

National Flatpick Guitar Champ Steve Kaufman September 10th

On Friday, September 10th, the Charlotte Folk Society presents **Steve Kaufman**, the only three-time winner of the National Flatpicking Guitar Championships. The hour-long concert gets underway at 7:30 PM in the Great Aunt Stella Center at 926 Elizabeth Avenue in downtown Charlotte. Doors open at 7 PM. There aren't too many (or maybe any!) genres that Steve can't bring to life with a flatpick. Expect to hear bluegrass, Celtic, country, old-time, maybe some Texas Swing, traditional Appalachian, soulful ballads, waltzes, funny songs, and fast pickin'. Sorry; that might be all we can fit into an hour! We think you'll agree with Doc Watson's opinion: "Steve Kaufman is great; the boy can pick. He knows what good music is."



Steve Kaufman

Folk Society Gatherings are family-friendly, open to the public, and free. Donations, which support the series in part, are greatly appreciated. After the concert, visitors enjoy refreshments, a song circle, and slow, fast, and Celtic jams. Folks are also invited to join the Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club session; visitors may borrow an instrument to play. All are welcomed.

Free surface parking is available adjacent to the Stella Center. The arm of the nearby parking deck goes up for the weekend at 7 PM. Pick up a ticket on the way into the parking deck, but you will not have to pay on the way out if you leave after 8 PM.

Steve Kaufman was born into a musical family in 1957. His father was a jazz piano player and his mother was a classically trained pianist. Music was always around. At age four, Steve started plinking at the piano and did so for several years. He then moved on to the electric guitar at age ten for a few years and put it away. Next came the cello in 5th grade for a few years. After this, Steve picked up the acoustic guitar and blazed right through a "Folk Guitar" method book. When finished, he thought, "If this is as hard as it gets, it's not for me." Then his younger brother, Will, started playing the banjo and his instructor told him he needed a rhythm guitar player to help with his timing. So Steve picked up his guitar again and got into the bluegrass rhythm. One day Will

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Visit Charlotte Folk Society Stage At Festival in the Park September 23-26

End-of-summer cricket songs herald the coming of shorter and cooler days. They also remind us that Charlotte's 46th Annual Festival in the Park is just a few weeks away. This free, relaxed, and family-friendly celebration of the arts takes place Thursday, September 23, through Sunday, September 26, in Freedom Park. Founded in 1964 by Belk Stores Services executive Grant Whitney, Festival in the Park has been chosen as one of Sunshine Artists Magazine's 200 Best Festivals. Some 150 artisans offer their handmade products for sale – everything from instruments to pottery to oil paintings. Attendance averages more than 100,000 each year.

For seventeen consecutive years, the Charlotte Folk Society has hosted the Folk Stage at this venerable festival. In that time, the music, dance, and storytelling we present have become mainstays of the four-day event. The CFS Stage is the first performance venue that visitors encounter after crossing the footbridge from the East Boulevard parking lot. We offer first-rate entertainment and the convenience of being in the midst of the food vendors. Of course, we hope that visitors will also drop by our Information Table to pick up newsletters,

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Charlotte Folk Society Mission

The purpose of the Charlotte Folk Society, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and an Arts & Science Council grant recipient, is to promote the ongoing enjoyment and preservation of traditional and contemporary folk music, dance, crafts, and lore.

Hire Musicians For Your Next Event

The Charlotte Folk Society has extensive resources to help you with your special event or conference – anything from just a taste of this region's Appalachian musical heritage to a full evening of music and dance with audience participation. Call Karen Singleton at 704-364-5433 to arrange for entertainment and/or instruction at reasonable rates.

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Please support these merchants who offer Charlotte Folk Society members a 10% discount on their purchases. Present your membership card at the time of purchase:

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brought home a **Flatt and Scruggs** LP, which featured Doc Watson on guitar, and Steve was hooked on flatpicking.

Steve practiced hard with his newly found love of music, sometimes up to eight hours a day. At age eighteen he entered the National Flatpicking Championships in Winfield, Kansas, and made the Top Ten. In 1977, Steve took second place to Mark O'Connor, and in 1978, at twenty-one, he returned to win the championship. After being barred for five years he returned in the sixth year to win the 1984 Championships. (Winfield bars the winner for five years and s/he can come back in the sixth year, but in 1986 they decided to open up the contest to everyone.) Steve returned to become the winner and the first and only three-time winner, as of this writing, of the National Flatpicking Championships. Sample Steve's flatpicking at www.folksociety.org. "Kaufman's great gift is the remarkable clarity of his guitar playing . . ." - **Bluegrass Unlimited**

Steve continues to work hard in the world of music. He began producing books and videos in 1989, after teaching private lessons for close to twenty years. His catalog of instructional materials is close to 75 items. His listening CDs and videos number over fourteen. Steve began touring the world, conducting seminars, workshops, clinics, and concerts in 1990 and after five years, he and his wife, Donna, began "Steve Kaufman's Flatpicking Camp." Every other year they have added more camps to their agenda and now, under the title "Steve Kaufman's Acoustic Kamps," they host a Fingerpicking Kamp, Old Time Banjo, Bluegrass Banjo, and Mandolin Kamp. Their camps have grown into the largest of their kind in the world, with students traveling from

around the world to Maryville, Tennessee. In 2002 and 2004, Steve Kaufman received the Gold Award from a reader's poll in **Acoustic Guitar Magazine** for running the "Best Workshops, Seminars and Camps." Since 1990, Steve has developed the reputation of being the "World's Guitar Instructor." Visit Steve's website at www.flatpik.com.

Steve stays busy being a husband and father, running his Kamps, touring, writing books, and recording videos and CDs, as well as owning and operating The Palace Theater, downtown Maryville's premier acoustic music venue and espresso bar.

Charlotte Folk Society Gatherings are made possible, in part, with funding from the Arts & Science Council and the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.



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talk with volunteers, and buy tickets for raffle instruments.

In showcasing the roots and branches of regional music and the traditions of storytelling and dance, we present performers of old-time, bluegrass, country, Celtic, gospel, and Americana music, as well as writers and singers of contemporary folk songs. We'll share the dance traditions of Charlotte's newcomers, as well as its settlers. **See the detailed schedule of performances on page 4 of this newsletter.** Check www.folksociety.org for updates.

A special feature, Kids' Day, Friday, from 10 AM to 1 PM, showcases storytellers and musicians that will engage young audience members. As is our custom, talented young Folk Society musicians will be featured throughout the weekend.

How To Get There & Where To Park

Freedom Park is located in the Dilworth/Myers Park area and is accessible from East Boulevard, Park Road, Kings Drive/Queens Road and Princeton Avenue. Festival entrances are off Princeton Avenue and East Boulevard. On-street parking is available on Queens Road, between Radcliffe and Princeton Avenues.

The "Light Rail" shuttle to Festival in the Park:

- * Running from the East/West light rail stop on Camden at West Boulevard
- * Shuttle will be running during Festival hours, every half-hour

Parking is available Thursday and Friday after 6 PM and all day Saturday and Sunday at:

- * Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School (Park Road and Princeton Avenue)
- * Myers Park Traditional School (Radcliffe Avenue, near Queens Road)
- * Cost is \$10 per car; proceeds benefit the respective schools.
- * Free shuttle transportation with paid parking to Festival.

Additional parking areas available Thursday and Friday after 6 PM and all day Saturday and Sunday at:

- * Carolinas Medical Center parking deck and lot (South Kings Drive and East Boulevard)
- * Cost is \$10 per car; proceeds benefit Levine Children's Hospital.

46th Annual Festival in the Park

Charlotte Folk Society Stage

September 23-26, 2010

Please note: schedule subject to change; check www.folksociety.org for latest updates.

Thursday, September 23

6:00 PM Celtic Session
6:45 PM Foli Kan
West African drums
7:15 PM NSAI Songwriters Round
8:15 PM Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club

Friday, September 24

10 AM-1 PM: Kids' Day
10:00 AM J. C. Honeycutt
Humorous kids' songs
10:30 AM Ramona Moore Big Eagle
Native American storyteller
11:00 AM Bob Wilusz
Mr. Accordion
11:30 AM Sylvia "Mama" Casey
Storyteller
12:00 PM Bob Wilusz
Mr. Accordion
12:30 PM Robin Berkman
Storyteller
1:00 - 3:30 PM Break
3:30 PM William Draper
Singer/guitarist
4:00 PM Fiona McAllister
Hammered dulcimer
4:30 PM Amity Line Dancers
5:00 PM Preston Bounds
Singer/songwriter
5:30 PM Him and Haw (Tom Phlegar & Ken Hutchins)
Country songs & corny humor
6:00 PM The Whippersnappers**
(Avery, Casey, Emmy & David McGuirt)
Bluegrass, folk, gospel & more
6:45 PM Carolina Classic Cloggers
7:30 PM Flat Possum Hoppers
(Tom Hanchett, John Cone, Mark Helms & Ruth Wherry)
Old-time stringband

8:30 PM Master Fiddler Glen Alexander & Friends
Bluegrass/swing band

Saturday, September 25

10:00 AM Josh Campbell
Old-time banjo, guitar, vocals
10:45 AM J. L. Davis Trio (Alan Davis, Brian Blaney & Jennifer Stanton)
Old-time, bluegrass, country western
11:30 AM Carson Hedburg & John Renwick**
Mountain dulcimers
12:15 PM Susan Sherlock
Hammered dulcimer
1:00 PM - 4 PM: Young Performers' Showcase
1:00 PM Maddie Shuler**
Singer/songwriter/guitarist
1:45 PM Ruth Shumway**
Seven-year-old fiddler
2:15 PM Isabelle Young**
Celtic fiddler
2:45 PM Lemonds Family Band**
Bluegrass
3:30 PM Elene Clemens**
Celtic fiddler
4:00 PM Philosopher's Stone String Band (Chris Sekerak, Pam Englebert, Josh Campbell & Michael Plumley)
Old-time stringband
4:30 PM Paul Finnican
Singer/songwriter
5:15 PM Charlotte Scottish Country Dance Society
6:15 PM The Cloers (John & Cate)
Singer/songwriters
7:00 PM Clog Carolina
7:45 PM Rob McHale
Folk, Americana
8:30 PM Harry Taylor, Jon Singleton & Friends
Old-time stringband

Sunday, September 26
11:00 AM Mark Larson
Singer/guitarist

12:00 PM Men Standing For Christ *A cappella gospel choir*
1:00 PM Tyler Mitchell**
Folk & original songs
1:45 PM Maha Gingrich Indian Dancers**
2:30 PM Amissville (Mer Laney & David Holtzclaw)
Singer/songwriters
3:15 PM Rince na h'Eireann**
Irish step dancers
4:00 PM Steve Simpson
Singer/songwriter
4:30 PM Work Release
Old-time stringband

****Young Performers Showcase**

Festival Volunteers Needed!

