

# Keepin' Tabs

*The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society*

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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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## Next Meeting

**Saturday, July 2, 2022**

Live Gathering at River Woods Park in Auburn Hills

<https://goo.gl/maps/i9edhJZuK623PKsg7>

5-7 pm Instrumental Jam led by Jack E

6-7 pm Autoharp Circle led by Pete H

6-7 pm Clawhammer Banjo Circle led by Larry M

6-7 pm Beginners Finger Style Guitar led by Kevin T

6-7 pm Native American Flute Circle led by Sharon H

7:15 pm-dusk Song Swap Gathering

Song Swap Theme - *Gun Violence*

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## Presidential Potpourri

Happy Summer, Paint Creekers!

Jack and I recently returned from a two and a half week vacation. Part of this time we went our usual direction – Up North. But this time, we also went west and crossed over the mighty Mississippi River. This was a change of direction for us – not a major jaw-dropping, life-changing drastic change of scenery, but a series of different bends in the country roads, lush green valleys and new vistas from the top of different hills.

So it is with our Paint Creek Folklore Society. My three year stint as president is at its end, but there are fun, new experiences ahead for all of us as Jack Ferguson has been handed the keys. Although Jack is in the driver's seat, there's a Board-load of folks in the backseat suggesting directions in his ear, and I'll still be around, riding in the rumble seat as President Emeritus. After 40 plus years we keep rolling forward down the road like the finely tuned jalopy that is the Paint Creek Folklore Society.

That image brings to mind the words of that good ol' American songwriter Harry Chapin, in his profound, (yet rather depressing) song *Greyhound*, "It's got to be the going, not the getting there that's good. That's a thought for keeping if I could." So keep that thought and come enjoy the ride again on Saturday, July 2 as we gather at River Woods Park in Auburn Hills.

I can't end without a few words of appreciation. I would like to offer many thanks to all our great members, new and old, for strapping in and holding on as we navigated the off' times bumpy road these last few years. And I have to confess that though I may have been the president, the brains of this operation have been the board. I referred to them as my superheroes because they each had their special superpowers and weren't afraid to use 'em. They may seem like mild mannered regular folks, but when the need arose they combined their superpowers (via zoom, of course) to provide the jump start needed to get us back rolling down the road again with a folksong in our hearts. I especially need to thank my husband, Jack, who made sure details were remembered and loaded into and out of the car, led circles and songs to keep members happy and made me look

good by critiquing and proofreading my article each month. Behind this out-going president is a husband who couldn't be more appreciated...or deserving of a nap!

Thanks for the memories, folks! See you on July 2nd and have a festive, safe Independence Day!

Theresa Erickson, Past Prez

## **Next Gatherings at River Woods Park**

Saturday, August 6

Saturday, September 10 (Thumbfest is Saturday, September 3)

Saturday, October 1

Saturday, October 29 (Special Halloween edition!)

We will return to University Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 5 and Saturday December 3. And don' forget to mark your calendar for *Tin Whistle 2022*: Saturday, November 12!

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## **2021-2022 Song Swap Themes**

July—Gun Violence

August—Peace

September—Other Names for Things

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## **Update...Banjo Circle**

At our June 3 Gathering, Larry Miller hosted a clawhammer banjo circle for anyone interested in learning/playing clawhammer banjo tunes and songs. We will continue this Circle as long as there is member interest. The only prerequisite is to bring a 5-string banjo, preferably in tune. We will use the ever popular "Double C tuning" (D-C-G-C-g) and noodle with easy but awesome tunes, which will be provided. We will assess the level of interest and proficiency of the attendees and develop a plan for going forward with future sessions. This will be a "judgement free" session, so bring only your banjo and interest or curiosity.

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## **Officers elected for 2022-23 PCFS Year**

The following slate was approved unanimously at the June meeting. Welcome to new Member at Large Dave Belferman, our new president, Jack Ferguson and to our new Membership Co-Chair, Dan Degasperis. And thanks also to our outgoing president Theresa Erickson, as well as Annette Richards and Pete Hartung for their years of service as Member at Large and Membership co-chair respectively.

President, Jack Ferguson

Vice President, Paul Jacques

Secretary, Kathy Thornton

Treasurer, Margie Watson

Member at Large, Mike Acosta

Member at Large, Dave Belferman

Member at Large, Peter Hiltz

Member at Large, Larry Miller

Historian, Glen Morningstar

President Emeritus, Theresa Erickson  
Membership Co-chairs, Jeff Despard and Dan DeGasperis  
Webmaster, Jeff Despard

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## Membership Renewals Time!

It's that time again. Time to renew your membership for 2022-2023! Dues are due by September to be a member in good standing and avoid paying the \$10 monthly visitors fee! Pay now and have peace of mind for the whole next year.

Memberships cover September 2022-August 2022, and pay for some of our ongoing expenses for location rentals, presenters and snacks, when we have them.

- **EVERYONE kindly print and fill in the attached membership form. It's important to be sure we current information for the new directory.** Please complete ALL information so we know all your information is up to date. (and be sure to include city and zip code!).
- Return your form and check to Jeff Despard or Dan DeGasperis (our new Membership Co-chair).
- Dues are \$50 (single membership) or \$90 (family membership). Bring a check or cash to the July 2<sup>nd</sup> or September gathering or mail your check to Jeff at the new address on the attached form.

And, if you have a friend that might enjoy our Paint Creek experience, please bring them along on July 2<sup>nd</sup> or to any future gathering.

See you soon!

Jeff Despard and Dan DeGasperis

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## Member Directory

An updated Member Directory will be sent to your Inbox soon. ALL members, please complete the attached membership form to help ensure that the directory has up to date contact info.

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## New News about Old Music!

