

## African Music & Storytelling By The Healing Force on May 8th

The Charlotte Folk Society celebrates traditional African culture with **The Healing Force** at our next Gathering. We invite you to join us on Friday, May 8, at 7:30 PM in the former sanctuary of the Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Avenue, between McDowell Street and Kings Drive.

Monthly Gatherings are family-friendly, open to the public, and free. Donations, which support the series in part, are greatly appreciated. A short refreshment break follows the hour-long concert. Afterwards, join a song circle or a jam session – slow or fast – listeners welcomed. The Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club meets after the concert, as well. Free surface parking is available adjacent to the Stella Center. The arm of the nearby parking deck goes up for the weekend at 8 PM. If you pick up a ticket on the way into the deck, you won't have to pay on the way out, as long as you leave after 8 PM.

“Serving the community through the arts” is the motto of **The Healing Force**, a family of performers



**The Healing Force**

based in Winston-Salem who use music, singing, dance, and storytelling to bring traditional African culture to life for audiences of all ages. The husband-and-wife team of Joseph and Gail Anderson founded **The Healing Force** in 1975. The Andersons have acted

with the Afro-American Folkloric Troupe and studied with the National Black Theater of New York. With their daughter, Sonji Gardner, and son, Karim, they began full-time professional performances in 1990. Their name, **The Healing Force**, was suggested by a friend to symbolize both the healing quality of

art and the power of its presence.

**The Healing Force** has traveled the country and appeared in venues such as The National Storytelling Festival, the Bay Area Storytelling Festival, and numerous festivals, schools, colleges, churches, museums, family reunions, and community events. Through the years, the Andersons have enhanced their performances with training from cultural masters

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## Save These Dates For CFS Events!

Our June Gathering will be a special event you won't want to miss! H. A. “Humpy” Wheeler, a CFS member for several years, will be featured in a program we're calling “Down Home Stories.” The format will be a conversation between Dr. Tom Hanchett and the man he describes as one of our region's natural born storytellers. The conversation should be fascinating! “Humpy” Wheeler was born in Belmont, North Carolina and raised in the Catholic Church in an era when Catholics were definitely in the minority here. He attended Belmont Abbey Prep School, an experience that would have not been the norm in most North Carolina textile towns. We look forward to hearing about his journey from Belmont to his 32 years as President and General Manager of Lowe's Motor Speedway and where his passions are taking him today. Mark your calendars now for Friday, June 12th, 7:30 PM at the Great Aunt Stella Center! We are pleased to have the Levine Museum of the New South partner with us in presenting this event.

Another event to keep in mind is our annual Old-Time Acoustic Music Jam and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 12th, 1-4 PM. This year, our site host will be Historic

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## Charlotte Folk Society Mission

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

## Hire Musicians For Your Next Event

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

## Folk Calendar Contributors

Thanks to **The Healing Force**, Jennifer Stanton, Gar Hartmann, and Karen Singleton for providing photos this month. Special thanks to Bill Cooke for putting together the dance calendar. Thanks to Hat and Dan Thompson for getting the newsletter in the mail. Please call Wanda at 704-563-7080 to assist with the **Folk Calendar**.

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

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**Woody's (Rock Hill and York)**

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### CFS Folk Calendar

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Mohammed Da Costa of Guinea, Djimo Kouyate of Senegal, and Mamady Kelta of Guinea; through travel to Nigeria and Ghana; and study at the 1997 and 1998 Summer Jembe Institutes.

**The Healing Force** turns any appearance into a lively, colorful celebration of African culture and spirit with booming drums, rattling gourds (shekeres), and thumb pianos, as they tell tales and sing songs. The use of drums and musical instruments is important to their mission. They say that to share African culture, they must share music and dance, which are woven into everyday life and are an integral part of every important event in Africa. They point out the similarity of African folktales to traditional American folktales. Gail observes, "African folk tales talk about family, adventure, tricksters, love, community loyalty, life's lessons, etc." African arts, history, and family genealogy are traditionally passed on orally from generation to generation. African storytelling is a communal, participatory experience. **The Healing Force** wants each of their performances to be a group experience for both the audience and themselves. Look forward to joining **The Healing Force** in a rousing, high-energy celebration of life!

To learn more about **The Healing Force**, visit their website, [www.thehealingforceonline.com](http://www.thehealingforceonline.com).

Watch **Funny Video - The Healing Force in Action**, a two-part video, on [www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org).

**Charlotte Folk Society Gatherings are made possible, in part, through a Cultural Project Grant from the Arts & Science Council and the Grassroots Program of**

**the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency.**



## We Can Help The Healing Force "Save the Babies" In West Africa

Two years ago **The Healing Force** raised funds for orphans in Kenya, East Africa. Now, the Andersons are close to completing a two-year fundraiser to support the rebuilding of a school in the remote village of Zانبougou in Mali, West Africa. They visited Zانبougou in June 2007 with master Malian drummer Abdoul Doumbia. While there, they asked village elders how they might help them. The elders requested assistance in rebuilding the school for their children. The building had been closed, as the roof had fallen in. It had been poorly furnished and equipped, as well. \$10,000 is needed to re-open and furnish the school and provide supplies for school work.

