

## The Boozy Creek String Band Makes CFS Debut April 13th

By Wanda Hubicki

Friday the 13th will be a lucky day for old-time music fans when **The Boozy Creek String Band** performs at our April Gathering concert. For a guaranteed toe-tapping good time, join us at 7:30 PM in the Bryant Recital Hall of the Sloan-Morgan Building on the Central CPCC Campus at 1220 Elizabeth Avenue in Charlotte.



**The Boozy Creek String Band**

CFS Gatherings are family-friendly and free, although donations are appreciated. Enjoy a short refreshment break after the concert and stay on for a jam session or song circle. Free parking is available in the Central Piedmont Community College Staff Deck off Fourth Street, between Independence Boulevard and Kings Drive. Questions? Call 704-563-7080.

Question: What has ten legs, 81 strings, and 100+ years collective playing experience? Answer: **The Boozy Creek String Band**. The five-piece group includes Jeff Winegar (fiddle), Steve Davidson (upright stick bass), Gerry Davidson (guitar), Jake McMurray

(banjo), and Scott Reed (hammered dulcimer); all contribute on the vocals. The hammered dulcimer may not be considered a standard instrument among old-time bands, but it works beautifully, brightening the sound and adding its percussion to the mix.

**The Boozy Creek String Band**, like many bands, started by chance. Steve Davidson and Jeff Winegar

began playing together in 1974 and the next year they began jamming with Gerry Davidson, Steve's brother. Many evenings were spent playing tunes on the banks of the Holston River in Scott County, Virginia. In 1976 they teamed up with fiddler Greg Bond and guitar player and singer Rita Sims Quillen to form **The Dead String Squawkers**. In 1979 Greg and Rita left due to other obligations and it was back to just three. The remaining players chose **Boozy Creek String Band** as the band's name and played as a trio until 1983, at times joined by Richard Blaustein on the fiddle.

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## Betty Smith Presents Jane Hicks Gentry April 21st

Lovers of folk music have a special opportunity this month! Madison County storyteller, ballad singer, and musician Betty Smith will introduce her audience to Jane Hicks Gentry during a **free** program on Saturday, April 21, at 3 PM in the Francis Auditorium of the Main Library, 310 North Tryon Street, in downtown Charlotte. Betty Smith will intersperse the story of Gentry with ballads, songs, tales, and riddles. **Reservations are required; call 704-336-2074 to reserve your place.**

Gentry was a North Carolina mountain woman whose life revolved around her family and an oral tradition of story and song; she is renowned for having shared more songs and ballads with famous British folk song collector Cecil Sharp than any other singer in the southern mountains. Forty of these songs are found in Sharp's **English Folk Songs from the Southern Appalachians**.

Betty Smith (M.Ed., Georgia State University) has performed, taught, and shared the traditional music of the South for more than 35 years in classrooms, concert halls, workshops, and festivals. She has combined her musical

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## News and Events

### CFS Instrument Lending Library

One of the many benefits of CFS membership is the use of our instrument lending library. We ask for a \$25 deposit, to be refunded upon return of an instrument. Through the generosity of several people, we now have in our lending library a full-size accordion; a new, small, beginner's guitar; a four-string baritone ukulele, about twice the size of a typical ukulele; an open-backed, old-time five-string banjo; a clarinet, a new four-string lap dulcimer and a Gibson Mastertone four-string tenor banjo with resonator, suitable for bluegrass. Call Steve Snow at 704-569-0243 to arrange a loan.

### Folk Calendar Contributors

Thanks to Jeff Winegar, Betty Smith, and Susan Green for providing photos this month. We greatly appreciate Bill Cooke's putting together the dance calendar and Carole Outwater's compiling the events calendar. Thanks to Hat and Dan Thompson for labeling, stamping, and mailing the March newsletter. Call 704-563-7080 to help.

### CFS Board Meetings

The Charlotte Folk Society Board of Directors generally meets the first Monday of each month at 7 PM in the lobby of the Education Building of Myers Park Baptist Church, 1931 Selwyn Avenue. Call Harry Taylor at 704-366-1869 with questions or concerns.

### Call CFS To Book Music And Dance

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.

### CFS Member Discounts

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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### CFS Folk Calendar

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Gerry moved to Chicago. Steve started to play more progressive music with his other friends and Jeff moved to Charlotte and ran around the country playing with the **Rough Riders**. Through the years, though, they continued to reconnect and play at pig pickins and parties for their Big Moccasin (Virginia) friends and fellow Scott County natives several times a year.

Then, Jeff's nephew Jake Mcmurray took to the claw hammer banjo like a duck to water and their old friend and jamming buddy Scott Reed joined them on his hammered dulcimer and he fit right in. Keeping to the tradition of all Scott County boys, the Boozy Creek Boys are refueled and ready to roll.

**The Boozy Creek String Band**, now celebrating thirty-three years together, has recorded twenty songs and tunes on the newly released CD, **Now More Than Ever**. To listen to samples, visit [www.boozycreekstringband.com](http://www.boozycreekstringband.com) or [www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org).



The vitality of the performances on this recording makes me really anticipate hearing the band live in April. I have to agree with Dale Jett of Carter's Fold in Hiltons, Virginia: "In Scott County, Virginia a small stream begins, initially fed by spring water. As it winds its way into East Tennessee, it increases in size, fed by runoff water from the many hills and hollers. It's called Boozy Creek. There are a lot of good things that come out of those hills and hollers. The water, the people, the moonshine, the music. Have a little taste of Boozy Creek. I think you'll be glad you did."

(*Betty Smith, continued from page 1.*)

roots and talents with her skills as a communicator to present musical experiences that have been described as "unique" and "magical."



**Betty Smith**

With her extensive collection of Southern, Appalachian, and British ballads, folk songs, and hymns, she takes her audience on a cultural voyage.

Betty Smith is the author of **Jane Hicks Gentry: A Singer Among Singers**, and a one-woman play, **A Mountain Riddle**, and has received numerous awards in recognition of her research, writing, and contributions to preserving folklife traditions. Among these are "The Historian of the West 2000" and the "Willie Parker Peace History Book Award 1998" by the North Carolina Society of Historians. In 2001, the North Carolina Folklore Society's presented her with the Brown-Hudson Award for her contributions to the study and appreciation of folklife in North Carolina. Ms. Smith was awarded the 2002 Bascom Lamar Lunsford Award for leadership efforts to preserve and encourage traditional Southern Appalachian culture at the 75th Mountain Dance and Folk Festival. Visit [www.bettysmithballads.com](http://www.bettysmithballads.com) to sample Betty Smith's performance

and to learn more about this remarkable collector and preservationist of our cultural heritage.

