

# Keepin' Tabs

*The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society*  
*September 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, September 10, 2022**

**NOTE DATE CHANGE: SECOND SATURDAY**

Live Gathering at River Woods Park in Auburn Hills

<https://goo.gl/maps/j9edhJZuK623PKsg7>

5-7 pm Instrumental Jam led by Jeff D  
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  
6-7 pm Songwriters Circle led by Dave B  
7:15 pm-dusk Song Swap Gathering  
Song Swap Theme - *Down On The Farm*

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## The President's Post

September arrives and we begin a fresh folk calendar. This year brings changes to gathering times, earlier, and a shift in where those gatherings occur, from Lawnridge to Fellowship Hall. Those will begin when we return inside come November. Meanwhile some changes are no more than carrying our supplies and stored materials from one closet to another.

Coordinating the Tin Whistle will be a big part of our next board meeting and as progress is made the board is committed to keeping everyone informed and engaged. That means improved communication skills on my part. I guess this presidential term, for me personally, will be,

*Can an old dog learn new tricks?*

Can I make it easier for folks to work with me? Respond on time? I believe I can, let's step into September and greet autumn with a smile and song.

Saddle up!

Jack F.  
2022-23 President

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## Next Gatherings at River Woods Park

Saturday, September 10 (Thumbfest is Saturday, September 3)  
Saturday, October 1

We will return to University Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 5 and Saturday December 3. 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	
September—Down On The Farm	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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### Special "Folk" Worship Service at UPC: Sunday, September 11, 10 am

Maggie and Jack F, Larry M, Phyllis I, Theresa and Jack E will provide music for a special worship service on the lawn at University Presbyterian Church (UPC), 10:00 am on Sunday, September 11th. All interested Paint Creek members are invited to attend. They are a friendly bunch of folks and provide a simple, free lunch afterwards. Please consider this opportunity to hear some folk/gospel style music, and strengthen the link between UPC and PCFS. For the benefit of newer PCFS members, University Presbyterian is at 1385 S Adams Rd, Rochester Hills. [Google map here: goo.gl/maps/FN1ox66jSajwCWx7](https://www.google.com/maps/place/FN1ox66jSajwCWx7)

~Theresa Erickson

### Memberships Expire This Month!

It's been a good season, considering the obstacles. Over the Spring and Summer, we've typically had 25-30 members and 2-5 guests attending our outdoor gatherings – this was down about 10 from pre-COVID times, but pretty darned good for this past year! Thanks to Theresa and Jack for all their efforts to get the locations reserved and haul and operate the sound equipment, etc. And thanks to the many others who supported them! The number of guests increased from pre-COVID times - several folks have visited or become members because they saw us at a park and wandered over to find out what was up.

And now to dues ... Thanks to those who have paid their 2022-23 dues to date - we're almost half way there. We're up to 22 paid memberships representing 32 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 SEPTEMBER GATHERING or mail them to Jeff Despard – see attached membership form for address. Let's wrap this up so we can focus on other things!

See you soon!

~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**

It's official - the 2022 Tin Whistle Concert is on! The show is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th in the Sanctuary at University Presbyterian Church. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE - We're moving to matinee timing!!!! - THE CONCERT BEGINS AT 2:00 PM with doors opening at 1:30pm. This will help our many folks who no longer feel comfortable driving at night and will open up the rest of the evening for everyone. Watch for other articles by Maggie and Larry for performer and ticket details.

And, please be thinking about what tasks you can volunteer for to help make the Tin Whistle possible. We will need a couple dozen more folks to fill the needed positions. I'd love to have all slots filled in by the end of the gathering on Sept. 11. Please sign up at the gathering or drop me an email – [threedsjd@aol.com](mailto:threedsjd@aol.com). Here's what where we stand and what we need:

- Publicity –Joan J, Sharon H – need 3-5 others to identify sites and distribute/post flyers
- Program Advertising – Theresa E, Shirley W - need 3-5 others to sell ads – it's not that hard!
- Set up – need coordinator and 4 others
- Clean up – need coordinator and 4 others
- Sound – Phill D, Brad D, Peter H, Jack E – all set!
- CD Sales table – Dan D – need 1 or 2 others
- Ticket Table/door – need coordinator and 3-4 others
- Kitchen – Paul & Ursula J – Susan S, Susan C, Dave and Lynn C — all set!
- Decorations – Sharon H – need 1-2 others

~Jeff D, Tin Whistle Chair

**Tin Whistle Tickets**

Larry M is the TW ticket sales coordinator and will be available at our September Gathering with tickets for our members to sell. He will issue them in blocks of 10 and will have an ongoing email communication process for sales updates and any other ticket information.

**2022 Tin Whistle Acts Announced!**

I'm proud to announce the line-up of acts for the 2022 Tin Whistle Concert. This year the board decided to keep the performers "in house" which means that everyone on the roster (with a few exceptions) are Paint Creek members. As Paint Creek boasts so many wonderful singers, players and storytellers, it was hard to choose, but I trust that every ticket buyer will be entertained and amazed by our talented members.

Starting off the roster is **Harmony Express**, an intriguing vocal trio consisting of Julie S, Ardasa A and Steve M, seasoned performers all.