On Saturday, May 9th, **The Healing Force** is holding a "Save the Babies" Oldies Dance and Raffle at Blessings, 823 Reynolda Road, in Winston-Salem, NC. It gets underway at 7 PM and admission is a school supply donation and a purchased raffle ticket for one of three fabulous vacations. The suggested donation for a raffle ticket is \$10. First prize is an eight-day/seven-night cruise to the Bahamas. Second prize is a six-day/five-night cruise to the Bahamas. Third prize is three days and two nights at

your choice of 65 locations. You need not be present in order to win the drawing for one of these prizes.

**The Healing Force** will have raffle tickets available to purchase after their May 8th concert in the Great Aunt Stella Center. They will also happily accept donated school supplies for the children of Zانبougou.

Donations can also be mailed to them or made online through their website. Visit [www.thehealingforceonline.com/sob\\_2008.htm](http://www.thehealingforceonline.com/sob_2008.htm) for details.

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Rosedale Plantation, 3427 North Tryon Street, near the intersection with Sugar Creek Road. Rosedale was built in 1815 and is one of the finest examples of Federal period architecture in North Carolina and is noted for its faux grained wood and original wallpaper surviving in three rooms. The grounds will be the perfect setting for families to enjoy a summer afternoon with jam sessions, song circle, and, of course, ice cream. The Storytellers Guild of Charlotte will be sharing stories again this year, too. Admission to events on the grounds will be free; there will be a charge to tour the house. We appreciate having Historic Rosedale and the Storytellers Guild as partners this year.

For the past twenty summers, Tom and Barbara Phlegar have hosted the CFS Old-Time Music Jam Weekend on the Phlegar Family Farm near Pearisburg, Virginia. **The 2009 dates for this gift to us all are: July 24-26.** If you've never experienced this weekend, please plan now to do so! You'll enjoy a relaxed, family-friendly, music-filled weekend in a place of great physical beauty. Rough camping on the farm and nearby accommodations are both available.

## Invitation To A Music Gathering

*By Dennis Spring*

Members of the Charlotte Folk Society are invited to join a music gathering that occurs on second and fourth Thursdays at the Charlotte Friends Meeting (570 West Rocky River Road, Charlotte, NC 28256). It goes from 8 PM to 10:15 PM and all are welcome to listen or join in.

We sometimes play classical music, sometimes Irish traditional music, sometimes sing-a-longs, depending on who shows up. We can cover more than one genre in a night, again depending on who attends, and when they arrive.

The acoustics are outstanding and the only stipulation on the music is that it is all acoustic instruments and vocals, so leave your Fender Stratocaster at home! And the only other stipulation is that there will be no alcohol at the Quaker Meeting House.

I look forward to some great times with a broad spectrum of music. For more information, call Dennis Spring at 704-535-8594.

## Celtic Jam Sessions

*By John Goldsbury*

Since January, various CFS members have been hosting Celtic jam sessions twice a month. These are intended to be "advanced intermediate" sessions. You do not need to be up to speed on the tunes to

attend, but the hope is you'd get there in good time for some. So far the results have been wonderful -- all sorts of tunes (jigs, reels, hornpipes, polkas, waltzes) and all sorts of acoustic instruments (acoustic only, please). And Guinness. We also have a tune list, though we're not bound by that. If you are interested in being added to the distribution list for info on the tunes, dates and times, contact John Goldsbury at flatpick\_guitar@yahoo.com or 803-802-3551. Slainte!

## CFS Old-Time Acoustic Jam May 10th At Aldersgate

Charlotte Folk Society Old-Time Acoustic Sunday Jams take place on the second Sunday of each month from 2 PM to 4 PM in the Asbury Care Center Living Room at Aldersgate, 3800 Shamrock Drive (between Eastway Drive and Sharon Amity Road) in east Charlotte. **The next jam will be on Mother's Day, May 10th.** These sessions are free and open to all, both 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.

## Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club May 8th

The Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club meets next on Friday, May 8th, at the Great Aunt Stella Center **after** the CFS Gathering concert, approximately at 8:30 PM. Anyone with an interest in the Appalachian or lap dulcimer is welcome. Loaner dulcimers are also available. Please contact Mark Willingham at 980-254-8059 for more information.

## Lake Norman Jam Sessions May 6th & May 23rd

Folk Society member Ralph Gettings has organized an acoustic jam group in the Lake Norman area. It meets in a member's home to jam on the Wednesday prior to each CFS monthly Gathering. The group will also resume Saturday jams at the Davidson Farmer's Market (behind Summit Coffee) at 9 AM on May 23rd.

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.

## Allen Cooke Honored For Years of Service To Folk Society

During our April 17<sup>th</sup> Gathering, we recognized Allen Cooke's many years and many forms of service to the Charlotte Folk Society. That evening, Harry Taylor presented Allen with a framed certificate which read: "The Board of the Charlotte Folk Society and its membership wish to gratefully acknowledge Board Member Allen Cooke on this joyful day, March 13, 2009, for his years of leadership as president, treasurer, traditional music and dance advocate, youth mentor, grant writer, and willing worker in support of our mission to promote the ongoing enjoyment and preservation of traditional and contemporary folk music, dance, crafts, and lore. Thank you, Allen for enhancing this community's quality of life." The certificate was signed by CFS President Dennis Frost. As well, Allen will receive a year's subscription to **Chili Pepper Magazine** in appreciation and in recognition of another of his passions!