This presentation is jointly sponsored by the Charlotte Folk Society and the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and is made possible through a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council's Humanities Forum, a Speakers Bureau of the NCHC.

## Art Before Dark April 26th

On Thursday, April 26th, Myers Park Baptist Church, 1931 Selwyn Avenue, will hold its annual **Art Before Dark** celebration, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. This arts event is for children in the weekday school at the church. The Folk Society participates each year in appreciation of our use of space in the building. Volunteer CFS musicians will hold a jam session in the rotunda of the Education Building. Please contact Harry Taylor at 704-366-1869 or [hataylor@ccim.net](mailto:hataylor@ccim.net) if you are able to join the jam.

## Member Ads

**Painting, Wallpaper, and Interior Renovation by Salem Enterprises, Inc. Call Lee Howard for a free estimate; 704-763-0809 or 704-573-0864.**

**Wanted: old steel anvil for blacksmithing. Call Marilyn Price at 803-548-5671; email [marijim-price@comporium.net](mailto:marijim-price@comporium.net).**



## 2007 Marilyn Meacham Price Youth Scholarship Deadline: April 28th

The Charlotte Folk Society is now offering the sixth annual Marilyn Meacham Price Youth Scholarship to the Swannanoa Gathering at Warren Wilson College. The scholarship, named in honor of the founder of the Charlotte Folk Society, is awarded as a means of fulfilling our mission to perpetuate traditional music. It is fully funded through a partnership between the Charlotte Folk Society and Warren Wilson College. The scholarship covers tuition (\$417), provided by the Folk Society, and room and board (\$317), provided by the college, for a total scholarship of \$734. **It is to be awarded to a student of traditional folk music, either instrumental or vocal, who is playing at the intermediate or advanced level.** The scholarship is a one-time award for any one of the following 2007 Swannanoa Gathering Folk Arts Workshops at Warren Wilson College: Sing & Swing Week or Dulcimer Week, July 8-14; Celtic Week, July 15-21; Old-Time Music and Dance Week, July 22-28; Guitar Week or Contemporary Folk Week, July 29-August 4; or Fiddle Week, August 5-11. Transportation will be the responsibility of the student.

Applicants should be between the ages of twelve and twenty-one. All CFS members as of March 1 are eligible to apply. Residents of Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, and Union Counties in North Carolina, and York and Lancaster Counties in South Carolina may also apply, regardless of mem-

bership status. An application must be accompanied by a letter written by the applicant about his/her interest in traditional folk music and reasons for desiring the scholarship, by a letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor, by a letter from a parent or guardian, by a liability release form, and a non-refundable \$10 application fee.

Guidelines and application materials are available and can be downloaded from the CFS website at [www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org) or by contacting Harry Taylor at 704-366-1869 or [hataylor@ccim.net](mailto:hataylor@ccim.net). Swannanoa Gathering class schedules and other information can be found at [www.swangathering.org](http://www.swangathering.org).

**All application materials must be received by Saturday, April 28, 2007. Completed applications and letters should be mailed with the \$10 fee to the following address by the April 28th deadline: The Charlotte Folk Society, c/o Salem Macknee, 14930 Hough Road, Charlotte, NC 28227.**

**Auditions for the scholarship will take place and the winner will be determined on Sunday, May 7, 2007.** Applicants must be able to attend an interview and audition to be held at 4 PM in Room 103 of the Sloan-Morgan Building, 1220 Elizabeth Avenue, Central CPCC Campus, in Charlotte. Relatives and students of scholarship judges are not eligible to apply. 2007 judges will be Harry Taylor, Phil Lesser, and Morgan Wilder.

All applicants will receive a 2007

membership in the Charlotte Folk Society. The winner will receive a certificate of completion of the course on stage at Warren Wilson College in a special ceremony. The Charlotte Folk Society will award first and second runners-up with gift certificates of \$25 and \$10. In the event that the winner is unable to attend, the next runner-up will be awarded the scholarship.

Applicants will not be judged on the basis of religion, sex, ethnic background, economic status, or physical challenges.



## CFS Seeking Treasurer

Bruce Gowan, after two years as Charlotte Folk Society Treasurer, has announced that he's stepping down due to increasing job responsibilities. He would prefer to turn over the books to someone else by June 1, but will assist in the transition to a new treasurer whenever this takes place. We greatly appreciate Bruce's service to the Folk Society.

Anyone interested in assuming this critical position should be familiar with the accrual method of accounting, able to attend monthly board meetings and most CFS functions, and able to devote 10-12 hours each month to maintaining our financial records. Officers of the organization must also be members.

For more details, contact either Harry Taylor at 704-366-1869 (evenings) or Allen Cooke at 704-366-3334.

## Welcome to New CFS Board Member, Susan Green!

**President Harry Taylor, with enthusiastic approval of the CFS Board of Directors, has appointed Susan Green to serve on the Board for the remainder of this year. As well, she has volunteered to serve CFS as Volunteer Coordinator. Please join us in welcoming her.**

**Susan lives with her dog, Happy, in a passive solar house in Elizabeth. She has contributed to the quality of life in Charlotte through years of public service as a neighborhood activist and former Mecklenburg County Commissioner. Each spring Susan returns to Washington, D.C., to volunteer as ombudsperson for the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run executive committee. This year's run raised \$828,000 for the Children's Miracle Network.**

**We asked Susan to share with us the origins of her interest in folk music and CFS:**

The Charlotte Folk Society reminds me how I grew up lying on the floor by the fire in a log cabin where my cousins and friends played folk songs and later their own original music. Walter Hyatt, Uncle Walt's Band, Warren Hood and the Waybacks, David Ball, Champ Hood, Marshall Chapman, Dave Olney, Tomi Lunsford, the DesChamps Band, the Threadgill's Troubadours, Fayssoux McLean,

Peter Cooper -- all rolled through my aunt and uncle's Spartanburg home.

Those are sweet and happy memories that rise whenever I encounter any aspect of the Folk Society. I'm happy to be in the audience for



*Susan Green and Happy*

music that touches something deep inside me. Music gives me a sense of belonging, a kind of homing instinct.

Wherever I listen to folk music, usually at the Farmers' Market on Saturdays, the monthly

Folk Society concerts and various venues, I find smiling people whose warmth and laughter make me feel good. The spirit of this group is infectiously good. The gatherings offer a really comfortable occasion to say "Hey, let's. . ." to include new friends. My enjoyment of the free concerts, jams and song circles far exceeds the low membership fee. What a bargain. These are the best dollars I spend. I just like live music.

