lost Cuzzins at 9 pm until the fireworks began on a beautiful night. We made around \$700 with the concert proceeds, raffle and donations. Our next Thumbfest benefit was on Saturday, July 14 (Boat week) from 10 am until 6 pm in Pine Grove Park, on the beautiful St. Clair River in Port Huron.

One of the biggest issues was food availability and Dawn Malek has agreed to take on the Craft and Food Vendor leader role. We have some great news for you. The Village of Lexington has changed the fees they charge for food vendors for Thumbfest. The Village fees for a Food Vendor will be \$65 (\$20 for the permit, \$25 for the background check & \$20 for Electric & Water hookups.) So, if you want to be a Food or Craft Vendor at Thumbfest 2013, contact Dawn at dawnmalek@comcast.net for more information. Come to the meeting on Sunday, October 14th to help us plan !!

The Lost Cuzzins began their day by 8:30 am when they donated their sound equipment, a small tent and ran the sound for the day which began performances at 10 am with William Henry Russell; followed by Ourselves, Jimmy Deheno, Bobby Budd, John Dobat, Still Running, Ruby Hill and the Lost Cuzzins ending the performances at 6 pm. It was a very hot day and a venue with very little shade for an audience. The venue was beautiful being on the St. Clair River in Pine Grove Park in Port Huron during the Mackinaw Boat Race Day. Ruth Habalewsky brought a pop-up tent for the performance tent and provided information and solicited donations. With the heat of the day, the audience was small, however we still brought in about \$150 in donations. Every donation we receive and benefit we hold helps us keep the Thumbfest Music Festival a FREE event.

**Many thanks to the performers,
volunteers & audience that make
the benefits possible.**



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November 10; December 8;
January 12; February 9
& March 9

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

Member Activities and Other Opportunities to play

Just a Note from the Editor: Something that has always amazed me is the variety of talented people that come together to make up the Blue Water Folk Society. Our membership includes people from all over, as far away as Birmingham, Ann Arbor and Ferndale. We all one thing in common, the love of the music, and because of that love of music many of us are involved in other music events. Here are a few of them that were submitted for publication:

- *Andy Mather, the President of the Paint Creek Folklore Society tells us that their big fundraiser, the 41st Annual Tin Whistle Concert will be held on Saturday, November 10; 7:30 pm at the Fellowship Hall at University Presbyterian Church, 1385 S. Adams, Rochester Hills. Featured performers are Thumbfest favorites Stella! plus Jan Krist & Jim Bizer. Tickets are \$15 You can call 248-889-3013 to reserve a ticket. Doors open at 7pm. If you live out that way and are not coming to our Open Mic, this should be fun.*
- *Paint Creek Folklore Society meetings are the 1st Saturday of the month and feature workshops on various instruments, a themed open mic and jamming opportunities. www.paintcreekfolkloresociety.org or andymather@comcast.net*
- *Members Jeff Baron, Ted Smith, Dale George are on the board of the newly reorganized Blue Water Musicians Network. They have an office in Studio 1219 in Port Huron in which they will run jams and more. You can more information about them at www.bwmn.net their new web site or contact Ted Smith at ted@theimprinthouse.com or Dale George at dtgeorge1@aol.com Next General meeting at Studio 1219 will be Thursday, November 8 at 7 pm.*
- *Good Tyme Jam (name may change) will be upstairs at Studio 1219 on the 2nd and last Friday of the month; Oct. 12 & 26; Nov. 9 & 30; Dec. 14 & 28 & Jan. 11 & 25 from 7 to 9:30 pm. The jam is open to all acoustic musicians & audience. No charge but donations are accepted. Coffee will be available.*
- *Jam with the Band is a new event taking place in the basement of Studio 1219 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, also from 7 until 9:30 pm. October 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19th and Jan. 16th are the dates. They are an opportunity for aspiring artists, young-old and in-between, to play with a band and develop skills, make new friends and have fun!! It's free of charge and all are welcome, including those enjoy listening. The October 17th Jam will feature Butterhair & December will feature the Barone's Christmas Jam.*

↑ It is not too early to Volunteer.... NOTE: Next issue...deadline for submissions...January 2nd



Pt. Sanilac July 7 .Still Running



Pt. Sanilac July 7...Butterhair



Tom Schlichting presenting the winner with the banjo who was from Lapeer



July 7 Judy Insley & Almost Perfect



Pt.Sanilac Harbor Site



Pt. Sanilac July 7th Lost Cuzzins



July 14 with Hackwells Pt. Huron



The Lost Cuzzins trying to find shade July 14



July 14 Jim Williams/Dean Barnett



July 14 audience in the shade



Al Vandegraf, Tom Schlichting, Marty Malek, Al Lewandowski, Mel Kirchoff
Clean Up Crew on Sunday



Clean up breakfast with Dennis Kingsbury, Pat Harrison, Dean Barnett, & Jack Ferguson



Judy Meno, B.J. Swarts & Honor Society Volunteers during morning set-up at Thumbfest



3 generations volunteers Elizabeth & Emily Merritt, Theresa Geck & Shirley Barnett



Cathy McPhail taking a turn at the sound board at the very crowded Irish Rose Stage when the Lost Cuzzins played.

Our future exists in the youth we see as musicians , volunteers & audience at the Thumbfest...and the wonderful audience and musicians that spread the word about Thumbfest & the Blue Water Folk Society!



Jim Balcerski of Flint Folk Society & Mike Mullen of Baseline Folk Society meet at the Thumbfest Info table



Very crowded Irish Rose Stage...thank goodness it did not drizzle...there would have been no



Country Jam at Thumbfest 2012 with all types of musicians playing ..very popular jam



Emily Lewandowski and Andrew Hale clean-up volunteers



Lost Cuzzins at the Irish Rose Stage ...



Dragon Wagon at the Lexington DDA Stage at the Harbor They really got the crowd dancing



Future Musicians with plastic horn & paint stick drumsticks



Audience dancing away for Dragon Wagon and then the Yellow Room Gang



First song of the Hootenanny led by Dean Barnett with John Finan, Jim Williams, Jenna Reed Jan Krist Jim Bizer



Ted Smith, Larry Eberhart, Jenna Reed, John Finan, Sharon Tse, Bobby Budd from the stage during the Hootenanny



Mike Mercatante , the Artistic Director at the Hootenanny Thumbfest 2012