

Keepin' Tabs

The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society

November 2024

Distributed monthly via email to members and friends of PCFS. To unsubscribe from this mailing list, reply to this email address with the word **unsubscribe**.

A pdf file of this KT is attached for those who still like a hard copy.

Time to Renew Your Membership!

A pdf file of the membership form is attached.

Next Gathering: Saturday, November 2, 2024

Fellowship Hall, University Presbyterian Church, 1385 S. Adams Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

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

Schedule

2:00 to 2:30: Meet and Greet

2:30 to 3:30: Presentation: Join the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our fantastic organization as Glen and Judi Morningstar, Jack and Maggie Ferguson and Kevin Tarnas present "A Brief History of the Paint Creek Folklore Society 1974-2024". Paint Creek photos, videos and memorabilia through the years will be displayed on nearby tables for all-evening viewing. 50th anniversary cake at the break too. Wow!

3:30 to 4:00: Snackin' and Yackin'. Sharon H and Kathy T are providing snacks.

4:00 to 4:15 Discussion and vote on Charter Revisions

4:15 to 5:45: Song Swap: Theme: The Times They Are A'Changin'.

5:45: Circles and Jams: Instrumental Jam led by Suzanne R, Vocal Jam led by Jack E, Native American Flutes led by Sharon H, and strumming styles for guitar led by Kevin T.

Future Gatherings, Presentations, and Song Swap Themes

Mark your calendar!

November 9 Tin Whistle Concert, 2pm! See the article, below.

December 7 Holiday Potluck, No Presentation, Holiday Songs. See the article below.

January 4 Nick Schillace presents the guitar style of Maybelle Carter. Song Swap Theme:

Criminals, Outlaws and Thugs.

February 1 Larry Stevens Presents "Major Label, Baby Boomer, Hippie-Dippie, Fairytale Blues," or (more or less) how the hippie generation brought the blues into our music. Song Swap Theme: Most Disturbing Ballads.

February 15 Starry Night for a Ramble Dance! See the article below.

March 1 Larry Everhart presents some harmonica history, styles and techniques. Song Swap Theme: Folktales About Animals.

April 5 Song Swap Theme: Michigan History.

May 3 Song Swap Theme: Redemption.

June 7 Song Swap Theme: Coming of Age/Life Changes.

July 5 Picnic, No Song Swap.

Jeff Despard, Vice President

President's Post

The November theme is The Times They Are A'Changin'. Bob Dylan recorded his famous anthem 61 years ago, and it's still relevant in today's turbulent times. The song has been recorded at least 436 times, and in at least 14 other languages.

Eleven years later, in November 1974, The Paint Creek Folklore Society was founded. Let's continue to learn and share traditional songs, stories, music and dance so that our organization, like Bob Dylan's stories and songs, is still relevant in sixty years.

Please remember to check in at the membership table on November 2, and if you haven't already done so, sign up to be a part of the 51st Tin Whistle Concert.

Paul J.

Tin Whistle Update for TW #51, Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024

Acts:

Headliner: Wilson Thicket (Bluegrass and more). Samplers: Tom Bowes and Evie Boss!

Volunteers:

Looks like we're in pretty good shape for volunteers other than getting some additional flyers out there. It's not too late to post a few more!

Publicity and Flyers:

Please call Lynn C if you can help out and let her know where you can place flyers (we have a starter list). See the attached flyer!

Tin Whistle Ticket Sales:

Now that flyers have been distributed, we are seeing an increase in Advance Ticket sales through the reservation line. If you picked up ticket packets to sell, please bring cash and checks, and return any unsold tickets at the November 2 gathering.

Jeff Despard, 2024 Tin Whistle Chair

December 7 Holiday Potluck planning suggestions

For those who like to shop/plan in advance, we are offering the following suggestions in the November KT for the December 7 th potluck. Further details will be provided in the December KT, scheduled to be published about December 1. The food items listed below are suggestions only. Bring whatever you please.

A-G: Desserts (cake, cookies, pie, brownies, etc.)

H-N: Potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, coleslaw, turkey roll-ups, chicken salad sliders, pre-sliced submarine sandwich, pizza, bucket of chicken, pickles, sliced onions.