What tantalizes me? Enthusiasm, curiosity about life stories, lively conversations, reading, current events, birds, the arts, yoga, the great outdoors and more.

What do I offer? Creative strategy, brainstorming for fundraising, unflappability.

## Tosco Music Party April 14

The next Tosco Music Party will take place on Saturday, April 14, 2007, 7-11 PM, in the Halton Theater, Overcash Performing Arts Center, 1206 Elizabeth Avenue, on the Central CPCC Campus in Charlotte.

The format of a Tosco Music Party is a performance of one or two songs by each of a variety of approximately twenty scheduled acts (both professional and amateur) who donate their time and talent. The evening is an eclectic mix of all styles of music and includes Tosco's trademark sing-alongs.

Performers scheduled so far include **David Childers and the Modern Don Juans, Derek Daisey, HuDost, Michael Young, Mieka Pauley, Naked Blue, porterdavis, Rodney Branigan, The Charlotte Community Drummers, The Two Gentlemen Band, Volatile Baby, and The Whipper-snappers**, the McGuirt family band, comprised of CFS members Avery (fiddle), Casey (mandolin), Emmy (upright bass), and David (guitar). Visit [www.toscomusicparty.com](http://www.toscomusicparty.com) for schedule updates.

Purchase tickets through the Halton Theater Box Office by calling 704-330-6534 or online at <http://sellingticket.com/cpc>. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for those fifteen years of age and younger, and \$10 for those 65 years and older. Additional ticketing fees are charged by the Halton Theater Box Office. Buy tickets in person at the box office without fees. Free parking is available in the CPCC Staff/Theater Parking Deck, accessed off Fourth Street.

# 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.

**Bill's Music Shop & Pickin' Parlor**, 710 Meeting St., West Columbia, SC. 803-796-6477; www.billsmusicshop.com.

**Blue Ridge Music Center**, milepost 213, Blue Ridge Parkway, Galax, VA. Call 276-236-5309; visit www.blueridgemusiccenter.org.

**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.

**Comet Grill**, 2224 Park Rd., Charlotte. 704-371-4300; http://thecometgrill.com.

**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 Tom Watts at cookshackshows@roadrunner.com or call the Irelands at 704-539-4353. Website: http://uniongrovemusic.site.voila.fr.

**Crossroads Coffee House**, 112 N. Broome St., Waxhaw, NC. 704-843-5667.

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

**Dilworth Coffeehouse at Quail Corners**, 8502 Park Road, Charlotte, NC. 704-552-5232.

**Dilworth Coffeehouse in Cornelius**, 9696 Bailey Rd., Ste. B, Cornelius, NC. 704-896-6960; www.dilworthcoffee.com/our\_partners.htm.

**Dilworth Playhouse Café**, 1427 South Blvd., Charlotte, NC. 704-632-0336.

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

**Dry Ridge Productions Traditional Music Series**, Clock Tower, corner of Curtis & Main Sts., Simpsonville, SC. Call Lucy Allen at 864-238-1816; visit www.acousticseen.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.bluegrassingalax.com.

**The Garage**, 110 West 7<sup>th</sup> St., Winston-Salem, NC. 336-777-1127; www.the-garage.ws/index.html.

**George Washington Bookstore & Tavern**, 16 Union St., S. Concord, NC. 704-788-1561; www.gwbandt.com.

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

**Live at Leatherwoods, Old Tyme Courtsquare Opry**, 1 W. Warren St., Shelby, NC. 704-480-7323; www.liveatleatherwoods.com.

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

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

**Oakboro Music Hall**, 213 N. Main St., Oakboro, NC. 704-485-3649; www.oakboromusicall.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.puckettfarm.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.

**Sawbriar Acoustic Stage**, 111 E. Main St., Pilot Mountain, NC. 336-368-7111; www.sawbriar.com.

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

**The Sylvia Theater**, 27 N. Congress St., York, SC. 800-514-3849; www.secondwindmusic.com/ST.

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

## CALENDAR

### APR 6

**Gallery Crawl featuring Emily Kate Boyd (7 PM), Mowgli (8 PM), Matt Stillwell (9 PM), Waterside (10 PM), A Window in Audio (11 PM)**, The Evening Muse, 7-11PM, free; tips and CD purchases appreciated.

**Eddie Shaw and The Wolf Gang**, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, cover.

**Robin Rogers**, Rodi, 8PM.

**Lenny Federal Band**, The Comet Grill, 9:30PM.

**Chatham County Line**, The Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, \$10.

**Sylvia's Songwriters Round with performing co-hosts Herschel Lee Brown & Paul Finnican & featuring Danielle Howle & Mark Bryan**, The Sylvia Theatre, 9:30PM, free.

**Thistledown Tinkers (Tom Eure & Trip Rogers; Celtic)**, Freshly Brewed Coffeehouse,

Indian Trail, NC, 8-10 PM.

### APR 7

**BBQ and Bluegrass Benefit featuring L. W. Lambert & the Blue River Boys**, Old Junior Johnson Race Shop, Somers Rd., just off Hwy. 421, Wilkes Co., NC, 5-9 PM. BBQ Plate \$10, BBQ & Bluegrass \$15. All proceeds benefit cancer patient Dwayne Pardue. Call Cook Shack at 704-539-4353 for directions from I-77 North, exit 65 to Union Grove.

**Martha's Trouble**, Rodi, 8PM.

**Rick Spreitzer w/J. D. Wilson & Kevin Edwards**, Starbucks, 1401 East Blvd., Charlotte, 8-11 PM.

**The Lenny Federal Band and The Stragglers**, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, cover.

**Doria Roberts**, 8PM, \$10Adv., The Evening Muse.

**HOPE Festival Benefit for Scoliosis featuring Kenny & Amanda Smith, Wayne Henderson, Jeff Little, Brandon Davis, Delores Boone, The Gravelys featuring Sammy Shelor**, sponsored by the Fairview Ruritan Club, 6:30PM, \$10-12.

**Danielle Howle w/ special guest**, The Sylvia Theatre, 9PM, \$5-15.

**Kickin' Grass**, The ArtsCenter, 8:30 PM, \$12.

**APR 8, Irish Session w/The Merrows**, Ri-Ra Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

**APR 9, Find Your Muse Open Mic** (Mondays), The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$3.

### APR 10

**Red Rocking Chair** (Tuesdays), The Comet Grill, 8PM.

**APR 11, Sittin' in with Tom Eure**, Double Door Inn, 9-11 PM.

**APR 12, Young Country**, Cook Shack Concert Series, 7:30 PM, \$10. Reservations required; email cookshackshows@roadrunner.com; call 704-539-4353.

