

June 11th Gathering Concert: The Whippersnappers

The 2009-2010 Charlotte Folk Society Gathering season concludes on Friday, June 11th, with a concert by **The Whippersnappers**. Join us at 7:30 PM in the Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Avenue in downtown Charlotte, for an evening of bluegrass, gospel, and folk music by Emmy, Casey, Avery, and David McGuirt. Monthly Gatherings are family-friendly, open to the public, and free. Donations, which support the series in part, are greatly appreciated.



The Whippersnappers

The front doors of the Stella Center open at 7 PM. Handicapped access is available through the ground-floor door on the right side of the building. Refreshments, a song circle, slow and fast jams, and a Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club session follow the hour-long concert. Listeners, as well as pickers and singers, are welcomed. Free surface parking is available adjacent to the Stella Center, as well as in a parking deck nearby. Exit the deck without charge after 8 PM.

Folk Society members have delighted in watching Emmy, Casey, and Avery McGuirt, now ages 13, 14, and 16, respectively, grow mu-

sically and become teenagers. Avery first played on our Festival in the Park Folk Stage in September 2003. Two months later, Avery (then age nine) and his sisters, Emmy (age six) and Casey (age seven), performed with their dad, David, during our Young Talent Showcase.

Musical performance came early for **The Whippersnappers**. Avery caught the music bug from preschool classmate Bryan

Beasley, who brought his violin to school and played **Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star** for "show and tell." So Avery, and then Casey and Emmy, in turn, began taking violin lessons while in preschool. Today, the three continue classical violin study, but each has also branched out in other musical directions. Avery studies bluegrass fiddle, while Casey and Emmy take lessons on mandolin, upright bass, and flute. The girls love to sing tight sister harmony and they enjoy working out their own vocal arrangements to songs **The Whippersnappers** choose to learn. David backs them up on

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5th Annual Old-Time Music Jam & Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 11th

The Charlotte Folk Society's 5th Annual Old-Time Music Jam and Ice Cream Social takes place on Sunday, July 11, 2010, 1 - 4 PM. The host site is Historic Rosedale Plantation, located at 3427 North Tryon Street, near the intersection with Sugar Creek Road, in Charlotte. We're very pleased to again be partnering with Historic Rosedale and The Storytellers Guild of Charlotte in presenting this event.

Historic Rosedale provides the perfect setting for families to enjoy an old-fashioned summer Sunday afternoon. Activities on the grounds are **free** and include open jam sessions, a slow jam, a Celtic jam, a song circle, clogging and blacksmithing demonstrations, and, of course, ice cream – as long as it lasts. Storytellers Guild of Charlotte members will share another traditional family pastime – telling tales to listeners of all ages on the back porch of the plantation home. The Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club is hosting a session with extra dulcimers on hand for interested folks to try out. Youngsters will want to visit Marilyn Price and Pam Garcia to try out percussion instruments.

Historic Rosedale, built in 1815, is considered to be one of the finest *(Continued on page 3.)*

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.

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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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guitar and vocals. Their mom, Patty, is chief organizer and van driver for the band.

In 2008, Casey and Emmy won a shared scholarship from the Swannanoa Gathering to attend Traditional Song/Fiddle Week. Avery received Charlotte's Community School of the Arts Andrew Bradford scholarship for music study in 2006-2007 and again for 2008-2009. He won the Charlotte Folk Society's Marilyn Meacham Price scholarship to attend Fiddle Week at the Swannanoa Gathering in the summer of 2006. Avery recently was inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society and he traveled to Limoges, France in December to perform with an international youth orchestra. All three siblings have competed and brought home ribbons from well-known regional fiddler's festivals.

The Whippersnappers gain new fans wherever they play – at Festival in the Park, Tosco Music Party, Singing Christmas Tree, Gospel Shout, First Night Charlotte, and churches, festivals, and special events throughout the region.

"The McGuirt family took music lessons together at the Community School of the Arts, and, instead of discovering just a hobby, they uncovered a treasure trove of talent.

The Whippersnappers are fast becoming one of Charlotte's treasures . . . in demand at shows and festivals. They are one of Charlotte Center City Partners', and my personal, favorite groups. It's a privilege to hear them every time they play." - Moira Quinn, Senior Vice President of Communications/Chief Operating Officer, Charlotte Center City Partners.

The band recently completed a self-titled CD, recorded in Tom Eure's Simple Tune Studio. Visit

www.folksociety.org to hear samples. Visit **The Whippersnappers'** website at www.thewhippersnappers.net.

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June & July CFS Old-Time Acoustic Jams

Monthly Charlotte Folk Society Old-Time Acoustic Jams are usually 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 is June 13th. The July Jam will move to the third Sunday, the 18th, because of the Ice Cream Social.** 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.

(*Ice Cream Social, continued from page 1.*)

examples of Federal period architecture in North Carolina and is noted for its faux-grained wood and original wallpaper surviving in three rooms. Station tours of the home's first floor and English basement kitchen will be available at 1:30 for a charge of \$3 per person or \$5 for two people. The last tour will be given at 3:30.

What a perfect combination – local history and traditions of music, storytelling, and dance! Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket. And bring an instrument, if you play. Listeners are always welcomed!

For directions, visit www.historicrosedale.org. Free parking will be available on the Rosedale grounds, with overflow parking nearby. **In the case of rain, this event will be cancelled.**

The Folk Society is a totally volunteer-powered organization. As always, we need the help of many members to produce this event. **Call Wanda Hubicki at 704-563-7080 to volunteer.**



2009 Ice Cream Social Jam (Photo by Bill Herring)

Music in the Mountains On Phlegar's Farm 2009

By Tom Hanchett

For twenty-one years now, CFS stalwarts Tom and Barbara Phlegar have hosted an annual July picking party at the family's home in the Virginia mountains. I finally got there last summer, and now I can hardly wait 'til July to go back.

It's only about three hours up I-77 north of Charlotte to Giles County, but it's like entering another world. Giles' biggest "industry" is the New River and the whole county does its best to welcome hikers, canoers, and others who love old-time mountain living. Tom Phlegar grew up there and he returned many years ago to build a new little timber-frame cabin - incorporating a handsome stone chimney from a 1700s dwelling that had burned.

Local pickers and listeners mingled with nearly two dozen travelers from Charlotte, all chatting comfortably in lawn chairs under century-old oaks and maples, the mountains rising above us all around. No stage, no microphones, just people sharing tunes.

And stories. Les Sears, retired postmaster, delighted CFS member Sharon Collins with a string of tales

about his favorite fishing hole. Fish are so eager to bite, he claims, that you have to stand behind a tree to be able to bait a hook. When you catch them, the fish are so big that



Attitude is everything!

it only takes seven of them to make a dozen. In a cow pasture off to one side of the house, pickers from the local **State Line** band ripped through high-energy bluegrass standards, then a sweet-voiced version of **Mr. Bojangles**. On the other side of the cabin, the **Gold Rush Band**, who have mostly retired into their day jobs after a period on the national bluegrass circuit, remembered old favorite

songs.

Elsewhere, little kids ran and danced while young fiddler Chris Via and his senior citizen band-mates played the old-time stringband tunes of Henry Reed, the legendary Virginia mountain fiddler who inspired the **Red Clay Ramblers**. After a potluck dinner, Chris teamed up with CFS fiddler Tom Walsh to play for cloggers, as Charlotte's Karen



Chris Via

Singleton provided instruction for anyone new to dancing.

A big thank-you to Tom, Barbara, and all the others who make this an annual delight. Hope to see many CFS friends there in July!

Come to 2010 Phlegar's Farm Jam July 23-25!