P-Z: Chips & dip, fruit salad, cheese and crackers, California rolls, lettuce wraps, ambrosia, watermelon, deviled eggs, ham roll ups, hot or cold dips.

Call Out for Starry Night for a Ramble Dance Band Musicians!

It's that time of the year again, when the Paint Creek Country Dance Orchestra will be gathering up their favorite tunes to play for the Starry Night for a Ramble Valentine's Dance on February 15, 2025. Here's where you come in:

1. Are you a Member of Paint Creek Folklore Society?
2. Are you proficient at your instrument? Are you able to play reels at between 112 and 128; Jigs between 116 and 124, and Waltzes 110 and under?
3. Can you dedicate your Sundays in January and the first half of February to rehearsals (typically in Highland, Michigan where all my music resides)? Note that the rehearsal days, times, and locations are subject to change. (required)
4. Are you able to laugh while eating great snacks? (Or, as we refer to them - Band Treats).
5. Do you have an empty email box that's itching to be populated with music and stuff?
6. And finally, are you able to schlep your instruments and pitch in with set up/take down at the SNFAR Dance on Saturday evening Feb 15, 2025? The dance usually starts at 8:00 pm (sometimes 7 or 7:30) but we'll need to arrive quite a bit earlier.

Then we may have an opportunity for you! The Starry Night for a Ramble Dance will be February 15, 2025, at the First United Methodist Church in Troy. We have a dedicated core of veteran musicians who are more than willing to give advice and show you 'stuff' to help you transition into the wild and wonderful world of Dance Band musicians.

About Starry Night for a Ramble: This dance for the past many years has been co-hosted by Paint Creek Folklore Society and Oakland County Traditional Dance Society. OCTDS provides the facility and one of the two callers for the evening. PCFS provides the Paint Creek Country Dance Orchestra, one of the two callers for the evening, and decorates the hall. All are invited to provide snacks for the break and a Silent Auction item or two. Proceeds benefit both Paint Creek Folklore Society and Oakland County Traditional Dance Society.

If you're interested, please contact me at 248-318-5300 or email at gjmorningstar@comcast.net.

Judi M, Dance Band Baton Beater

Ridin' Drag

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For decades municipalities across the country have entertained and attempted to embrace the concept of urban farming. Up and down the boulevard folks are claiming their right to farm. The dream of converting your half-acre city lot into the next episode of Green Acres is rather romantic. And a lot of work.

Still, every turn of the season, someone is inspired to grow their own food, escape the greedy clutches of GMO Based, honeybee harming Big Ag, and live sustainably in the neighborhood. This requires city managers, council members and planning commissioners to create fair and equitable ordinances and code enforcement that benefit all involved. Which brings us to birds. Specifically, roosters.

Every urban farmer I know longs to rise of a cold frosty morning, slip into the hen house, and gently wrap their fingers around fresh laid eggs. Eggs with colors more appealing than the ones Fredrick Meijer markets. They might not be extra jumbo, but the flavor they impart will meld with your authentically grown ingredients to create an omelet Julia Child would flee Paris for.

I don't know if Julia kept chickens. But I do know that most municipalities willing to allow them, hold the rooster in low regard. Hens will be limited to five, give or take, provided their enclosure is properly built. Roosters? Nope. Why? The rooster is by all accounts an aggressive, noisy, cantankerous critter. I come by this knowledge firsthand. My mother enjoyed chickens and found roosters most colorful. And like always, mom was right, but...at four AM, in a dark horse barn, of a July morning, when her favorite rooster, Rojo, is spurring your ankles and pecking your calves, while you try to find the light switch...that's about all the scarlet and rust I can stand. Did I mention the noise?

I refer to an all-day long, incessant harangue of aviary man-splaining. Not the gentle reasonable pattering of hen-speak, nor the acceptable once or twice idyllic alarm at dawn portrayed in Saturday morning cartoons. No, it's not hard to understand how a barnyard dog could be tempted to take action into his own jaws.

So, you won't find roosters allowed within the city limits. But if you admire the flash of a rooster's comb and the varied hues, why not plant celosia cristada? That's the botanist's name for cockscomb. We enjoyed a bunch of them this year and are now in the process of gathering

seeds. Bumblebees love them. Butterflies too. When you're standing alongside them, you understand how cockscomb are regarded as symbols of humor, warmth and silliness. Like roosters, they put on a show. The blooms name comes from its resemblance to a rooster's comb and derives from the Greek word, kelos, meaning burned, burning, or flame like.