### APR 13

**\*\*Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams featuring The Boozy Creek String Band**, Bryant Recital Hall, Sloan-Morgan Building, 1220 Elizabeth Ave, Central CPCC Campus, Charlotte, 7:30M, free; donations appreciated. Concert followed by song circle & jams. Call 704-563-7080 or visit www.folksociety.org.

**Willy Evans**, Rodi, 8PM.

### APR 13

**Alternative Champs**, The Visulite, 10PM, \$8.

**The Lenny Federal Band**, The Comet Grill, 9:30PM.

**Alice Peacock & Peter Bradley Adams (eastmountainsouth) w/Stephen Simmons**, The Evening Muse, 8PM, \$12-14.

**Robin Rogers and Her Hot Band**, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, cover.

# Calendar, continued

**APR 13-15, Connie Regan-Blake Workshop: Stories from the Inside Out: Exploring Personal Experience** (Friday evening through Sunday noon); Asheville, NC. 800-258-1113; [www.storywindow.com](http://www.storywindow.com)

**APR 13-15, Old Time in the Gap with Alice Gerrard & Brad Leftwich**, Southwest Virginia Museum State Park, Big Stone Gap, VA. Classes in banjo, fiddle, string band, voice & guitar, \$125. Contact Wendy Welch at 276-523-1322 or [wendy.welch@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:wendy.welch@dcr.virginia.gov)

**David Childers and the Modern Don Juans w/ Denice Franke**, Rodi Loft, 8PM, \$8Adv, \$10door.

**APR 14 Tosco Music Party featuring David Childers & The Modern Don Juans, Derek Daisey, HuDost, Michael Young, Mieka Pauley, Naked Blue, Porter Davis, Rodney Branigan, The Two Man Gentlemen Band, Volatile Baby, The Whippersnappers (McGuirt Family Band) & more**, Halton Theater, CPCC Overcash Performing Arts Center, 1206 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, 7-11 PM; \$12 adults, \$10 Srs. (65 yrs.+), children \$6 (15 yrs. & under). [www.toscomusicparty.org](http://www.toscomusicparty.org)

**Wildstock Festival featuring John Cowan Band and Lucy Angel**, Concord Mills Mall in front of Bass Pro Shops, Concord, NC. Gates open 2 PM, music 4 PM, \$15; 2% benefits NC wildlife conservation. Tickets: [www.wildstocker.org/index.html](http://www.wildstocker.org/index.html)

**The King Bees 20 Year Celebration**, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, cover.

**Larry Sigmon & Barbara Poole, The Wolfe Brothers**, Fairview Ruritan Club, Galax, VA, 7:30PM, \$10. Dancers welcome; please, no taps on shoes.

**2007 National Step Championship**, Ovens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, 7 PM, \$18-30. Tickets: [www.ovensauditorium.com](http://www.ovensauditorium.com)

**Lenny Federal**, Rodi, 8PM.

**Porter Davis w/The Fens**, The Evening Muse, 11 PM, \$6 adv.

**APR 15 \*\*CFS Monthly Old Time Jam Session**, Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, 2-4 PM, free. Call Tom Kelleher at 704-366-9441.

**Irish Session w/Acme Celi Band**, Ri-Ra Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

**Hawaiian Hula Dance by Hula Halau 'O Kealaakua Naniloa Mana 'oakamai Elua**,

PineCone Series, Daniels Auditorium, NC Museum of History, Raleigh, NC, 3-4PM, free. 919-807-7900; [www.pinecone.org](http://www.pinecone.org).

**Richard Shindell**, The Evening Muse, 8PM, \$17.50 Adv.

**APR 16 Vienna Teng w/Over the Rhine**, The Visulite, 9PM, \$15.

**APR 17 Jazz Composers Forum**, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$10.

**1st Annual York Co. Talent Showcase** (50% to benefit Rotary Club charities) featuring **Cadillac High, Square Roots, Oneppo Brothers, Hunter Lane, Rusty Pilot, Southern Silk, David Griffin & others**, The Sylvania Theater, 6 PM, \$20-30.

**APR 18 High Lonesome Strings Wednesday Jam Session**, The Cultural Center, Rehearsal Hall, 200 N. Davie St., Greensboro, NC, 7-10PM. Call 336-420-0238.

**Blues Traveler**, The Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, \$26.

**Great Big Sea**, McGlohon Theatre, 8PM, \$22.50-\$27.50.

**APR 19 Rick Spreitzer trading songs with Blaine and Leah Howard**, Summit Coffee, 8-11 PM.

**Jason Byrd**, Rodi, 8PM.

**Gaelic Storm**, Neighborhood Theatre, \$12-15, 8PM.

**Griffin House w/Sons of William**, The Evening Muse, 8PM, \$6 adv.

**Triangle Land Conservancy Benefit with The Carolina Chocolate Drops**, The ArtsCenter, 8 PM, \$25.

**APR 19-22, Shakori Hills Grassroots Festival with Allen Boys Sacred Steel Band, Apple Chill Cloggers, Bombadil, Cane Creek Cloggers, Carolina Chocolate Drops, Chatham County Line, Donna the Buffalo, the everybodyfields, Infamous Stringdusters, Toubab Krewe & more**, Shakori Hills Farmstead, 1439 Henderson Tanyard Rd (SR 1558), Silk Hope, NC. 919-542-8142; [www.grassrootsfest.org](http://www.grassrootsfest.org).

**APR 20 Watermelon Slim & The Workers**, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, cover.

**Cosmic Otters** (Chicago Celtic band), Contra Dance Carolina, Davidson IB Middle School, 251 South St., Davidson, NC, 7:15-10:30 PM, \$7 general admission, \$5 students; balcony seating available for non-dancing Celtic music fans.

[www.contradancecarolina.org](http://www.contradancecarolina.org)

**The Lenny Federal Band**, The Comet Grill, 9:30PM.

**Jonathan Byrd w/Michael Holland CD Release Party**, The Evening Muse, 8PM, \$8 adv.

**the everybodyfields**, The Visulite, 9 PM, \$10-12.

**APR 20-22, Bear on the Square Mountain Festival**, Town Square, Dahlnoega, GA. Workshops, performances, dance, kids' events, jamming. 678-787-0535; [www.bearonthesquare.org](http://www.bearonthesquare.org)

**APR 20-22, Loch Norman Highland Games**, Historic Rural Hill Farm, Huntersville, NC, [www.ruralhillfarm.org](http://www.ruralhillfarm.org)

**APR 21 \*\*Betty Smith Presents Jane Hicks Gentry in Story, Music & Song**, Francis Auditorium, Main Library, 310 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, 3PM, free with reservations required; call 704-336-2074. [www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org).