Tom and Barbara Phlegar invite everyone reading this to join them on the Phlegar Family Farm for the 2010 CFS Old-Time Music Jam Weekend, July 23-25. Escape the heat and humidity of Charlotte in July and enjoy family-friendly relaxing, socializing, and jamming in the Virginia mountains.

The first Jam Weekend took place twenty-two summers ago when malfunctioning air conditioning in CPCC's Bryant Music Building made Marilyn Price's weekly Jam Class too miserable to meet. Tom Phlegar offered the perfect solution - three days of picking on his family's mountain farm.

The weekend was a hit and Tom and Barbara have welcomed Folk Society members, family, friends, neighbors, and strangers to the farm each July ever since. Some visitors are novice players; some are life-long pickers. Others are simply listeners who share a love of traditional acoustic music.

Musicians start picking Friday night and continue jamming until the last folks leave on Sunday. Those present Saturday evening take a break to enjoy a covered dish supper with barbecued pork as the centerpiece. Folks are welcome to camp on the farm. Or they can choose to stay in one of the many hotels within a fifteen- to thirty-minute drive from the farm. The Phlegars charge no admission, but do ask for donations to help with expenses such as Porta-Jon rentals and paper products.

Call the Phlegars at 704-535-2154 by July 10th to let them know you're going. Tom says to come, even if you've not called to RSVP - just be sure to bring a dish to share at Saturday supper. Plan to take chairs and instruments. The weekend is a family event, so please leave distilled spirits at home and limit the malted beverages.

Carol Raedy Offers Lap Dulcimer & Ukulele Classes

By Carol Raedy

I will be teaching the following classes and workshops at my house this summer. To register or for more information, contact me at 704-367-2536, carolraedy@hotmail.com, or www.carolraedy.com. My website has the most up-to-date information on classes and workshops.

Make a Mountain Dulcimer, Wednesday, June 23rd, 10 AM-2 PM, \$80

You will make a three-string mountain dulcimer and learn the basics of how to play it. The body/soundboard of the dulcimer is made from heavy-duty cardboard. It has a wooden fretboard with pre-installed frets and geared tuning pegs. The dulcimer is a versatile instrument that is easy to learn to play. You can play beautiful melodies and also play chords for accompanying singing. This class is for ages 14 to adult, although a younger student and an adult may register as a team. The cost includes all materials including an instruction/songbook, a pick, a noter, and a plastic rain bag. Bring

your lunch. Class limit is 5.

Ukulele Crash Course, Saturday, June 26th, 10 AM-1 PM, \$28 (+ \$50 if you want to purchase a ukulele)

You will learn basic chords, strumming patterns, and how to transpose any song into a ukulele-friendly key. You'll have fun making music with others. The cost of \$28 includes an instruction/songbook. If you need a ukulele, the cost is an additional \$50 for a nice sounding Lanikai soprano ukulele. I have one ukulele available to borrow for the day. Class limit is 8. Ages: 14 years to adult.

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As you know, we now offer a program at each Gathering, thanks to the support of The Violin Shoppe, whose ad has been on page three the last several months. We would like to expand to include three other ads, and we invite CFS members to consider placing an ad in our monthly Gathering program, beginning with our 2010-2011 season in August. This is a very cost-effective (\$30/month) way to promote your business to your fellow CFS members. If you are interested, please contact us at ads@folksociety.org.



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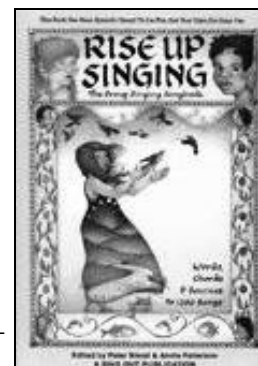
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CFS is now offering for sale the leader's edition of *Rise Up Singing: The Group Singing Songbook*. This edition has larger print for easier reading. The book is 9" x 12", sized 120% of the original edition. Marketed by *Sing Out! The Folk Song Magazine*, the book retails for \$29.95. We will sell copies of *Rise Up Singing* for \$25 each at CFS events.



Rise Up Singing is a collection that contains words and guitar chords to 1190 songs, arranged in a compact, easy-to-use format.

They include "Folk Revival" favorites by Joan Baez, Pete Seeger, Judy Collins, Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul & Mary, and more; contemporary folk songs; Broadway show tunes, Beatles' songs, and Motown hits; hymns, spirituals, and gospel standards; songs about peace, freedom, labor, and the environment; and ballads, cowboy songs, chanteys, and blues. Songs are fully indexed.

We may have the shipment in time to sell at our June 11th Gathering. We'll definitely have books for sale at the Ice Cream Social on July 11th. Soon you'll be able to purchase them online at www.folksociety.org as well; pricing will include an additional charge for shipping. *Rise Up Singing* is a great resource for singers and makes a welcomed gift!

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.site.voila.fr/page1.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.puckettsfarm.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.rodiorworld.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.sylviatheater.com.

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

CALENDAR LISTINGS

THRU JUNE 12, New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music Exhibit, Warrenton County Memorial Library, 119 South Front St., Warrenton, NC. Free admission. 252-257-4990; www.wcplnc.org/

JUNE 2, Triangle Jazz Orchestra Rehearsal (Big Band & more recent jazz & blues), The ArtsCenter, 7:45-9:30 PM, Free.

JUNE 2, Tosco House Party (Open Mic), The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$2.

JUNE 3, La Bande Pain Perdu (Cajun), The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$5.

JUNE 3, Michael Reno Harrell, Rodi, 8-10 PM.

JUNE 3, The Turnstiles w/The Wiggle Wagons, Visulite Theatre, 8:30 PM, \$7.

JUNE 3, Spring Creek (Colorado bluegrass), Flat Rock Wine Shoppe Back Room, 2701 Greenville Hwy., Flat Rock, NC, 8:30 PM. 828-697-6828; www.flatrockwineshoppe.com/index.html

JUNE 3, Barrie Howard (Thursdays), Downtown Farmers' Market, Statesville, NC, 4-6 PM. 704-460-8013.

JUNE 3, Big Daddy Love (Americana/bluegrass/folk), Double Door Inn, 9 PM, \$7.

JUNE 3, Spring Creek Bluegrass Band, Flat Rock Wine Shoppe Back Room, 2701 Greenville Hwy., Flat Rock, NC, 8:30 PM. 828-697-6828; www.flatrockwineshoppe.com/index.html

JUNE 4, NoDa Gallery Crawl w/Brian McGee (8 PM); The Stereofidelics (9 PM); The Specs (10 PM); The Evening Muse, Free; please remember to tip performers & buy merchandise.

JUNE 4, The Winter Sounds, The Evening Muse, 11 PM, \$7.

JUNE 4, Laurence Juber (British virtuoso guitarist), The ArtsCenter, 8:30 PM, \$20.

JUNE 4, Tift Merritt w/Megafaun opening, Visulite Theatre, 8:30 PM, \$15.

JUNE 4, Brooks Williams, Fiddle & Bow Society Series, 8 PM, \$10.

JUNE 4, Chuck Brodsky, The Grey Eagle, 9 PM, \$10-12.

JUNE 4, Uncle Earl, WUNC Back Porch Music On the Lawn Series, American Tobacco Campus, Durham, NC, 6 PM, Free; rain cancels. <http://wunc.org/events>

JUNE 4, Azucar! A Caribbean Celebration, Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, \$10-15; limited seating; family-friendly event.