In January, Allen stepped down from the CFS Board in order to devote all of his time to pursuing a graduate degree in accounting. We send with him our good wishes for every success in this endeavor and hope that his second career will allow him time to return to an active role in the Charlotte Folk Society community.

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## "The Art of Craft" May 9th At Historic Rosedale

Historic Rosedale Plantation, 3427 North Tryon Street, will host their fourth annual 1830s arts fair on Saturday, May 9, from 10 AM to 4 PM. "The Art of Craft" will include the best of North Carolina pottery, sweetgrass baskets, jewelry, traditional craft demonstrations, and a silent auction. Free pony rides and games will delight children. Food will be available to purchase.

Whether contemporary or traditional, the pottery will come from some of the finest artisans in the state: Bulldog Pottery, Leftwich Folk and Art Pottery, Whynot Pottery, Johnston and Gentithes Art Pottery, Hat Thompson, Matt Jones, Crystal King, King's Pottery, Dean and Martin Pottery, Pottery Central, Mizpah Pottery, Adrienne Dellinger, Carrey Bissell Pickard, Turtle Island Pottery, and Julie Wiggins Ceramics. The fair will also feature work by sweetgrass basket weaver Kisha Rawlinson, printmaker Jay Pfeil, JLK Jewelry, Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club, Charlotte Woodturners, and Completed Circle Drums.

General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students ages five to eighteen. Children four years and younger are free. Family passes are available for \$25. A preview breakfast for patrons with early access to the show will take place from 9 AM to 10 AM; tickets are \$75 per person. Gates open for general admission at 10 AM and the fair continues until 4 PM, rain or shine. To buy tickets and for details, visit [www.historicrosedale.org](http://www.historicrosedale.org) or call 704-335-0384.

## Mec Dec Celebration May 16th

You are invited to the Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive in east Charlotte, on Saturday, May 16, 5-8 PM, to learn about the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and its local observances from many of Charlotte's historical sites and organizations. Walk through the grounds and experience each respective organization, their specialties, and how they would have celebrated the Mec Dec. Admission is free. Picnic on the lawn and enjoy family-friendly entertainment and live colonial music. Enjoy a catered meal, available by pre-order only, by calling 704-568-1774. Beverages will be available for purchase.



As well as the Charlotte Folk Society, participants include Andrew Jackson State Park, Carolina Maps, Charlotte Museum of History, Fort Dobbs State Historic Site, Historic Brattonville, Historic Latta Plantation, Historic Rosedale Plantation, Historical Center of York County, Lincoln County Historical Association, McGill Rose Garden, Museum of York County, Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society, President James K. Polk State Historic Site, the Public Library of Mecklenburg County, and Rural Hill. We encourage you to learn about the unique role that Mecklenburg County played in our country's struggle for freedom and to visit Tom Kelleher, Harry Taylor, and Mark and Elene Clemens at the CFS tent, where they'll be performing and greeting visitors.

# 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; 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.

**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.

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

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

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

**Orange Peel**, 101 Biltmore Ave., Asheville, NC.

828-225-5851; www.theorangepeel.net.

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

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

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

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

**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.

**Thomas Wolfe Auditorium**, Asheville Civic Ctr., 87 Haywood St., Asheville, NC. 828-259-5736; www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/civic\_center/default.aspx

## CALENDAR LISTINGS

**THRU JUNE 4, Generation to Generation: Folk Art Collectibles and Fine-Crafted Heirlooms**, The Galleries, Historic Cabarrus Courthouse, 65 Union St. South, Concord, NC. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10 AM-4 PM. Gallery talks by artists; for schedule, call 704-920-2787 or visit www.CabarrusArtsCouncil.org

**MAY 4-JUNE 8, Everybody Can Sing: A Class for Shy and Non-Singers**, taught by Carol Raedy, 7107 Valley Haven Dr., Charlotte, NC 28211. 5 Mondays (May 4, 11, 18, June 1 & 8), 6-7 PM. Cost: \$40. For information or to register, contact Carol at 704-367-2536 or carol-raedy@hotmail.com.

### MAY 5

**Ravi Shankar**, Belk Theater, 7:30 PM, \$20-69.50.

**Amos Lee**, The Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, \$25-40.

**Brian Vander Ark**, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$12-14.

**Bluegrass w/Michael Reno Harrell & Red Rockin' Chair** (Tuesdays), The Comet Grill, 8:30-11:30 PM.

**Robin Rogers & Fairplay (blues, R&B, soul & gospel)**; (Tuesdays), Fairview Grill, 5124 Park Rd., Charlotte, 9:30 PM-1 AM. 704-527-8566; www.fairviewgrill.com

### MAY 6

**Lake Norman Jam Session**, 7 PM. Contact Ralph Gettings for location & directions: 704-892-7415 or ralphcrn9@aol.com

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

**MAY 6-24, Ring of Fire: The Johnny Cash Musical**, Flat Rock Playhouse, 2661 Greenville

Hwy., Flat Rock, NC, \$30-34. 828-693-0731; www.flatrockplayhouse.org

### MAY 7

**Gordon Lightfoot**, Ovens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, NC, 8 PM, \$39.50-49.50. 704-522-6500; www.ovensauditorium.com