**Noontime Open Jam at Mint Hill Historical Society Herb & Flower Festival**, Carl J. McEwen Historic Village, 7601 Matthews - Mint Hill Rd., Mint Hill, NC, 9 AM-3 PM. 704-573-0726; [www.minthillhistory.com](http://www.minthillhistory.com).

**Austin Lounge Lizards w/J. C. Honeycutt opening** 8PM, \$17; **Mike Strauss CD Release Party**, 10:30PM, \$6; The Evening Muse.

**22nd Annual Yadkinville Bluegrass Contest & Fiddlers Convention**, Yadkinville Elem. School, 2224 Lone Hickory Rd., Yadkinville, NC, registration for competition 4 PM; competition begins 6 PM. 336-463-5624; [www.angelfire.com/music2/bluegrasscontest](http://www.angelfire.com/music2/bluegrasscontest).

**Shuffler Family Reunion w/Laura Boosinger**, Old Rock School, 7:30 PM, \$12-15.

**Dances of India w/Maha Gingrich Dancers**, Halton Theater, Overcash PAC, 1206 Elizabeth Ave., Central CPCC Campus, Charlotte, 4 PM, Adults \$8; school age children \$5. Ticket s: 704-330-6534; [www.ecpcc.edu/forms/halton](http://www.ecpcc.edu/forms/halton).

**Laurie Lewis with Craig Smith, Scott Huffman, Jeff Foxall and Robert Sprye**, Fiddle & Bow Society Concert, Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship Church Auditorium, 4055 Robinhood Rd., Winston-Salem, NC, 8PM, \$15Adv/\$20Door. Directions: [www.uufws.net/introduction/directions](http://www.uufws.net/introduction/directions).

**Rick Spreitzer w/J. D. Wilson & Kevin Edwards**, Starbucks, 1401 East Blvd., 8-11 PM, Charlotte.

**Carolina Breakdown presented by UNC's Curriculum in Folklore featuring The Allen Boys Sacred Steel Band, Tony Williamson, The Branchettes, and Laurelyn Dossett**, The ArtsCenter, 8:30PM, \$13.

**Mountain Times Appalachian Roots Revival w/The Avett Brothers, Larry & Jenny Keel w/Steve "Big Daddy" McMurry (Acoustic Syndicate), the everybodyfields, Wrinkle Neck Mules & more**,

# Calendar, continued

High Country Fairgrounds, Boone, NC, 10 AM-10 PM, \$25 adv., \$35 on site.

**Eric Lindell**, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, cover.

**Danielle Howle**, Rodi, 8PM.

**Art Garfunkel with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra**, Ovens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, 8 PM, \$20-60. Tickets: [www.ovensauditorium.com](http://www.ovensauditorium.com)

**Autism Awareness Benefit and Music Extravaganza**, Summit Coffee, Davidson, NC, 7AM-11PM featuring **Heidi Sidelinker, Josh Pender, Billy Jones, New Familiars, J. D. Wilson, Rusty Knox, Mike Orlando, Rick Spreitzer** & more in an open mic format. Volunteers, artists, and donations needed. Visit [www.myspace.com/nicecrema](http://www.myspace.com/nicecrema) or email Jes at [g-chord@hotmail.com](mailto:g-chord@hotmail.com) if interested in performing/volunteering.

## APR 22

**Imagination Movers**, McGlohon Theatre, 3PM, \$10 Children, \$12 Adults.

**Irish Session w/Carroll Brown**, Ri-Ra Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

**Gospel Explosion 2007 featuring The Dixie Hummingbirds and the Swanee Quintet**, Ovens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, 6 PM, \$10-25. Tickets: [www.ovensauditorium.com](http://www.ovensauditorium.com)

**APR 23-26, Pete Wernick Bluegrass Jam Camp**, Herring Ridge Y Camp, Wilkesboro, NC. Call 303-652-8346 or visit [www.petewernick.com](http://www.petewernick.com) or [www.drbanjo.com/camps/camps2007-merlefest.html](http://www.drbanjo.com/camps/camps2007-merlefest.html) for costs and details.

## APR 24

**Red Rocking Chair**, The Comet Grill, 8PM.

**Storyhill w/Jerry Chapman**, The Evening Muse, 8PM, \$8.

**Tickets go on sale to general public for August 8<sup>th</sup> Merle Haggard Concert**, presented by PineCone, Meymandi Concert Hall, Progress Energy Center for Performing Arts, Raleigh, NC, 8 PM, \$41-51. Tickets: PineCone Box Office at 919-664-8302; TicketMaster at 919-834-4000.

## APR 25

**Chicken Bone (bluegrass)**, Puckett's Farm Equipment, 8 PM, cover.

## APR 26

**Dana and Susan Robinson**, Rodi, 8PM.

**\*\*CFS Jam at Art Before Dark**, Myers Park Baptist Church Education Bldg., 1931 Selwyn Ave., Charlotte, 6-7:30 PM. Call Harry Taylor at 704-366-1869 for details.

**APR 26-29 MerleFest Americana Music Festival with Doc Watson & Richard Watson, Uncle Earl, Darrell Scott, Dirk Powell, Joe Thompson, Earl Scruggs, Carolina Chocolate Drops, Benton Flippen, Nashville Bluegrass Band,**

**Alison Krauss, Peter Rowan, Tony Rice & many more**. Wilkesboro Comm. College Campus, Wilkesboro, NC. For complete listing and daily/festival tickets, visit [www.merlefest.com](http://www.merlefest.com) or call 800-343-7857.

## APR 27

**The Kennedys**, The Evening Muse, 8PM, \$10Adv, \$12 DOS.

**Brian Doyle**, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, cover.

**The Lenny Federal Band**, The Comet Grill, 9:30PM.

## APR 28

**\*\*Deadline for application for 2007 Marilyn Meacham Price Youth Scholarship to Swannanoa Gathering Folk Arts Workshops.**

**Two Dollar Pistols**, The ArtsCenter, Carrboro, NC, 8:30PM, \$12.

**Rick Spreitzer w/J. D. Wilson & Kevin Edwards**, Summit Coffee, 8-11 PM.

**Popa Chubby**, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, cover.

**HuDost & Miles Apart**, The Evening Muse, 8PM, \$5 adv.

## APR 29

**David LaMotte**, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Meeting St., Statesville, NC; 7 PM, canned food/cash donation for local food pantries. Call church at 704-873-7244.