**Kevin T** began his musical career as a rock 'n roll guitarist and evolved into a fingerstyle player of elegance and skill. Kevin conducts the very popular Fingerstyle Guitar Workshop before our gatherings.

Known for his harp guitar, flashy blues-style playing and signature songs we welcome **Peter S** to the roster of Tin Whistle talent.

Multi-instrumentalists **Larry M and Jack & Maggie F** have built a repertoire of clawhammer-style bluegrass songs and eclectic modern folk ballads played on guitar, mandolin and banjo.

Celtic group **Tara** consists of Marilyn H, Tom D and Sally K. This dynamic trio is always in demand at festivals, as session players, and on the concert stage.

Always full of surprises, **Better Late Than Never** combines the talent of Jack and Theresa E and Phyllis I. This band never shies away from a challenge, daring lyric-driven songs and three-part harmony that they blend with ease.

**Morningstars & Tunesmiths** demonstrate the power and magic of traditional dance and the unrivaled energy of a string band. Glen and Judi M and the Tunesmiths have a very special surprise planned (it's a secret!) that is bound to knock your socks off.

~Maggie F

## Ridin' Drag

by Jack F

This week, one of my presidential duties involved moving all our meeting supplies out of our allotted supply closet in Lawnridge Hal to a smaller space upstairs. The shelves were crammed with coffee cups, paper plates, cutlery, lemonade mix, music stands, a Stan Rogers collection and two Tin Whistle Concerts on VHS tapes, not to mention a trove of books and memorabilia. As I worked, I happened to uncover a real treasure – a three-ring binder labeled Mary and Jerry filled to capacity with song charts.

Once I laid eyes on it, I traveled back in time to my first Tin Whistle concert in 1998 or 1999. Maggie and I weren't even members then. I don't recall who the headliners were, but I distinctly remember the sampler acts. Art Wojtowicz did a set and Denise Marie Stein (Maggie's future singing partner) performed with Jerry Stevens.

After we joined Paint Creek, we met Jerry's wife, Mary St. Clair, and I heard them perform together in the song swaps every month. They became our friends, and although they are gone now, they are always in our hearts. In fact, Maggie now owns Jerry's old Vega banjo and has appropriately dubbed it "Jerry".

Opening the binder I looked into its pages. Mary and Jerry stood right there beside me. I read notes that the two of them had written in the lyric page margins. Notes such as where the capo should go, what keys they sang in and who took which verses. There's also an inscription: *ask Dan Rogers to play Here Comes the Sun.*

I'm writing this for one reason. I want to remind the folks who are participating in this year's Tin Whistle that it wasn't some super-duper-folksinger-guitar-picking-wizard I remember from that first event. Rather it was the capable attitude, fearless joy and ineffable talent belonging to the humble folks of the Sampler Acts that year that encouraged to me to become a proud member of the Paint Creek Folklore Society.

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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](mailto:pcfs.kt@gmail.com)

### Member Showcase

#### **Peter Stephenson**

September 1, 7:30-9:30 pm: Classic blues and Americana at the Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters, Rochester

#### **Tara**

September 6 and 20, 6-8 pm: The Irish Tavern - Madison Heights

September 9 and 18, 5-8 pm: O'Connor's Public House, Rochester

## **Lois Sprengnether Keel Presents Live Storytelling Events**

September 1, Hadley Township Historical Society, 7 pm: *One Room School Days* 810-797-2117

September 18, Pontiac, 2, 3, and 4 pm: 7th Annual Oak Hill Cemetery Walk goes "*Back to the Beginning*" of the cemetery. Tickets at <https://events.getlocalhop.com/oak-hill-cemetery-walk/event/pOpDgnB1BL/> or at gate. Infor [ocphs.org/oakhill](http://ocphs.org/oakhill) or 248-338-6732

September 28, Novi Public Library, 7 pm: "*High Times in Dry Times*" looks at Prohibition in Detroit metro area. Registration begins September 1. Information: 248-349-0720

October 3, Brighton District Library, 7 pm: "*High Times in Dry Times*". Registration begins September 19 at [brightonlibrary.info/bdlevnets/#/events](http://brightonlibrary.info/bdlevnets/#/events). Information: 810-229-6571

## **Jams, Concerts, Events, and more...**

### **20th Thumbfest, Lexington MI**

Saturday, September 3: Blue Water Folk Society Thumbfest spotlights acoustic music including Traditional Folk, New Orleans brass, Celtic, PanWorld, Blues, Eastern European and Americana to name a few - including our friends Dan Hazlett and Floyd King <https://www.bluewaterfolk.org/thumbfest.html>

### **Wheatland Festival**

Sunday, September 11: The weekend festival is sold out (you wouldn't have wanted to miss the Paint Creek Gathering anyway!) but if you feel like a Sunday drive, you can buy one-day tickets at the gate, or purchase in advance by calling the office 989-967-8879 or 989-967-8561. <https://www.wheatlandmusic.org/festival-tickets/>

### **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](mailto:jackofallstrings@gmail.com)

### **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).

### **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)

### **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](mailto: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](http://michiganstorytelling.org)

### **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)

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

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

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