By Wanda Hubicki

I hope you would agree with me that CFS has a terrific and varied lineup for the Folk Stage this year. We can offer this gift to the Charlotte community because of all the musicians who are generously volunteering their time and talents.

Just as important and necessary are the volunteers who set up and break down our site and those who represent CFS to visitors at our Information Table.

So far, only eight individuals have responded to last week's emailed request for volunteers to work during the Festival. **Please, when you come to the September Gathering or receive another email, take time to sign up for a shift.** Festival in the Park is an opportunity to acquaint many more people with the music we value and with our organization. In order to be successful, we need your support. We can't do it without you!

Steve Kaufman Mandolin & Flatpicking Workshops September 11th

Steve Kaufman, well-known instructor and the only three-time winner of the National Flatpicking Championships in Winfield, Kansas, will be performing at the Charlotte Folk Society's September 10th Gathering. CFS and The Violin Shoppe are hosting workshops with Steve Kaufman on Saturday, September 11th, at Myers Park Baptist Church, 1900 Queens Road, in Charlotte, NC. Steve has more than 100 award-winning instructional books, CDs, and DVDs to his credit, as well as 19 CD recordings. Space is limited; advance registration and payment are required. **No video recording of the workshops allowed.** Reserve your place online at www.folksociety.org. Learn more about Steve Kaufman at www.flatpik.com.

Steve will teach the **Beginner/Intermediate Level Mandolin Workshop** from 10:30 AM-1:30 PM. The cost is \$45. Bring a mandolin, voice recorder, and lots of questions. Steve will go over back-up skills, right- and left-hand techniques, new songs, chords, and more.

Steve will teach the **Flatpicking Guitar Workshop**, for all proficiency levels, from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. The cost is \$45. Bring a guitar, voice recorder, and lots of questions.



Steve Kaufman

Ice Cream Social (Part II) Televised September 10th

The Cable TV Access 21 program **Fresh Squeezed Tunes** will air "Part Two" of our July 11th Old Time Music Jam & Ice Cream Social at 10:30 PM on Friday, September 10th. The half-hour show highlights jams, storytellers, clogging, and ice cream scoopers. Many thanks to CFS members Brian Blaney, creator and producer of **Fresh Squeezed Tunes**, and Dan Honeycutt, the show's director and editor, for showcasing this popular community event. Any one who caught the first episode in August and saw Karen Singleton's interviews with musicians would surely agree that she's a natural in front of the camera. The program airs the same evening as our August Gathering, so we recommend you set your DVRs to record it!

7th Annual Gospel Shout Concert September 14th

It's that time again - time for the high-energy gospel music program at the "Mother House" of the United House of Prayer, 2321 Beaties Ford Road. Since 2003, Levine Museum of the New South and Charlotte Center City Partners have presented this annual concert featuring the trombone "shout band" tradition found only in the United House of Prayer.

Listeners can arrive early and pur-

chase a soul food dinner in the church cafeteria, opening shortly before 6 PM. Soon after seven o'clock, the trombones of the **Bailey Clouds of Heaven** kick in - as heard on Smithsonian Folkways Records. Next come the guitars, tambourines, and voices of the **Bailey String Band**, followed by the **Bailey Golden Angels** a cappella choir. The evening rounds out with the **Clouds of Heaven** and special guests, the **Bailey Faith Band**, trading "shout band" instrumentals.

The music program is free to attend. For information, call 704-333-1887, extension 228, or email tom@historysouth.org.

CFS Old-Time Acoustic Jam September 12

Monthly Charlotte Folk Society Old-Time Acoustic Jams take place on second Sundays, 2 PM to 4 PM, in the Asbury Care Center Living Room at Aldersgate, 3800 Shamrock Drive (between Eastway Drive and Sharon Amity Road) in east Charlotte. **The next Jam will be on Sunday, September 12th.** Jams are free and open to all musicians and listeners. If you have questions, please contact Jam Coordinator Tom Kelleher at 704-366-9441.

Directions:

Traveling from Eastway Drive, make a right turn from Shamrock Drive into Aldersgate at the traffic light at Tipperary Place. Stop at the Guard Gate and say that you're going to the Asbury Care Center to the Folk Society jam session. The guard will direct you to the correct building and the receptionist in the Asbury Care Center will direct you to the Living Room.

Celtic Trader Ceilidhs Return This Month

By John Trexler

Join us for a Celtic Ceilidh (music session) on alternate Wednesdays, starting September 1st, at Molly MacPherson's Scottish Pub and Grill (North Church and West 5th Streets) in downtown Charlotte (www.MacPhersonsPub.com). Some street parking is available near by (free at night). Nearby parking garages such as the Dunhill Hotel (6th Street, between Tryon and Church Streets) charge \$5 at night. Complimentary pints available for musicians.

The hope is that this session will carry forth the great Malady Celtic Trader tradition of welcoming all players and fans of Celtic music! Mark your calendar for September 1st, 14th, 29th, October 13th, and so on. Sessions will take place 6:30-9:30 PM.



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Dear Folk Society Members,

We are having a party on Saturday, October 16th, and you are invited. It will be a bar-b-que and music party to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. It will be from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the historic Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in southwest Mecklenburg County. So, save the date, pack up your instruments, bring your appetite, and join us for our celebration. Look for more details in the October newsletter.

Marilyn and Jim Price

Request For Musicians To Play at Music/ Arts Book Sale Benefiting Libraries

On Saturday, October 16, books about music, dance, drama, and movies will be on sale to benefit the Library System of Mecklenburg County. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the sale will take place at The Meadows Club House, 4315 Simsbury Road (off Fairview Road behind the Foxcroft East Shopping Center). If there are single musicians or small groups who would be willing to volunteer to play for an hour between 9 AM and 5 PM, would you please contact Mary Lou Paschal at 704-364-2294 or by e-mail at johnpaschal@bellsouth.net. All Folk Society members are encouraged to attend the sale at which many wonderful books will be available. For more information, visit www.CMLibrary.org.

Try On A Harp! September 11th

Folk Society member Christine Van Arsdale is teaching a one-day, hands-on, introductory class offered on the amazing folk harp. The class takes place on Saturday, September 11, 9 AM to 12 Noon, on the CPCC Central Campus in the Sloan-Morgan Building. Register through Continuing Education at www.cpcc.edu for Course Number AAC-8030-01. Harps are provided!! \$40 covers everything!

Beginners' Clogging Classes

Folk Society Board member Cathey Franklin will be teaching clogging to beginners on Mondays from 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM, beginning Monday, September 20th, at Amity Presbyterian Church, 2831 North Sharon Amity Road in Charlotte. The total cost for all six lessons is \$25. Although all ages of adults are welcomed, the course is geared towards adults over the age of 45. Shoes with any sort of taps on them would be great, but are not necessary; shoes with a hard bottom would do fine.

Cathey has been clogging for twenty-four years and has been teaching for twenty years. She has danced with a number of teams and has been director of the **Carolina Classic Cloggers** for the past fifteen years. Please contact her by calling 704-525-3256 or emailing clognut@hotmail.com. (Please note that there are two n's in the email address.) She will give you further information or answer any questions you might have.

The Violin Shoppe Donates 2010 Raffle Instruments

Thanks to the generosity of Glen Alexander and David McGuirt, proprietors of The Violin Shoppe, Inc., Charlotte Folk Society will raise funds through instrument raffles again this year. Glen and David have donated an Ivan Dunov Prelude Model 140 Violin by Eastman Strings and a Kentucky A-Model Mandolin KM-140 by Saga.

The Ivan Dunov Prelude 140 Violin is crafted in Romania of Carpathian tone-woods, with a solid spruce top and maple back, ribs, and scroll. It features ebony pegs, finger-board, and chin rest, as well as in-laid purfling. The retail value of the violin, bow, and case is \$1000.

The Kentucky A-Model Mandolin KM-140 features a solid spruce top and maple back, sides, and neck, with a 12th fret neck joint. The finish is a traditional high-gloss sunburst. Multiple binding on the top, a bound rosewood fretboard, an adjustable truss rod, an adjustable compensated rosewood bridge, nickel-plated hardware, classic Mother of Pearl "Kentucky" script inlay and

dot markers, and deluxe tuning machines make this a very desirable instrument. Complete with a gig bag, the Kentucky A-Model Mandolin KM-140 is valued at \$300.



Kentucky A-Model Mandolin

The Violin Shoppe is located at 2112 East Seventh Street. Folk Society members receive a ten percent discount. Be sure to take your CFS member card when shopping. For detailed information about instruments, accessories, and services offered, visit www.theviolinshoppe.net. Check out their new line of acoustic and electric instruments

by Yamaha, as well as their fine Eastman guitars and mandolins. The Violin Shoppe offers traditional and bluegrass fiddle lessons, as well as classical violin lessons, including the Suzuki Method. Instruction for guitar, banjo, mandolin, Dobro, bass, and bodhran is also available. Award-winning musicians/instructors, Glen Alexander and Jon Singleton, make The Violin Shoppe a destination for traditional and bluegrass students.

The two instruments will be raffled individually. Mandolin raffle tick-



Ivan Dunov Prelude Model 140 Violin

ets cost \$2 each or \$10 for six tickets. Raffle tickets for the violin cost \$5 each or \$25 for six tickets.

The instruments will be on display and raffle tickets will be available to purchase at upcoming Gatherings and Festival in the Park. **Also, buy tickets online at www.folksociety.org.**

Drawings of the winning tickets for both instruments will take place during the Folk Society's Annual Holiday Potluck on Saturday, December 11th, at Dilworth United Methodist Church, 605 East Boulevard, in Charlotte. Ticket holders need not be present to win. For tax compliance reasons, raffle winners **must** fill out a W-9 form **before** receiving their awards. **Winners are responsible for all resulting income taxes, if any.**

Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club

The Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club meets next on Friday, September 10th, at the Great Aunt Stella Center **after** the CFS Gathering concert, approximately at 8:30 PM. This is a beginner-friendly gathering; so, if you've never played the dulcimer but would like to learn, please join us. Loaner dulcimers will be available for the meeting. For more information, call Mark Willingham at 980-254-8059.