**Irish Session w/Billy Mulligan**, Ri-Ra Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

## CONTRA DANCES

**Charlotte Dance Gypsies**, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 3601 Central Ave., Charlotte. Potluck 6:30 PM, lessons 7:30 PM, dance 8-11 PM, \$7. Call Gretchen at 704-537-1377 or Dean at 704-361-6387; [www.charlottedancegypsies.org](http://www.charlottedancegypsies.org).

**APR 21: Railroad Salvage (Jon Singleton & Joe Cline) w/Laurie Fisher** calling.

**Charlotte Country Dancers**, Fireman's Hall, Palmer Bldg., 2601 E. 7th St., Charlotte. Every Monday evening. Dance 7:30-10 PM, \$7. **Wear clean soft-soled shoes.** Call Nancy Howe at 704-

**Contra Dance Carolina**, Davidson IB Middle School, 251 South St., Davidson, NC. Lessons 7:15 PM, dance 7:30-10:30 PM, \$5 students, \$7 others. Visit [www.contradancecarolina.org](http://www.contradancecarolina.org).

**APR 13: Railroad Salvage with Diane Silver.**

**APR 20: Cosmic Otters w/Adina Gordon.**

**The Grey Eagle**, Haywood Rd. & Clingman Ave., Asheville, 8 PM, \$5. Call 828-232-5800 for details; visit [www.oldfarmersball.com](http://www.oldfarmersball.com).

**APR 9: Fly By Night with Diane Silver** calling.

**APR 16: Wild Goose Chase w/Beth Molaro.**

**APR 23: The Cosmic Otters w/Adina Gordon.**

**APR 30: Ti' Acadie w/Bill Olson** calling.

**Asheville Community Dance Scene**, Calvary Episcopal Church, 2840 Hendersonville Rd., Fletcher,

NC. Potluck 5-5:45 PM, Family Dance 6-7:30 PM, Dance lessons 7:45-8:10, Contra Dance 8:15-11:15 PM; \$7. 828-582-9222; [www.oldfarmersball.com/acd.htm](http://www.oldfarmersball.com/acd.htm).

**APR 14: Land of Sky w/Adina Gordon.**

**Boone Country Dancers**, Apple Barn, Valle Crucis Conference Ctr., Valle Crucis, NC. Lessons 7:30, dance 8 PM, \$7. Bob Oelberg at 828-265-2627; [www.boonecountrydancers.org](http://www.boonecountrydancers.org).

**APR 14: Anam Cara w/David Glick.**

**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 [www.tcdancers.org/index.html](http://www.tcdancers.org/index.html).

**APR 20: Buz Lloyd Dance.**

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

**APR 7: Whistlin' Rufus w/Doug Singleton.**

**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](mailto:gsegebade_80@msn.com). Visit website at <http://feetretreat.com>.

**APR 7: Hot Flash w/Adina Gordon.**

**APR 21: Wild Goose Chase w/Roberta Kogut.**

**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 information above.

**APR 10: Steam Shovel w/Hank Morris.**

**APR 17: Rich and Tolly w/Joy Greenwolfe** calling.

**APR 24: Reel Shady w/Dean Snipes.**

**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 Pizuto at 864-639-6113 or email [tpzzt@clemson.edu](mailto:tpzzt@clemson.edu); [www.harvestmoonfolk.org](http://www.harvestmoonfolk.org).

**APR 7: Avant Gardeners w/Joy Greenwolfe** calling.

**APR 21: Cosmic Otters w/Adina Gordon.**

**APR 28: Reel Magnolias w/Hank Morris.**

**Harvest Moon Folk Society**, YWCA, 700 August St., Greenville, SC. Lessons 7:30 PM, dance 8-10:30 PM, \$7, teens 14-17 \$4. [www.harvestmoonfolk.org](http://www.harvestmoonfolk.org).

**APR 11: Hot Flash w/Diane Silver.**

**APR 25: Steam Shovel w/Jennie Wakefield** calling.

**Old Farmer's Ball**, Bryson Gym, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC, Lessons



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7:30 PM, Dance 8 PM, \$5. Beginning & intermediate music jam Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 PM, Room 25, WWC Kittredge Hall. Information: call 828-299-8823 or 828-298-7821 or visit [www.oldfarmersball.com](http://www.oldfarmersball.com).

**APR 6: Ants in the Pantry w/ Charley Harvey** calling.

**APR 12: Get Reel w/ Anne Marie Walter.**

**APR 19: New Southern Ramblers w/ Phil Jami-son.**

**APR 26: Community Open Band;** emcee TBA; **Laura Lengnick leading callers open mic.**

**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](http://www.TCDancers.org).

**APR 7: Footloose/Contrazz Dance.**

**APR 13: Laura Light & George Paul w/ Tom Hinds** calling.

**APR 20: Buz Lloyd Dance.**

## UPCOMING WEEKENDS:

**APR 13-15: Palmetto Bug Stomp,** The Citadel, Charleston, SC featuring **Latter Day Lizards** w/ **Joseph Pimentel & Seth Tepfer** calling. [www.ecmm.biz/contra/bugstomp.html](http://www.ecmm.biz/contra/bugstomp.html).

**APR 27-29: Triangle Country Dancers' Spring Dance Romance,** Camp Sertoma, Danbury, NC featuring **KGB** and **FootLoose** with **Mary Devlin** and **Cis Hinkle** calling. [www.tcdancers.org](http://www.tcdancers.org).

**MAY 11-13: LEAF (Lake Eden Arts Festival).** Visit [www.theLEAF.com](http://www.theLEAF.com).

**JUNE 15-17: Summer Soiree,** Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC, featuring **Burning Gods** w/ **Barbara Groh** calling. Visit [www.oldfarmersball.com](http://www.oldfarmersball.com).

## ONGOING EVENTS:

### MONDAYS:

**Les Moore's Monday Nite Allstars Band,** Double Door Inn, 218 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, 8 PM. 704-455-5875.

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

### 2nd & 4th MONDAYS:

**Open Irish Session,** Summit Coffee, 128 S. Main St., Davidson, NC, 7:30-10 PM. Call Tim Helfrich at 704-895-0505. [www.summitcoffee.com](http://www.summitcoffee.com).

### 4th MONDAYS:

**Wilkes Acoustic Folk Society,** Walker Ctr., Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, NC, 7 PM; [www.wilkesfolks.com](http://www.wilkesfolks.com).

