

# Keepin' Tabs

*The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society  
July-August 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: PICNIC**

### **NOTE DIFFERENT TIME AND LOCATION!**

**SUNDAY, July 9, 2023**

**3:00 pm: Meet 'n' Greet**

**4:00 pm: Fire up the grill**

### **Riverside Park**

<https://goo.gl/maps/YNBwv4rFjf7kaAUn6>

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### **The President's Post**

Dear Members and Friends,

I'm gathering my thoughts for our next board meeting that will be held on July 16 and as usual the president prepares an agenda for the meeting and tries to stick to it. If you want the board to address a concern, see me at the picnic or let me, or any board member know and we'll do our best.

Perhaps there's something about Paint Creek you want to celebrate? Personally, I will be celebrating our first in person board meeting since the public health crisis began. Yes, sir, no Zoom, instead we'll sit in Larry Miller's living room and there will be banjos.

Each meeting the board budgets time for what we call "Comments from the Creek." We do not always have comments, but just know the board wants to be mindful to the memberships needs.

Meanwhile we're organizing a picnic, negotiating dates with University Presbyterian, and planning a celebratory 50th Tin Whistle. Thanks for another year of story and song, folks!

Thanks!

Your President, Jack F

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## **July Potluck Picnic**

**3:00 pm, Riverside Park, 3311 Squirrel Ct., Auburn Hills**

<https://goo.gl/maps/YNBwv4rFjf7kaAUn6>

Hi friends, it's Paint Creek Picnic time again and for this celebration we have reserved the large picnic shelter at Riverside Park in downtown Auburn Hills.

Limited parking is available around the park with overflow parking in the large lot across the street in back of the shopping center.

Picnic tables are available in the shelter for your convenience, but we do recommend that you bring chairs in case you want to break off with others to do some jamming.

A table will be provided for food along with a surge protector outlet for crock pots.

Please bring serving spoons, tongs, knives or forks for your potluck contributions.

Paint Creek will provide ice, plates, napkins, forks, spoons, cups (but feel free to bring your own travel mug or cup to reduce waste!), mustard & ketchup.

Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverages.

A grill will be available so hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. can be cooked. As usual, bring your own meat and bun selections.

Grill will fire up around 4:00 pm

### **ALPHABETIC MENU SUGGESTIONS**

We thought we would organize a bit more by offering menu ideas the same way we do for our holiday gathering. Food items listed below are *suggestions only*. Bring whatever you please.

**A-G:** potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, cole slaw, turkey roll-ups, chicken salad sliders, pre-sliced submarine sandwich, pizza, bucket of chicken, pickles, sliced onions.

**H-N:** chips & dip, fruit salad, cheese & crackers, California rolls, lettuce wraps, ambrosia, watermelon, deviled eggs, ham roll ups, hot or cold dips

**P-Z:** desserts (cake, cookies, pie, brownies, etc.)

**Weather Advisory** - In case inclement weather threatens, be sure to check your email inbox for cancellation notification from KT editor, Shirley Worth.

Hope to see you there!

Maggie F

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## Future Gatherings:

**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](https://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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## 2022-23 Song Swap Themes

July— Picnic! No song swap in July

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## **Pre-Peach Festival Craft Show: Busking Opportunity**

The Pre-Peach Festival Craft Show will be held at Frontier Town in Romeo on August 26-27. A friend of mine, Lorrie McCormik-Harelik is one of the event's coordinators. She's reached out to me looking for musicians who might want to participate in a busking situation during the event. If you're interested please contact her for more details at 248 819-2420 or [Lorrie.justgivingbackevents@gmail.com](mailto:Lorrie.justgivingbackevents@gmail.com)

Dan D

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## **Ridin' Drag**

by Jack F

A good reason for plunking on a banjo is to level out your thinking. A process like that produces equanimity. Philosopher Brian Johnson says equanimity is one of the best words ever, coming from the Latin *aequus* (even) and *animus* (mind) which means a balanced mind.

Everyone, whether they know it or not, wishes for a balanced mind, but not everyone realizes that the secret to attaining and maintaining such a thing relies on owning and practicing the banjo. Intriguing tidbit: Pete Seeger once said that every child should receive a banjo at birth.

Well, if you find yourself down in the dumps or given to wild extremes of emotion, get out your banjo and tune it to the ever popular "double C" tuning. That'll help freshen up your clawhammer stroke. Dig up a little tune titled "Old Molly Hare." Work on the tune phrase by phrase and before you can say Happy Fourth of July, equanimity will be yours and you'll find it easier to listen to folks of differing opinions without swinging your banjo at them.

You and Old Molly Hare will smile, wish them well, and slowly play another phrase. By then Old Blue might be at heel.

Of course, I have an open-back, Luscomb banjo, strung with nylgut strings. Hence the plunk. And like me, the instrument loves the Fourth of July, so much so that I named

the banjo July. I can't guarantee a steel strung, resonating, Stelling, OME or Gibson will go as far to balance your mind, but bring what you have to the picnic and we'll introduce you to Molly Hare.

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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

July 11 & 18, 6-8 pm - the Irish Tavern, Madison Hts  
July 23 & 30, 5-8 pm - O'Connor's Public House, Rochester

#### Dr. Peter Stephenson

Every Tuesday in July and August, 7- 9 pm - Open Mic, Lula's Café, Utica  
Every Monday in July and August, 8-10 PM - Open Mic, Desert Oasis, Rochester  
July 6, 12, 20, 26 and August 3, 9, 17, 23, 31, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM - Desert Oasis, Rochester:  
Every Friday in July and August 7 - Live Music Fridays - Bean & Benny's, Oxford

#### Lois Sprengnether Keel

August 17, 6:00 pm - Step back in time with Lois Sprengnether Keel's "High Times in Dry Times," an interactive look at Prohibition in the Detroit metro area and how our two year head start led Michigan to provide 3/4 of the smuggled alcohol during national Prohibition. Arthur Miller Branch of the Warren Public Library. For more information and to register, call 586-751-5377.

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

July 9, 1:30 pm - Brazil and Beyond at Farmington Community Library [reverbNation.com/show/25873204](https://reverbNation.com/show/25873204) or 248-553-0300

#### 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)

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

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