JUNE 4, Eleanor Ellis (blues icon), R.A. Fountain General Store, 6754 E. Wilson St., Fountain, NC, 7:30 PM, \$6-8. www.rafountain.com

JUNE 4, Barrie Howard (Fridays), Sweet Peppers, Baxter Village, I-85 Fort Mill Exit, 6-8:30. 704-460-8013.

JUNE 4, Michael Burks w/Shane Pruitt Band, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$15.

JUNE 4-5, Bluegrass & Old-Time Fiddlers Convention, Veterans Memorial Park, Mount Airy, NC. Competition & jamming. www.mtairyfiddlersconvention.com

JUNE 4-6, 3rd Annual Irish Music Festival hosted by Andi Hearn & Davy Mathias (Corner House) & featuring Randal Bays, Pat Egan, Alex Reidinger, Jeanne Chirdon, Matt McNeely, Jeff Thomas and Four Leaf Peat (Knoxville, TN), Columbia, SC. Concerts, mini-concerts, workshops, instrumental & singing sessions, private lessons & party. For information, call 803-265-3461 or visit www.cornerhousemusic.com.

JUNE 4-6, Ocracoke Music & Storytelling Festival w/ Molasses Creek, Trent Wagler & the Steel Wheels, The Honey Dewdrops, Craicdown, Donald & Merle Davis, Rodney Kemp, Bob Zentz, Rick Lee, Green Grass Cloggers & many more, Deepwater Theatre, Ocracoke School, Ocracoke Island, NC, Free. 252-928-3411; www.ocracokefestival.org

JUNE 5, Ginny Hawker & Tracy Schwarz; Benton Flippen & the Smokey Valley Boys, Blue Ridge Music Center, 7 PM; seating opens

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5:30 PM; \$10. Advance tickets available online at www.blueridgemusiccenter.org or by calling 276-236-5309.

JUNE 5, Michael Reno Harrell, Artist Café, 100 N. Main Ave., Newton, NC, 8:30-11:30 PM. 828-465-7497; www.artistscafe100.com

JUNE 5, New Vintage Bluegrass, R.A. Fountain General Store, 6754 E. Wilson St., Fountain, NC, 7:30 PM, \$8-10. www.rafountain.com

JUNE 5, 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).

JUNE 5, Beatles Tribute, Blumenthal PAC Knight Theater, 430 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, 7 PM, \$12-20. www.toscomusicparty.com

JUNE 5, Toubab Krewe w/The Lee Boys, The Orange Peel, 9 PM, \$15-17.

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

JUNE 5, Charlotte Parrott w/Nora Jane Struthers, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$8-10.

JUNE 6, Charlotte Blues Society BlueSunday presents Blues Jam, Double Door Inn, 8 PM (doors open 7 PM), \$5 non-members. Sign up for jam 7-7:30 PM. www.charlottebluessociety.org

JUNE 6, Piccolo Spoleto "Red Clay Sunset: An Evening of Old-Time Fiddle Music" featuring Roan Mountain Hilltoppers, Pain Perdu, South Carolina Broadcasters, Ashley Hall, 172 Rutledge St., Charleston, SC, 6-9 PM, \$15; \$25/couple.

JUNE 6, Rye Mountain Boys (2009 Hoppin' John Bluegrass Band Competition winners), E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd., Wake Forest, NC, 3 PM, Free. www.pinecone.org

JUNE 6, Rick Trolsen & the New Orleans Po' Boys, Jazz Series, Diana Wortham Theatre, 7 PM, \$35.

JUNE 6, Traditional Irish Music Session w/ Jason Dulin, Monty Monaghan, Jon Singleton & John Trexler, RiRa Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

JUNE 6, Evening w/Jim Lauderdale, Lexington Ave. Brewery, 39 N. Lexington Ave., Asheville, NC, 8:30 PM-Midnight, \$25. 828-252-0212; www.lexavebrew.com

JUNE 6, Fletcher Ridge (bluegrass gospel), Monticello UMC, 308 Island Ford Rd. (I-40, exit 148), Statesville, NC, 6 PM, Love offering. 704-924-8322; www.monticelloumc.org

JUNE 6-12, 19th Annual Blue Ridge Old Time Music Week, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC. www.mhc.edu/oldtimemusic

JUNE 6-JULY 4, Providence Gap: An Appalachian Saga in Song (by Preston Lane; original music by Laurelyn Dossett of Polecat Creek), Triad Stage, 232 Elm St., Greensboro, NC. On-stage band: Laurelyn Dossett, Carl Jones & Scott Manring. 336-272-0160; www.triadstage.org

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

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

JUNE 7, Bob Schneider w/Smile Smile, Visulite Theatre, 7:45 PM, \$15.

JUNE 7-JULY 12 (Mondays), Everybody Sing: A Class for Shy and Non-Singers taught by Carol Raedy, Carol Raedy's home, 5:30-6:30 PM, \$45. Contact Carol at 704-367-2536 or carolraedy@hotmail.com to register.

JUNE 7-12, Dulcimerville, produced by Lois Hornbostel w/instructors Ken Bloom, Linda Brockinton, Bill Taylor, Don Pedi, Anne Lough, Doug Berch, Paul Andry, Nina Zanetti, Stephen Seifert, Jim & Phyllis Gaskins, Betty Smith, John Huron, Lois Hornbostel, Washburn Ctr., YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC. Workshops, concerts, jamming, open stage. www.dulcimerville.com

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

JUNE 8, Barrie Howard (Tuesdays), Downtown Farmers' Market, Mooresville, NC, 7-9 PM. 704-460-8013.

JUNE 8, Robin Rogers w/Bobby Donaldson, Donnie Marshall & Tuf Blanton, Fairview Grill, 5124 Park Rd., Charlotte, 9:30PM-1 AM. www.fairviewgrill.com; www.robinrogers.com

JUNE 9, Richard Shindell, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$18-20.

JUNE 9, Old Mountain Road (bluegrass), Puckett's Farm Equipment, 8:30 PM, no cover.

JUNE 10, Jim Avett & Andy Friedman, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$10-12.

JUNE 10, Cameron Marion (country/pop/acoustic), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$7.

JUNE 10, Blue Billy Grit (North GA bluegrass), Flat Rock Wine Shoppe Back Room, 2701 Greenville Hwy., Flat Rock, NC, 8:30 PM. 828-697-6828; www.flatrockwineshoppe.com/index.html

JUNE 10, Seth Walker (NC/TX blues/roots), Americana Stage, Burke Jailhouse Gallery, 115

Meeting St., Morganton, NC, 8 PM, \$20. Contact Clint Bernard at 828-433-0198 or americana-stage@charter.net.

JUNE 10, Bruce Piephoff, The Purple Onion, 7:30-9:30 PM.

JUNE 10-11, Big Lick Bluegrass Festival w/Rye Hollar Boys, Southern Junction, Bluegrass Brothers, Deeper Shade of Blue, Bluegrass Brothers, Goldwing Express, Bill Yates & Friends, The Grascals, Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out, Big Lick Festival Park, Oakboro, NC. 704-485-4906; www.biglickbluegrass.com

JUNE 10-12, Smoky Mountains Storytelling Festival w/Michael Reno Harrell, Lyn Ford, Elizabeth Rose, Larry Kelley, Rick Love & Mountain Man Bob Phillips, Grand Majestic Theatre, Teaster Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN. \$25 weekend; \$10 day; late night concert \$5; call 865-774-7777 to buy tickets in advance; cash/check only at the door. www.mypigeonforge.com/events_winterfest_storytelling.aspx

JUNE 10-12, PreddyFest Bluegrass Festival w/ Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, James King Band, The Grascals, Josh Williams Band, Marty Rabon & Full Circle, Carolina Road & more, Franklinton, NC. \$60 Weekend; daily \$20-25. 919-494-7471; www.preddyfest.com

****JUNE 11, Charlotte Folk Society Gathering: Traditional, Bluegrass, Gospel & more by The Whippersnappers**, 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

JUNE 11, 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.