This spring, if your urban homestead is aching for some rooster attitude, but you want to stay on your neighbor's good side, plant cockscomb. Use them as a border beside your squash or cucumbers. Sow some to dress up your chicken coop. A fine complement to dahlia and zinnias, cockscomb is low maintenance, disease free, vivid to behold and best of all, you won't hear,

Little rooster crowin', must be something on his mind.

Jack F.

Membership Highlights

Thanks to those who renewed your memberships for the 2024-2025 year. It's very helpful! We're now up to 51 members and growing.

Paint Creek membership gives us the opportunity to experience the magic of Paint Creek, and also the fun of being part of making the magic happen. There are many tasks that need to be done, some big, some small. Feel free to talk to any of the board members listed below about things you're good at or interested in helping with.

See you all at our next Gathering on November 2. Remember to stop by the Welcome Desk to sign in and pick up your name tag.

Dan D and Jack E, Membership co-chairs

PCFS Board Members and Appointees

- Paul J, President
- Jeff D, Vice President
- Tom B, Secretary
- Dave B, Treasurer
- Mike A, Kathy T, Kathy R, Elaine G, Members at Large
- Jack F, President Emeritus
- Dan D, Jack E, Membership Co-chairs
- Glen M, Historian
- Dan D, Webmaster, Social Media Editor
- Andy M, Keepin' Tabs Editor

Paint Creek Charter Revisions

Well, we've brought our charter up to date, as attached in draft form – NOW IT'S TIME TO VOTE ON THE CHANGES! Remember the proposed changes now include current technology as well as adding "Presentations" to the current term "Workshops" to describe what we do before we get to the song swap, circles and jams. We need you and your vote at this November gathering when we will vote on acceptance of the revisions. There must be at least 20 members

present, so please come this time for sure. Please review the attached clean draft, if you haven't already done so last month. If you have questions or comments, please send them to me.

Jeff D.

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

Visit Us Online

Want to know more? Well, here's the link: paintcreekfolkloresociety.org.

Member Showcase:

Lois Sprengnether Keel

November 15, Commerce, 2:00 p.m. EST (Live Event)

Lois Sprengnether Keel as World War I "Hello Girl", Oleda Joure Christides presents the story of the Bi-lingual telephone operators and their 60-year battle to finally be recognized as veterans. Commerce Township Community Library, 180 Commerce Rd, Commerce Charter Twp, MI 48382. For further information and registration call (248) 669-8108.

Jams, Concerts, Events, and More

Oakland County Traditional Dance Society

<https://www.octds.org>

Mama's Coffeehouse

Mama's Coffeehouse, Birmingham

- November 16 Scott Cook
- December 21 Finvarra's Wren

<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 at the Costic Center

On the 2nd Monday of every month, there is an open mike at Costic Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills (not far from Middlebelt Rd.). It lasts from 11:00 until about 2:00 p.m. There are some really great musicians that are there each time and it's lots of fun.

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

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

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>

Michigan Storytelling

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

Ten Pound Fiddle

tenpoundfiddle.org

ACTMAAD Calendar

The Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance opportunities: aactmad.org/calendar

The Ark

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

Dr. Peter Stephenson

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

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

Romeo Art and Wine Walk

The Romeo Art and Wine Walk is Friday, October 11 from 6-9pm. You are invited to share your music indoors during this fun event! This is unpaid, but tip jars are welcome! Please contact Suzanne Rauch if interested: smr4837@gmail.com.

Facebook Links

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

Huber Breese Music Online Concerts: [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. [facebook.com/jayandmolly/live](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.
[facebook.com/meredithaxelrod](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): [facebook.com/OCTDS](https://www.facebook.com/OCTDS)

Detroit Irish Music Association-CCE: [facebook.com/groups/DetroitIMA](https://www.facebook.com/groups/DetroitIMA)

Original Dulcimer Players Club: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064673560484>

Attachments

- November KT pdf
- 2024-25 Membership Form
- Tin Whistle Flier
- PCFS Charter

The Fine Print

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