**John Doyle**, Cook Shack Concert Series, 7:30 PM, \$15; advance reservations required; write CookShackShows@roadrunner.com **SOLD OUT**

**Natty Boh Acoustic Duo (Americana/bluegrass)**, RiRa, 9 PM.

**Iris DeMent**, The Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, \$22-32; fully seated show. **CANCELLED**

**MAY 7-9, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver Bluegrass Music Festival w/Dailey & Vincent, The Grascals, Balsam Range, Steep Canyon Rangers, IIIrd Tyme Out, Lonesome River Band & more**, Denton FarmPark, Denton, NC. 336-859-2755; www.dentonbluegrass.com

**MAY 7-10, Lake Eden Arts Festival w/ Natalie MacMaster, The Travelin' McCourys, Robin & Linda Williams & Their Fine Group, The Lee Boys, Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole, David Wilcox, Boulder Acoustic Society, Sol Driven Train & more**, 377 Lake Eden Rd., Black Mountain, NC. 828-686-8742; www.theleaf.com

**MAY 7-JUNE 4, Learn to Play the Ukulele Class**, taught by Carol Raedy, 7107 Valley Haven Dr., Charlotte, NC 28211. 5 consecutive Thursdays, 6-7 PM. Cost: \$40. Purchase a ukulele for \$39, plus shipping & tax. For information or to register, contact Carol at 704-367-2536 or carolraedy@hotmail.com

### MAY 8

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**Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club**, Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, 8:30 PM, Free. Call Mark Willingham at 980-254-8059.

**Simon & Garfunkel Tribute by A.J. Swearington & Jonathan Beedle**, The Sylvia Theater, 9 PM, \$12-15.

**Kathy Mattea: Coal Moving Mountains**, CoMMA, 401 S. College St., Morganton, NC, 7:30 PM, \$22-25. Tickets: 828-433-7469. www.commaonline.org

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Civitan Bluegrass Concert featuring The Seldom Scene**, Statesville High School Auditorium, 474 N. Center St., Hwy. 115, Statesville, NC, 7:30 PM, \$18.

**Abe Reid**, 11th Annual Blues Out Back Con-

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cert Series, Gaston County Museum of Art & History, 131 W. Main St., Dallas, NC, 6:30-8 PM, Free. [www.gastoncountymuseum.org](http://www.gastoncountymuseum.org)

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**Carolina ClayMatters Pottery Guild Spring Sale**, McAlpine Business Park, 8300 Monroe Rd., Charlotte, 10 AM-4 PM, Free.

**Art of Craft: 1830s Arts Fair featuring fine pottery, jewelry, and artisan crafts**, Historic Rosedale Plantation, 3427 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC, 10 AM- 4 PM. Adults \$10, youth 5-18 yrs. \$5, under 5 yrs. Free. For tickets & details, visit [www.historicrosedale.org](http://www.historicrosedale.org) or call 704-335-0384.

**Prairie Home Companion broadcast show features NC bands Big Medicine and Polecat Creek, along with Robin & Linda Williams**, Durham Performing Arts Center, 123 Vivian St., Durham, NC, 5:45 PM, \$25-65; tickets & info at 919-680-ARTS or [www.DPACnc.com](http://www.DPACnc.com). <http://prairiehome.publicradio.org>

**Interview with Little Windows (Julee Glaub & Mark Weems) on Fiona Ritchie's-Thistle & Shamrock**, 8 PM, WFAE 90.7 FM. [www.thistleradio.com](http://www.thistleradio.com)

**Christine Lavin**, The Davis Theater, 65 Union St., Concord, NC, 8 PM, \$25. 704-920-2787; [www.cabarrusartscouncil.org](http://www.cabarrusartscouncil.org)

**Potluck Picnic & Music Jam in Celebration of Marriage of Lucy Allen & Marshall Goers**, Paris Mountain State Park, Picnic Shelter A, 2401 State Park Rd., Greenville, SC. 864-244-5565; [www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/722.aspx](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/722.aspx)

**Doria Roberts**, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$10-12.

**Bob Paolino (blues)**, Rocky River Coffee Company, 4350 Main St., #109, Harrisburg, NC, 7 PM. 704-455-5615; [www.rockyrivercoffee.com](http://www.rockyrivercoffee.com)

**Pickin' for the Pets to Benefit the Foothills Human Society w/J. Michael King, Nick Hallman, Steve McGaha, Gregg "Buffalo" Barfield, Eddie Lee Bolt, Long Mountain Ramblers featuring Dean Watson & Friends**, Historic Hagood Mill, 5138 Hagood Mill Rd., Pickens, SC, 4-8 PM; admission by donations of money, dry pet foods, old towels & blankets, pet supplies, clay-type kitty litter, pet toys & treats. 864-898-2936; [www.co.pickens.sc.us/culturalcommission/events.asp](http://www.co.pickens.sc.us/culturalcommission/events.asp)

**Mel Jones & His Bag-O-Bones, Danny Wicker (Piedmont blues)**, The Second Fret, 240 W. Broad St., Statesville, NC, 8 PM, \$5. 704-878-9889; [www.thesecondfret.com](http://www.thesecondfret.com)