JUNE 11, Carrie Rodriguez, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$12-14.

JUNE 11, The Dickens, Shoppes at University Place, Hwy. 29 & W.T. Harris Blvd., Charlotte, 5:30-8:30 PM, Free. www.thesummerconcertseries.info/

JUNE 11, Gal Friday Band w/Rebecca Rippy, The Sylvia Theater, 9 PM, \$5-10.

JUNE 11, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Visulite Theatre, 10 PM, \$16.

JUNE 11, Cyril Lance's North Carolina Roots Music Reverie Arkestra, The ArtsCenter, 8:30 PM, \$14.

JUNE 11, Andy Friedman w/Jim Avett & Joe Blevins Band, The Garage, 9 PM, \$TBD.

JUNE 11-12, Henry Reed Memorial Fiddlers Convention, Glen Lyn, VA. Workshops, concerts, dance, competition, children's events, jamming, open stage. www.gilesmountainstringband.com

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JUNE 11-12, Galax Leaf & String Festival: Celebration of Music, Arts & Literature, Galax, VA. www.visitgalax.com/gfvirginia_bluegrass.aspx

JUNE 11-13, Charlie Poole Music Festival w/Big Country Bluegrass, Dusty Ridge, Mac & Jenny Traynham, Sledge (Friday concert, 6 PM), Eden Fairgrounds, Eden, NC. All-day Sat. competition; cash prizes. \$15/day; \$25 weekend; under 12 free with paying adult. www.charlie-poole.com

JUNE 12, Appalachian Songsters w/Mac Snow and the Round Peak Ramblers (Mt. Airy, NC), Nat Reese & Melissa McKinney (Princeton, WV) and Tina Liza Jones (Floyd, VA), Blue Ridge Music Center, 7 PM; seating opens 5:30 PM; \$15. Advance tickets available online at www.blueridgemusiccenter.org or by calling 276-236-5309.

JUNE 12, Tom Russell, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$20.

JUNE 12, Richard Shindell, Mack & Mack Clothing, 220 S. Elm St., Greensboro, NC, 8 PM, \$18-23. www.triadacousticstage.com

JUNE 12, Dehlia Low w/Johnsons Crossroads (bluegrass), The Garage, 9 PM, \$TBD.

JUNE 12, 3rd Annual Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, hosted by Mike Cross and featuring Doc Watson, David Johnson, Eric Ellis, Dale Reno, Scott Gentry, Kilby Spencer Band & Snyder Family Band, John A. Walker Ctr., Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, NC, 8 PM, \$25. Tickets: 336-667-3171; www.blueridgemusicshalloffame.com

JUNE 12, High Lonesome Strings Day at Brown's Ole Opry w/Band TBA (6 PM), Springer's Point (7 PM), The Can't Hardly Players (8 PM), Brown's Ole Opry, Timber Mill Rd., McLeansville, NC. Jamming outside 6 PM. Open jam on stage 9 PM. 336-339-5900

JUNE 12, Night of Blues w/Mac Arnold Plate Full O' Blues, Blonde Blues, WSNB, Neighborhood Theatre, 8:30 PM, \$15-19; limited seating.

JUNE 12, The Carter Brothers, Flat Rock Wine Shoppe Back Room, 2701 Greenville Hwy., Flat Rock, NC, 9 PM. 828-697-6828; www.flatrockwineshoppe.com/index.html

****JUNE 13, 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.

JUNE 13, Traditional Irish Music Session

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

JUNE 13, The Gospel Jubiliators, Daniels Auditorium, NC Museum of History, 5 E. Edenton St., Raleigh, NC, 3-4 PM, Free. Jubilee-style male gospel group. www.pinecone.org

JUNE 13, Edmar & Pavelid Castaneda (Colombian harp players), The ArtsCenter, 7 PM, \$15.

JUNE 13-19, Steve Kaufman's Acoustic Kamps, Maryville, TN (17 miles south of Knoxville). Workshops, concerts, jamming, open stage. www.flatpik.com

JUNE 14-18, 6th Annual Peach Bottom Farm Fiddle & Strings Camp w/instructors Shane Cook, April Verch, Jerry Correll, Steve Kilby, Stanley Widener & Brian Crum, Independence, VA. 276-773-2181; www.peachbottomfarm.com/fiddleCamp.html

JUNE 15, Robin Rogers w/Bobby Donaldson, Donnie Marshall & Tuf Blanton, Fairview Grill, 5124 Park Rd., Charlotte, 9:30PM-1 AM. www.fairviewgrill.com; www.robinrogers.com

JUNE 16, Otis Taylor Band (blues), McGlohon Theatre, 7:30 PM, \$17.50 & up.

JUNE 16, Tobycreek (bluegrass), Puckett's Farm Equipment, 8:30 PM, no cover.

JUNE 17, Buckwheat Zydeco, Visulite Theatre, 7:30 PM, \$20.

JUNE 17, Lake Norman Jam Session, home in Lake Norman, NC area, 7 PM, Free. Call Ralph Gettings at 704-892-7415.

JUNE 17, Quebe Sisters, Cook Shack Concert Series, 7:30 PM, \$15; advance reservations required; write CookShackShows@roadrunner.com

JUNE 17, Tres Chicas, Market Street, Southern Village, Carrboro, NC, 7 PM, \$5. www.southernvillage.com/movies-music.htm

JUNE 17, Joe Firstman & Josh Hoge w/Marianne Keith, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$9-11.

JUNE 17-19, 17th Annual Maury River Fiddlers' Convention, Glen Maury Park, Buena Vista, VA. Old-time & bluegrass competitions: individual, bands, children's, folksong & flatfoot. Camping available. \$10/day admission; \$30 weekend. 540-463-1720; www.glenmaurypark.com/mrfc/

JUNE 17-20, 36th Annual Cherokee Bluegrass Festival w/The Snyder Family, Balsam Range, Darin & Brooke Aldridge, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, The Dillards & more, Happy Holiday RV Village, Cherokee, NC. Tickets: 919-779-5672; www.cherokeebbluegrass.com

JUNE 18, Iris DeMent, Cat's Cradle, 300 E. Main St., Carrboro, NC, 8 PM, \$28-30. 919-967-9053; www.catscradle.com

JUNE 18, Dana & Susan Robinson, Fiddle & Bow Society Series, 8 PM, \$10.

JUNE 18, Tommy Edwards, LaNelle Davis & Stan

Brown, Rotary Stage, NC Arts Incubator, Siler City, NC, 6-9 PM, Free. 919-663-2072; www.ncartsincubator.org

JUNE 18, Claire Lynch Band, Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 501 S. Mendenhall St., Greensboro, NC, 8 PM, \$20-25. www.triadacousticstage.com

JUNE 18, Bill Noonan & The Barb Wires w/Bruce Hazel's Temperance League (Americana/roots music), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$10.

JUNE 18, Beppe Gambetta (acoustic guitarist), Skyland Performing Arts Center, 7:30 PM, \$15-18.

JUNE 18, Rick Spreitzer w/Kevin Edwards, Dilworth Coffee at Ballantyne Village, 14815 Ballantyne Village Way, Charlotte, 7:30-10 PM. www.rickspreitzer.com

JUNE 18, Laura Boosinger & Josh Goforth, WUNC Back Porch Music On the Lawn Series, American Tobacco Campus, Durham, NC, 6 PM, Free; rain cancels. <http://wunc.org/events>

JUNE 18, CrownTown Showdown Showcase featuring 6 local bands, Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, Free.

