

Keepin' Tabs

The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society
July 2021

Distributed via email to members and friends of PCFS.
A PDF file is attached to the message for those who wish to print it out,
or who might have issues reading the email.
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Next Gathering: Note Day Change!

FRIDAY, July 9, 2021

Jaycee Park, 1755 E Long Lake Rd, Troy

Map: goo.gl/maps/vfMnfVZ1W9Cfqyy39.

5:00 pm: Jamming

7:00 pm: Song Swap

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In-Person Gatherings To Resume Saturday, September 11 in Fellowship Hall, University Presbyterian Church!

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Presidential Potpourri

The Paint Creek Folklore Society is bouncing back! Our first 2021 live, in-person Monthly Gathering on June 4th was attended by about 40 people who definitely appeared to be enjoying themselves! From the first notes of the jam to packing up near dusk, people were catching up with friends, catching a breeze after a long winter, and catching the enthusiasm that flowed with the music!

In fact, it was so much fun that we're going to do it all again on **FRIDAY, July 9, again at the pavilion at Jaycee Park, 1755 E. Long Lake, Troy**. There are picnic tables with benches, but bringing your own chairs is recommended. **This time we will have a wagon or two to help move your stuff from the drop off area to the pavilion.**

Vocal and instrumental jams will start at 5 pm. Song Swap starts at 7 pm. There will be opportunities for announcements of concerts and similar events. Just let me know if you have something to share. Everyone is invited to participate or just sit and listen to the tunes. Bring your *Rise Up Singing!* and *Rise Again!* books along with favorite fake books for instrumentalists. Of course we hope you'll offer a song at the Song Swap!

We will provide a mic and speakers for the Song Swap—discreetly, just loud enough to be heard in the outdoor space. Since we are outdoors and assume everyone is vaccinated, masks and distancing are at your own discretion. Please be respectful of others' choices.

BYO suggestions: chair, brown bag/takeout food, non-alcoholic beverage, bug spray?, song books, instrument(s), music stand and clips for sheet music, if you will be jamming. This is a Brown Bag event – No snacks provided until September Gathering.

The entire event is one you should share with friends – non-members are welcome! Who do you know who recently retired? Who was bored during all those months at home? Who needs to get out of their rut? Invite them to a Paint Creek Gathering – and a lovely outdoor gathering among the trees is perfect!

Theresa Erickson, PCFS Prez

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Memberships Now Available

Memberships cover September 2021-August 2022, but why wait? **We're on track to start meeting again in person as of the September 11 Gathering**, so now is a great time to renew your membership. Kindly print and fill in the attached membership form (so we know all your information is up to date for the new directory), and return your form and check to Pete Hartung or Jeff Despard. Dues are \$50 (single membership) or \$90 (family membership). Bring check or cash to the July 9 Gathering, or mail to Jeff at the new address on the form. And, if you have a friend that might enjoy our Paint Creek experience, please bring them along in September or any future gathering. See you soon!

~Jeff Despard

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Zoom Gatherings Discontinued

After many months we are discontinuing both our third Saturday **Video Share nights via Zoom** and our first Saturday **Monthly Zoom Gatherings**. Both monthly events were wonderful opportunities to connect with local members as well as former members and friends who now live in other parts of the state, country, and even the world! Future seasonal events via Zoom to stay in touch with our distant friends will be discussed. We will also consider whether to restart the Video Share nights via Zoom in September or possibly January. A huge THANK YOU goes out to Mike Acosta who dependably and expertly handled the technical end of those evenings twice every month. Please thank him when you see him!

~ Theresa Erickson

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Seeking Culinary Talent!

Are you wondering how you can contribute your talents and expertise to our group? **Consider being a Snack Host!** Don't worry though, it's not an America's Best Snack Host Challenge. We provide a sheet with helpful suggestions, and reimburse up to \$75/month when you turn in receipts. It's very common to have two people share the hosting duties. There will be a Snack Host signup sheet at the FRIDAY, July 9 Gathering or hit REPLY to this email to reserve your favorite month.

We need hosts for every month except July and August. December 4, 2021 is our Holiday Potluck, and a chairperson is needed to coordinate the set up and other details. Gatherings are on the first Saturday of each month, except Saturday, September 11 and January 8 to avoid holiday weekends.

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Quick Poll for members and friends of PCFS

Two ways to answer these questions: by email to Theresa, or go to surveymonkey.com/r/KGVBRFY to complete an online survey that takes less than a minute.

1. Would you attend our Annual Tin Whistle Concert on Saturday, November 13, 2021 in the UPC sanctuary with optional masks and no social distancing? **YES/NO**
2. Would you volunteer to help at the Tin Whistle concert? (Selling snacks, setting up tables and chairs, taking tickets at door, etc.) **YES/NO**
3. Would you be a Chairperson or co-chairperson of the Tin Whistle concert? **YES/NO**
4. Please add any suggestions or comments
5. Please add your contact information if you answered 'yes' to any of the questions!

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2021 PCFS Election

Congratulations and a heap of gratitude to our outgoing officers, and to our board members and editors for the coming year.

President, Theresa Erickson
Vice President, Paul Jacques
Secretary, Kathy Thornton
Treasurer, Mike Acosta
Member at Large, Terry North
Member at Large, Annette Richards
Member at Large, Peter Hiltz
Member at Large, Larry Miller
Historian, Glen Morningstar
President Emeritus, Jack Ferguson
Membership Chairpersons, Jeff Despard & Pete Hartung
Webmasters, Jeff Despard & Lois Keel

Shirley Worth has agreed to serve as Newsletter Editor, and Melinda Krajniak as Facebook Editor. These are non-board positions that support the Board and Paint Creek activities.