**7th Annual Old-Time Fiddlers & Bluegrass Convention**, Clement Grove Picnic

Grounds, 201 Poplar St., Cooleemee, NC. [www.cooleemeevitalans.com](http://www.cooleemeevitalans.com) **CANCELLED**

**Bluegrass in Wilkes featuring Curley Seckler with Big Country Bluegrass, Elkville String Band & others**, Forest Edge Amphitheatre, Fort Hamby Park, Wilkesboro, 1-11 PM, \$15. 336-428-7417; [www.bluegrassinwilkes.com](http://www.bluegrassinwilkes.com)

**Celtic Festival & Highland Games at Historic Bethabara Park featuring Traveler's Dream, Immigrant Daughters, and Jamie Laval & Duncan Wickel**, Historic Bethabara Park, 2147 Bethabara Rd., Winston-Salem, NC. 9 AM-4:30 PM. Music: 10:30-4 PM. 336-924-8191; [www.BethabaraPark.org](http://www.BethabaraPark.org)

**Russ Barenberg & Bryan Sutton**, Holly Springs Cultural Ctr., 300 W. Ballentine St., Holly Springs, NC, 8 PM, \$16. Tickets: on sale 3/16/09; call 919-567-4000 or [www.etix.com](http://www.etix.com). [www.pinecone.org](http://www.pinecone.org)

**Belleville Outfit (Americana/jazz/roots)**, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$12.

**Bluegrass on the Waccamaw featuring The Snyder Family, Grasstowne, Larry Stephenson Band & more**, Historic Downtown Conway's Riverfront Park, 2nd Ave. & Main St., beneath the Waccamaw River Bridge, Conway, SC, 12:30-10 PM, Free. 843-248-5399; [www.bluegrassonthewaccamaw.com](http://www.bluegrassonthewaccamaw.com)

## MAY 10

**\*\*CFS Old Time Acoustic Sunday Jam**, (new location) 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.

**Sunday Jazz/Gospel Brunch features Mellony Clark of Praise 100.9 Radio & The John Dillard Band (Sundays)**, Utopia Restaurant, 10210 Berkeley Place Dr., Charlotte, 11 AM- 4 PM. 704-295-0655; [www.utopian.com](http://www.utopian.com)

**Russell Johnson & Barney Rogers, "When the Bands Played: Original Acoustic Music Inspired by the Spirit & Emotion of the American Civil War,"** Daniels Auditorium, NC Museum of History, 5 E. Edenton St., Raleigh, NC. 3-4 PM, free. [www.pinecone.org](http://www.pinecone.org); [www.ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org)

**Irish Session w/The Merrows**, RiRa, 7-9 PM.

**Vienna Teng**, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$15.

**Jennings & Keller (Fusion Folk Americana)**, Bed & Bike Inn, Collie Rd. & Challman Lane, Gold Hill, NC, 4 PM, \$15; bring dish to share at post-concert potluck. Reservations: call Ellen at 704-463-0768 or email [info@bedandbikeinn.com](mailto:info@bedandbikeinn.com). [www.bedandbikeinn.com](http://www.bedandbikeinn.com); [www.jenningsandkeller.com](http://www.jenningsandkeller.com)

**MAY 11, Find Your Muse Open Mic (Mondays)**, The Evening Muse, 7 PM, \$3.

## MAY 12

**Richard Shindell**, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$18 adv.

**Eilen Jewell**, The Evening Muse, 9 PM, \$12.

## MAY 14

**Storytellers Guild of Charlotte 12th Anniversary Celebration**, Barnes & Noble, The Arboretum, 3327 Pineville-Matthews Rd., Charlotte, 7:30 PM; free. Storytellers & story listeners welcome! Call Ramona Moore-Big Eagle at 704-568-6940.

**Scott Miller w/Mac Leaphart & John Satterfield**, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$12-15.

**The Hoppers w/Master Praise presented by the Carolina Gospel Assoc.**, R-S Central High School Auditorium, 641 U.S. Hwy. 221 North, north of Rutherfordton, NC, 7 PM, general admission, tickets at the door, \$12. [www.carolinagospel.com](http://www.carolinagospel.com)

**Casey Driessen & the Colorfools**, Berkeley Café, 217 W. Martin St., Raleigh, NC, 8 PM, \$10. 919-821-0777; [www.berkeleycafe.net](http://www.berkeleycafe.net)

**Scott Ainslie in Concert**, Gaston County Public Library, Main Branch, 1555 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, NC, 7 PM, Free. 704-868-2164; [www.flrl.lib.nc.us/index.htm](http://www.flrl.lib.nc.us/index.htm)

## MAY 15

**Doc Watson, Jeff Little, Richard Watson & Charles Welch Concert to benefit West Jefferson Lions Club projects for the sight-impaired**, Mountain Music Jamboree, 9331 NC Hwy. 16, Glendale Springs, NC. \$25. Includes Hot Dog Dinner at 6 PM & concert at 7 PM; general admission. Reserve tickets by calling Dot Nichols at 336-982-8288. Directions: [www.MountainMusicJamboree.com](http://www.MountainMusicJamboree.com)

