

# Keepin' Tabs

## The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society

### October 2024

Distributed 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, October 5, 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: Shake Hands with Unusual Instruments from around the World. David Smith will be bringing, discussing and demonstrating several unusual instruments from various corners of the US and the world. You'll be saying "whaaat? I never heard of that!"

4:00 to 5:30: Song Swap: Great Lakes and the High Seas.

5:30 pm: Circles and Jams. Instrumental Jam led by Suzanne R, Vocal Jam by Jack E, Flutes led by Sharon H, and part 2 of a new circle from Kevin T on strumming styles for guitar!

### Future Gatherings and Song Swap Themes

Mark your calendar!

November 2 The Times They Are A'Changin'.

December 7 Holiday Potluck, Holiday Songs.

January 4 Criminals, Outlaws and Thugs

February 1 Most Disturbing Ballads

March 1 Folktales About Animals

April 5 Michigan History

May 3            Redemption  
June 7            Coming of Age/Life Changes  
July 5            Picnic/No Song Swap

## **Upcoming Presentations**

Join the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our fantastic organization at the November 2nd meeting. "A Brief History of the Paint Creek Folklore Society" will be presented by a panel of five members. \* Glen and Judi Morningstar will provide a review of 1974-2000, Jack and Maggie Ferguson will reflect on 1990-2019, and Kevin Tarnas will refresh our memories of 2020-2024. Memorabilia and archive books will be displayed on nearby tables for all-evening viewing.

\* PowerPoint photos, stories and maybe a video clip or two will follow our timeline of major events through our half-century of folk fun."

December – Holiday Potluck, no presentation.

January – Nick Schilace will discuss the guitar style of Maybell Carter.

February – Larry Stevens – "Major Label, Baby Boomer, Hippie-Dippie, Fairytale Blues" Or, (more or less) how the hippie generation brought the blues into our music.

March – Larry Everhardt – Larry will share some harmonica history, styles and techniques

Jeff Despard, Vice President

## **Tin Whistle Update for TW #51, Nov 9, 2024**

### **Acts:**

Jack F did a great job in finding these wonderful acts for Tin Whistle # 51! Headliner – Wilson Thicket (Blue Grass and more), Samplers - Tom Bowes, Evie Boss. This should be another great show.

### **Volunteers:**

Wow! Thanks to all of you who signed up at the September Gathering, our Team/Task Coordinators now have most of the additional volunteer slots filled. We still need a few more folks as follows:

Decorations Coordinator (we have two helpers, just need the chief!)

Clean Up helpers – Jack could still use one or two additional folks to help clean up

Program Advertising Sales – Suzanne R could still use some ad sales folks. She has sent out info on how to give businesses the opportunity to purchase an ad in the program, so contact Suzanne at Smr4837@gmail.com if you can sell an ad or so.

## **Publicity - Flyers:**

Please see Lynn C to let her know where you can place flyers (we have a starter list). See the attached flyer. We'll want flyers out in the world about 2 to 4 weeks ahead – too early and they get lost – too late and folks miss 'em.

We will be circulating the volunteer sign-up sheet again at the October gathering. Please think about how you can help out and sign up for one of these teams.

Jeff Despard, 2024 Tin Whistle Chair

## **President's Post**

With the advent of cooler weather, we are back celebrating in the great indoors. We have signed a new contract with the UPC through May 2025 with no change in price.

Paint Creek wouldn't exist without our volunteers. Tin Whistle Co-chairs Jeff Despard and Jack Ferguson along with twelve others have been working hard to make the 51st Tin Whistle Concert a success. More folks are still needed, so if you are able, please sign up at the October gathering and help Paint Creek thrive for the next 50 years.  
Paul J.

## **Ridin' Drag**

This edition of Ridin'Drag is intended to be a PSA, of sorts. I will present the subject matter as short and long-term goals.

First the long: An invitation to the 2025 Midwest Banjo Camp arrived in my inbox today. This year's offerings include guitar, banjo, bass, fiddle, mandolin, and voice. As a long-term goal, why not ask around about a camp that will fit your goals? Attending a camp is a good option toward establishing a sustainable plan to ensure continuous improvement and pleasure when playing your instrument.

Last year I and several other Paint Creekers participated in the Mid-West Banjo Camp. First, it is not just for banjos, but boy howdy, there will be a bunch of them there. When you leave, after immersing yourself from Thursday to Sunday, you'll have a years' worth of material to study and practice. Mastering the elements learned would be difficult at camp, but you'll have resources and relationships to lean on as you work at home. Not to mention the fun and adventure of attempting new skills and making new friends.

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Before we leave our September behind, I have a short-range suggestion: start practicing your Christmas tunes yesterday. Ordinarily I prefer not to hear about Christmas until Thanksgiving Day passes. But if I wait until Lagniappe before I visit Silent Night, Silver Bells or Rudolph, Christmas might not be so merry.

So, remember, in October tis the season to embrace the bleak midwinter, and when you write Santa, put camp tuition at the top of your list.

Jack F.

## Paint Creek Charter Revisions

The Board has been hard at work reviewing and updating our charter to bring it up to date. At the November gathering we will vote on acceptance of these revisions. Please review the attached, clean copy with annotations removed. If you have questions or comments, please send them to me..

Jeff D.

## Membership Highlights

At our outdoor September gathering, most of the attendees renewed memberships for the 2024-2025 year. We hope that the remainder of our former members will renew memberships in the next couple of weeks.

We, on the Membership Committee, hope to generate a working Directory by late October, that is, BEFORE the Tin Whistle. This can be done, of course, only if all former members renew memberships promptly. Here are the three bullet points from the September KT about renewing memberships.

- Have a home printer? Print the attached Membership Form, fill out the form completely, and make your check out to "Paint Creek Folklore Society" (not PCFS). Mail check and form to Dan DeGasperis (His address is at the top of the Membership Form.) OR bring both to the October gathering.
- No home printer? Write out your check for \$50 (individual membership) or \$90 (family membership), put it in your wallet and bring it to the October gathering. Pick up a printed copy of the Membership Form, fill it out, and turn them both in at the Welcome Desk.
- Prefer to use a credit card? Payments can be made by credit card in person at the Welcome Desk during the October gathering.

Thanks to all of those who've renewed memberships. Don't forget to stop by the Welcome Desk to sign in and pick up your badge. As always, bring friends who enjoy folklore, music, snacks, conversation, and just having fun with friends.

Dan D & Jack E, Membership co-chairs

## 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)

## Visit Us Online

Want to know more? Well, here's the link: [paintcreekfolkloresociety.org](http://paintcreekfolkloresociety.org).

## **Member Showcase:**

### **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](mailto:smr4837@gmail.com).

### **Chuck Brodsky House Concert**

Chuck Brodsky house concert at the home of Marty and Laura Kohn in Huntington Woods, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. \$25 suggested donation, all money goes to the artist. RSVP (required) at [MartyandLauraMusic@gmail.com](mailto:MartyandLauraMusic@gmail.com)

## **Jams, Concerts, Events, and More**

### **Oakland County Traditional Dance Society**

<https://www.octds.org>

### **Mama's Coffeehouse, Birmingham**

<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](mailto: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](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 Wednesday, 8-10 pm at The Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters, 115 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. [docr.coffee](http://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](http://aactmad.org/calendar)

## **The Ark**

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)

## **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)

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**

- October KT pdf
- 2024-25 Membership Form
- Tin Whistle Flier
- PCFS Charter Draft for Review

## **The Fine Print**

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