Calendar

All calendar listings are subject to change and should be verified.

VENUE INFORMATION

The ArtsCenter, 300-G E. Main St., Carrboro, NC. 919-929-2787; www.artscenterlive.org

Belk Theater, Blumenthal Performing Arts Ctr., 130 N. Tryon St., Charlotte. 704-372-1000; www.blumenthalcenter.org

Blue Ridge Music Center, milepost 213, Blue Ridge Parkway, 700 Foothills Rd., Galax, VA. Call 276-236-5309, ext. 112; visit www.blueridgemusiccenter.org.

The Blue Vine, 209 S. Main St., Salisbury, NC. 704-797-0093; www.thebluevine.com.

Brock Performing Arts Ctr., 622 N. Main St., Mocksville, NC. Call 336-751-3000; visit www.daviearts.org

Broyhill Civic Center of Caldwell Community College, 1913 Hickory Blvd., SE, Lenoir, NC. Call 828-726-2407; www.broyhillcenter.com.

The Comet Grill, 2224 Park Rd., Charlotte. 704-371-4300

Cook Shack Concert Series, The Cook Shack, Union Grove, NC. Exit 65 off I-77 North; turn west; travel 2 miles; sits on left of road. Reservations required; email cookshack-shows@roadrunner.com or call 704-539-4353. <http://uniongrovemusic.voila.net/index.html>

Diana Wortham Theatre at Pack Place, 2 Pack Place Square, Asheville, NC. 828-257-4530; www.dwtheatre.com.

Don Gibson Theatre, Theatre, 318 S. Washington St., Shelby, NC. 704-487-8114; www.DGshelby.com

The Double Door Inn, 218 E. Independence Blvd. Charlotte, NC. 704-376-1446; www.doubledoorinn.com

The Evening Muse, 3227 N. Davidson St., Charlotte. 704-376-3737; www.theeveningmuse.com.

Fairview Ruritan Club Concerts, Fairview Rd., SR821, Galax, VA. 276-238-0376; www.fairviewruritan.com

Fiddle & Bow Society Series, Blessings, 823 Reynolda Rd., Winston-Salem, NC. 336-724-9393; www.fiddleandbow.org

The Garage, 110 West 7th St., Winston-Salem, NC. 336-777-1127; www.the-garage.ws

Grey Eagle Tavern & Music Hall, 185 Clingman Ave., Asheville, NC. 828-232-5800; www.thegreyeagle.com

Knight Theater, 430 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC. 704-372-1000; www.blumenthalcenter.org

McGlohon Theatre, Spirit Square, 345 N. College St., Charlotte, NC. 704-372-1000; www.blumenthalcenter.org

The Neighborhood Theatre, 511 E. 36th St., Charlotte, NC. 704-358-9298; www.neighborhoodtheatre.com

Old Rock School, 400 Main St. West, Valdese, NC. Call 828-879-2129; visit www.bluegrassattherock.com

Orange Peel, 101 Biltmore Ave., Asheville, NC. 828-225-5851; www.theorangepeel.net

Puckett's Farm Equipment, 2740 W. Sugar Creek Rd., Derita, NC. 704-597-8230; www.pucketsfarm.com

Purple Onion, Hwy. 176, Saluda, NC. 828-749-1179; www.purpleonionsaluda.com

Ri-Ra Irish Pub, 200 N. Tryon St., Charlotte. 704-333-5554; www.rira.com

Rodi, 245 W. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, NC. 704-864-7634; www.rodeworld.com

Scruggs Opry House, 124 N. Main St., Belmont, NC. <http://scruggsopryhouse.blogspot.com>

Skyland Performing Arts Center, Historic Skyland Hotel, 6th & Main Sts., Hendersonville, NC. 828-693-0087; www.thespac.org

Summit Coffee, 128 S. Main St., Davidson, NC. 704-895-9090; www.summitcoffee.com

The Sylvia Theater, 27 N. Congress St., York, SC. 803-684-5590; www.sylviaattheater.com.

The Visulite Theatre, 1615 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. 704-358-9200; www.visulite.com

CALENDAR LISTINGS

THRU SEP 18, New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music Exhibit, The Arts Council of Wayne County, 2406 E. Ash St., Goldsboro, NC. 919-736-3300; www.artsinwayne.org

SEP 2-4, Lil John's Mountain Music Festival w/ Ralph Stanley & the Clinch Mountain Boys, Blue Highway, Tony Rice Unit, The Churchmen, Al Batten & Bluegrass Reunion, The Snyder Family, James King Band, Rich in Tradition & more, Cane Creek Campground & RV Park, 1256 Longest Acre Rd., Snow Camp, NC. \$20 Thurs., \$30 Fri., \$30 Sat.; \$75 3-Day Pass. 336-376-8324; www.littlejohnsmountainmusic.com

SEP 3, Barrie Howard (Fridays), Sweet Peppers, Baxter Village, I-85 Fort Mill Exit, 6-8:30. 704-460-8013.

SEP 3, Conrad Oberg (blues/rock), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$10.

SEP 3, NoDa Gallery Crawl w/Sara Scott (8 PM); Morgan McPherson (9 PM); The Regulars (10 PM); Archer vs. Gunman (11 PM);The Evening Muse, Free; please remember to tip performers & buy merchandise.

SEP 3, The Honey Dewdrops, Fiddle & Bow Society Series, 8 PM, \$10.

SEP 3, Senior Dance featuring The Sunshyne Boyz (Johnny Parks, Bob Bigger & Darrell

Bumgardner w/special guest, Jerry Jenkins, on bass & vocals), Adult Recreation Ctr. (Old Armory), 519 W. Franklin Ave., Gastonia, NC. 7-9 PM, \$5; free refreshments.

SEP 3-5, Historic Happy Valley Old-Time Fiddlers Convention, Jones Farm, 3555 Hwy. 268, Lenoir, NC 28645. Community dance, competition, luthiers, Sunday morning sacred music. The final resting place of Laura Foster, allegedly killed by Tom Dooley, is on the Jones Farm. Fri. & Sun. events free; admission Sat. \$5-10. Rough camping \$10/night. 828-758-9448; www.happyvalleyfiddlers.com/index.shtml

SEP 4, Old-Time & Bluegrass Jam (Saturdays), Dixie's Coffee Roasters, 102 S. Main St., China Grove, NC. 9 AM- Noon. Contact The Rev. Greg Yeager at 704-754-6288.

SEP 4, An Evening w/Corey Harris, The Grey Eagle, 9 PM, \$12-15.

SEP 4, 4th Annual Albert Hash Memorial Festival featuring Whitetop Mountain Band, New Ballard Branch Bogtrotters, Hello Stranger w/Dale Jett, Elizabeth LaPrelle, Sheets Family Band, Wayne C. Henderson & Friends, Roan Mountain Hilltoppers, Zephyr Lightning Bolts & more, Mt. Rogers Combined School Lawn, Whitetop, VA. 10 AM-8 PM, rain or shine. Performances, Fiddle Workshop, Luthier Displays, Concessions, Crafts, Cake Walks. Admission \$10; children 12 years & younger free. 276-579-4322; www.myspace.com/alberthashmemorialfestival

SEP 4, Shannon Whitworth (founder of The Biscuit Burners) (Maxx Music), The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$12-14.

SEP 4, Joshua Panda & Ian Thomas, The Evening Muse, 10:30 PM, \$8-10.

SEP 4, Bill Sheffield & the XLs Reunion Show (roots music/blues/acoustic), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$10.

SEP 4, Amissville (Mer Laney & David Holtzclaw), The Epicentre, 2nd level, in front of the Fudgery, Trade & College Sts., Charlotte. 6-9 PM. <http://epicentrecn.com>

SEP 4, "Family Traditions" featuring Dale Jett, son of Janette Carter, Teresa Jett & Oscar Harris; The Sheets Family, Blue Ridge Music Center, 7 PM; seating opens 5:30 PM; \$10. Advance tickets available online at www.blueridgemusiccenter.org or by calling 276-236-5309.

SEP 4, Pickin' in the Evening Shade: Faysoux McLean, Freddie Vanderford & Brandon Turner, Historic Hagood Mill, 5138 Hagood Mill Rd., Pickens, SC, 6:30-8:30 PM, \$TBA. 864-898-2936; www.co.pickens.sc.us/CulturalCommission/CurrentEvents/default.aspx#UpcomingEvents

SEP 4, Rick Spreitzer, Pura Vida Worldly Art, 1521 Central Ave., Charlotte, 5-7 PM, Free. 704-335-8587; www.puravidaart.com; www.rickspreitzer.com

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SEP 4, Shindig on the Green, Bascom Lamar Lundsford Stage, Roger McGuire Green, Pack Place Park, Asheville, NC, 7-10 PM, Free.

SEP 4, Willow Grove Old-Time Jam, Willow Grove Retirement Center Activities Room, 10043 Idlewild Rd., Matthews, NC, 2-4 PM. Call Bill Williams at 704-573-6154 or 704-517-2822 (cell).

SEP 5, Charlotte Blues Society BlueSunday presents the Back-to-School Youth Jam, Double Door Inn, 8 PM (doors open 7 PM), \$5 non-members. Sign up for jam 7-7:30 PM. Families welcomed. www.charlottebluessociety.org

SEP 5, Del McCoury Band (bluegrass) w/ Emmitt-Nershi Band; New Familiars opening, U. S. National Whitewater Center, 5000 Whitewater Ctr. Parkway, Charlotte. 6 PM, \$20-25; parking \$5/car. 704-391-3900; <http://usnwc.org>

SEP 5, Traditional Irish Music Session w/ Jason Dulin, Monty Monaghan, Jon Singleton & John Trexler, RiRa Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

SEP 6, Michael Reno Harrell, WBT Radio 1110 AM (streaming at www.wbt.com), 11 AM-Noon.

SEP 6, Find Your Muse (Open Mic) (Mondays), The Evening Muse, 7 PM, \$3.

SEP 6, Open Bluegrass Jam, Scruggs Opry House, 124 N. Main St., Belmont, NC, 7-9 PM (doors open 6:45), free. <http://scruggsopryhouse.blogspot.com>

SEP 6, Charlotte Country Dancers Contra Dance w/Boys of the Loft (band) & local volunteer callers, Log cabin home of Nancy Howe, 2107 Mandarin Blvd., Charlotte. 6:30-10 PM; free. Bring a potluck dish to share. Call Nancy for directions: 704-536-9594.

