

Keepin' Tabs

The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society

December 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.

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Holiday Potluck At Home

Saturday, December 4, 2021

7:00 pm Via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87168368911?pwd=cGtTUTVPVjkyYUNNYUJ6aHJpWIRwdz09>

Holiday Video Share

Saturday, December 18, 2021

7:00 pm Via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89385927013?pwd=aWl2cVluWFFKUXgxTHQxdm52c05lZz09>

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Presidential Potpourri

Happy Holidays to all Paint Creek members and friends!

Sometimes heading into the holidays feels like riding a fast moving sled speeding down a snowy hill. In this newsletter you will read about a couple evenings of comfort and joy offered by PCFS. Please save the dates and join us!

The holidays are often called “the season of giving,” which makes me reflect on how Paint Creek is a group that thrives on sharing gifts...the important kind. Obviously, we think of sharing musical gifts, but people also gift their time...at gatherings, circles, jams, meetings and while polishing their song swap songs by simply practicing. They gift their knowledge and expertise by leading circles, jams and zooms and by putting together newsletters, directories, and websites. They gift their wisdom in the form of well considered, and much appreciated, advice to this president. Lastly, having been in front of more than a few audiences, I can say that Paint Creekers are the best audience you will ever find! Indoors or outdoors, our members freely gift their appreciation and support to those who stand in front struggling to remember notes, chords or lyrics as they share the gift of music.

In coming weeks, whether gathering with family, friends or celebrating alone, I hope you will reflect on the gifts given by your friends in the Paint Creek Folklore Society and gift what you can to others during this season and always. The best gifts are not always in shiny paper topped with a bow.

Sincerely,

Theresa Erickson, “present”ly your Prez

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2021-2022 Song Swap Themes

December—Holiday Potluck (Seasonal Songs)
January—Warm or Cold February—Staying Put
March—Precious Things April—Travel
May—Blue (Color, Feeling ...) June—How Did I Get Here?
July—*Picnic* August—No Gathering
September—Other Names for Things

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Virtual Holiday Potluck & Song Swap

Join us for our Virtual Holiday Potluck on Saturday, December 4, 7 pm. We can chat about what we would have brought to the Holiday Potluck at UPC, brag about favorite family recipes or recap what we enjoyed at Thanksgiving. Bonus points if you make it a “show and tell” for everyone to enjoy visually without the calories of consumption! Of course, everyone is encouraged to share a holiday themed song for the Song Swap. Using the magic of “mute” there can be lots of festive singalongs and playalongs!

Holiday Video Share

This is your opportunity to scour the internet to find an online video of an individual or group performing a holiday themed song and share it with your Paint Creek friends, on December 18 at 7:00 pm. Whether accompanied by a lovely scene or as a recorded live performance, sharing these unique videos adds a special touch to our at home holiday celebration.

Zooms Coming Up In 2022!

Saturday, December 4, 2021

7-9 pm Virtual Holiday Potluck and Song Swap

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

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7-9 pm Holiday Video Share

If possible, please send your video link in advance to Mike Acosta

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Saturday January 8, 2022

5-6 pm Native American Flute Circle led by Sharon H and Vicki A

6-7 pm Songwriting Circle led by Dave B

7-9 pm Gathering with Song Swap

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Saturday, January 15, 2022

7-9 pm - Holiday Video Share

If possible, please send your video link in advance to Mike Acosta

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89849239291?pwd=bIBQVHJma3dGdzVEVHJFTIZ4aEVVdz09>

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Last Of The Outdoor Gatherings

It's definitely time to head indoors, and to our Zoom screens, for the season! Thanks to Melinda and Paul, our “fire starters” for warming up our Halloween Bonus Gathering. Some photos of the merriment are included in the PDF version of this newsletter, attached.

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Last-minute shopping

Many of you know Doug Plummer, the Seattle photographer who has traveled the world - literally! - taking pictures of dance communities. He published several Contra Dance calendars (one featured our Lovett Hall reunion dance), and this year is publishing a calendar featuring photos from his "Today I Saw" series. You can get your calendar at todayisawphoto.com. All proceeds from the calendar go to support his documentary film, *Take Hands*, which tells the story of a community organizer bridging divisions in her small town through contra dance and music. You can visit the Facebook Page at facebook.com/takehandsfilm. ~ed.

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Ridin' Drag

by Jack D. Ferguson

A solitary cry hangs on the chill. It echoes beyond the swale where I first glimpse a winged silhouette. Vision blurred by tears born of a harsh northwest wind, I'm unable to identify the species. Red-shouldered perhaps? Way too large to be a Coopers. Broad-winged hawk most likely. Its sustaining note arrests my step. I stop and turn, looking back across the long meadow bathed in brilliant November sunlight. Tall grasses shift with each gust. Golden-brown, they stand brave in their acceptance of winter's advance.