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Ridin' Drag

by Jack D. Ferguson

Allium Song

Last month I discussed our efforts to repurpose the steps belonging to the stage Don Hayes built. As I got to work on that project, a clamor of resentment arose in our big uptop garden where the vegetables grow. It seems the onion and garlic crop caught wind of my project and felt slighted.

Despite being in attendance when Barb Barton did her presentation on foraging and edible plants, I'm not sure which of the flowers mentioned in last month's column qualify as supper fodder, but I know that onions and garlic sure are. In fact, those pungent members of the allium family regard their flavor and nutritional benefits to far surpass the mere beauty of a lily. In plain language said the veg in a Scottish burr... *Use your brain boy. Re-purpose those boards so your stomach will be rewarded.*

With the issuance of those prudent, practical words I seized the moment. Back to the garage I went, wondering where Don's creative spirit would lead me. Squeezing past a stack of stage components I realized that several such pieces, supported, shelved and roofed, would make a dandy open air drying shed for onions and garlic.

Drying onions is a serious subject with us, proven by Maggie's photo of Red Zeppelin onions on the cover of the 2020 Dixondale Farms Catalog. The build isn't complete, but we're far enough along that when the lightning bugs begin to flash and the moon is on the rise we detect a new song coming

from the garden. The pitch wavers; the squeegee sound of garlic, shallots and multi-hued onions layering into a rhythmic harmonic chant.... *Nee-ner-ne-ner-nee-ner!*

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Classifieds

KT accepts wanted/for sale ads for music-related items. Or feel free to announce (or ask our Pres to announce) at a meeting.

Wanted: Electric Piano. Must have weighted keys that give the feel of a piano and be portable enough to be moved outdoors occasionally. This is for our church and they will consider all offers. Contact Jack or Theresa Erickson.

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Events and Links

If you know of events or links that may interest PCFS members, please send them to the KT editor at pcfs.kt@gmail.com

Tara and Misty Isles

Tom Dooley and Marilyn Hotaling are in two traditional music groups that are active right now: Tara (Tom and Marilyn) and Misty Isles (Tom, Marilyn, Sally Kilcullen, plus occasionally, one or two other musicians).

July 6, 6-8 pm: The Irish Tavern (Madison Heights)

July 20, 6-8 pm: The Irish Tavern (Madison Heights)

July 25, 5-8 pm: O'Connor's Public House (Rochester)

Thumbfest

September 4, 10:30 am - 10:00 pm: Live acoustic music, with opportunities to hear and participate. Multiple stages throughout the picturesque town of Lexington, MI. Planning is still underway,

June 18-July 9: Amythyst Kiah, Irish Mythen and Diana Jones (2018 concerts)

July 9-30: Madcat's Midnight Blues Journey and Dennis Stroughmatt et L'Esprit Creole

July 30-August 20: Joshua Davis

ACTMAAD Calendar

The Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance offers several online opportunities: Pittsfield Open Band Virtual Session, Scandinavian Music Jam with Bruce Sagan and Brad Battey, and a Pub Sing.

The Ark Family Room Series

The Ark continues to present folk and roots music concerts, and the Family Room Series is free (tip jar available). What's more, all past performances are available on the Ark Family Room Series Past Events page, Check their website for their projected live performance schedule, and details about their online events.

July 9: Making Movies

July 18: Julianne Ankley

July 23: Drew Nelson

CDSS: Online Events Calendar

This is a fantastic place to learn about traditional dance, music, and song activities happening every week throughout North America...and beyond. All of the events that are listed are currently virtual, in keeping with health recommendations during this stage of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Folk Alliance Livestream Concerts

Folk Alliance maintains a calendar of online concerts. Find the calendar at folk "dot" org

Happy Wheatland!

July 10: Jamboree, an informal gathering of acoustic musicians - FREE!

September 10-12: Wheatland Music Festival – YES! See wheatlandmusic “dot” org for details.

Facebook Links

Huber Breese Music Online Concerts: Look for videos on their Facebook page.

Jay Ungar and Molly Mason: The Quiet Room is a live online music series that has been running each Wednesday at 8pm EDT since March of 2020. Tune in live, or listen to past broadcasts any time. Facebook “dot” com /jayandmolly/live

Meredith Axelrod & Craig Ventresco: Jazz, blues and ragtime. Live every night at 8 pm Pacific time, 11 pm EDT, or watch videos on Facebook, Youtube and Instagram. Facebook “dot” com /meredithaxelrod

Michigan Folk music love: Post folky Michigan gigs, discuss the past, future, present. Photos, videos, anything of MI folk music interest.

Country Dance and Song Society: Facebook “dot” com /cdss.org

Ten Pound Fiddle Concerts and Dances: Facebook “dot” com /TenPoundFiddle

The Ark: Facebook “dot” com /TheArkAnnArbor

AACTMAD: Facebook “dot” com /top?g=AACTMAD

Oakland County Traditional Dance Society: OCTDS is holding monthly Zoom meetings for dancers to meet and greet each other and stay connected. Facebook “dot” com /OCTDS

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To submit corrections, articles, gigs, or other information for publication, please contact Shirley Worth, Editor (pcfs.kt@gmail.com). *Deadline for the next issue is the 15th – extended deadline possible on request.*

We're sorry to say our Facebook pages are not currently functioning and our website at [html://paintcreekfolkloresociety.org](http://paintcreekfolkloresociety.org) is still out of commission, but we hope to get it back up in third quarter, 2021. Progress is being made.

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