SEP 7, Red Rocking Chair (Michael Reno Harrell, Jack Lawrence, Tom Kuhn & Dale Meyer) (Tuesdays), Comet Grill, 8:30-11:30 PM.

SEP 7, Barrie Howard (Tuesdays), Downtown Farmers' Market, Mooresville, NC, 7-9 PM. 704-460-8013.

SEP 8, Bluegrass with no 1 youno, Puckett's Farm Equipment, 8:30 PM, no cover.

SEP 9-12, Yiasou Greek Festival (music, dancing, culture & cuisine), Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 600 East Blvd., Charlotte. \$2 admission; ages 12 & under free. www.yiasoufestival.org

****SEP 10, Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams featuring Three-Time National Flatpicking Guitar Champion Steve Kaufman**, Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, 7:30 PM, free;

donations appreciated. Refreshments, song circle, slow & fast jams follow concert. Doors open 7 PM. Free parking. 704-563-7080; www.folksociety.org

SEP 10, Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club, Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, following the CFS concert, approx. 8:30 PM, free. Call Mark Willingham for information: 980-254-8059.

****SEP 10, 5th Annual Charlotte Folk Society Old-Time Music Jam & Ice Cream Social, Part Two, airs on Fresh Squeezed Tunes**, Time Warner Cable Acces 21, 10:30 PM.

SEP 10, 12th Annual Blues Out Back Series w/ Big Ron Hunter, Gaston County Museum, 131 West Main Ave., Dallas, NC, 6:30-8 PM, free. 704-922-7681; www.gastoncountymuseum.org/calendar.htm

SEP 10, The Gravy Boys, WUNC Back Porch Music On the Lawn Series, American Tobacco Campus, Durham, NC, 6 PM, Free; rain cancels. <http://wunc.org/events>

SEP 10, Emily Lynch & Maddie Shuler, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$8-10.

SEP 10, Davina & the Vagabonds (blues, roots music, jazz), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$10.

SEP 10-11, Mountain Song Festival (Benefit for Boys & Girls Club of Transylvania County) w/Doc Watson & David Holt, Steep Canyon Rangers, Red Wine (Friday; 5-10 PM) and Steep Canyon Rangers, Darrell Scott, The Kruger Brothers & the Darrell Scott Band (Saturday; 1:15-10 PM), Brevard Music Center, 349 Andante Pl., Brevard, NC. Buy general admission tickets online: Fri. Only \$35, Sat. Only \$40, 2 Days \$70. 828-243-3496; www.mountainsongfestival.com

SEP 10-11, Coot Williams Road Bluegrass Festival w/Darin & Brooke Aldridge, Goldwing Express, Cane Creek, Deeper Shade of Blue & more, Coot Williams Rd., Cherryville, NC. Free camping & parking. Two-day admission \$30-40. 704-447-5090; www.catawbavalleymusicrevival.com

****SEP 11, Steve Kaufman Workshops**, Myers Park Baptist Church, 1900 Queens Rd., Charlotte. Beginner/Intermediate Mandolin, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM, \$45. Flatpicking Guitar (All Levels), 2:30-5:30 PM, \$45. Preregistration & payment required. Register online at www.folksociety.org

SEP 11, 6th Annual Potters Market Invitational, Mint Museum Lawn, 2730 Randolph Rd., Charlotte. 10 AM - 4 PM; \$10 adults; \$5 ages 5-17; free under age 5. 40 premiere NC potters; old-time music by Harry Taylor & Rose Spinks. 704-337-2000; www.mintmuseum.org

SEP 11, 4th Annual Bluegrass & Gospel Festi-

val w/The Moody Brothers, L. W. Lambert & Blue River, Pinetuckett, The Don't Give Up Your Day Job Bluegrass Band, Hickory Grove United Methodist Church, 6401 Hickory Grove Rd., Charlotte, 5-8 PM, \$12 in advance; \$14 at the door. Food available to purchase. For advanced tickets, call Dwight Moody at 704-578-6793 or email Dwight@lamonrecords.com

SEP 11, Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion Summer Love Tour w/Robin & Linda Williams and Sara Watkins, Koka Booth Amphitheatre, 8003 Regency Parkway, Cary, NC. 7:30 PM, Lawn \$39.50-45; reserved & table seats \$59.50. 919-462-2052; www.boothamphitheatre.com

SEP 11, Tosco Music Party w/Steve Kaufman, Flowers Family Band, Maddie Shuler, justin-case, Montana Skies, Lee & Sarah Atkinson, Georgia Middleman, Trees Leave, CiCi Janesen, Caleb Hawley, Craig Carothers, R. B. Morris, The Speedbumps & more, Halton Theatre, Overcash PAC, Central CPCC Campus, Kings Dr. between Elizabeth Ave. & 4th St., Charlotte. 7-11 PM; \$15 Adults; \$8 15 years & younger; \$12 65 years & older. Box office: 704-330-6534. Order online at <http://tix.cpcc.edu>. www.toscomusicparty.com

SEP 11, Darden Smith CD Release Party w/ Dean Fields (Maxx Music), The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$10-12.

SEP 11, Richard Buckner (Maxx Music), The Evening Muse, 10:30 PM, \$12.

SEP 11, Rick Spreitzer, Julia's Coffee & Books, 1133 N. Wendover Rd., Charlotte, 7-9 PM.

SEP 11, Blue Ridge Parkway 75th Anniversary Celebration w/Laura Boosinger & Josh Goforth (11:30 AM-12:30 PM), Phil Jamison & the Buck Mountain Band Flatfoot Dance Workshop (5:30 PM), Round Peak Boys, Ralph Stanley & the Clinch Mountain Boys (7 PM), Blue Ridge Music Center, Free events all day. 276-236-5309; www.blueridgemusiccenter.org

SEP 12, Traditional Irish Music Session w/ Jason Dulin, Monty Monaghan, Jon Singleton & John Trexler, RiRa Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

****SEP 12, CFS Old-Time Acoustic Sunday Jam**, Asbury Care Center Living Room, Aldersgate, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, 2-4 PM, free. Contact jam coordinator Tom Kelleher with questions at 704-366-9441.

SEP 12, Out of the Drum Meetup, Sacred Grove Retreat Bed/Bike Inn, 15750 Mattons Church Rd., Gold Hill, NC. 3-5 PM; \$5. Bring your drum/rent one for \$5. Potluck follows drum circle; bring a dish to share & a drink of your choice. 704-463-0768; www.sacredgroveretreat.com

SEP 14, Gospel Shout! 2010, United House of Prayer for All People, 2321 Beatties Ford Rd., Charlotte, NC. 7:30 PM, Free.

SEP 15, Ronny Cox w/ Jack Williams (Maxx Music), The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$12-15.

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SEP 15, Toby Creek (bluegrass), Puckett's Farm Equipment, 8:30 PM, no cover.

SEP 15, Celtic Trader Ceilidh, Molly MacPherson's Scottish Pub & Grill, N. Church & W. 5th Sts., Charlotte, 6:30-9:30 PM. Free pints for musicians. 704-335-9609; www.macphersonspub.com/Main/LOC_Charlotte.aspx

SEP 16, The Wolfe Brothers, Cook Shack Concert Series, 7:30 PM, \$13; advance reservations required; write CookShackShows@roadrunner.com

SEP 16, Lake Norman Jam Session, home in Lake Norman, NC area, 7 PM, Free. Call Ralph Gettings at 704-892-7415.

SEP 16, Holy Ghost Tent Revival; Paleface opening, The Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, \$10; limited seating.

****SEP 17, Mary Z. & Bob Cox House Concert**, Home of Nancy Howe, 2107 Mandarin Blvd., Charlotte. 7:30 PM; \$15; refreshments served. Reservations & pre-payment required. Reserve online at www.folksociety.org or contact Jennifer Stanton at 704-372-7832 or jenniferstanton@yahoo.com & mail checks made to "Charlotte Folk Society" to Jennifer Stanton, 311 Kingsley Dr., Charlotte, NC 28270. Space is limited.

SEP 17, Gigi Dover & The Big Love CD Release Party (Rock/soul/Americana), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$10.

SEP 17, Paul Brown & the Mostly Mountain Boys, WUNC Back Porch Music On the Lawn Series, American Tobacco Campus, Durham, NC, 6 PM, Free; rain cancels. <http://wunc.org/events>

SEP 17, 10th Annual Blues & Burritos featuring Bob Margolin, Part-Time Blues Band, Pat "Mother Blues" Cohen, Max Drake, and Sheila Carlisle, 330 S. Main St., Mooresville, NC. 6-10 PM, free; donations to benefit the HealthReach Community Clinic & the Mooresville Soup Kitchen are encouraged. "BYO" blanket or lawn chair! Complimentary beverages from Carolina Beer & Beverage Company and burritos from Pueblo Grande will be provided. The event is hosted by Mooresville law firm, Homesley, Goodman & Wingo. More information: www.lakenormanlaw.com/events.htm

SEP 17, Cliff Eberhardt (humorous singer/songwriter), Fiddle & Bow Society Series, 8 PM, \$10.

SEP 17-19, 4th Annual Hoppin' John Old-Time & Bluegrass Fiddlers Convention, Shakori Hills, 1439 Henderson Tanyard Rd., Pittsboro, NC. www.hoppinjohn.org/contestandprizes.html

SEP 17-18, High Lonesome Strings Camp 'n' Pick & Monthly Meeting featuring Arnie Solomon & Transatlantica, Hagan-Stone Park Marina, 5920 Hagan-Stone Park Rd., Pleasant Garden, NC. Call 336-202-1536 for camping reservations; \$16/night. Friday: Jamming. Saturday: Workshops, 5 PM Potluck, 6 PM Band Concert, 7:30 PM Jamming. Bring a dish to share & your own drink; pork BBQ, plates & utensils provided. 336-420-0238; www.highlonesomestrings.org

SEP 17 - 19, World Premiere of Michael Reno Harrell's one-man show, "My Roots Are Showing, Episode 27: A Southern Boy's Bumpy Road to Manhood," Arts Council of York Co. Community Performance Ctr., 249 E. Main St., Rock Hill, SC. Fri. & Sat. 8 PM; Sun. 3 PM; \$10. 803-328-2787; www.yorkcountyarts.org

****SEP 18, Mary Z. Cox Workshops**, The Violin Shoppe, 2112 E. 7th St., Charlotte, NC. Novice/Intermediate "Creeping Up the Neck With Clawhammer Banjo," 10 AM-Noon, \$30. "Easy Stringband Mountain Dulcimer," 2-4 PM, \$30.

