

# Keepin' Tabs

*The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society*  
*June 2023*

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, June 3, 2023**

## **NOTE SCHEDULE:**

**2:00 pm: Meet 'n' Greet**

**2:30 pm: Presentation**

*Broadway Tunes*

**3:30 pm: Break**

**4:00 pm: Election of Officers**

**4:15 pm: Song Swap**

*Theme: Wedding Bells*

**5:30 pm: Circles and Jams**

Autoharp Circle led by Pete H

Beginners Finger Style Guitar led by Kevin T

Native American Flute Circle led by Sharon H

Instrumental Jam led by Glen & Judi M

Vocal Jam led by Jack E

**Fellowship Hall of University Presbyterian Church**

**<https://goo.gl/maps/sbcBeiD1xFoKagdQ8>**

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## **The President's Post**

Dear Members and Friends,

My goodness, what a grand gathering we enjoyed last month! Imagine, two twelve strings together, two banjos together, forty- three in attendance, twenty participants in the Song Swap and train songs from one end of the trestle to the other.

Yes, the gathering was fun and as usual I came home with extra equipment. This time I found a light back pack with water bottles inside. I discovered it near the piano where the instrumental jam is held I'll bring it to the June Gathering.

Meanwhile we have an election to hold and a slate of proposed officers for next year;s board of directors. This is also when we negotiate our contract with UPC.

We also have a scheduled Board Meeting on June 6, at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be on Zoom.

Thanks!

Your President, Jack F

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## Our June Presentation: Broadway Tunes

June: Larry Kaufman was originally scheduled for March, but we were able to reschedule his presentation for June. He's known for his parodies of popular songs, many of them based on Broadway show tunes and The Great American Songbook. An amateur critic who has attended 170 Broadway shows, numerous Broadway cruises and cast parties, he has song with Tony award winning stars. He will share personal anecdotes and one-of-a-kind videos.

### Future Gatherings:

**Sunday, July 9 Picnic** at Riverside Park at Squirrel & Auburn Roads (Downtown Auburn Hills – [goo.gl/maps/2k4sqJfDTfHSLrRu5](http://goo.gl/maps/2k4sqJfDTfHSLrRu5)) has been reserved for the day. No presentation, just jams, food and chat. Watch for details in the next KT!

**August & September:** There is no gathering in August. No presentation at the September Gathering which will be held on the **second** Saturday at the Auburn Hills River Woods Park on Squirrel Rd just south of M-59 — [goo.gl/maps/1mLy3M6sohQDJ64o7](http://goo.gl/maps/1mLy3M6sohQDJ64o7). (Don't forget the Thumbfest on Saturday September 2, featuring many of our favorite musicians, and showcasing fellow Paint Creekers.)

**October 7:** Dr. Joe Grimm will be presenting *Songs of The Great Lakes*. Dr. Grimm is a Professor of Journalism at Michigan State University, inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame after a 30-year career at The Detroit Free Press. He is the

editor of *Songquest: The Journals of Great Lakes Folklorist Ivan H. Walton*. Walton was a pioneering folklorist who collected the songs and stories of aging sailors living along the shores of the Great Lakes in the 1930s.

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## Snacks in June...

Thanks to Margaret N and Ann Z for organizing snacks for June. Please contact Sharon H or Kathy T if you'd like to add to the fun in the fall.

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## 2022-23 Song Swap Themes

June—Wedding Bells

July— Picnic! No song swap in July

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## Membership

Well folks, with the addition of one more new member in May, we currently have 78 members! That's great! It was good to see all of you last month.

Although we also have a picnic scheduled in July, the June Gathering will be our last full-scale get together for the 2022-23 season.

Since the 2023-24 season starts in September, and there is no gathering planned for August, now would be a terrific time to renew your membership and get a jump on Fall!

Jeff D and Dan D, Membership Co-chairs

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## Musicians Wanted

Christ Lutheran Church in Waterford is seeking candidates for two part-time paid positions, Music Director and Music Accompanist. The detailed job descriptions are on the church website: <https://christwaterford.org/careers/>

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## Goodrich Farmers Market

The Goodrich Farmers Market will meet weekly Sunday from 2-5 pm from May 28 to August 27 in the Goodrich Methodist Church parking lot (8071 S. State Rd. Goodrich, MI). “We are currently looking for vendors, food trucks and even musicians who would like an opportunity to grow their public presence....The best part? FREE! That's right. We are not charging for spots in our first year.” If you are interested the application and guidelines can be found at [goodrichfarmersmarket.com/applicationandrules](http://goodrichfarmersmarket.com/applicationandrules) Questions? email: [goodrichfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:goodrichfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

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## Ridin' Drag

by Jack F

After supper, a bit of reading and an arpeggio exercise with the mandolin, I walked up the hill towards the garden where a restful chore awaited me.

