

Keepin' Tabs

The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society
October 2022

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, October 1, 2022

NOTE TIME CHANGE: BEGINS AT 3:00 PM

Live Gathering at River Woods Park in Auburn Hills

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

3-5 pm Instrumental Jam led by Jeff D

4-5 pm Autoharp Circle led by Pete H

4-5 pm Clawhammer Banjo Circle led by Larry M

4-5 pm Beginners Finger Style Guitar led by Kevin T

4-5 pm Native American Flute Circle led by Sharon H

5:15 pm-dusk Song Swap Gathering

Song Swap Theme - *It Was A Dark And Stormy Night*

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The President's Post

Last week I had the chance to visit with Michael Hough and David Tamulevitch of Mustards Retreat. I believe one of the most important songs they've recorded is *Let's Hear it for the Volunteers*.

I love volunteers. Those folks that step up. Their steps might be imperfect, but they are reliable, you can count on them. The word you'll hear most from the board at Tin Whistle time is volunteer. So sign up! Make Jeff Despard smile, volunteer. Ask how you can help.

Paint Creek is a participatory organization. Let's keep that spirit flowing and make certain our Tin Whistle is fully staffed. Let's make sure that the next time you hear Michael, Libby or David sing *Volunteers*, you'll know they had you in mind.

Remember that October's gathering begins at 3 pm. Come prepared to participate

Jack F
2022-23 President

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Next Gatherings — Back to UPC!

We will return to University Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 5 and Saturday December 3. Winter Gatherings will continue to start earlier in the afternoon to help reduce night driving. And don't forget to mark your calendar for *Tin Whistle 2022* on Saturday, November 12 — A Matinee beginning at 2:00 pm, doors open at 1:30 pm.

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2022-23 Song Swap Themes

October—It Was A Dark And Stormy Night	November—Under The Hunter's Moon
December—Holiday Selections Old And New	January—In The Bleak Mid-Winter
February—The Devil Made Me Do It	March—Hark, 'Tis The Wind
April—Here Comes The Sun	May—Green, Green, It's Green They Say
June—Wedding Bells	July—For Patriots' Dreams
August—Summer's Nigh Over	

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Memberships Expired in September!

Time to get serious about renewing if you haven't! Thanks to those who have paid their 2022-23 dues to date - we're over half way there. We're up to 30 paid memberships representing 43 members so far. Last year we had 52 memberships representing 68 members. To avoid the \$10 guest fee, PLEASE BRING YOUR CHECK (\$50 for single membership or \$90 for family membership) AND MEMBERSHIP FORM TO THE OCTOBER GATHERING or mail them to Jeff D – see attached membership form for address. Let's "get 'er done!"

~Jeff D and Dan D

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Tin Whistle 2022: A Matinee Saturday, November 12, 2:00 pm Doors open 1:30 pm

Reminder the 2022 Tin Whistle Concert is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th in the Sanctuary at University Presbyterian Church. THE CONCERT BEGINS AT 2:00 PM with doors opening at 1:30pm.

We still need some volunteer slots to be filled. Be thinking about what tasks you can volunteer for to help make the Tin Whistle possible. We will need about a dozen more folks to fill the needed positions. I'd love to have all slots filled in by the end of the gathering on October 1. Please sign up at the gathering or drop me an email – Here's what where we stand and what we need:

- Publicity –Joan Johnson - Sharon Hall, Kevin Tarnas and NEED 1-2 others to identify sites and distribute/post flyers
- Program Advertising – Theresa Erickson, Shirley Worth - NEED 3-5 others to sell ads – it's not that hard!
- Set up – Jeff Despard – Jack Ferguson – NEED 3 OTHERS
- Clean up – NEEDED COORDINATOR - Du Hong, Tim Erickson, Kathy Thornton – NEED 1 other
- Sound – Phill Doolittle - Brad Doolittle, Peter Hiltz, Jack Erickson – ALL SET!
- CD Sales table – Dan DeGasperis – NEED 1 or 2 others
- Ticket Table/door – Dave Belferman – Kathy Thornton, Vicky Acosta – NEED 1 other
- Kitchen – Paul & Ursula Jacques – Susan Swanson, Susan Capell, Dave and Lynn Cotrill, Julie Stitt — ALL SET!
- Decorations – Sharon Hall – Lois Keel, Vicky Acosta – ALL SET!