JUNE 18, Hot Pickers Summit: Wayne Henderson & His Hot Picking Friends, 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.

JUNE 19, Wayne C. Henderson Music Festival & Guitar Competition, Grayson Highlands State Park, Mouth of Wilson, VA. www.waynehenderson.org

JUNE 19, Iris DeMent, The Grey Eagle, 8 PM, \$25-27; fully seated show.

JUNE 19, Songwriter Showcase w/Rachel Van Slyke & cutting edge regional songwriters, Historic Hagood Mill, 5138 Hagood Mill Rd., Pickens, SC, 11 AM-4 PM, free. 864-898-2936; www.co.pickens.sc.us/culturalcommission/events.asp

JUNE 19, The Brubakers w/special guest Tori Sparks (jazz), The Sylvia Theater, 9 PM, \$10-12.

JUNE 19, Reeve Coobs & Desmond Myers & Emily Lynch, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$8-10.

JUNE 19, Sourwood Mountain Band (bluegrass), R.A. Fountain General Store, 6754 E. Wilson St., Fountain, NC, 7:30 PM, \$8-10. www.rafountain.com

JUNE 19, Claire Lynch Band, Holly Springs Cultural Center, 300 W. Ballentine St., Holly Springs, NC, 8 PM, \$25. 919-567-4000; www.etix.com

JUNE 19, Matt Walsh (blues), The Corkscrew Wine Bar, 16916 Birkdale Commons Parkway, Huntersville, NC, 8-11:30 PM.

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704-987-0011; www.thescrewcrew.com

JUNE 20, Traditional Irish Music Session w/ Jason Dulin, Monty Monaghan, Jon Singleton & John Trexler, RiRa Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

JUNE 20, African-American Traditions featuring The Mighty Gospel Inspirations (a cappella quintet) & Donna Washington (storyteller), Market Street, Southern Village, Carrboro, NC, 5 PM, \$5 or 4/\$15. www.artscenterlive.org

JUNE 20-26, Steve Kaufman's Acoustic Kamps, Maryville, TN (17 miles south of Knoxville). Workshops, concerts, jamming, open stage. www.flatpik.com

JUNE 22-26, 2nd Annual Bluegrass in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC. www.mhc.edu/bluegrass

JUNE 23, Make a Mountain Dulcimer Class, Home of Carol Raedy, Charlotte, 10 AM-2 PM, \$80. Contact Carol Raedy at 704-367-2536 or carolraedy@hotmail.com to make reservations & get directions.

JUNE 23, Amy Speace & Sid Selvidge, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$12.

JUNE 23, Michael Reno Harrell & Trio, WNCW 88.7 FM in-studio interview/performance at 11 AM.

JUNE 23, Michael Reno Harrell & Trio, WGWG 88.3 FM in-studio interview/performance at 2 PM.

JUNE 24, Mary Gauthier & Matthew Ryan, The Grey Eagle, 9 PM, \$12-15.

JUNE 24, Eilen Jewell w/Mando Saenz, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$12-15.

JUNE 24, Sol Driven Train, The Purple Onion, 7:30-9:30 PM.

JUNE 25, Gypsy Jazz Night featuring One Leg Up, The ArtsCenter, 8:30 PM, \$14.

JUNE 25, Dar Williams w/Sara Watkins opening, Cat's Cradle, 300 E. Main St., Carrboro, NC, 8 PM, \$25-27. 919-967-9053; www.catscradle.com

JUNE 25, Matthew Ryan, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$12-14.

JUNE 25, Marakesh Express (Tribute to Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young), The Sylvia Theater, 9 PM, \$15-20.

JUNE 25, Michael Reno Harrell: New Songs & Stories, Skyland Performing Arts Ctr., 7:30 PM, \$12-15.

JUNE 26, Old-Time Stringbands: Gandy-dancer and New Ballads Branch Bogtrotters, 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.

JUNE 26, Ukulele Crash Course, Home of Carol Raedy, Charlotte, 10 AM-1 PM, \$28 (plus \$50 if you want to purchase a ukulele). Contact Carol Raedy at 704-367-2536 or carolraedy@hotmail.com to make reservations & get directions.

JUNE 26, Bob Margolin (blues), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$10-12.

JUNE 26, Rick Spretizer, Summit Coffee, 8-11 PM. www.rickspreitzer.com

JUNE 26, NC School of Traditional Music featuring Little Windows (Julee Glaub & Mark Weems), The ArtsCenter, 8 PM, \$12.

JUNE 26, Robin Rogers, Rodi, 8-10 PM.

JUNE 26, Drovers Old-Time Medicine Show, The Purple Onion, 8-10 PM.

JUNE 26, DudeFest w/Truckstop Preachers, Lou Ford, Breaking Laces, gogo pilot, Transmission Fields, Loose Lugnuts & more, Neighborhood Theatre, The Evening Muse, The Smelly Cat, Dolce Vita, Green Rice; 5:30 PM-1 AM, STBA. www.dudedefestcharlotte.com

JUNE 26-27, Grayson County Fiddler's Convention, Elk Creek School Ball Field, Elk Creek, VA. Competition, jamming. www.ecvfd.net

JUNE 27, Irish Session with ClannDarragh, Dandelion Market, 118 W. 5th St., Charlotte, 5-7 PM. 704-333-7989; www.dandelionmarketcharlotte.comPM, \$12.

JUNE 27, Traditional Irish Music Session w/ The Merrows, RiRa Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

JUNE 27, Kevin Welch (Texas songwriter), The ArtsCenter, 7 PM, \$16.

JUNE 27, Buttermilk Creek, High Lonesome Strings Monthly Meeting & Jam, Hagan-Stone Park Marina, 5920 Hagan-Stone Park Rd., Greensboro, NC, 2 PM. 336-420-0238; www.highlonesomestrings.org

JUNE 27, Benefit Concert for Jan Johansson (Heart Transplant Fund) w/Jan Johansson, The Kruger Brothers, Al Batten & the Bluegrass Reunion, String Machine, Hank Bowman, Lin Patterson, Carolina Junction, Julie Elkins, Danny Gotham, Lindsey Tims, Jerry Stewart & John Teer, Bond Park Amphitheater, 801 High House Rd., Cary, NC, 1-6:30 PM; suggested donation \$15 adults; children under 12 free. www.pinecone.org

JUNE 27, Magnolia Klezmer Band: From Bucharest to Broadway, Market Street, Southern Village, Carrboro, NC, 7 PM, Free. www.southernvillage.com/movies-music.htm

JUNE 28, Dar Williams w/special guest Sara Watkins, McGlohon Theatre, 7:15 PM, \$22-30.

JUNE 28-JULY 3, Voiceworks: Workshop for

Singers, Port Townsend, WA. www.centrum.org

JUNE 30, Natalie Zuckerman & Sam Baker & John Fullbright, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$8-10.

JULY 1, Missy Raines & the New Hip (acoustic/alternative/jazz), Double Door Inn, 9 PM, \$10-15.

