
Keepin' Tabs

The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society
March 2024

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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Come to the next Gathering!

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Fellowship Hall, University Presbyterian Church

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/EKzGbBSqrkePUfUa9>

2 pm: Meet & Greet

2:30 pm: Presentation

“The Patriots.” Ken Giorlando

3:30 pm: Break

4:00 pm: Song Swap

Theme: *Share Your Romantic Side*

5:30 pm-dusk: Circles & Jams

Instrumental, vocal, and others
to be announced at the Gathering

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The President's Post

In the last President's Post, I hinted about QR Codes. Well imagine that code on a business card. A business card with a logo that coordinated and complemented our website and social media accounts. A card you could pass on to friends at jams or wherever you meet people interested in Paint Creek. Between Dan Degasparis and Suzanne Rauch the work is being done to make them possible. We will discuss their efforts at our Board Meeting Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00 pm via Zoom, along with the names of those prepared to serve on the board. If that's you, let a board member know. The board will also determine whether we need to reserve parks for outside gatherings in June and September, as well as other business.

Meanwhile, the theme is Frontier Songs. Wayne Erbson has a dandy book on the subject if you need inspiration.
See you soon, Jack

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Our volunteers providing snacks for our March meeting are
J. Johnson and J. Stitt.

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Future Gatherings

Jeff D, Vice President

April 6th – *"Les Raber's Fiddle Styles, the music of a Michigan Treasure."* Brad Battey, Paul Goelz, Jim McKinney, Glen Morningstar, and Judy Raber talk about and demonstrate fiddle tunes and styles of renowned Michigan fiddler, Les Raber.

April song swap theme: The American Civil War

May song swap theme: Songs About Trees

June song swap theme: Revolution (Outdoors)

July song swap theme: Revival

August: No Gathering

September: Outdoors

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Board Meetings Are a Big Deal

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm. It will be on Zoom. If any member beyond the board would like to join in, please let Jack F. know so he can add you to the Zoom invitation.

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PAINT CREEK COUNTRY DANCE ORCHESTRA DELIGHTS!



Our own Paint Creek Country Dance Orchestra returned to the Starry Night for a Ramble Benefit Contra and Square Dance venue on February 10, 2024, after a Covid 3-year pause in dance action. And oh, the thrill of hearing their 10-strong big band sound again!! Dressed in their red holiday finery, their delightful mix of tunes at this gala annual benefit dance ushered in a really fun evening. Judi Morningstar led this fine-tuned dance orchestra.

Special thanks to Judi on keyboard, and the orchestra: Paul Goelz, Mary Lou Battley, Sami Osler, and Cindy Simmons on dulcimers, Tim Erickson on violin, Jack Erickson on tenor banjo and mandolin, Joan Johnson and Doug Osler on guitars, and Rosemary Kornacki on bass. WOW!!! Putting that together with Tom Allen and Glen Morningstar calling, and the recipe was complete.

The dance floor boasted a wonderful crowd of 66 people with lots of smiles. Dancers from as far away as Midland and Grand Rapids joined new and experienced dancers from Southeast Michigan for the evening. Thanks as well to Paint Creekers Jeff Despard, Sharon Hall, and Ursula Jacques for decorating the hall, and to Paul Jacques and Kathy Thornton for managing the Silent Auction. Lou Echeandia from Oakland County Traditional Dance Society joined the Silent Auction crew as accountant and contributor in addition to his work as gate admission coordinator. Syma Echeandia from OCTDS was the kitchen and intermission snack coordinator...what a huge buffet!

It's always a treat to work with our sister organization, the Oakland County Traditional Dance Society to cohost this event. Lisa Head, Ministries Facilitator from First United Methodist Church was with us the whole time too to assist with the utilities and resources of the church. Special thanks to Tom Allen for being the Co-Leader with yours truly for this most enjoyable evening. Of note, everyone who provided music, calling, organizing, sound, decorating, and administration, volunteered their skills and services for this benefit dance. OCTDS and PCFS split \$428 in net proceeds from the

dance, and \$253 from the Silent Auction to help our organizations continue to bring great programming and presentations to our groups.

Join us next year in February for Starry Night for a Ramble 2025. Yay.

Glen Morningstar Jr.
Co-Leader SNFAR 2024

Bristol Turns - Sarah's Jig/Catfish Jig
<https://youtu.be/zNDzwr7V63U?si=mk9sqp7xK4ttDqrU>

Swing Along - Huntsman's Chorus
<https://youtu.be/anj5JFQQEy0?si=P6YXH8aw6ewdQM2L>

Membership Highlights

At the January Gathering, we signed up a new member. Please welcome: Sue B.

Dotty D. has been recognized for her and her late husband's contributions to Paint Creek Folklore Society through the years by being voted by the Board to be an Honorary Lifetime Member. Congratulations Dotty!

We are currently at 77 members: 37 Single memberships and 20 Family memberships. We continue to add more younger members, which is important to the growth and continuation of the group. Know anyone who you think might be a good fit for PCFS?

When you attend a gathering, please stop by and sign in and get your badge. It may be the only way we know you attended.

Let's all plan to bring a music-minded friend or relative to a Gathering this year. They just might be pleasantly surprised by what we offer as a group. Make sure you tell them we are a fun group! Their first visit will be free. We have snacks and plenty of conversation, music, and camaraderie.

