

# Keepin' Tabs

*The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society*  
November 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, November 5, 2022**

**NOTE TIME CHANGE:**

**DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM, GATHERING BEGINS AT 4:30 PM**

Fellowship Hall of University Presbyterian Church

<https://goo.gl/maps/sbcBeiD1xFoKagdq8>

**No Circles in November**

Song Swap Theme - *Under The Hunter's Moon*

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## The President's Post

Let me set the record straight: Yes, I had covid, as did Larry M. and Jack E. [and a few others! ~Ed.]. Thankfully, I'm feeling fine. I expect the vaccinations and boosters deserve the credit.

Speaking of boosters, I learned that if you receive one it could take up to two weeks to reach full efficacy. I'm not Paint Creek's In-House Doctor but it makes sense to me that if you're planning to be boosted, do it sooner rather than later because we want everyone at full strength for the Tin Whistle.

About schedules, if you're one of our Tin Whistle acts, please be aware that — after three hours of music starting at 2:00 pm — we have to be packed up and out of the church sanctuary by 6:00pm. This means all performers need to step on stage tuned and conscious of the time you've been allotted to play. If each act runs over by three minutes and the break stretches an extra five, the last act might not get to play, so please, practice punctuality.

We're all looking forward to a great Tin Whistle this year that includes a schedule change from an evening show to a matinee. So far, we have had lots of positive feedback for this change.

Your President, Jack F.

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## Changes in Monthly Gatherings — Back to UPC!

We're excited to be returning to University Presbyterian Church in November 2022 for the first time since March 2020. Going forward, instead of Lawnridge Hall, we'll be in the more spacious Fellowship Hall with everything on one level and closer to parking! At the November 3rd board meeting and November 5th gathering we'll chat about the details of future gatherings, **including the change in our meeting time**. Starting in January, we plan to move any circles and jams up to 2:00 pm from the traditional 5:00 pm, giving folks more daylight to drive in. Any input, especially about circles, jams, presentations and snacks, is welcome at the November gathering. Here are some tentative plans for the next few gatherings. As always, watch your monthly Keepin' Tabs for details.

- **Saturday, November 5th** — Shorter, "Welcome Back" Gathering without circles or jams due to earlier church use of the building. Doors open at 4:00, Gathering starts at 4:30 with a

Song Swap. We will offer a simple snack and beverages and time to socialize! BYO mug encouraged.

- **Saturday, December 3rd** — Holiday Potluck starting at 2:30pm followed by singing of holiday carols and seasonal songs. Always a fun event! Watch for more details.
- **Saturday, January 7th** — Kicking off 2023! Doors 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 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 12 in the Sanctuary at University Presbyterian Church. THE CONCERT BEGINS AT 2:00 pm with doors opening at 1:30 pm. You know it's a big deal! After two years off, we're back – refreshments and all! Come see your talented Paint Creekers put on a great show!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! I'm happy to report we have nearly all volunteer positions filled - there are just a couple of open slots - we could use **one more helper for Set Up** and **one for Clean Up**. Sign up at the gathering or drop me an email (Jeff D.) or a phone call. Here's where we stand:

Jeff D., Tin Whistle Chair

**Help Spread The Word About The Tin Whistle**

Print out the flyer attached to this e-mail, and post it where you can, pass it out to friends, and tell folks how much fun this concert will be! We expect to sell out, so order tickets in advance. Larry will give a ticket sales update at the November Gathering. Tickets are \$15. Call (248) 703-5108 to reserve yours now!

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2022-23 Song Swap Themes	
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
June—Wedding Bells	August—Summer's Nigh Over

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**Membership - Don't Miss Out!**

Thanks to all who have paid their 2022-23 dues to date. The official count is 42 memberships representing 58 members. Last year we had 52 memberships representing 68 members. It looks like we may settle in with a few less members than last year, but we'll see. **Why be a guest when you**

**can pay just once and attend 11 or more gatherings for the price of 5?** To avoid the \$10 guest fee each month, PLEASE BRING YOUR CHECK (\$50 for single membership or \$90 for family membership) AND MEMBERSHIP FORM TO THE NOVEMBER GATHERING or mail them to Jeff D – see attached membership form for address. Or, If you're inclined to pay the \$10 guest fee, thinking you'll benefit PCFS by paying more over the course of the year, please consider a Sustaining Membership (\$100 (single) or \$150 (family) for sustaining membership)!

We plan to distribute a new electronic directory after the November gathering so don't wait any longer and get left out!

~Jeff D. and Dan D.

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## Ridin' Drag

by Jack F

The temperature settled low last night while tomorrow's forecast calls for mid-thirties by early evening. My forenoon bowl of oatmeal steams while one of our Japanese Maple trees releases a splash of scarlet leaves to a southeast gust. They settle onto the very spot where three days past stood a burly coyote.

Handsome, calm and capable, albeit cautious, the trickster slipped down the hill from beyond the garden, between the fading perennial beds to where he could watch us through the back window of our cedar room. While a camera was being sought, I met its curious gaze and recalled reading stories of mystical coyote lore and ancient legends of his relatives.

If you are in need of winter reading, ask Santa for a copy of Barry Lopez's, Giving Birth to Thunder, Sleeping with His Daughter: Coyote Builds North America. Another to consider is, The Voice of the Coyote, by J. Frank Dobie. May I also recommend you pick up a copy of Michigan's own Len McDougall's, The Complete Tracker.

Realize that you might not see coyote, but he sees you. When the tracking snow of November begin drifting about your door, you'll want to know what sort of winter wanderers are keeping around your neck of the woods.

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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 Andy M. 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](mailto:pcfs.kt@gmail.com)*

## Member Showcase

### Tara

November 1 & 14, 6-8 pm: The Irish Tavern, Madison Heights

November 12, 2-5 pm: PCFS Tin Whistle Concert, UPC Fellowship Hall, Rochester

November 20 & 27, 5-8 pm: O'Connor's Public House, Rochester

## Lois Sprengnether Keel Presents Live Storytelling Events

November 13, 1:00 pm & 1:45 pm: *Thankfulness* - Stories, songs and puppets for young children, Flint Children's Museum, Flint. [flintchildrensmuseum.org](http://flintchildrensmuseum.org)

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### 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](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](http://bit.ly/3r65V7G).  
**Country Dance and Song Society:** [facebook.com/cdss.org](http://facebook.com/cdss.org)  
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**Oakland County Traditional Dance Society (OCTDS):** <https://www.facebook.com/OCTDS>

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