JULY 1-4, 7th Annual Red, White & Bluegrass Festival w/Newfound Road, Sweet Potato Pie, Donna Ulisse, Jeanette Williams, Balsam Range, Lost & Found, Dale Ann Bradley, Larry Sparks, Mountain Heart w/Tony Rice, Lonesome River Band, The Grascals, Seldom Scene, Snyder Family, Bobby Osborne, Dailey & Vincent, Del McCoury Band, Darin & Brooke Aldridge, Paul Williams, IIIrd Tyme Out, Darin & Brooke Aldridge, Cherryholmes, Junior Sisk, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver & more, Catawba Meadows Park River Stage, 701 Sanford Dr., Morganton, NC. \$20/day; \$60 4-day pass. 828-439-1855; www.redwhiteandbluegrassfestival.com/home.cfm

JULY 2, Smokin' Bluz Bash w/Rick Ballew, Contagious Blues Band & The Thematones, Shoppes at University Place, Hwy. 29 & W.T. Harris Blvd., Charlotte, 5:30-8:30 PM, Free. www.thesummerconcertseries.info/

JULY 3, 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).

JULY 3, Crooked Road Ramblers & The Wolfe Brothers, 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.

JULY 3-5, Festival for the Eno w/Solas, Missy Raines & the New Hip, African American Dance Ensemble, Charlie Louvin, John Dee Holeman, Little Windows, Stillhouse Bottom Band, George Higgs, Jon Shain, Lightnin' Wells, Gospel Jubilators, Kickin' Grass, Cane Creek Cloggers, Craicdown, Thistledown Tinkers & many more, West Point on the Eno Durham City Park, Durham, NC. 10 AM-6 PM each day; Early Bird Passes: \$10/day; \$25/3 days. <http://enoriver.org/Festival>

JULY 3-10, Festival of American Fiddle Tunes, Port Townsend, WA. Dirk Powell, Artistic Director. www.centrum.org

JULY 3-JULY 17 & JULY 31 (Saturdays), Shindig on the Green, Bascom Lamar Lundsford Stage, Roger McGuire Green, Pack Place Park, Asheville, NC, 7-10 PM, Free. www.folkheritage.org/shindigonthegreen.htm

JULY 4-16, Common Ground on the Hill,

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McDaniel College & Carroll County Farm Museum, Westminster, MD. Workshops, concerts, dance, children's events, jamming. www.commongroundonthehill.org

JULY 8, Victor Wooten; Josh Phillips Folk Festival opens, Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, \$22-37.

JULY 8, WNCW's 21st Birthday Jam w/ Gandalf Murphy & the Slombovian Circus of Dreams, Eliza Lynn, Delta Moon, Dehlia Low & Jess Klein, Double Door Inn, 8 PM, \$21.

JULY 9, Chatham County Line, Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, \$12-22; fully seated show.

JULY 9, Alison Brown Quartet, Diana Wortham Theatre, 8 PM, \$25-30.

JULY 9-12, Uncle Dave Macon Days National Championship for Ole Time Banjo, Buckdance & Clogging, Murfreesboro, TN. www.uncledavemacondays.com

JULY 10, New Riders of the Purple Sage, Visulite Theatre, 9 PM, \$22-24.

JULY 10, Susan Vinson Sherlock, "Folkways, Fried Pies & Fiddle Tunes," Horne Creek Farm State Historic Site, 308 Horne Creek Farm Rd., Pinnacle, NC, 9 AM-5PM, Free. Circa 1900 farm with heirloom garden & heritage apple orchard; demonstrators, musicians & vendors entertain and offer wares. 336-325-2298; www.nchistoricsites.org/horne/horne.htm

JULY 10, Sol Driven Train w/The Plainfield Project (Americana/roots), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$10.

****JULY 11, 5th Annual Old-Time Music Jam & Ice Cream Social**, Historic Rosedale Plantation, 3427 Tryon St., Charlotte, 1-4 PM, Free ice cream and activities on the grounds: slow jam, Celtic jam, fast jams, storytelling, song circle, Appalachian dulcimer jam, children's instruments to try, clogging & blacksmithing demonstrations. House tours 1:30-3:30 PM, \$3/person or \$5/2 people. Bring a lawn chair. Rain cancels. Call 704-563-7080; visit www.folksociety.org.

JULY 16, Tammerlin, Fiddle & Bow Society Series, 8 PM, \$10.

JULY 16-17, Alleghany County Fiddler's Convention, Higgins Agricultural Fairgrounds, Sparta, NC. Competition, jamming. www.alleghanyfiddlers.com

JULY 17, Miss Tess & the Boulder Acoustic Society (jazz/American/blues), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$10.

JULY 17, 13th Annual Toe River Storytelling Festival w/David Holt, Michael Reno Harrell, Kim Weltkamp, Fred Park & Linda

Spitzer, Riverside Park, 305 Tappen St., Spruce Pine, NC, 10 AM-4 PM, \$10; ages 9 & younger Free. 828-765-3008; www.sprucepinefestivals.com/storytelling.html

JULY 17-18, 4th Annual Old-Time Banjo Festival, Birchmere Music Hall, Alexandria, VA & House of Musical Traditions, Takoma Park, MD. Workshops, concerts, competition. www.oldtimebanjofestival.com

****JULY 18, CFS Old-Time Acoustic Sunday Jam**, Asbury Care Center Living Room, Aldersgate, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, 2-4 PM, free. Contact jam coordinator Tom Keller with questions at 704-366-9441.

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.

JUNE 26: Hot Sonata w/ Caller TBA.

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.

JUNE 7: Tonal Recall w/ Charley Harvey.

JUNE 14: Poultry in Motion w/ Dean Snipes.

JUNE 21: Global Warming w/ Lesly Bowers.

JUNE 28: Twisted Laurel w/ Gretchen Caldwell calling.

JULY 5: Eat More Chicken w/ Dean Snipes.

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

JUNE 7: Gypsy Meltdown w/ Jack Mitchell.

JUNE 14: Dancing Bears w/ Barbara Groh.

JUNE 21: Chivarie w/ Beth Molaro calling.

JUNE 28: Spring Chickens w/ Margaret Mathews calling.

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.

JUNE 12: Skylark w/ Jack Mitchell calling.

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>

JUNE 18: Donneybrook Lads w/ Jack Mitchell 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.

JUNE 12: Cabin Fever w/ Marolyn Floyd.

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>.

JUNE 5: Anadama w/ Charley Harvey.

JUNE 19: Floorplay w/ Tom Hinds 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.

JUNE 1: Hot Sonata w/ Hank Morris calling. Waltz workshop at 7:30 PM w/ **Hank & Mary Jellicorse**. (10:30 Dance)

JUNE 8: Anadama w/ Jack Mitchell calling. (10:30 Dance)

JUNE 15: Adam Hurt & Friends w/ Jesse Edgerton calling. (10:30 Dance)

JUNE 22: Tickle, Scratch & Groove w/ Dean Snipes calling. (10:30 Dance)

JUNE 29: Tremblay's Dream w/ Conie Carringer calling.

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.

JUNE 5: Gypsy Meltdown w/ Jack Mitchell.

JUNE 11: Friday Advanced Dance w/ Wild Cat & Jennie Wakefield calling. Experienced dancers only; not for beginners/new dancers.

JUNE 12: Skeeziks w/ Laurie Fisher.

JUNE 26: Boys of Buncombe w/ Rob Harper.

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.

JUNE 25: Jamie Laval & the Carolina Dinos w/ Caller TBA.

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.

JUNE 3: Gypsy Meltdown w/ Jack Mitchell calling.

JUNE 10: Anadama w/ Ann Marie Walter.

JUNE 17: Firefly w/ John Combs calling.

JUNE 24: Fiddlewitch w/ Barbara Groh.

Triangle Country Dancers, Carrboro Century Ctr., Greensboro St., between Weaver &

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Main, Carrboro, NC. Lessons 7:30 PM, Dance 8-11 PM, \$8. Dance hotline: 919-286-6624; questions 919-220-8411. www.TCDancers.org.