**Scott Ainslie**, Fiddle & Bow Concert, Blessings, 823 Reynolda Rd., Winston-Salem, NC, 8 PM, \$10.

**John Cowan Band w/The Whisky Rebellion Band opening**, The Sylvia Theater, 9 PM, \$15-20.

**Studebaker John & the Hawks**, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$10.

**The Wood Brothers**, The Visulite, 8:30 PM, \$15.

**Scottish fiddle champion John Turner**, The Second Fret, 240 W. Broad St., Statesville, NC, 7:30 PM, \$14-16. 704-878-9889; [www.thesecondfret.com](http://www.thesecondfret.com). Special workshop packages available. For tickets/reservations/questions, call Veda Bafford at 704-872-1516 or write [fiddlewoman1@yahoo.com](mailto:fiddlewoman1@yahoo.com)

**Lonesome River Band**, Hayes Performing Arts Ctr., 152 Jamie Fort Rd., off US Hwy 321, Blowing Rock, NC, 7:30 PM, \$15. 828-295-9627; [www.brcaac.org](http://www.brcaac.org)

## MAY 16

**Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Celebration**, Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, 5-8 PM, Free. Visit the Charlotte Folk Society tent and those of

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other regional history sites & organizations. Bring a picnic or purchase dinner on site. 704-568-1774; www.charlottenmuseum.org

**Michael Reno Harrell**, Rodman-Oak Grove Community Ctr., 2484 Rodman Rd., Chester, SC, 7 PM, \$10. Buy tickets online: www.rodmansc.org/CommunityCenter.htm

**Chatham County Line**, presented by Pine Cone, Sertoma Amphitheater, Bond Park, Cary, NC, 3 PM, Free. www.pinecone.org

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Greensboro StoryFest w/ Donald Davis, Priscilla Best, Marvin Cole, Ron Jones, Charlotte Ross & Yaeko Katsuki**, Festival Park Stage, Downtown Greensboro, NC, 11:30 AM-6 PM, Free. Festival visitors should bring chairs/blankets. www.ncstoryfest.org

**Jennings and Keller (Fusion Folk Americana)**, Burke Arts Council's Jailhouse Gallery, 115 E. Meeting St., Morganton, NC, 8 PM, doors open 7:15 PM; \$20 (includes wine & soft drinks); seating limited. Tickets: Clint Bernard at 828-433-0198 or americanastage@yahoo.com. Visit www.burkearts.org

**High Lonesome String Pickin' in the Park featuring Boys From Carolina** (11 AM), **Coyote Ridge** (11:50 AM), **The Circuit Riders w/special guest Brooke Justice** (12:40 PM), **Sweet Potato Pie** (1:40 PM), **Movin' on Bluegrass** (2:40 PM), **Second Chance** (3:30 PM), **John Hofmann's Acoustica** (4:20 PM), **The Circuit Riders** (5:10 PM), Hagan-Stone Park, 5920 Hagan-Stone Park Rd., Pleasant Garden, NC, 9:30 AM-6 PM, **Free**. Instrument workshops, children's storytelling; bring chair & instruments. BBQ available. Info: 336-202-1536. (Rain-date for bands, May 17<sup>th</sup> at noon.)

**Charlotte Guitar Society presents Andrew Zohn**, The Halton Theater, 7 PM, \$15-20.

**Donna Duncan with Detour**, Rodi, 8-10 PM.

**"Armed Forces Day" featuring the Blue Ridge Ramblers**, Historic Hagood Mill, 5138 Hagood Mill Rd., Pickens, SC, 12-3 PM; free. 864-898-2936; www.co.pickens.sc.us/culturalcommission/events.asp

**Gathering of the Gaels**, Connolly's on Fifth, 115 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St., downtown Charlotte, 7:30 PM; complimentary appetizers & special pricing on Coors Light & Guinness Pints. 704-358-9070; www.connollysirishpub.com

**Brandi Carlile**, McGlohon Theatre, 8 PM,

\$22.50-25.

**Deep River Bluegrass Festival w/blue Highway, James King Band & Newfound Road**, Taylor Farm, 1422 Old Walker Mill Rd., Randleman, NC, 3 PM, \$20. 336-495-7663.

**MAY 17**

**Lilyfest 2009 w/music by NSAI members**, Landsford Canal State Park, 2051 Park Dr., Catawba, SC, 1-5 PM, \$2 ages 16-adults; Free under 16. 803-789-5800

**Irish Session w/Acme Ceili Band**, RiRa, 7-9 PM.

**MAY 19, NC Symphony's Blue Skies & Golden Sands Tour: A Journey Down the Coastal Carolinas featuring Jeff Warner, Laurelyn Dossett, The Gospel Jubilators, The Monitors & Legends of the Beach**, Ovens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, NC. 8 PM, \$20-45. 704-372-1000; www.carolinatix.org

**MAY 20**

**Robin Rogers Trio**, Providence Café, 110 Perrin Ave., Charlotte, 6:30-9:30 PM. www.providencecafe.com

**The Spongetones**, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$7.

**MAY 21**

**Laura Boosinger & Josh Goforth**, Cook Shack Concert Series, 7:30 PM, \$12; advance reservations required; write CookShackShows@roadrunner.com

**MAY 21-23, American Banjo (Classic 5-String) Fraternity Rally**, Genetti Hotel, 200 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Williamsport, PA. Contact marmee@redsuspenders.com; visit www.abfbanjo.org

**MAY 21-23, PreddyFest featuring Constant Change, Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road, Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper, James King Band, Al Batten & Bluegrass Reunion & more**, 2284 Green Hill Rd., Franklinton, NC. 919-494-7471; www.preddyfest.com

**MAY 21-23, Lil John's Mountain Music Festival with Dan Tyminski Band, Mountain Heart, IIIrd Tyme Out, Lonesome River Band, Steep Canyon Rangers & more**, Cane Creek Campground, 1256 Longest Acres Rd., Snow Camp, NC. 336-376-8324; www.littlejohnsmountainmusic.com/index.php.