SEP 18, Nu-Blu (bluegrass), Leatherwoodss Opry, 4837 Fallston Rd., Fallston, NC. 7:30 PM, \$10. www.liveatleatherwoods.com/

SEP 18, High Lonesome Strings Workshops: Mandolin w/Arnie Solomon (12:30-1:30 PM; \$30-35 non-members); **Banjo w/Danny Bowers** (1:40-2:40 PM; \$30-35 non-members); **Guitar Workshop w/John Marler** (2:50-3:50 PM; \$30-35 non-members); **Fiddle Workshop w/Glen Alexander** (4:00-5:00 PM; \$30-35 non-members); Hagan-Stone Park Marina, 5920 Hagan-Stone Park Rd., Pleasant Garden, NC. Pre-register & pre-pay; make checks payable to High Lonesome Strings Bluegrass Assn.; mail to HLS Workshops, P.O. Box 482, Pleasant Garden, NC 27313

SEP 18, Apple Festival w/original songs by Bruce Piephoff & Band, blues by Mel Jones & His Bag of Bones, and Steve & Ruth Smith, performing Celtic & Appalachian songs & tunes, Historic Bethabara Park, 2147 Bethabara Rd., Winston-Salem, NC. 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Free. 336-924-8191; www.BethabaraPark.org

SEP 18, Old Time Square Dance (Traditional Appalachian Style) w/live music by the Oak Tree Boys w/guest fiddler Max Lanning, Denton Civic Ctr., W. Salisbury St., Denton, NC. 7-10:30 PM, \$5 adults; 12 & under free. Tim Maines at 336-472-2802; <http://www.dentondance.net>

SEP 18, Annual Old-Time Fiddler's Convention, Historic Hagood Mill Historic Site & Folklife Ctr., 138 Hagood Mill Rd., Pickens, SC, 10 AM - 4 PM, free; prizes for winners. 864-898-2936; www.co.pickens.sc.us/CulturalCommission/CurrentEvents/default.aspx#UpcomingEvents

SEP 18, Larry Keel & Natural Bridge (bluegrass/progressive/acoustic), Double Door Inn, 9 PM, \$10-12. Reservations & pre-payment required. Reserve online at www.folksociety.org or contact Jennifer

Stanton at 704-372-7832 or jenniferstanton@yahoo.com & mail checks made to "Charlotte Folk Society" to Jennifer Stanton, 311 Kingsley Dr., Charlotte, NC 28270. Space is limited.

SEP 19, Traditional Irish Music Session w/The Merrows, RiRa Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

SEP 21, Wade Mainer Tribute & Biography Release w/author Dick Spottswood, Big Medicine, The Happy Valley Pals, The Lonesome Prairie Dogs, Andy Cahan, Joseph DeCosimo & others, Pleasants Room, Wilson Library, 200 South Rd., Chapel Hill, NC. 5-7:30 PM, Free. www.pinecone.org/mainertribute.html

SEP 22, Greensky Bluegrass, Double Door Inn, 9 PM, \$8-10.

SEP 23, Kids Day, CFS Folk Stage, 46th Annual Festival in the Park, Freedom Park, Charlotte, NC. Music & storytelling for kids; 10 AM-1 PM, Free. Schedule at www.folksociety.org

SEP 23, David Olney & Sergio Webb (Maxx Music), The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$12.

SEP 23-25, 5th Annual FarmPark Bluegrass Festival w/The Grascals, Bill Emerson & the Sweet Dixie Band, Bobby Osborne & the Rocky Top Express, Ralph Stanley II, Larry Cordle & Lonesome Standard Time, Big Country Bluegrass, Jeanette Williams Band & many more, Denton FarmPark, 1072 Cranford Rd., Denton, NC. \$25/day; camping \$10-23/night. 336 859 2755; www.dentonbluegrass.com/farmpark/bluegrass/index.html

****SEP 23-26, CFS Folk Stage, 46th Annual Festival in the Park**, Freedom Park, Charlotte, NC. Free. Complete schedule of performances of old-time, bluegrass, gospel, country, contemporary folk, storytellers, clogging, line dancing, Indian dance & Irish dance at www.folksociety.org

SEP 23-OCT 3, MOJA Arts Festival: A Celebration of African-American & Caribbean Arts, Charleston, SC. Tickets: 843-724-7295; www.mogafestival.com

SEP 24, Marshall Crenshaw (Maxx Music), The Evening Muse, \$20-22.

SEP 24, Paul Thorn Band, Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, \$15; \$30 VIP. Dance floor open.

SEP 24, Rebecca Rippy & Co. w/Charlotte Parrott opening, The Sylvia Theater, 9 PM, \$10-12.

SEP 24-25, Fortune Williams Festival w/Robin & Linda Williams, Jimmy Fortune (Statler Brothers), Patty Loveless, Darrell Scott, Jimmy Gaudreau & Moondi Klein, and more, Frontier Culture Museum, 1290 Richmond Rd., Staunton, VA. Fri. 7:15-10

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PM; reserved seating only \$45. Sat. 12:30-10:30 PM; festival seating \$35; reserved seating \$45. 540-332-7850; <http://fortunewilliamsmusicfestival.org>

SEP 24-25, Enduring Love (musical love story set against the backdrop of the 1840s Irish potato famine) features Brian Mullane (Riverdance) & internationally ranked dancers of Rince na h'Eireann. Booth Playhouse, 130 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC. Fri. 7 PM; Sat. 2 PM & 7 PM; \$29-44. 704-372-1000; www.performingartsctr.org

SEP 25, International Festival, Halton Arena, UNC-Charlotte Campus, 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC. 9 AM-6 PM; Free. <http://ifest.uncc.edu>

SEP 25, Rick Spretizer, Summit Coffee, 8-11 PM. www.rickspreitzer.com

SEP 25, Roger Creager (Texas Country), Puckett's Farm Equipment, 9 PM, \$20.

SEP 25, Scythian (Celtic/folk/world), The Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, \$10-12; dance floor open.

SEP 25, Rory Block (blues), Americana Stage, Burke Jailhouse Gallery, 115 Meeting St., Morganton, NC, 8 PM, \$20. To reserve seats, contact Clint Bernard at 828-368-0381 (H), 828-443-2544 (cell) or americanastage@charter.net

SEP 25, An Evening of Jazz Under the Skies, MOJA Arts Festival: A Celebration of African-American & Caribbean Arts, Cistern Yard, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, \$25. 843-724-7295; www.mogafestival.com

SEP 25 - NOV 6, New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music Exhibit, Rural Life Museum, Liston B. Ramsey Ctr. for Regional Studies, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC.

SEP 26, The Mountain Music Project: A Musical Odyssey from Appalachia to Himalaya (film), Regal Park Terrace Theater, Park Road Shopping Center, 4289 Park R., Charlotte, NC, 6 PM, \$8. <http://mountainmusicproject.blogspot.com>

SEP 26, Gospel Concert by Charleston's finest gospel choirs, MOJA Arts Festival: A Celebration of African-American & Caribbean Arts, Charleston, SC, \$10. 843-724-7295; www.mogafestival.com

SEP 26, Traditional Irish Music Session w/ Jason Dulin, Monty Monaghan, Jon Singleton & John Trexler, RiRa Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

SEP 26, Irish Session with ClannDarragh, Dandelion Market, 118 W. 5th St., Charlotte, 5-7 PM. 704-333-7989; www.dandelionmarketcharlotte.com

SEP 28, Great Big Sea (Newfoundland) (Maxx Music), McGlohon Theatre, 7:30 PM, \$27.50-35.

SEP 29, Celtic Trader Ceilidh, Molly MacPherson's Scottish Pub & Grill, N. Church & W. 5th Sts., Charlotte, 6:30-9:30 PM. Free pints for musicians. 704-335-9609; www.macphersonspub.com/Main/LOC_Charlotte.aspx

SEP 29, Mac Leapheart & My Ragged Company, Double Door Inn, 9 PM, \$7.

SEP 30, April Verch (Maxx Music), The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$17.

SEP 30, Damon Fowler (blues/Americana/roots), Double Door Inn, 9 PM, \$10.

OCT 2, Carolina Gator Gumbo, Loaves & Fishes Benefit, Loaves & Fishes Warehouse, Fordham Park, 648-C Griffith Rd., Charlotte. 7-10 PM; \$50/person donation. Includes dinner by Carolina Cajun Connection. 704-523-4333; www.loavesandfishes.org

CONTRA DANCES

Charlotte Dance Gypsies, Chantilly Community Bldg., 2101 Shenandoah Ave., Charlotte. Potluck 6:30 PM, lessons 7:30 PM, dance 8-11 PM, \$8, students \$5. Gretchen at 704-537-1377 or Dean at 704-361-6387; www.charlottedancegypsies.org.

SEP 15: Free Waltz Wednesday hosted by **Bill Hixon & Lisa Faryadi;** 7:30-9:30 PM.

SEP 18: June Advincula & Friends w/ **Jesse Edgerton** calling.

Charlotte Country Dancers, Chantilly Community Bldg., 2101 Shenandoah Ave., Charlotte. Every Monday evening. Lesson 7:30 PM. Dance 8-10 PM, \$7. Call Nancy Howe at 704-536-9594. www.charlottedancegypsies.org.

SEP 5: Nancy Howe's Log Cabin Dance w/ The Boys of the Loft & callers TBA; 6:30-10 PM.

SEP 13: Tonal Recall w/ **Dean Snipes.**

SEP 20: Poultry in Motion w/ **Lesly Bowers.**

SEP 27: Global Warning w/ **Gretchen Caldwell** calling.

The Grey Eagle, Haywood Rd. & Clingman Ave., Asheville, Mondays, 8 PM, \$5. Call 828-232-5800 for details; visit www.oldfarmersball.com.

SEP 6: Avant Gardeners w/ **Diane Silver.**

SEP 13: Contraversial w/ **Charley Harvey.**

SEP 20: Footloose w/ **Robert Cromartie.**

SEP 27: Carolina Dingos w/ **Barbara Groh.**

Boone Country Dancers, Apple Barn, Valle Crucis Conference Ctr., Valle Crucis, NC. Lessons 7:30, dance 8 PM, \$7; wear soft-soled shoes. Bob Oelberg at 828-265-2627; www.boonecountrydancers.org.