JUNE 5: Footloose/Contrazz Dance; The Elftones w/ Keith Cornett calling, \$9.

JUNE 11: Anadama w/ Maggie Jo Saylor.

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.

JUNE 25: Tickle, Scrathc & Groove w/Bree Kalb calling.

DANCE WEEKENDS

JUNE 18-20: Asheville Summer Soiree, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC. **Magic Foot & The Morrison Brothers w/ George Marshall & Jesse Edgerton** calling. www.oldfarmersball.com.

SEP 10-12: Harvest Moon Folk Society MoonDance. www.harvestmoonfolk.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/>

2nd & 4th MONDAYS

Open Irish Session, Summit Coffee, 128 S. Main St., Davidson, NC, 7:30-10 PM. Tim Helfrich: 704-895-0505. www.summitcoffee.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 PM, free. Contact Carol Raedy at 704-367-2536 or carol@communitysongleaders.org.

Mineral Springs Music Barn Open Mic Jam Sessions (starting April 20th), 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 Greg Baker at 704-846-3873; visit www.NSAICharlotte.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

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, 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. 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. www.toscomusicparty.org.

THURSDAYS

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

Open Mic hosted by Dale Hillyard, Puckett's Farm Equipment, 8 PM.

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, 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, 9:30 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.

Alleghany Jubilee, Spartan Theater, N. Main St., Sparta, NC. Live old-time & bluegrass bands; dancing. Admission. Call 336-372-4591; visit www.blueridgemusic.org.

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.

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

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

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. 336-475-9397; 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. www.co.pickens.sc.us.

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**, 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 Kelleher 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.

The Wayne C. Henderson Music Festival And Guitar Competition

By Tom Watts

The annual Wayne C. Henderson Music Festival and Guitar Competition is one of our area's best one-day festivals and certainly an enjoyable opportunity for serious musicians, folks who just love music, and anybody who loves nature and the lovely mountains of Southwest Virginia. It is a not-to-be-missed event for music lovers and certainly one of the finest of festival bargains for families and musicians.

The Festival is always held the third Saturday of June, "rain or shine," in the beautiful Grayson Highlands State Park (www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/gra.shtml), just up the road from Wayne Henderson's home in Rugby, Virginia, not far from Mouth of Wilson. That's Saturday, June 19th, this year. The festival was established in 1995 and exists to honor local musical hero Wayne Henderson and to benefit a scholarship fund to aid young musicians in continuing their educations. The Festival is operated by volunteers and to date has contributed more than \$47,000 to help young musicians in furthering their interest in traditional music and education. The Festival is family-friendly and is held in a peaceful and picturesque high meadow. The site is a grassy and gently sloping natural bowl, surrounded by woods and rocks, literally a perfect spot for music. There's a single stage where all music is scheduled, so you can claim your spot and settle in for the day, or wander through the festival grounds and park. The cost of the festival is \$10, plus a \$3 per vehicle admission to the Park. Children twelve and under are free. Take

lawn chairs, sunscreen, and a light jacket or sweater since late afternoons can be cool. Food is available on site or pack a picnic. For additional information, check out the website at www.waynehenderson.org/

The Talent Line-Up . . .

The entertainment kicks off at 10:30 with twenty great pickers competing in the guitar contest. The top prize is one of Wayne's very-hard-to-get custom guitars. The talent



Wayne Henderson and Helen White (Photo courtesy of Tom Watts)

line-up for the day is impressive: **The Red Head Express, The Peyton Brothers, The New Ballad Branch Bog Trotters, The Quebe Sisters Band, Ronnie Reno and the Reno Tradition**, and the finale, featuring **Wayne Henderson and Friends**. The festival wraps up about 6:30 PM. Other features include a guitar raffle, clogging stage (don't be surprised to see the Park Superintendent breaking loose on the clogging stage), arts and crafts, and children's activities.

A Little About Wayne . . .

If you play music or just love

acoustic music, it's more than probable that you already know about Wayne. He's a top-notch finger-picker and is known and respected all over the world for his unique style of finger-picking and for the magnificent guitars and mandolins he crafts in his Rugby shop. He's played at Carnegie Hall, on three national tours of the Masters of the Steel String Guitar, in Europe and Asia and in performance venues, both large and small, all over the USA.

His early interest in and approach to music was influenced by folks like Doc Watson and neighbors E.C. Ball and Albert Hash, plus many others. His unique style combines both finger-picking and flat-picking where the thumb-pick plays the role of the flat pick, leaving many conventional pickers both fascinated and baffled.

Wayne is renowned for the fantastic guitars and mandolins he crafts in his Rugby shop. These beautiful instruments are made for friends, back porch pickers, and also for famous musicians.

The waiting list for his instruments is legendary, with musicians often waiting years, and sometimes many years, for an instrument. Wayne's instruments are renowned for their volume, tone, and resonance and they're made from both local and exotic woods. When asked how he builds such quality into his instruments, Wayne often says, "You just take your pocketknife and cut away everything that isn't a guitar." You can read the story of how Wayne built a guitar for Eric Clapton in Allen St. John's interesting book, **Clapton's Guitar**. Beyond all the guitars and fame,

Wayne is known as "a friend to everyone and as someone who who shares his talents and knowledge unselfishly with everyone."

Want to go?

From Charlotte head up I-77 north to Galax, Virginia, then to Mouth of Wilson and follow the road up to Grayson Highlands State Park. Of course, you can also take the back roads to Mouth of Wilson. Either way it's a beautiful drive and a day in the mountains. Travel time from Charlotte should be about three hours. **Note: Alcohol and pets are not allowed in Grayson Highlands State Park.**

Lake Norman Jam Session June 17th

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 June 17th.**

The group operates on the principle that everyone - from beginning to advanced musicians - benefits from the experience of playing with others. The only requirements for membership are patience, tolerance, and laughter. The group plays in traditions presented by the Folk Society and is open to all types of instruments.

All are welcome.

Contact Ralph Gettings at 704-892-7415 or ralphcrn9@aol.com for information and directions.



Traditional Irish Music Sundays 7 PM at RiRa

By John Trexler

RiRa Irish Pub, 208 North Tryon Street, is open again and smoke-free, after renovation following fire damage. Traditional Irish music sessions take place every Sunday at 7 PM.

Come hear and play Irish music with **The Session** on first, second, third, and fifth Sundays. **Session** hosts include Jason Dulin (percussion), Monty Monaghan (mandolin), Jon Singleton (fiddle/banjo/guitar), and John Trexler (whistle, flute/bagpipes).

Enjoy the Irish band **The Merrows** on fourth Sundays. They are Jason Dulin, Monty Monaghan, Sandy Herrault (fiddle), and John Senn (vocals, guitar).

Visit the RiRa website at www.rira.com.

Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club

The Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club meets next on Friday, June 11th, 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, contact Mark Willingham at 980-254-8059.

English Country Dance in Matthews

By Rita Hartmann

Join us for **free** English Country Dancing every Friday, 7-9 PM, in the Matthews Orthodox Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 2701 Rice Road (off Idlewild Road), in Matthews, NC. Evenings include a variety of English Country dances, with some contra dances, thrown in for good measure.

English Country Dancing is a living tradition of dances and music and is enjoyed by people the world over. We look forward to teaching you dances from the 1600s, 1700s, all the way up to new dances written in the last thirty years.

For information, contact Jason Mauney at jasonmauney@gmail.com or 704-309-7649.

Mint Hill Farmers' Market Wants You!