**MAY 22**

**Paddy Keenan and John Walsh**, The ArtsCenter, 8:30 PM, \$16.

**Ramseur Records Showcase w/Paleface and Samantha Crain**, The Visulite, 9:15 PM, \$10.

**Greg Baker & Michael Everitt**, The Sylvania Theater, 9 PM, \$10-12.

**Lucy Allen & Marshall Goers (folk/old-time)**, The Second Fret, 240 W. Broad St., Statesville, NC, 8 PM, \$4. 704-878-9889; www.thesecondfret.com

**Teadra** (Irish band), Diana Wortham Theatre, 8 PM, \$10-28.

**MAY 22-24, 85<sup>th</sup> Ole Time Fiddler's & Bluegrass Festival**, Fiddler's Grove Campground, Union

Grove, NC. www.fiddlersgrove.com

**MAY 22-JUNE 7, Piccolo Spoleto Festival**, Charleston, SC. Hear blues, jazz, gospel, old-time, spirituals, Cajun & more. 843-762-9125; www.piccolospoleto.com

**MAY 23**

**Davidson Farmers Market Jam Session**, behind Summit Coffee, 128 S. Main St., Davidson, NC, 9 AM. Contact Ralph Gettings for information: 704-892-7415 or ralphcrn9@aol.com

**Tony Lucca w/Andrew Hoover & Joey DeGraw**, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$8.

**Johnny Cash Tribute by The Folsom Prison Gang**, The Sylvania Theater, 9 PM, \$10-12.

**Gathering in the Gap Music Festival featuring Darrell Scott, Whitetop Mountain Band, Ron Short, Doug & Telisha Williams & others**, Southwest Virginia Museum Historical State Park, Big Stone Gap, VA. Workshops, concerts, jamming. Gatheringinthegapmusicfestival.com

**MAY 24, Irish Session w/The Merrows**, RiRa, 7-9 PM.

**MAY 28, Larry Keel & Natural Bridge**, The Visulite, 10:30 PM, \$12.

**MAY 29**

**Tony Rice & Mountain Heart**, CoMMA, 401 S. College St., Morganton, NC, 7 PM, \$25-30. Tickets: 828-438-5294. www.commaonline.org

**Patrick Davis w/John Satterfield**, The Sylvania Theater, 9 PM, \$10-12.

**The Churchmen**, Rex Theatre, 113 Grayson St., Galax, VA, 8-10 PM, \$8. www.rextheatergalax.com

**MAY 30**

**Femme Fest 2009 featuring Donna Duncan, HuDost, The Near Misses, Volatile Baby, Adrienne, Kyler England, Reeve, Natalie Royal, Eva Gael, Maddie Shuler & many more**, The Evening Muse & The Neighborhood Theatre, 5:30 PM-1 AM, \$15-20. Advance purchase online: www.theeveningmuse.com

**Part Time Blues Band**, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$12.

**Blueground Undergrass w/Symbol**, The Sylvania Theater, 9 PM, \$10-12.

**Acoustic Citizens (Peter & Eva Fritsch)** (folk/ballads/traditional), The Second Fret, 240 W. Broad St., Statesville, NC, 8 PM, \$5. 704-878-9889; www.thesecondfret.com

**MAY 31**

**Irish Session w/The Merrows**, RiRa, 7-9 PM.



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**Charlotte Dance Gypsies Sunday Dance for Beginners & Families with Children**, Chantilly Community Bldg., 2101 Shenandoah Ave., Charlotte, 4-5:30 PM. Music by Jon Singleton & Friends; calling by Gretchen Caldwell. \$5 adults; \$3 ages 2-16; Free under 2; maximum fee \$15. [www.charlottedancegypsies.org](http://www.charlottedancegypsies.org)

**Sundays in the Park with Polecat Creek and Andrea Reese**, Center City Park, Downtown Greensboro, NC, 2-5 PM, Free.

**JUNE 1, Jam Session**, Scruggs Opry House, 124 N. Main St., Belmont, NC, 7-9 PM, Free. <http://scruggsopryhouse.blogspot.com>

## JUNE 2

**Celtic Woman: Isle of Hope**, Ovens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, NC, 7:30 PM, \$36-66. 704-522-6500; [www.ovensauditorium.com](http://www.ovensauditorium.com)

**Jeff Little**, Cook Shack Concert Series, 7:30 PM, \$12; advance reservations required; write [CookShackShows@roadrunner.com](mailto:CookShackShows@roadrunner.com)

**JUNE 3, Tosco House Party (Open Mic)**, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$2.

## JUNE 5

**Denice Franke (Texas singer/songwriter)**, Fiddle & Bow Concert, Blessings, 823 Reynolda Rd., Winston-Salem, NC, 8 PM, \$10.

