

Keepin' Tabs

*The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society
December 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, December 3, 2022
HOLIDAY POTLUCK STARTS AT 2:30 PM**

Fellowship Hall of University Presbyterian Church
<https://goo.gl/maps/sbcBeiD1xFoKaqdQ8>

Song Swap Theme - *Holiday Selections Old and New*

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The President's Post

Friends, I'm not a numbers guy. But we just received word from Margie Watson our treasurer and even I understand these numbers. They are preliminary; but with most expenses covered and 240 tickets sold, Paint Creek will realize around \$3800.00 in profit. We can afford the rent this year.

More important, in my eyes, is the standing of Paint Creek Folklore Society in the community.

On Tin Whistle Day I became a doorman. A Paint Creek Greeter of sorts. What a blessing it was! To have attendees say, "Thank God for Paint Creek." I've never been thanked so often in my life. Twice I saw folks with tears in their eyes, asking for a hug and just plain grateful to be part of the event. Since then, I have heard nothing but high praise about the show. You can be proud.

Now let me thank all of you. For your participation, willingness to tackle new responsibilities and for making Paint Creek what it is, a blessing to all.

Your President, Jack F

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Holiday Potluck in Fellowship Hall – 2:30 pm, December 3

Hello Paint Creek Friends! It's hard to believe that a new year is already on the horizon, seems like I put away my Christmas decorations a few weeks ago, now it's time to get them back out again. Time flies!

This means it's also time for our PCFS Holiday Potluck and this year, I hope you are aware that we are starting at 2:30 pm, much earlier than in years past.

In order to have an even distribution of dishes, please take a look at the list below to see which food category you've been assigned according to the first letter of your last name.

Your dish must serve at least 8 people and be fully cooked and ready to go on the buffet table when you arrive. To make clean up easy, bring your contribution in a disposable pan if you like.

Coffee and tea provided. Table settings provided.

A - G Main course (ham, chicken, meatballs, casseroles, stew, chili, spaghetti, etc.)

H - M Side dishes (potatoes, rolls & butter, baked beans, rice, vegetables, salad & dressing, jello, etc.)

N - Z Desserts

Looking forward to seeing each and every one of you on December 3rd!

Maggie F

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Next Gathering – 2:00 pm, January 7

Kicking off 2023, doors of Fellowship Hall will open at 2:00 pm for Circles and Jams, followed by Presentation, Song Swap and light refreshments. Stay tuned!

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Tin Whistle #49 – 2022

Wow! The Tin Whistle was a rousing success! Sorry if you missed it!

After two years off, we weren't sure how it would go and how well it would be attended. However, with COVID risk levels cooperating, and thanks to all the Coordinators and other volunteers who made it possible, we had a great concert with a record 240 tickets sold! As stated in "Membership," more than half our members volunteered and supported this effort.

Thank you, thank you, thank you all!

We had many wonderful comments from both members and general audience, such as:

"Went to our senior center yesterday and heard three women talking about how they enjoyed the Tin Whistle and wanted [to talk to] the program director to see about inviting performances from the group."

"The concert was great and we loved attending it in the sanctuary of the church - sound and sight were both great ..."

"I have also heard nothing but high praise for the concert."

"The earlier time seemed to work well--lots of seniors in the audience"

"Loved the matinee time change."

"I think our concert was just about perfect."

"The performances were great"

"The best Tin Whistle yet"

"It was a "Class A" concert"

Well, that pretty well sums it up! Thanks again to all who helped make this year's concert happen!

Jeff D

Tin Whistle #49 Chair

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2022-23 Song Swap Themes	
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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Membership

Well it's official! We now have 46 memberships representing 63 members. And thanks to those members, indeed! Over half of the membership served as volunteers for the Tin Whistle Concert. That's terrific! Why not join up if you haven't and be part of the fun? As always, if you are not yet a member, but would like to be, please bring your check to a gathering and fill out a membership form - \$50 for single membership, \$90 for family membership. Sustaining Memberships \$100 (single) or \$150 (family)!

Members - Look for your new electronic directory in the next few days.

Jeff D and Dan D, Membership Co-chairs

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Ridin' Drag

by Jack F

I love our garden in November. When the light slants across raised beds covered over with compost we begin to think about next year's planting. Weeks ago, purple and white hard neck garlic went into the ground. Some would consider fall garlic planting the genesis of the growing year, and I wouldn't argue, but I prefer to think that the day after Thanksgiving is the day.

So much so that I call the day after Turkey Day, Gathering Day. Because the day after my favorite holiday is when we hook the trailer to our old Ford Freestyle, pour coffee in travelling mugs and head out to scrounge up a bunch of straw bales that were once the seasonal stars of fall. But not anymore. Folks are fickle. Harvest is out and Santa is in.

This year, a small portion of straw we found in a dumpster. Not all of it though. The search around town yielded twenty-seven clean, lightweight bales that hadn't seen much rain or snow.

(And because it's important to keep Halloween in your heart all year long, we also gleaned three straw scarecrows with pumpkin heads to stand winter watch by the garden gate.) Ten of the bales are positioned in the tomato arbor awaiting conditioning for straw bale planting. The rest will become mulch to suppress weed, get shredded into compost or used to provide bedding for feral cats, each and every one grateful for Gathering Day. Or not, because cats are usually ungrateful critters that can be depended on to demand more timely feeding schedules.

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Wanted: A Don Hays Native American Flute

Don was a long-time member of PCFS and a master at these flutes, both in playing them and making them. Since we lost him a few years ago, his flutes have become highly desirable and valuable. If you have one that is not getting played as much as it should and would be willing to sell it, I would be delighted to give it a good home. Please contact me at andymather@comcast.net. Many thanks!

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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

December 6 & 20, 6-8 pm: The Irish Tavern, Madison Heights
December 11, 5-8 pm: O'Connor's Public House, Rochester

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Jams, Concerts, Events, and more...

Romeo Home Tour

December 3, 1-7 pm: Annual Christmas Home Tour, hosted by the Romeo Historical Society, self-guided tour with carolers! \$25pp, 586-255-3350, <https://downtownromeo.net/events2/>

Romeo Caroling

December 3, 10 am -7 pm: In support of the Home Tour... call your friends, your family, pick a time for a 1-2 hour time slot to travel around town and sing your way into the Christmas season! When you arrive, you will receive a folder with a map of the 10+ businesses that will welcome you to pop in, warm up and sing a few songs. There will also be the words to some carols...or bring your own! Holiday bling is encouraged! The Dollar Store is a great place to get Santa hats, antlers, bells...have fun! **Form attached to the KT - Please fill out and submit to link following.**
Madison Roush Admin & Event Coordinator Office Phone #586-752-1170, Cell Phone # 586-588-9446
mroush@romeodda.org

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

ACTMAD 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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