The Mint Hill Farmers Market, located at the Carl J. McEwen Village, 7601 Matthews-Mint Hill Road, in Mint Hill, invites folk musicians, storytellers, stitchers, and demonstrators to be a part of the Market. The Market is open 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturdays from May through September. If you're interested in sharing your gifts and passions, call 704-573-0726 to be scheduled.



Cuz's Corner

By Dennis Frost

Well folks, it's time for another edition of Cuz's Corner – just in time to kick off the summer season! I must admit this article finds me in transition mode as my wife and I just returned from a magical trip out in New Mexico. I feel everyone has a special place that nourishes the soul and puts one closer to God – this is ours! Not only is New Mexico a drop-dead gorgeous place, but we find the culture and the food extremely exotic and I'm amazed a passport isn't required for entry. Since this article is after all about music, I also very much enjoy all the indigenous genres one is exposed to in the Southwest. Isn't it fantastic how regionalized folk and roots music is throughout the U.S., depending on where one traces the paths of emigration? Even lyrics vary in different parts of the country. Whereas in the East the folksingers may be lamenting about life around the coal mines, the beauty of the Appalachians, or some hideous murder, the themes in the Southwest might involve the openness of the range, the love of "Old Paint," or that drink of "cool, clean water." What these styles of folk music do have in common are the struggles of the everyday man! As I've probably mentioned before, we always like to catch **Bill and Bonnie Hearne** when in Santa Fe. These folks have influenced a "who's who" list of folk and roots artists all over the Southwest. Although Bonnie's health doesn't allow performing on a regular basis, Bill can still be found with his trio, performing in old haunts in northern New Mexico, including the historic La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe.

The festival season is heating up with the weather and although

these two festivals are actually in July, it's about time to plan ahead and get those advance tickets. If you are yearning for an honest-to-goodness authentic bluegrass festival, you might want to trek to Morganton for the **Red, White and Bluegrass Festival**, July 1–4, at Catawba Meadows Park. Artists include **Mountain Heart with Tony Rice**, the **Seldom Scene**, **Lost and Found**, the **Grascals**, **The Snyder Family**, **Cherryholmes**, **Illrd Tyme Out**, **The Del McCoury Band**, **Kenny and Amanda Smith**, **Doyle Lawson** and many others! Tickets and all the information can be found at www.RedWhiteandBluegrass.com.

As you probably know, one of my favorite festivals is **FloydFest**, July 22-25, due to the incredible variety of music, the beauty of the festival site, and the consciousness of the community, volunteers, and organizers. Headlining this year's festivities is the incredible **Levon Helm**, along with a lineup that is way too long to mention. Suffice it to say, the selections cover old-time, bluegrass, world, jam bands, jazz, swing, Americana, blues, environmental workshops, and much, much more. The food is tasty and healthy and one can always find a great selection of local wines, hand-crafted beers, and great music in the always shady and cool wine and beer garden. I have to admit that I'm ready to hop in the ole truck and head to Floyd, as we speak! (www.floydfest.com) Cuz's no-miss concert of the

month is the **Tom Russell** show June 12th at the Evening Muse. Speaking of the Southwest, Tom's music is rich in the sounds and themes of the Texas/Mexican border. Tom Russell is a national treasure, one America's elite songwriters, and is not to be missed. (www.maxxmusic.com)

There are two recordings that I want to mention. The first comes from an artist I was not familiar with and, as you know, I love these surprises! **Nora Jane Struthers'** self-titled disc has a modern bluegrass feel to it and includes ten well-written originals and one traditional song. The musicians on this effort are the cream of the crop and include Stuart Duncan, Tim O'Brien, Rob Ickes, Bryan Sutton, Scott Vestal, Shawn Lane, Dennis Crouch, and many others. This is an extremely good



"Cuz" and Little Bit

sounding CD and I would hope you check out www.norajanestruthers.com to catch a taste of this one.

Ever since I first heard **John Prine's Paradise**, **Sam Stone**, **Spanish Pipedream**, and **Your Flag Decal Won't Get You Into Heaven Anymore** decades ago, I've been a huge fan of his wry, witty, and sometimes hilarious songs. In fact, many road trips through the years included a John Prine sing-along or two! I would highly suggest you check out John's **In Person & On Stage**. Not only do you get classic Prine and the stories behind some of those classics, but some pretty special guest artists like Iris DeMent, Sara Watkins, Emmylou Harris, Kieran Kane, Kevin Welch, and Fats Kaplin. After all the bad news in the Gulf, you'll want to heed

John's advice and, "Blow up your TV, throw away your paper, go to the country, and build you a home... grow a little garden, eat a lot of peaches, try to find Jesus on your own!" This one is from John's Oh Boy Record Company and can be found at www.johnprine.net.

Please don't miss the **Whippersnappers'** final band performance at the Stella on Friday, June 11th, at 7:30 PM as part of our June CFS Gathering. We at the Folk Society have a warm, fuzzy spot in our hearts for this group of youngsters that we watched grow up on stages around town. Please see the article in your newsletter about this no-miss concert!

Here's hoping the summer season is good to you and your gardens, figuratively and literally, and provides you with a bounty. There are many festivals and performances to choose from this early summer, so hit the road and catch some live music! You'll be glad you did!

CUZ

To share with Cuz about your favorite music, contact him at 704-532-8846 or dcmfrost@mindspring.com.

Willow Grove Old-Time Jam

Bill Williams invites all to join in and come on out on the first Saturday of every month from 2-4 PM in the Activities Room at the Willow Grove Retirement Center, located at 10043 Idlewild Road, Matthews, NC 28105. **The next jam will take place on Saturday, June 5th.** For information, call Bill Williams at 704-573-6154 or 704-517-2822 (cell).

In Memory Of Robert Terrell Johnson "Terry"

By Marilyn Meacham Price

In the early days of the Charlotte Folk Society, Terry was involved with a group of autoharp enthusiasts who formed a band called **The Angel Band**. They all loved that instrument. The women dressed in white and the three guys, Terry Johnson, Bob Seals, and George Johnson, wore red shirts and called themselves "the little devils" in the band. They were a hit at the Latta Plantation Festivals we used to host until the festival's success outgrew park facilities.

Autoharp experts such as Bryan Bowers were brought to town and instruction given. (Carole Outwater still teaches a class at CPCC.) Over the years, Terry acquired a lot of music materials and more than a dozen autoharps.

Terry was part of the "Jam Class" family at CPCC and we had kept in touch. He once got so excited when he discovered I had an old black original autoharp that he took it home and stayed up late in the night, putting on new strings for me.

Terry was a loving, giving person and we had much in common – including our shared love of history and family genealogy. He was proud of his work on his North Carolina roots. He wanted to donate his music and autoharp collection to the Folk Society. My husband, Jim, and I brought the harps home and I asked Joe Riggs to see if some of them could be restored, which he did.

A long-time smoker, Terry suffered from end-stage COPD and died on Friday, May 21, 2010, one day after his 65th birthday. He left a gift which will live after him and to us, his friends, many lovely memories.

Thank You, 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 in the Charlotte community and to offer scholarships for adults and young people to the Swannanoa Gathering.

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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.



CFS Website Calendar

CFS webmaster John Goldsbury has created a new link from the homepage at www.folksociety.org. Visitors clicking on "Regional Folk Calendar" will find a calendar of Charlotte Folk Society events, as well as regional festivals, workshops, house concerts, jam sessions, etc. Visitors to the page may submit event information to be added to the calendar, subject to approval by CFS.

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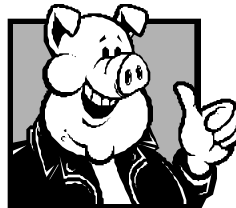
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