Recently Vikki Appleton, winner of the "most loyal, though far flung, PCFS past president" award, returned home to the US briefly to spend time with her sister and brother-in-law. While there she opened the door to the crypt that is their basement and discovered a box of Paint Creek Sampler CDs that had been stored there, perfectly preserved, for the last 20 years! Since Jack and I were meandering in various directions on our vacation, we stopped by their suburban Chicago home and picked them up--making Vikki's sister rather happy to see them go!

At the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Gathering both Paint Creek Sampler CDs will be available for a minimum \$5 donation toward world hunger relief.

Act now, and get a cassette tape version of *Sampler #1 Fine Times in Lawnridge Hall* FREE as our special gift to you! Perfect for the cassette player in your classic car during the Dream Cruise!

These limited edition discs contain some fine music by past and present members.

*Paint Creek Folk Gathering Fine Times in Lawnridge Hall: PCFS Sampler #1* features Vikki Appleton, Judi Morningstar and many more

*Music in Lawnridge Hall: PCFS Sampler #2* features Phil & Althea Doolittle, Maggie Ferguson, Andy Mather, Joann Schulte and more

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## Ridin' Drag

by Jack D. Ferguson

There's a heat advisory on today. Just the ticket when young tomato plants are determining where to set their roots and which way to grow. Soon enough we'll support them with twine that helps determine their path. I'm determined too, because there's a big mulberry tree that needs trimming. This is deliberate, methodical work and fun. Like tomatoes, I require hydration and short rests to study our tree and decide where to cut. Looking beyond the mulberry, I behold beauty everywhere. All around the big up-top garden clematis bloom and bring forth an array of blue, purple and lavender color that celebrates the subsidence of solstice and the coming of July.

The hues of those flowers come close to rivaling the glory of an eight-inch brown trout I saw on Monday evening. The fish was being enticed by an angler's fly along the bank at Riverside Park where Paint Creek has often gathered. I was off on a bike ride when I saw the fella's rod tip bouncing. I aimed my bicycle off the trail and was right on time to observe a gentle catch and release. Chatting, the angler and I agreed that the shallower water has warmed. He assured me that by the time the Fourth arrives, fish like the one he just caught will be sluggish and less apt to bite. He promised to return by mid-September. Bluegill remain active however, and we have a mess of golden fillets coated in cornmeal and Old Bay frying in the pan. Our salad greens come straight from the garden. Dessert features our own strawberries, because no heat advisory will keep us from walking up the rise to reach for June's ripest and to hear a Baltimore oriole shout, Let the firefly show begin!

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## Events and Links

*If you know of events or links that may interest PCFS members, send them to [pafs.kt@gmail.com](mailto:pafs.kt@gmail.com)*

### St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games

August 5, Ceilidh: Metro Detroit's premier Scottish concert, a kick-off to the annual Highland Games. Celtic music by Ironwood, CrossBow, Pictus, and Stone Clover. [highlandgames.com/ceilidh/](http://highlandgames.com/ceilidh/)

### Detroit Ukulele Club

July 13 and 27, 7-8:30 pm (ZOOM): The club uses **Meetup.com** for event information, links to music, the Zoom link, and RSVPs. They also have a Facebook page. All are welcome to join the Detroit Ukulele Club Meetup group and participate. Questions? Contact Jack Erickson [jackofallstrings@gmail.com](mailto:jackofallstrings@gmail.com)

### Tara and Inis-Ceol

July 12 and 19, August 2, 6-8 pm, The Irish Tavern - Madison Heights  
July 17 and 31, 5-8 pm, O'Connor's Public House, Rochester

### MOO Music (Virtual)

Saturday weekly MOO Folk Jam (Wisconsin), 4-5 pm on Zoom. [moomusic.org](http://moomusic.org) Contact Tony, [info@moomusic.org](mailto:info@moomusic.org). They will be holding the MOO Music Gathering live at Camp Edwards (vaccination and masks required) <https://www.moomusic.org/spring-2022-gathering>

### 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](http://starkweatherarts.com)

## Michigan Storytelling

MI Story newsletter posted monthly, listing storytelling events around Michigan and virtual storytelling events around the world. [michiganstorytelling.org](http://michiganstorytelling.org)

### Lois Sprengnether Keel Presents Live Storytelling Events

July 20, 6:30 pm, "One Room Schools," Cromaine Library, Hartland. Info: 810-632-5200

July 25, 5:00 pm, "Storytelling Cruise Around the World", Utica Public Library. Info: 586-731-4141

August 4, noon, "Storytelling Cruise Around the World", West Branch District Library. Info: 989-345-2235

August 6, 10:00 am, North Oakland County Storytellers at the Wee Bairsns area of Highland Games, Livonia.

[highlandgames.com/wee-bairns](http://highlandgames.com/wee-bairns)

### Ten Pound Fiddle Concerts

View the full schedule at [tenpoundfiddle.org](http://tenpoundfiddle.org)

### ACTMAAD Calendar

The Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance online opportunities: [aactmad.org/calendar](http://aactmad.org/calendar)

### The Ark

The Ark is now open for in-person events, requiring proof of full vaccination and masking. See the full schedule at [theark.org](http://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](http://cdss.org/community/events)

### Folk Alliance Livestream Concerts

Calendar of online concerts: [folk.org/livestreams/](http://folk.org/livestreams/), 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, and videos are posted on their Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/meredithaxelrod>

**Michigan Folk music love:** Photos, videos, anything of MI folk music interest. [bit.ly/3r65V7G](https://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)

**The Ark:** [facebook.com/TheArkAnnArbor](https://www.facebook.com/TheArkAnnArbor)

**AACTMAD:** [facebook.com/AACTMAD](https://www.facebook.com/AACTMAD)

**Oakland County Traditional Dance Society (OCTDS):** <https://www.facebook.com/OCTDS>

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