SEP 11: Forget-Me-Nots w/ **Laurie Fisher.**

Carolina Song & Dance Assn., Carrboro Century Ctr., Greensboro St., between Weaver & Main, Carrboro, NC. Lessons 7:30 PM, Dance

8-11 PM, \$8. Call 919-967-9948 for directions. Visit <http://csda-dance.org/index.htm>

SEP 4: FootLoose/Contrazz Dance; Wildcat w/ **Gary Prokopowicz** calling; \$9.

SEP 17: Donnybrook Lads & Tim Smith w/ **Linda Cooper** calling.

Columbia Traditional Music and Dance, Arsenal Hill Park Bldg., Laurel & Lincoln Sts., Columbia, SC. Lessons 7 PM, Dance 7:30-10:30 PM, \$8. Call 803-796-8935 or visit www.contracola.org.

SEP 18: Cabin Fever w/ **Kenny Greer.**

Fiddle & Bow Country Dancers, The Grange, Guilford School Rd., off I-40 E, Greensboro. Lessons 7:30 PM, Dance 8-11 PM. Call Carol Thompson at 336-272-3245 or email George Segebade at gsegebade_80@msn.com. Visit website at <http://feetretreat.com>.

SEP 4: Big Celtic Fun w/ **Joy Greenwolfe.**

SEP 18: Crosstown Traffic w/ **Janet Shepherd** calling.

Fiddle & Bow Country Dancers, Vintage Theatre, Vintage St. & S. Main St., Winston-Salem, NC. Every Tuesday; Dance 8-10 PM, \$6; \$4 students. See contact info above.

SEP 7: Jubal's Kin w/ **Maggie Jo Saylor** calling (10:30 Dance).

SEP 14: Pilot Mountain Bobcats w/ **Louie Cromartie** (10:30 Dance).

SEP 21: Appalachian Storm w/ **Dean Snipes** calling (10:30 Dance).

SEP 28: Tremblay's Dream w/ **Jack Mitchell** calling (10:30 Dance).

Harvest Moon Folk Society, River Falls Lodge, near Marietta, SC, Set up 5 PM, Potluck 6:30 PM, lessons 7:30 PM, dance 8-11 PM, \$8, Children free. Call Terry Pizzuto at 864-639-6113 or email tpzzt@clemsun.edu; www.harvestmoonfolk.org.

SEP 3: Friday Advance Dance w/ **Avant Gardeners & Robbin Marcus; experienced dancers only.**

SEP 4: Land of Sky w/ **Keith Cornette-Eustis** calling.

SEP 18: Dead Sea Squirrels w/ **Beth Molaro** calling.

SEP 25: Ed Baggot & Elsie Peterson w/ **Jennie Wakefield** calling.

Harvest Moon Folk Society CityDance, Landmark Hall, 156 Landmark Dr., Taylors, SC. Lessons 7:30 PM, dance 8-11 PM, \$8, Children free. Call Terry Pizzuto at 864-639-6113 or email tpzzt@clemsun.edu; www.harvestmoonfolk.org.

SEP 24: Boys of Buncombe w/ **Bob Harper.**

Old Farmer's Ball, Bryson Gym, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC, Thursdays, Lessons 7:30 PM, Dance 8 PM, \$6. Beginning & intermediate music jam Thursdays, 7:30 PM. Information: 828-299-8823/828-298-7821 or visit www.oldfarmersball.com.

SEP 9: Blue Eyed Girl w/ **Anne Marie Walter** calling.

SEP 16: Footloose w/ **Robert Cromartie.**

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SEP 23: Ed Baggot & Elsie Peterson w/ Adina Gordon calling.

SEP 30: Big Cranky w/ Beth Molaro calling.

Triangle Country Dancers, Carrboro Century Ctr., Greensboro St., between Weaver & Main, Carrboro, NC. Lessons 7:30 PM, Dance 8-11 PM, \$8. Dance hotline: 919-286-6624; questions 919-220-8411. www.TCDancers.org.

SEP 10: Skylark w/Joy Greenwolfe.

Triangle Country Dancers, Murphey School, 3729 Murphey School Rd., Durham, NC. Lessons 7:30 PM, Dance 8-11 PM, \$8. Dance hotline: 919-286-6624; questions 919-220-8411.

www.TCDancers.org.

SEP: Bill & Libby Hicks w/Jonathan Thielen calling.

DANCE WEEKENDS

SEP 10-12: Harvest Moon Folk Society MoonDance, Table Rock State Park, Pickens, SC. **Crowfoot & Steam Shovel w/callers George Marshall & Diane Silver.** www.harvestmoonfolk.org

SEP 24-26: Feet Retreat, Camp Sertoma, Danbury, NC. **Great Bear Trio & Skytones w/callers Robert Cromartie & Nils Fredland.** www.feetretreat.com/fiddlebow/feetretreat/feetretreat.cfm

OCT 14-17: Fall LEAF, Camp Rockamont, Black Mountain, NC. **Contraversial and Fly By Night w/Kathy Anderson and Adina Gordon** calling. www.theleaf.org

ONGOING EVENTS

MONDAYS

Find Your Muse Open Mic, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$3.

1st MONDAYS

Open Bluegrass Jam, Scruggs Opry House, 124 N. Main St., Belmont, NC, 7-9 PM, free. <http://scruggsopryhouse.blogspot.com/>

4th MONDAYS

Wilkes Acoustic Folk Society, Old Southern Railway Station, Cherry St., North Wilkesboro, NC, 7 PM; www.wilkesfolks.com.

TUESDAYS

Charlotte Scottish Country Dance Society, Selwyn Ave. Presbyterian Church, 2929 Selwyn Ave., Charlotte, 7:30-9:30 PM, donation. Call 704-366-9260 or 704-333-6917.

Community Singers, Friends School of Charlotte, 7001 Wallace Rd., Charlotte, 7-8:30 PM, free. Contact Carol Raedy at 704-367-2536 or carol@communitysongleaders.org.

Mineral Springs Music Barn Open Mic Jam Sessions, 5920 Eubanks St., Mineral Springs, NC (4 mi. east of Waxhaw, on Hwy. 75, by RR tracks), 7-10 PM. Black Hat Auctions: 704-668-1689.

2nd TUESDAYS

Nashville Songwriters Assoc. International, Workshop Meeting, The Well, 220 Main St.,

Pineville, NC, 7 PM. Call Fiona MacAllister at 704-483-1671; visit www.NSA1Charlotte.com.

3rd TUESDAYS

Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing, St. Michael's Anglican Church, 2211 Margaret Wallace Rd., Charlotte, NC, 7 PM. Catherine Sullivan at 704-900-7850 or christianeducator@gmail.com; www.charlottesacredharp.org.

WEDNESDAYS

Philosopher's Stone String Band (Chris Seakerak, Pam Englebert, Josh Campbell & Michael Plumley), Philosopher's Stone Tavern, 7th & Caswell Sts., Charlotte, 7 PM, no cover; outdoors, weather permitting. 704-350-1331.

Bluegrass, Puckett's Farm Equipment, 2740 W. Sugar Ck. Rd., Derita, NC. 9-11 PM. No cover. 704-597-8230; www.puckettsfarm.com.

Bluegrass, Old-Time Country, Folk & Gospel Jam Session, Cabarrus Co. Senior Ctr., 331 Corban Ave., SE, Concord, NC. 6-9 PM. Open to the public and free. Call 704-920-3484.

High Lonesome Strings Bluegrass Jam Session, The Cultural Arts Ctr., Room 100, 200 N. Davie St., Greensboro, 7-10 PM. 336-420-0238.

1st WEDNESDAYS

Tosco House Party (open mic), The Evening Muse, 3227 N. Davidson, Charlotte, 8 PM, \$2. Host John Tosco. www.toscomusicparty.org.

THURSDAYS

Open Mic, Puckett's Farm Equipment, 2740 W. Sugar Ck. Rd., Derita, NC. 8 PM.

1st & 3rd THURSDAYS

Bluegrass Thursday Night, Allison Creek Presbyterian Church, 5780 Allison Ck. Rd., York, SC, 6:30-9:00, free; concessions available. 803-684-5875. www.allisoncreekbluegrass.com

2nd THURSDAYS

Storytellers Guild of Charlotte, Arboretum Barnes and Noble, 3327 Pineville-Matthews Rd., Charlotte, 7:30 PM, free. Storytelling first hour of meeting; public welcomed. Call Ramona Moore-Big Eagle at 704-568-6940.

3rd THURSDAYS

Lake Norman Jam Session, Lake Norman area, 7 PM. Open to all. Ralph Gettings at 704-892-7415 or ralphcrn9@aol.com for directions.

FRIDAYS

Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club, home of Carol Rousey, 9 AM-Noon. Call Carol at 704-321-2020 for directions.

English Country Dance, Matthews Orthodox Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 2701 Rice Rd. (off Idlewild Rd.), Matthews, NC, 7-9 PM. FREE. 704-309-7649 or Jason-Mauney@gmail.com.

Wilkes Acoustic Folk Society Gandy Dancer Jam & Open Mic, Old Southern Railway Station, Cherry St., North Wilkesboro, NC, 6:30 PM; www.wilkesfolks.com.

2nd FRIDAYS

****Charlotte Folk Society Gathering (August-June)**, Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth

Ave., Charlotte. Concert, song circle & jams. Free & open to the public; donations appreciated. 7:30 PM. 704-563-7080; www.folksociety.org.

Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club, Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. After Folk Society concert, app. 8:30 PM. Mark Willingham at 980-254-8059.

2nd & 4th FRIDAYS

Boots-N-Slippers Square Dance, Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, 7407 Steele Ck. Rd., Charlotte. 8-10 PM. Call 704-525-1940.

SATURDAYS

Morning Jam Session, Cook Shack, Union Grove, NC. Exit 65 off I-77 North; turn west; travel 2 miles; sits on left of road. Call Pal Ireland at 704-539-4353 for directions.

Bluegrass Jam Session, Pat's Gourmet Coffee Shop, 166 North Main St., Mooresville, 9 AM-1 PM. Call 704-662-6299.

Old-Time & Bluegrass Jam Session, Dixie's Coffee Roasters, 102 S. Main St., China Grove, NC. 9 AM- Noon. Contact The Rev. Greg Yeager at 704-754-6288.

Alleghany Jubilee, Spartan Theater, N. Main St., Sparta, NC. Live old-time & bluegrass bands; dancing. 8-11 PM; \$4. 336-372-4591; <http://alleghanyjubilee.com>

1st SATURDAYS

Willow Grove Old-Time Jam, Willow Grove Retirement Center Activities Room, 10043 Idlewild Rd., Matthews, NC, 2-4 PM. Call Bill Williams at 704-573-6154 or 704-517-2822 (cell).