### TUESDAYS:

**Robin Rogers Band,** The Double Door Inn, 218 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, 9 PM Midnight, cover; 704-376-1446.

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

### 3rd TUESDAYS:

**Nashville Songwriters Assoc. International, Workshop Meeting,** Murphy's Food & Spirits, 131 Woodlawn Rd., Charlotte, 7 PM. Call Bruce Johnson at 704-541-5658; visit [www.NSAICharlotte.com](http://www.NSAICharlotte.com).

## WEDNESDAYS:

**Bluegrass,** Puckett's Farm Equipment, 2740 W. Sugar Ck. Rd., Derita, NC. 9-11 PM. No cover. Call 704-597-8230; visit [www.puckettsfarm.com](http://www.puckettsfarm.com).

**Bluegrass, Old-Time Country, Folk & Gospel Jam Session,** Cabarrus Co. Senior Ctr., 331 Corban Ave., SE, Concord, 6:30-9 PM. Open to the public and free. Call 704-920-3484.

**High Lonesome Strings Bluegrass Jam Session,** The Cultural Arts Ctr., 200 N. Davie St., Greensboro, 6-10 PM. Call 336-674-1277.

**Open Mic Night,** The Comet Grill, 2224 Park Rd., Dilworth, Charlotte, 7:30 PM. Host: Bill McDonald. Call 704-371-4300.

### 1st WEDNESDAYS:

**Tosco House Party (open mic),** The Evening Muse, 3227 N. Davidson, Charlotte, 8 PM, \$2. Host: John Tosco. Visit [www.toscomusicparty.org](http://www.toscomusicparty.org). Call 704-376-3737.

## THURSDAYS:

**Evening Folk Music, Summit Coffee,** 128 S. Main St., Davidson, NC. Call Tim Helfrich at 704-895-0505. [www.summitcoffee.com](http://www.summitcoffee.com).

**Charlotte International Folk Dancers** 8-10 PM, St. John's United Methodist Church, 4305 Monroe Rd., Jeannine Wright. 704-847-0134.

**Irish Session,** Paddy Doolin's Irish Pub (owner Dennis Sommers, from Kilkenny), 114 E. Main St., Forest City, NC. 828-245-8110.

### 1st & 3rd THURSDAYS:

**Bluegrass Thursday Night,** Allison Creek Presbyterian Church, 5780 Allison Ck. Rd., York, SC, 6:30-9:30, free. Call 803-684-5875.

### 2nd THURSDAYS:

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

**York Acoustic Jam,** Woody's Music Store, 13 N. Congress St., York, SC, 7 PM. 803-628-5055.

### 3rd THURSDAYS:

**Chicken Pickin' at the Artists' Coop Jam Session,** on courthouse square, Laurens, SC. 7-9 PM. Free; bring chairs. For directions, write [mitchell\\_brooke@hotmail.com](mailto:mitchell_brooke@hotmail.com).

## FRIDAYS:

**Evening Folk Music,** Summit Coffee, 128 S. Main St., Davidson, NC. Call Tim Helfrich at 704-895-0505. [www.summitcoffee.com](http://www.summitcoffee.com).

**Alleghany Jubilee,** Spartan Theater, N. Main St., Sparta, NC. Live old-time & bluegrass bands; dancing. Admission. Call 336-372-4591; visit [www.blueridgemusic.org](http://www.blueridgemusic.org).

### 2nd FRIDAYS:

**\*\*Charlotte Folk Society Gathering (August-**

**June),** Bryant Recital Hall, Sloan-Morgan Bldg., 1220 Elizabeth Ave., Central CPCC Campus, Charlotte. Concert, followed by song circle & jams. Free & open to the public. 7:30 PM. Call 704-366-1869.

### 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.

**Singer/Songwriter Performers,** Starbucks on East Blvd, 1401 East Boulevard at Scott Ave., Charlotte, 8-11 PM. Call 704-338-9911.

**Evening Folk Music, Summit Coffee,** 128 S. Main St., Davidson, NC. Call Tim Helfrich at 704-895-0505; [www.summitcoffee.com](http://www.summitcoffee.com).

**Mineral Springs Music Barn,** Mineral Springs, NC (4 mi. east of Waxhaw, on Hwy. 75, by RR tracks). 7:30-11 PM, \$6. Two bands play 2 sets each. Bob Wyatt: 803-329-3833.

### 3rd SATURDAYS

**Blue Ridge Jamboree, Surry Arts Council,** Andy Griffith Playhouse, 218 Rockford St., Mt. Airy, NC, 7:30 PM, \$5. 336-786-7998.

**Old Time Square Dance,** Denton Civic Ctr., W. Salisbury St., Denton, NC. Live bands for traditional dances, 7-10:30 PM, \$5 adults. Call 336-475-9397; [www.geocities.com/dentondance/](http://www.geocities.com/dentondance/).

**Folklife Demonstrations and Traditional Artists & Musicians,** Historic Hagood Mill, 3 miles N of Pickens, SC, off Hwy. 178, on Hagood Mill Rd. Visit [www.co.pickens.sc.us](http://www.co.pickens.sc.us); click on "Cultural Events".

## SUNDAYS:

**Bluegrass Jam,** Tyber Creek Pub, 1933 South Blvd., Charlotte, 8-10 PM. Call Everette Carpenter at 704-567-1187.

**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,** Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, 2-4 PM, free. Call Hunter Marshall at 704-296-5555.

**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. Call Tom Walsh at 704-535-4400.

# Cuz's Corner

By Dennis Frost

Today, as I am writing this article, I'm reminded of why I live in the Carolinas – it's springtime in the Piedmont! Days like this always get me to thinking of how fortunate we are to have such a variety of music festivals in our little part of the world. In addition to Merle-Fest, there are several that I am especially upbeat about this year. LEAF, happening May 11-13, has its usual stellar lineup of eclectic music from around the globe, but this year I'm especially excited. For all you lovers of the folk music passed down from the traditions of Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, and others, the **Arlo Guthrie Family Legacy Tour** will be making a stop in Black Mountain, presenting not only the music, but also the stories and history behind the music. In addition to Arlo and family, other performers include the **Be Good Tanyas, Malcomb Holcombe, The Duhks, The Carolina Chocolate Drops, Chatham County Line, Rising Appalachia**, and some good old Louisiana music from **Rosie Ledet and The Zydeco Playboys**. ([www.theleaf.com](http://www.theleaf.com))