~Jeff D, Tin Whistle Chair

Tin Whistle Tickets

TW Tickets will again be available at this month's Gathering from Larry Miller. They will be available for Paint Creek members to sell, and also for individual purchase (so you can avoid the long lines at the door :) If you intend to purchase for yourself, please bring cash or a check written to "Paint Creek Folklore Society."

~Larry M, TW Ticket Chair

2022 Tin Whistle Acts Announced!

Just a reminder of the fantastic performers who will grace the stage at the Tin Whistle:

Harmony Express, an intriguing vocal trio consisting of Julie Stitt, Ardasa Antares and Steve Mandell, seasoned performers all.

Kevin Tarnas fingerstyle guitar

Peter Stephenson, blues-style harp guitar and signature songs

Larry Miller and Jack & Maggie Ferguson clawhammer-style bluegrass songs and eclectic modern folk ballads played on guitar, mandolin and banjo.

Tara, Celtic group including Marilyn Hotaling, Tom Dooley and Sally Kilcullen.

Better Late Than Never, Jack and Theresa Erickson and Phyllis Isbell, lyric-driven songs and three-part harmony

Morningstars & Tunesmiths traditional dance and unrivaled energy of a string band — with a special surprise!

Ridin' Drag

by Jack F.

I don't listen to music when I write. But tonight's different.

I believe a combination of things caused me to queue up James Taylor. First was the twenty-five-degree temperature shift. Last Saturday I went about in short sleeves and a Guatemalan palm fedora. Today I wore a base layer, turtle neck, jacket and my chapeau? It was water resistant with wide brim and warm wool felt. Second was a warm feeling after participating in the Starkweather Arts Gallery Open Mike last night. Larry, Maggie and I weren't the only Paint Creekers there.

Back to that wool felt hat. It makes a statement, and the statement is,

Let me ride!

Which is also a title of a James Taylor song from his 1971 album called Mudslide Slim. I was a year out of high school then. Overcast days like today would find me astride a good horse ambling along a ridge humming to myself and wishing I could pick a guitar.

You know, a cool grey cloudy day will stir your insides. It can call forth an attitude that just cries out, *let me ride straight into October*. Let me celebrate another gardens passing. Let me walk the banks of that secret turtle pond and rest in the changing hues of this autumnal revival. Let me share the mystery of ancient spirits that revel with the approach of Halloween.

So this evening, after a long day afoot, embracing and breathing in Septembers best, I obeyed the unction. I put on James. Maybe I fell under the spell of old bird hunting memories. Of singing,

Whoa Mudslide, I'm depending on you.

While partridge mocked my shooting skills and poplars twisted, swayed and beckoned me to walk a little farther.

Maybe I still depend on Mudslide. All I know is that familiar voice and guitar blesses me, guides me, calls me to ride deeper into another season of adventure.

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Events and Links

If you know of events or links that may interest PCFS members – or if **you** are appearing somewhere, send information to pcfs.kt@gmail.com

Member Showcase

Tara

October 4 and 18, 6-8 pm: The Irish Tavern, Madison Heights
October 2 and 30, 5-8 pm: O'Connor's Public House, Rochester

Lois Sprengnether Keel Presents Live Storytelling Events

October 3, Brighton District Library, 7 pm: “*High Times in Dry Times*”. Registration begins September 19 at brightonlibrary.info/bd/levents/#/events. Information: 810-229-6571

October 9, 1-4 pm: Lakeview Cemetery Walk with costumed interpreters of early settlers of Clarkston and Independence Township. \$15 per person. Advance tickets at The Gateway, 7150 N. Main St. or online at <https://www.townplanner.com/.../lakeview-cemetery.../545978/> and at the gate on the day of the walk. Funds go to the headstone restoration project. Tours are held Rain or Shine with no refunds.

Jams, Concerts, Events, and more...

Detroit Ukulele Club

The club uses **Meetup.com** for event information, links to music, 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

MOO Music (Virtual)

Saturday weekly MOO Folk Jam (Wisconsin), 4-5 pm on Zoom. moomusic.org 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

Open Mic Night, Shelby Township Community Center

Second Saturday of each month. 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30), Instrumental music, singing, or listening. \$3 at door, drinks and snacks provided. 14975 21 Mile Rd, Shelby Township. August theme: Seashore & Sumer. Contact Nan at nan.drinkard@gmail.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

ACTMAAD Calendar

The Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance online opportunities: 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

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

Folk Alliance Livestream Concerts

Calendar of online concerts: 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.

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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