3rd SATURDAYS

Old Time Square Dance (Traditional Appalachian style), Denton Civic Ctr., W. Salisbury St., Denton, NC. Bluegrass & old-time bands, 7-10:30 PM, \$5 adults. 336-472-2802; www.dentondance.net/dentondance

Folklife Demonstrations and Traditional Artists & Musicians, Historic Hagood Mill, 3 miles N of Pickens, SC, off Hwy. 178, on Hagood Mill Rd. www.co.pickens.sc.us.

SUNDAYS

Live Celtic Music at Ri-Ra, The Irish Pub, 208 N. Tryon, 7-9 PM, food available, no cover. 704-333-5554.

1st SUNDAYS

Charlotte Blues Society, Double Door Inn, 218 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, 8 PM, \$5. Concert & open mic blues jam. 704-455-5875.

2nd SUNDAYS

****CFS Monthly Old Time Jam Session**, Asbury Care Center Living Room at Aldersgate, 3800 Shamrock Drive (between Eastway Drive and Sharon Amity Road) in east Charlotte, 2-4 PM, free. Call Tom Keller at 704-366-9441.

English Country Dancers meet at 7:30 PM. Call Nancy Howe at 704-536-9594 for location (east Charlotte).

3rd SUNDAYS

Dixieland Jam Sessions, Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 1201 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, 6-9 PM, free. Dinner & bar service available.

Mary Z. & Bob Cox Concert September 17th

The Charlotte Folk Society and Jennifer Stanton are offering traditional music fans a rare opportunity to hear Mary Z. and Bob Cox perform lively old-time and bluesy folk tunes in an intimate house concert at 7:30 PM on Friday, September 17th. The concert venue is the rustic log cabin home of Nancy Howe, 2107 Mandarin Boulevard, in east Charlotte. Admission is \$15. Refreshments will feature fabulous baked goodies from Rita Hartmann's kitchen. Guests are welcome to bring their own beverages. Advance reservations and payment are required. Make reservations and pay online at www.folksociety.org.

You may also contact Jennifer Stanton at 704-321-7832 or jenniferstanton@yahoo.com for reservations and mail a check written to "Charlotte Folk Society" to Jennifer

Stanton, 311 Kingsley Drive, Charlotte, NC 28270. Space is limited, so make your reservations early. Sample Mary's audio recordings at www.folksociety.org.

Mary Z. Cox has played banjo since she was twelve, and is a two-time Florida champion. She has won banjo, dulcimer, singing, and stringband old-time music competitions in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

Banjo Newsletter readers chose Mary in 2006 as their fourth favorite clawhammer banjo player in the world. She has recorded six CDs, has written five banjo tab books, and has been published in **Banjo Newsletter**, **Studio Magazine**, and

the **Old Time Herald**.

Mary has taught banjo workshops at the Florida Folk Festival, Sunshine State Music Camp, Will McLean Festival, Florida Old Time Music Camp, and Suwannee Banjo Camp. She has also taught banjo workshops at the John C. Campbell Folk School for seven years. Her music has been played on BBC and National Public Radio, **The Thistle & Shamrock**, and is available on iTunes worldwide.



Mary Z. and Bob Cox

Mary Z. is also a Florida mountain dulcimer champion, as well as the first-place winner in the 2006 Uncle Dave Macon Days in Tennessee and three-time dulcimer champion at the 2006, 2007, and 2009 Transylvania County (North Carolina) Old-Time Music Competitions.

Mary has taught mountain dulcimer workshops at the Suwannee Dulcimer Retreat, Fall NGFDA Festival at Unicoi, Florida Folk Festival, and the Will McLean Festival. Her new **Easy String Band Method for the Mountain Dulcimer** book/cd is a new approach for beginners to learn quickly and easily without being overwhelmed.

Mary Z's latest CD, **Drumming On the Edge of Banjo**, combines the Afro/Caribbean drumming of master drummer, Yazid, with Celtic clawhammer frailing fusion banjo with five-string cello banjo, moun-

tain dulcimer, dulcimette, guitar (Bob Cox), bowed bass (Jim Crozier), and George Clinton on vocals.

Mary Z. and her husband, Bob Cox, a mighty fine guitarist, have entertained audiences coast to coast in concerts, festivals, and camps. To learn more about Mary Z. Cox, visit www.maryzcox.com.

Mary Z. Cox Workshops September 18th

Two workshops with Mary Z. Cox will be offered on Saturday, September 18th, at The Violin Shoppe, 2112 East Seventh Street, in Charlotte. Descriptions follow below. Advance registration and payment are required. Register and pay online at www.folksociety.org. You may also contact Jennifer Stanton at 704-321-7832 or jenniferstanton@yahoo.com and mail a check written to "Charlotte Folk Society" to Jennifer Stanton, 311 Kingsley Drive, Charlotte, NC 28270. Workshop space is limited; make your reservations early. Visit www.maryzcox.com to learn more about Mary.

Creeping Up the Neck with Clawhammer Banjo, 10 AM-Noon, \$30

Learn some fiddle tunes and play up the neck like the old timers on the first and second strings without closed chords or music theory. Great fun while advancing your level of play for novice/intermediates (even advanced) on clawhammer banjo. Learn a melody and harmony banjo duet, too. Please come tuned in double C

prepared for a “hands on” two-hour workshop.

Easy Stringband Mountain Dulcimer, 2-4 PM, \$30

Two-hour hands-on workshop focused on playing old-time dance tunes in DAD. We'll focus on right-hand strumming and building endurance and confidence to play fiddle tunes for jams or dances. You'll stretch your playing and have fun, too. Suitable for novice/intermediate/advanced. Come tuned in DAD and ready to play some old-time fiddle tunes.

Larger Print “Rise Up Singing” Books For Sale

CFS is selling the leader's edition of **Rise Up Singing, The Group Singing Songbook**. This book has larger print for easier reading. Its dimensions are 9" x 12", sized 120% of the original edition. Marketed by **Sing Out! The Folk Song Magazine**, the book retails for \$29.95. The CFS price is \$25 each. Buy your copy at CFS events. Alternatively, purchase them online at www.folksociety.org. If you want your book shipped, there will be an additional charge. **At this writing, we have only five copies left. If you want to be sure of a copy, order online and pick it up at the CFS Info Table in the Café after our September 10th Gathering Concert.**

Cuz's Corner is on hiatus this month, but will return in October. Meanwhile, you can call Cuz at 704-532-8846 or email him at dcmfrost@mindspring.com to discuss your favorite music!

Wade Mainer Tribute & Book Release September 21st

Old-time music fans, this is an evening you don't want to miss! Music scholar and Washington radio personality Dick Spottswood is coming to Chapel Hill on Tuesday, September 21st, to talk about his new book, **Banjo on the Mountain – Wade Mainer's First Hundred Years**, which tells the story of the man who made a career in country music playing the banjo a few years before Bill Monroe's first record became a hit. The event takes place 5-7:30 PM in the Pleasants Room, Wilson Library, 200 South Road, in Chapel Hill.

A musical tribute to Wade Mainer will feature **Big Medicine** (Jim Collier, Bob Head, Kenny Jackson, Joe Newberry); **The Happy Valley Pals** (Gail Gillespie and Margaret Martin, Dwight Rogers and Wayne Martin); **The Lonesome Prairie Dogs** (Steve Terrill, Molly Stouten, and Alan Teichman); Andy Cahan; and Joseph DeCosimo; along with other area musicians. The event will also include a reception, discussion and a Q&A session with Spottswood.

Born in North Carolina in 1907, Wade Mainer performed professionally beginning in 1932. He began performing with **Mainer's Mountaineers**, his brother's band, and later continued with his own group, **The Sons of the Mountaineers**. His heyday was during the popularity of “hillbilly music” in the 1930s and 1940s. Between 1935 and 1941, various Mainer brother combinations recorded more than 165 songs for RCA Victor, making

them some of the most heavily recorded country artists of that era. But Wade left music to work for General Motors in 1953, along with many Appalachians of his generation. Since then, he has recorded a few gospel albums, and, during the 1970s, with the renewal of interest in old-time music, and with some persuasion from fans

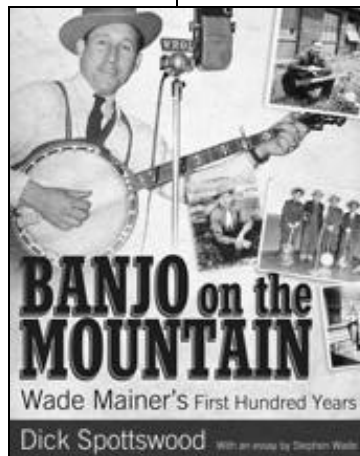
who were familiar with his early recordings, Wade began to perform in public again, accompanied by his wife, Julia Mae, a guitarist and a fine traditional singer.

Wade's music has always been noted for its traditional repertoire and for his distinctive me-

lodio two-finger banjo picking style, which was a personal trademark. This style became the basis for the three-finger banjo styles developed by Snuffy Jenkins and Earl Scruggs. His music is an antecedent of modern bluegrass. In 1987, Wade was named a National Heritage Fellow by the National Endowment of the Arts.

In Spottswood's book, Wade's life is told through his personal reflections, and the wealth of documents, memorabilia, and photos he has preserved from his long career in music. Spottswood spent time with Wade and Julia in Michigan, where they opened their collection of treasured keepsakes for the book.

Banjo on The Mountain was released in August by the University Press of Mississippi.



2010-2011 Gathering Season

We're very excited about the concert lineup for our new Gathering season – both for the variety of music represented and the quality of musicianship these performers bring to the Great Aunt Stella Center stage. Please let us know, as the season progresses, if you agree.

All events are open to the public. Most take place on second Fridays at the Great Aunt Stella Center (GASC), 926 Elizabeth Avenue, with exceptions noted. The front doors to the GASC open at 7 PM; concerts begin at 7:30 PM and last one hour. Refreshments, jams, song circle, and Appalachian Dulcimer Club follow. Gatherings are free and open to the public; donations are appreciated. Free parking.

October 8: Bluegrass Meets Mariachi brings together hot bluegrass players **Glen Alexander** (fiddle), **Jack Lawrence** (guitar), **Randy DeBruhl** (banjo) & **David Grant** (upright bass & vocals) to share and swap tunes with **Mariachi Los Gavilanes**.