Southward the tree line is unkempt. A riot of misshapen boxelder, nettles and grapevine hazard the game trails. To the north, deer share hardwood space with turkey. Maples and oaks, erect in their dignity, provide a sheltering canopy and shadow the pale yellow afternoon light. Beneath the oaks, lies an abundance of mast, a blessing for red squirrel and doe alike.

Farther east, where my saunter joins open ground, the scent of damp earth prevails; the ground turned boggy by late October rain. The swampy stretch sinks a foot deeper where box turtles burrow and the amphibian choir sleeps still.

I take comfort in that stillness. Grateful for the psalmist's gentle silence that whispers,

Be still and know that I am...

I face west, sustained by the sanctity of a single hawk.

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Events and Links

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

New Year's Eve Open Mic

December 31, 6:30-10 pm: BYOB & Snack to share, mixers & ice provided. The D.A.V. Big Red Barn, 47326 Dequindre Rd., Shelby Twp 248.881.6851, Nan.drinkard@gmail.com

Ukulele Holiday Jam

Wednesday, December 8, 7:00-8:30: Detroit Ukulele Club's Holiday Ukulele Jam via Zoom. Paint Creekers are welcome to join - go to [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com), and look for the Detroit Ukulele Club's announcement, where you'll find information about the event and links to the music we'll use. RSVP, so that Jodi knows you're coming, and watch for the Zoom link, sent through Meetup. The Detroit Ukulele Club's organizer, Jodi Bollaert, will host the Zoom, and Paint Creek's Jack Erickson will lead the songs. <https://meetu.ps/c/3sRJ9/5466s/a>

Tara (Tom Dooley and Marilyn Hotaling)

November 28, 5-8 pm: O'Connor's Public House (Rochester)
December 9 & 21, 6-8 pm: The Irish Tavern (Madison Heights)
December 12 & 19, 5-8 pm: O'Connor's

Peter Stephenson

December 1, 15 & 28, 7:30-9:30 pm: Dessert Oasis (Rochester)

Matt Wotroba

December 17, 8 pm: Katie & Friends Annual Concert, First United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor
December 18, 8 pm: Robert Jones & Matt Wotroba, Folk Stage, Chicago, IL - Also Live Radio Show!
wfmt.com/programs/folkstage

MOO Music (Virtual)

Saturday weekly MOO Folk Jam, 4-5 pm on Zoom. Contact Tony, Info@moomusic.org

Open Mic Night, Starkweather Arts Center, Romeo

Fourth Friday of each month. 7PM, \$4, \$3 Starkweather members. Open to all, come to perform, come to enjoy! 219 N. Main, Romeo, MI 48065 starkweatherarts.com

Michigan Storytelling

MI Story newsletter posted monthly, listing storytelling events around Michigan and virtual storytelling events around the world. michiganstorytelling.org

Ten Pound Fiddle Concerts

View the full schedule at tenpoundfiddle.org
December 10, 7:30 pm: Annual Holiday Sing with Sally Potter and Guests, East Lansing, \$20

ACTMAAD Calendar

The Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance online opportunities: events.aactmad.org

The Ark Family Room Series

The Ark is reopening to live music. Coming in December: Steve Poltz, Arlo McKinley, Andy McKee and more.
theark.org.

CDSS: Online Events Calendar

This is a fantastic place to learn about traditional dance, music, song, and storytelling activities happening every week throughout North America...and beyond. Nearly all of the events that are listed are currently virtual.
cdss.org/community/events-calendar

Folk Alliance Livestream Concerts

Calendar of online concerts: folk.org/livestreams/month/2021-12, more on their main page.

Facebook Links

Huber Breese Music Online Concerts: Look for videos on their Facebook page,
[facebook.com/watch/HuberBreeseMusic/](https://www.facebook.com/watch/HuberBreeseMusic/)

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. <https://www.facebook.com/jayandmolly/live>

Meredith Axelrod & Craig Ventresco: Jazz, blues and ragtime. Live every night at 8 pm Pacific time, 11 pm EDT.
<https://www.facebook.com/meredithaxelrod>

Michigan Folk music love: Photos, videos, anything of MI folk music interest. bit.ly/3r65V7G.

Country Dance and Song Society: [facebook.com/cdss.org](https://www.facebook.com/cdss.org)

Ten Pound Fiddle Concerts and Dances: [facebook.com/TenPoundFiddle](https://www.facebook.com/TenPoundFiddle)

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To submit 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. Our website at [html://paintcreekfolkloresociety.org](http://paintcreekfolkloresociety.org) is still out of commission, but we're still working on it.

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