



Blue Water Folk Notes

Every regular issue of the Blue Water Folk Notes

contains a list of BWFS member performances! Join us and have your performance listed in the newsletter & on our website Event calendar!

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

Thumbfest 2016

Performers:

Performers in BLUE are Blue Water Folk Society Members

Red Sea Pedstrians, Jo Serrapere and the Willie Dunns, Dragon Wagon, Stella!, The Luddites, Nicky Boy Street Band, Raisin Pickers, Creole du Nord, Lorelei, Maggie McCabe and Gerard Smith, Julianne Ankley and Michelle Chenard, Whistle Stop Revue, Finvarra's Wren,

Matt Watroba, Mustard's Retreat Annie and Rod Capps, Al Young and the Straight 8s, Jan Krist and Jim Bizer, Floyd King and the Bushwackers, Carl Henry, Taller Than They Appear,

Billy Brandt & Dave Falk, Ruby Hill, Judy Insley & Dave Falk, Luti Erbeznik, Yellow Room Gang, Lost Cuzzins, Ourselves, Circle of Friends,

Floyd & BuckRooster King, Denny Dwyer, Campfire Campadres, Still Running, Blood Harmony, Tritone Paradox, Waynewood Boys, Mary Foley, Maggie Ferguson, William Henry Russell, Black River Bluegrass Boys, John Broadwell, Mike Salowitz and David Blaine, Emma Guzman, Lonesome Whistle, Martin Kohn, Pine River Legacy Band, Banjo Jim and Ricky, Emilie and Andrew, Phil and Marsha Larson, School of Strings, Heritage String Band, Butterhair, Bobby Budd, Mike and Ande McCarthy, Bea Castillo & Friends (Camp Sing-a-longs), Bea Castillo (Folk Dancing), Ed Dombrowski, Dan Hazlett, Andy Mather, Tom McGovern, Tom Ciul, AnnMarie Krause, Balloonatic, Laura Kenning

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BWFS Acoustic Coffeehouse Begins in October 2016

Our very popular Open Mic Coffeehouse begins again on **October 8, 2016 at 7:00pm.**

The Traditional Acoustic Open Mic coffeehouse series takes place monthly from October through March on the second Saturday of the Month. It begins at 7:00pm and ends at 10:00pm. It takes place at Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main St., Lexington, Michigan. Admission is free to everyone but, donations are very appreciated.

Refreshments are available by donation and are provided by the Bluewater Folk Society and prepared and served by volunteers. A 50/50 Raffle is held to benefit the Blue Water Folk Society and it's project. In addition, non-perishable food is collected to benefit [Project Blessing](#).

We welcome you to come perform. An open mic is great for those at all skill levels. Sign up for performers began at 6:15pm in the past. The emcee for the night will set the order of play. Slots of 10 minutes are available on a first come, first serve basis until all available slots are gone.

You will range from classical, country, gospel, folk, traditional, the 20's to the present. A complete sound system is provided with vocal and instrument microphones along with direct boxes. The only thing you need to bring is your **acoustic** instruments and a song or two.

There are many different volunteer positions at the Coffeehouse including set-up, tear-down, sound, emcee, kitchen, greeter & sales. If you want to volunteer at a Coffeehouse or Concert, contact board@bluewaterfolk.org

We are very grateful to Trinity Episcopal Church which allows us to use their fine hall and kitchen for the Open Mic! We could not do it without them! **Come Join Us for a night filled with music!**

Thumbfest 2016 Notes

Boy, things sure are ramping up for Thumbfest! Your Thumbfest Planning Committee has been hard at work planning our biggest Blue Water Folk Society event of the year!

Thumbfest 2016 highlights live acoustic music, with opportunities to listen and participate! We'll have multiple stages throughout the picturesque town of Lexington, MI with live music from 11am - 10pm. Great local and regional musicians play music, teach workshops and sit in on jams.

Thumbfest 2016 Notes continued

We have 63 different performances and workshop trainers scheduled for the event. The full schedule is complete and posted and available on our website at www.bluewaterfolksociety.org and also on our Facebook page. Print the schedule off at home to plan your day and you'll be sure to know exactly where all your favorite musicians are playing!