A few years ago, I found a jewel of a festival in the highlands of Virginia. Not only is Grayson Highlands State Park one of my all-time favorite camping and hiking spots, but it also hosts the Wayne Henderson Festival, which takes place every year on the third Saturday of June. This year's lineup, in addition to Wayne Henderson and an array of stellar old time musicians from this rich area, includes **Doc and Richard Watson and Bobby Ingano**, a legendary Hawaiian slack key guitar player. For you old time and bluegrass guitarists, don't forget the annual Wayne Henderson Guitar Contest where

the winner receives a treasured Wayne Henderson guitar. I guess it's time to start practicing! ([www.waynehenderson.org](http://www.waynehenderson.org))

Right across the holler from Grayson Highlands State Park is a festival I missed last year. But, unless the creek rises, I will not miss it this year! I'm referring to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ollabelle Reed Homecoming Festival, which takes place August 17-19 in beautiful Lansing, North Carolina, headlined this year by none other than Tim O'Brien. Although the schedule is incomplete at this time, last year's performers included **Ollabelle, Mike Seeger, Si Kahn and Kathy Fink**. ([www.ollabellefest.com](http://www.ollabellefest.com))

If you are tired of the huge festival scene with its massive crowds and prefer smaller festivals that are steeped in the traditions and history of the music, both the Wayne Henderson Festival and the Ollabelle Homecoming just might be for you. Although a larger festival, I feel LEAF maintains its family atmosphere exceptionally well! Most of you jamaholics know all about Fiddler's Grove (May 25-27) and Mt. Airy (June 2-3), but if you have a favorite, undiscovered festival, please share with the group!

I guess my musical highlight this month was getting to hear the music of **Rising Appalachia** at the last CFS house concert and then having the opportunity to share their music with a larger audience at WGWG. ([www.risingappalachia.com](http://www.risingappalachia.com)) Leah, Chloe, and Forrest are prime examples of musicians that are taking the traditions to a new audience and it was a pleasure to get to know these fine folks – they are musical gypsies in the purest sense in the age of so much commercialism! By the way, if you get

the chance, I would recommend that you check out a house concert at some point in time. I love them because they are more than just concerts, they are gatherings of musical community, and it's a homey respite from the road for the weary musician. The other thing I like about the house concert is the fact that, typically, all of your admission goes directly to the artists. That in mind, please be sure to call and cancel your reservations if you cannot attend a house concert so someone else can take your place – an empty seat is, say, \$15 out of the musician's pocket.

My recorded pick for the month is the new **Waterloo, Tennessee** CD from **Uncle Earl**. My favorite all-girl old time band has put together a collection of traditionals and originals that are as beautifully played and sung as anything I've heard in a while. Although this CD is more eclectic than their first, there is no doubt that old time string band music remains near and dear to their hearts. Be sure to check them out at Merle-Fest! ([www.unclearl.net](http://www.unclearl.net)) Another pick for the month comes from **Hot Club of Cowtown** alumna Elana James. Her self-titled disc takes us on tour of American fiddle styles all on one disc, with a few jazz standards for good measure. This album not only has great playing, but Elana also has a great voice - what more can you ask for? ([www.elanajames.com](http://www.elanajames.com))

That's about it for this month, so have a great spring and be sure to support live music! If there are any shows or CDs you want to share with our community, be sure to let me know.

Cuz

**Share your favorites with Cuz at either 704-532-8846 or [dcmfrost@mindspring.com](mailto:dcmfrost@mindspring.com).**

## Welcome, New & Renewing Members!

We extend a warm welcome to our new members:

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**Robin Berkman**  
**Linda and Terry Dalton**  
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**Jack and Valerie Jones**  
**Mike Larson and Cathy Hasty**  
**Shepherd Reynolds**  
**Amy, Ted, Natalie & Mike Royal**  
**Kathy Lynn Titcomb**  
**Tosco Music Party**

Thanks to our renewing members for their ongoing support:

**John R. "Pete" Arnold**  
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**A. H. Christie**  
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## CFS Jam Sessions

The Charlotte Folk Society hosts an open Old Time Acoustic Music Jam at the Charlotte Museum of History at 3500 Shamrock Drive in Charlotte from 2 to 4 PM on the second Sunday of each month. Please mark your calendars for the next sessions: **April 15th, May 13th, and June 10th.** Admission to the museum is free on Sundays. Visit [www.charlottemuseum.org](http://www.charlottemuseum.org) for directions. Contact Jam Coordinator Tom Kelleher at 704-366-9441 for more information.

The Mint Hill Historical Society is having an Herb and Flower Festival on Saturday, April 21, from 9 AM to 3 PM on the grounds of the Carl J. McEwen Historic Village, 7601 Matthews-Mint Hill Road in Mint Hill. Charlotte Folk Society members are invited to come and jam, beginning at noon. If you would like to take part, please call

Tom Kelleher at 704-366-9441.

Two new Folk Society members, Rita and Gar Hartmann, would enjoy hosting a weekend slow jam in their home. They moved from Long Island to the Old Sycamore development in Mint Hill, near I-485, in the past year. Rita says that Gar's instrument of choice is the ice cream maker! Call Rita or Gar at 704-496-4321 to let them know if you're interested in jammin' and ice cream!

## Folk "Society" News

**J. C. Honeycutt** will open for one her favorite bands, **The Austin Lounge Lizards**, on Saturday, April 21, at The Evening Muse. Show time is 8 PM; tickets are \$17 in advance.

**Ray Owens** was honored by his peers when he was named by fellow attorneys as one of North Carolina's best. The list was published in a special section of the **New York Times** on February 4th.

Charlotte's contra dance community honored **Nancy Howe** on March 24th with a surprise tribute in appreciation of her role in initiating and perpetuating folk and contra dance in Charlotte. Well deserved, Nancy!

Charlotte Museum of History President **Pam Meister** has resigned in order to head the new Upcountry History Museum in Greenville, South Carolina. Its official opening date is September 29, 2007. Our best wishes go with Pam, as well as our appreciation for the warm hospitality she extended to the Charlotte Folk Society during her tenure.

Monday night contra dances in Charlotte will move to the Fireman's Hall, Palmer Building, 2601 East Seventh Street, effective April 9, 2007. New admission fee will be \$7.

**CHARLOTTE FOLK SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
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**Student \$15**  
**Family \$35**  
**Senior Individual\* \$20**  
**Senior Family\* \$30**  
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**The Charlotte Folk Society Mission**

The purpose of the Charlotte Folk Society, a non-profit organization and an Arts and Science Council associate, is to promote the ongoing enjoyment and preservation of traditional and contemporary folk music, dance, crafts, and lore.



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