See you soon!

Dan D & Jack E, Membership Co-chairs

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Ridin' Drag

by Jack F

Monday afternoon we took a saunter. The day being busy, to save time, we stayed close to home and walked by way of The Turkey Damps.

We call the route by this name for two reasons. First, there are 35-40 turkeys that make their home there. Second, the topography is low and marshy, always moist wet and on most winter days, damp. There are hardwoods and high ground, but the tallest oaks shadow the soft, snow blown cattails. Cattails whose reeds reach through warming snow, slush, and the semi-frozen swampish soil.

When the sun is out, and the wind is true, the scent is optimistic. You might believe the groundhog's call was correct.

Personally, I'm not one to celebrate the ever-popular rodent. I don't resent the wood chucker's fame, or that folks travel from far and wide to experience his prognostication performed live and in person. A mammal needs a gig, right? But the critter's accuracy is downright disappointing.

So, I put my faith in another heralding of spring event. And on the last leg of our journey, to our surprise and delight, we heard our first redwing blackbird sing. Moments later three robins lit onto the sun-drenched grass in search of the wakening worm.

Not to worry, I'm not deluded and won't be draining gas out of the snow blower or stashing away the shovels soon. But you know, maybe those robins and the redwings agree. Maybe the groundhog got it right.

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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

Tara's gigs for March:

3/3/24 - O'Connor's Pub, Rochester, 5-8pm

3/8/24 - Gaelic League, Detroit, 8-11pm

3/10/24 - Parade Day Mass, Holy Trinity, 10:30am Ancient Order of the Hibernians, Redford, 2pm-9pm

3/15/24 - Brady's Tavern, Beverly Hills, 6:30-9:30pm

3/17/24 - Gus' Snug, Irish Breakfast, Clawson, 8am-10:39am, \$10 cover, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Redford, 2pm-9pm

3/24/24 - Gus' Snug, Clawson, 5-8pm

Dr. Peter Stephenson

Every Monday, 8-10 pm - Open Mic, Dessert Oasis, Rochester

Every Friday - 7-10 pm Live Music Fridays - Bean & Benny, Oxford

Jams, Concerts, Events, and more...

OCTDS

Live Lively – Hi Steppin’ – Line Dance

March 9, 7:00 pm lesson, 7:30-10:30 pm dancing. \$10 suggested donation. First United Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livernois octds.org/dance_schedule

March Winds Dance

March 16, 7:00 pm lesson, 7:30-10:30 pm dancing. \$10 suggested donation. First United Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livernois octds.org/dance_schedule

Mama’s Coffeehouse, Birmingham

Saturday, March 16, 7:30 pm Two headline acts! Linden Thoburn Trio, and The Lucky Nows
Admission: \$17 (\$15 student/senior), Cash or check at door only.

<https://bucmi.org/music-choir/mamas-coffeehouse>

<https://www.facebook.com/MAMAsCoffeehouse>

Endless Strummers Ukulele Club

The Endless Strummers Ukulele Club meets Monday evenings 7:00-8:30 at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, 749 W. 14 Mile Road, Clawson, for a little instruction and a lot of strumming. Beginners are welcome. For more info, contact Jack Erickson.
jackofallstrings@gmail.com

Open Mic Night, Starkweather Arts Center, Romeo

Fourth Friday of each month. 7 pm, \$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. Contact Nan at nan.drinkard@gmail.com

Open Mic at Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters

Every Monday, 8-10 pm at The Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters, 115 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. docr.coffee

BaseLine Folk Society

Third Saturdays, 7 pm at Plymouth Community Arts, 774 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Open mic and a featured performer. \$7 donation requested at door. Facebook:
<https://bit.ly/BaseLineFolk>

Open Mic Night, Plymouth Coffee Bean Co

First Monday of each month, 6:00 pm signup, 6:30 pm start. 884 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
plymouthcoffeebean.com

Michigan Storytelling

MI Story newsletter posted monthly: storytelling events around Michigan
michiganstorytelling.org

Ten Pound Fiddle

tenpoundfiddle.org

Friday, March 1 @ 7:30 pm - Seth Bernard and Jordan Hamilton

[Saturday, March 2 @ 7:00 pm - Contra and Square Dance](#)

[Thursday, March 7 @ 7:30 pm - Sam Robbins](#)

[Friday, March 15 @ 7:30 pm - David Francey](#)

[Saturday, March 16 @ 7:00 pm - Contra and Square Dance](#)

[Wednesday, March 20 @ 7:30 pm - Jake Shulman-Ment and Laurel Premo at The Robin Theatre](#)

ACTMAAD Calendar

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

Facebook Links

Lois Sprengnether Keel: "Keeping the Public in Public Domain", facebook.com/lois.sez

Huber Breese Music Online Concerts: 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

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

Michigan Folk music love: Photos, videos, anything of MI folk music interest.
bit.ly/3r65V7G

Country Dance and Song Society: facebook.com/cdss.org

Ten Pound Fiddle Concerts and Dances: facebook.com/TenPoundFiddle

The Ark: facebook.com/TheArkAnnArbor

AACTMAD: facebook.com/AACTMAD

Oakland County Traditional Dance Society (OCTDS): facebook.com/OCTDS

Detroit Irish Music Association-CCE: facebook.com/groups/DetroitIMA

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