Along with the awesome live music, we also offer lots of other fun things to keep you busy at Thumbfest this year. Bring your instrument and/or voice and take advantage of some of the many opportunities to interact with the music at our Open Mic, Jam Site, and two workshop sites. Our Children's Area offers even more crafts and activities for the kids this year. Stop by the Guitars for Kids tent (near the Harbor Stage this year) for a chance to win a guitar for kids ages 8-17! We have expanded our vendor area to bring you everything from henna tattoos, to cement planters, to mini massages! Come hungry! You'll have your choice of BBQ, fresh sandwich wraps, fish and chips, fresh bakery items from Hamtramck (think paczki!), freshly ground hot or iced coffee, fruit smoothies, lemonade and kettle corn.

The best way to stay informed about Thumbfest is to visit our Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/227148684308089/> and click "going" or "interested". There you can find the complete list of performers plus their videos, lists of vendors, stage sponsors, advertisers, etc.

Additional Thumbfest information can be found on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Thumbfest/> and on our website - www.bluewaterfolksociety.org.

Such a great festival and it's FREE all day! Free event, free parking, free shuttle bus. All-accessible and family-friendly. But please remember that Thumbfest is a FREE event only because of our dedicated all-volunteer workforce, donations from the community, grants, and numerous fundraisers held throughout the year. So please give generously and help us to continue to bring Thumbfest to our community for many years to come. You can donate at the festival and/or online at <http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/donate-and-buy-now.html>.

Thanks in advance for all of your support, and we'll see you at Thumbfest!

Dawn Malek

Thumbfest Festival Director

See you at Thumbfest!!!



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Music in the Thumb of Michigan*
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**We welcome your suggestions,
pictures and submissions.**

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

Join us for only \$10/year
Membership

Send your dues & info to:
Blue Water Folk Society
P.O. 83
Lexington, MI. 48450

membership@bluewaterfolk.org

Coffeehouse Info

Kitchen- Dawn & Marty Malek

Do you want to run the 'front' of

the house? (sound, set-up,
emcees, tear-down)..contact:

board@bluewaterfolk.org

Did you know??

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

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

www.bluewaterfolksociety.org
**by sending the information to:
newsletter@bluewaterfolk.org
webmaster@bluewaterfolk.org**

**Special thanks to the Village of
Lexington & all of our sponsors,
donors, advertisers, patrons,
musicians & all the volunteers
for their support!**

BWFS Current Board Members

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

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Guitars for Kids 2016

This year we are giving away 6 guitars and
1 ukelele which were made possible by
donations from *Albert Julius, Leigh & Dennis
Marciniak, Bill & Adele Russell, Randy & Teresa
Orchard, Dean & Shirley Barnett, Marie Davis,
Alan & Penny Phillips, the Black River Bluegrass
Boys in memory of Tim Brown & the NorEast'r
Art & Music Festival via Craig Carrick.*

The giveaway is open to all youth from 8 years
old to 17 years old just by filling out a brief
application. *The applicants must be present at
the Harbor stage at 4:45 pm to receive an
instrument. Good Luck to all!*

<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org> for a flyer
with all the information you need!

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 \$25,000.

*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, 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.

With your help, Thumbfest will continue.

Please make all checks payable to:

Blue Water Folk Society

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A Little Thumbfest History

The *first Thumbfest* was on the Saturday of Labor
Day weekend, 2002. It was held at Camp Ozanam,
a private campground located on Lake Huron
about seven miles north of Lexington. Admission
to Thumbfest while at Camp Ozanam was \$10 per
person. We had about 300 paid admission in
2002 growing to 1000 paid admissions in
2004. In 2005, the festival moved to its present
location in Lexington, Michigan. Since its
inception, the goal of the festival has been to
present a wide variety of acoustic and traditional
music to as many people as possible. Through the
years Thumbfest has continued to be a peoples
festival. Attendance has grown to 5000 +.

It is now a free festival open to anyone coming to
the Village of Lexington. It is made possible by
donations on the day of the event, fund raisers
throughout the year, sponsorship by local
businesses, musicians, numerous volunteers, the
Village of Lexington funds for Thumbfest. The
festival provides handicap access, parking, and a
shuttle service. Lexington, located along beautiful
Lake Huron, features unique shops and fine
dining, as well as the convenient harbor and
beaches. There are multiple stages, workshops,
jam sites, Guitars for Kids giveaway, children's
stage area, dance, craft/food vendors and a
Hootenanny at the end of the night.

15 years and counting!