November 12: 82-year-old North Wilkesboro native **Clyde "Pop" Ferguson, Sr.** performs early Appalachian and Piedmont style blues, as well as urban blues, on acoustic & electric guitars. www.popsfergusonblues.com

December 11: CFS Holiday Jam & Potluck features a short performance of Medieval & Renaissance music by **The Charlotte Waites** on period instruments. Tentatively taking place at Dilworth United Methodist Church, 605 East Blvd., Charlotte. 4 - 9:45 PM. Bring a dish to share or donate \$5/person towards expenses. www.facebook.com/pages/The-Charlotte-Waites/134362966640

January 14: Bluegrass, gospel & more by **The Snyder Family Band, featuring Zeb and Samantha.** Zeb, now 15, took 1st place in the adult guitar competition at Mt. Airy in 2009. In 2008, Samantha, now 11, became the youngest ever to win the title of "Fiddler of the Festival" at Union Grove. www.snyderfamilyband.com

February 11: Annual Young Talent



October's "Bluegrass Boys": Glen Alexander, Jack Lawrence, David Grant & Randy DeBruhl (left to right)

Showcase highlights impressive talents of young musicians, including 2010 Marilyn Meacham Price Youth Scholarship winner, Isabelle Young.

March 11: Jonesalee (Gina Jones, formerly Gina Stewart, and Brenda Lee) pay tribute to the late, great "Mother Maybelle" Carter and perform an evening of Carter Family treasures. www.jonesalee.com/welcome/gina_jones.html

April 8: Proclaimed a "Celtic guitar god" by the **Baltimore City Paper**, multi-instrumentalist **Robin Bullock**, is praised by **Dirty Linen** for "a rare combination of technical virtuosity and emotional nuance." www.robinbullock.com

May 13: Trent Wagler & The Steel Wheels are truly an Americana band, rooted in musical styles that explore the territories between blues and bluegrass, old-time sing-alongs, and foot-stompin' fiddle tunes - subtle innovators who respect the past but whistle their own tunes, layering in rich textures and decidedly modern energy to forge a new sound. This Shenandoah Valley band is a musical force to be reckoned with! www.thesteelwheels.com

June 10: The WBT Briarhoppers first hit the airwaves in 1934. Early country music superstars, they received 10,000 fan letters each week. Today, Dwight Moody, Tom Warlick, Alana Flowers, and Trent Moody carry on the Briarhopper tradition, making the band the longest performing group of country and bluegrass musicians still active today. <http://wbtbriarhoppers.blogspot.com>

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4th Annual Hoppin' John Old-Time & Bluegrass Fiddlers Convention: September 17-18, 2010

By Chris Sekerak

Many bluegrass and old-time traditional music festival-goers recall that the best days of such current favorites as Galax and Clifftop and others have already passed. Sadly, this is what often happens to the very best venues. Their popularity eventually leads to a either a leveling off or a decline from their incredible heyday. That is not to say that these aren't still darn good musical experiences. The talent per square foot is often mind-boggling. I still attend them, religiously. But, I want to remind the Charlotte traditional music community that a relatively new camping and music experience is available within a short drive from Charlotte. A Fiddlers Grove-like festival still in its infancy is the 4th Annual Hoppin' John Festival Old-Time and Bluegrass Fiddler's Convention, September 17-19, 2010, at beautiful Shakori Hills, in Silk Hope, North Carolina.

A Diamond in the Rough

The shortened days of Indian Summer bring a different outdoor camping experience: cooler nights, red-hued sunsets, cicadas, and persimmon trees with ripened fruit. In the rolling rural farmland of Chatham County (near Chapel Hill and Pittsboro), there is the crossroads town of Silk Hope. Here, along a very rural road, is the Shakori Hills farm. With its spacious (72 acres) wooded and open field camping sites, old barns, a stage, and friendly folk to welcome, you feel like a special guest. These are the early years of what will one day be a very popular festival. It is a wonderful camping and picking

experience. The music and the musicianship are both very good. There is \$3550 in prize money and a Michael Ramsey¹ banjo to be given away, based on a random drawing of all who participate in the banjo contest. Also, the first place banjo winner receives a Ramsey banjo. So, yes, there are two of these highly sought-after, hand-crafted banjos given away. The stage is well managed. Good coffee is always available at the Java Barn and the food vendors provide enjoyable fare at reasonable cost. The nightly dances feature excellent callers and bands in an open air dance pavilion. It was fun last year to get to know the many good musicians who are from the Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill Triad. I enjoyed the nighttime bonfires and informal jamming the most. Thinking of coming up to Silk

Hope? Camping begins on September 15th at a cost of \$10 per night. There are plenty of well maintained port-a-lets and drinking water is provided throughout campgrounds. Check out their website for details: www.HoppinJohn.org.

¹**Note:** For those not familiar with the exceptional craftsmanship and playability inherent in a locally made Ramsey banjo, Ramsey instruments will be on display at the ZEPP Country (Wendell, North Carolina) Music Tent left of the stage. Stop by and Manager Marc

Miller will be happy to let you hold and play one. (<http://zeppmusic.com>)

Hoppin' John: The Dish

The festival is named after a traditional southern dish. Hoppin' John is a savory mixture of black-eyed peas, rice, seasonings, vegetables, and meat, usually smoked pork. Hoppin' John is traditionally served in the South on New Year's Day to guarantee good luck in the coming year.

One of our own CFS families, the Lee Ann and Michael Plumley Family, who reside in Tega Cay, South Carolina are cooks. Michael has a long history of competing in chili cook-offs. He has won numerous cook-offs and has qualified and competed at the World's Chili Cook-off on three occasions.

Both Michael and Lee Ann donned aprons and took their posts for the Hoppin' John Cook-Off last year. This was Michael's second year participating in the HJ Cook-Off. He placed third in 2008. The Plumleys have had live stringband music at their booths for the last two years. Daughter Brittany (13 years old) is an up-and-coming fiddle player and clog dancer, as well. Michael believes that live old-time music not only entertains the other cooks and crowd, but adds that special ingredient that permeates this soulful southern dish. (I think he is right).

Many observers reported that both



Michael Plumley with trophy (photo by Chris Sekerak)

Plumley entries far surpassed the others in terms of flavor and creativity. But when the dust had settled and the final tallies were reported, Michael had just barely nosed out Lee Ann and others for the coveted Golden Skillet and cash prize.

The Golden Skillet (see photo) now dons the wall of Michael's home office, just to the left of his 1916 Gibson A-model mandolin, and Lee Ann's Ramsey banjo. The Plumleys plan to return this year to Hoppin' John to defend the title. Competition will be fierce, as the locals want the 2010 title to rest in North Carolina and not in South Carolina with a guy whose roots are in West Virginia!

If you are making the trip to Silk Hope, for this year's cook-off and traditional music fest, you will be in for a real treat. Come hungry, my friends, and stop by the Plumley booth and say, "Howdy!" Mmmm – the Hoppin' John alone would be worth the trip!

Michael Plumely's Award-Winning Hoppin' John Recipe

Note from Michael: I have not included quantities, as I never cook the same amount. Cook to your own taste. The end product should be thick and somewhat spicy.

Ingredients

Black-eyed peas (soaked overnight).
White Rice
Water
Yellow Onions
Green Pepper
Jalapeno Peppers (cut off tops and float in pot)
Seasonings: Black Pepper, Salt, Garlic, Cajun or Creole Seasoning
Smoked Meat (*Your choice; I used smoked turkey legs last year. I have also used smoked sausages, country ham, and bacon.*)

Procedure

1. Sauté onions and green peppers in skillet and add to pot.
2. Sauté selected meat in skillet and add to pot.
3. Add water and soaked peas.
4. Add seasonings to pot and float Jalapenos peppers.
5. Simmer low until peas are soft.
6. Leave plenty of liquid in the pot before adding the rice. The rice will thicken the mixture.

Welcome, New And Renewing Members!

We extend a warm welcome to our new members and thank them, as well as those renewing, for choosing to support the Charlotte Folk Society. **The names of new members appear in bold below.**

The Charlotte Folk Society is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donations are deductible as charitable contributions under applicable tax law.

We deeply appreciate donations above your basic membership and employer matches, as they enable us to continue to meet our mission and to offer scholarships for adults and young people to the Swannanoa Gathering.

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Each fall we offer new and renewing members good value for their dollars. Join any time after September 1st, and your membership will be good through December 31, 2011. It's easy – just visit www.folksociety.org and join online, using a credit card, or download a membership form and mail it in with your check. Or use the form inserted in this newsletter. You'll receive a newsletter every month to keep you up to date on CFS events, as well as a calendar that covers the music we value all over North Carolina and beyond. Join or renew now – don't miss out!

If you have a question about your membership status, please contact John Goldsbury at [flat-pick_guitar@yahoo.com](mailto:pick_guitar@yahoo.com) or 704-953-1718.

Lake Norman Jam Session September 16th

CFS member Ralph Gettings coordinates an acoustic jam group in the Lake Norman area. **The group is currently meeting in a member's home at 7 PM on the third Thursday each month. The next date is September 16th.** Contact Ralph Gettings at 704-892-7415 or ralphcrn9@aol.com for information and directions.

Great Aunt Stella Center Lost & Found

If you've lost an item while attending a concert at the Great Aunt Stella Center, please contact Mark Ponischil, the Facility Manager. Call him at 704-944-6014 and leave a message. His earliest opportunity to look into your inquiry will be the Tuesday following our Gathering. Please do not simply come to the Stella Center to ask about lost objects, as there is no one else in the building who would be aware of what has been found and Mark is not on site daily. He will arrange with you a time to come and pick up your found items.



Free Member Ads

For Sale: Kentucky Mandolin, A Model, KM180S. I will include a small stand, neck strap, soft case, and a Sabine ST-1000 Chromatic Tuner. Asking \$200.. **Call Mary Anne Locklear at 704-596-0345.**

Private Lessons: Hammered Dulcimer, Singing, Music Theory, Ukulele, and Recorder. Contact **Carol Raedy at 704-367-2536.** www.carolraedy.com

Homes wanted for male cats, one-year-old in June. They are all vaccinated (distemper & rabies) & have licenses. All neutered except one. Probably best suited to be outdoor cats, but will need safe haven available. Feather may be good indoor/outdoor cat. Photos available. **Karen Singleton: 704-364-5433 or clogginKaren@earthlink.net**



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