Back behind the big uptop garden, I am currently re-configuring our twin compost bins. A request has been made for fresh organics with which to amend the soil of several of my wife's raised garden beds. I pull out my screed, drop it over the wheelbarrow and pile on a measure of compost from the soon-to-be deconstructed bin. Then a garden rake, turned upside down is applied in a back and forth motion. Soon enough, the finest, decomposed elements will slip through the screed's wire mesh into the barrow.

This is rhythmic work, and my rake moves in waltz time. I maintain this tempo until the wheelbarrow is full and the heap of compost exhausted. My tools are stored and the fresh material tarped to protect it from rain and any freewheeling seed sown by the wind. By now it is dusk, my preferred time for rest and contemplation.

I sit and meditate on the wonder of arpeggios. Until a bat swooped in. Then three. While their silhouettes flit past the sliver of a vagabond moon, clematis beam in the lowering light, and the promise of summer takes my hand.

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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

June 6 & 20, 6-8 pm - the Irish Tavern, Madison Hts

June 10, 12 pm - Dearborn Street Festival

June 11, 12 pm Mass, 1 pm performance, Motor City Irish Fest, Greenmead Village, Livonia

June 17, 6-10 pm, Irish/Scottish Ceilidh, Kilgour Center, Troy \$\$

June 18 & 25, 5-8 pm - O'Connor's Public House, Rochester

#### Peter Stephenson

Fridays, 7-11 pm - Peter hosts Open Mic Nights at Bean And Benny, Oxford, [facebook.com/people/Bean-and-Benny/100089076537894/](https://facebook.com/people/Bean-and-Benny/100089076537894/)

#### Lois Sprengnether Keel

June 22, 6:30 pm - “Friendship Stew”, Carnegie Branch Library, Jackson, info: 517-788-4087

July 19, 1 pm - “Friendship Stew”, Reese Unity District Library, Reese [villageofreese.net/district-library](http://villageofreese.net/district-library)

July 19, 4 pm - “Friendship Stew”, [browncitylibrary.org/](http://browncitylibrary.org/)

August 17, 6 pm - “High Times in Dry Times”, Arthur Miller Branch Library, Warren, info: 586-751-537702

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

June 4, 3 pm, and a second day to be announced (see [drpeterstephenson.org](http://drpeterstephenson.org)): Detroit Blues Challenge - winner goes to the International Blues Challenge - at the Stray Cat Lounge, 40813 Garfield Rd., Clinton Township [https://detroitbluessociety.org/about\\_blues\\_challenge.htm](https://detroitbluessociety.org/about_blues_challenge.htm)

#### Detroit Ukulele Club

See <https://www.meetup.com/detroit-ukulele-club/> for 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)

#### 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. Contact Nan at [nan.drinkard@gmail.com](mailto:nan.drinkard@gmail.com)

## Open Mic at Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters

Every Monday, 8-1-pm at The Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters, 115 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. [docr.coffee](http://docr.coffee)

## 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

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

## ACTMAAD Calendar

The Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance 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. To find virtual events, click "Event Category and check "Online Event". [cdss.org/events](http://cdss.org/events)

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## **Facebook Links**

**Lois Sprengnether Keel:** "Keeping the Public in Public Domain", [facebook.com/lois.sez](https://facebook.com/lois.sez)

**Huber Breese Music Online Concerts:** [facebook.com/watch/HuberBreeseMusic/](https://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. [facebook.com/jayandmolly/live](https://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. [facebook.com/meredithaxelrod](https://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://facebook.com/cdss.org)

**Ten Pound Fiddle Concerts and Dances:** [facebook.com/TenPoundFiddle](https://facebook.com/TenPoundFiddle)

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

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

**Oakland County Traditional Dance Society (OCTDS):** [facebook.com/OCTDS](https://facebook.com/OCTDS)

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