**Acoustic Syndicate**, The Neighborhood Theatre, 9:30 PM, \$20-35; limited seating.

**Tab Benoit (blues)**, Double Door Inn, 9 PM, \$20-25.

**Elkville String Band (country roots)**, The Second Fret, 240 W. Broad St., Statesville, NC, 7 PM, \$5. 704-878-9889; [www.thesecondfret.com](http://www.thesecondfret.com)

**JUNE 5 & 6, Beatles Tribute Nights (Two Nights - Two Different Shows)**, McGlohon Theatre, 7-11 PM, \$15 one show, \$25 two shows (adults); \$8 (15 & younger); \$12 (65 & older); group discounts. Tickets: 704-372-1000; [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org). [www.toscomusicparty.org](http://www.toscomusicparty.org)

## JUNE 6

**Wicker & Jones (Piedmont blues)**, The Second Fret, 240 W. Broad St., Statesville, NC, 8 PM, \$5. 704-878-9889; [www.thesecondfret.com](http://www.thesecondfret.com)

**Tom Principato (blues)**, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$10.

## CONTRA DANCES

**Charlotte Dance Gypsies**, Chantilly Community Bldg., 2101 Shenandoah Ave., Charlotte. Potluck 6:30 PM, lessons 7:30 PM, dance 8-11 PM, \$7. Gretchen at 704-537-1377 or Dean at 704-361-6387; [www.charlottedancegypsies.org](http://www.charlottedancegypsies.org). **MAY 30: Appalachian Storm w/Dean Snipes.** **MAY 31: Sunday Afternoon Dance for Beginners & Families with Children w/Jon Singleton & Friends & Gretchen Caldwell** calling, 4-

5:30 PM. Adults \$5; ages 2-16 \$3; under 2 Free; maximum \$15.

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

**MAY 4: Twisted Laurel w/Dean Snipes.**

**MAY 11: Eat More Chicken w/Shelley Worman** calling.

**MAY 18: Dennis Spring & The Sons of the Full Moon w/Charley Harvey** calling.

**MAY 25: Memorial Day Potluck & Dance at Nancy Howe's Log Cabin** (call for directions) with **Boys of the Loft & community callers.**

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

**MAY 1: The Inexplicabillies 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](http://www.oldfarmersball.com).

**MAY 11: Elixir w/Nils Fredland.**

**MAY 18: Fly By Night w/Diane Silver.**

**MAY 25: Dancing Bears w/Barbara Groh.**

**JUNE 1: Spring Chickens w/Jennie Wakefield.**

**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).

**MAY 2: Hot Frogs on the Loose w/Hank Morris** 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>

**MAY 15: Pan Riggs, Bobb Head & Buz Lloyd w/Dean Snipes** 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](http://www.contraCola.org).

**MAY 16: Steam Shovel w/Linda Thomas.**

**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>.

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**MAY 16: The Footloose Trio w/Jennie Wakefield** calling.

**MAY 30: Contra Dance to Benefit National Multiple Sclerosis Society** featuring **Reel Shady w/George Segebade** calling; 7:30 PM Beginner Lesson; Dance 8-11 PM; \$10 tax-deductible donation.

**JUNE 6: June Advincula, John Culp & Lew Geilfond w/Hank Morris** 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.

**MAY 5: The Figments w/Adina Gordon** calling (10:30 PM).

**MAY 12: House Red w/Hank Morris** calling (10:30 PM).

**MAY 19: Reed Shady w/Dean Snipes** calling (10:30 PM).

**MAY 26: Magic Foot w/Jesse Edgerton** calling (10:30 PM).

**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](mailto:tpzzt@clemsun.edu); [www.harvestmoonfolk.org](http://www.harvestmoonfolk.org).

**MAY 15: Friday Advance Dance; no beginners or new dancers. Hot Flash w/Adina Gordon** calling.

**MAY 16: Skeeziks w/Adina Gordon.**

**MAY 30: Magic Foot w/Jesse Edgerton.**

**JUNE 6: Cailen Campbell & the Gypsy Hicks w/Charlotte Crittendon.**

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

**MAY 13: Karen Gaughan & Julia Weatherford w/Tamara McGovern** calling.

**MAY 27: Magic Foot w/Jesse Edgerton.**

**Old Farmer's Ball**, Morris Pavilion, 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](http://www.oldfarmersball.com).

**MAY 7: Elixir w/Nils Fredland.**

**May 14: New Southern Ramblers w/Phil Jamison** calling.

**MAY 21: Ice Water w/Keith Cornett-Eustis.**

**MAY 28: Magic Foot w/Jesse Edgerton.**

**JUNE 4: Community Open Band** led by **Laurie Fisher & Karen Gaughan w/Open Mic for Callers** led by **John Combs.**

**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).

**MAY 8: Fiddlewitch w/Joy Greenwolfe.**

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**Triangle Country Dancers**, Pleasant Green Comm. Ctr., Pleasant Green Comm. Rd., near Cole Mill Rd., (N or I-85, between Durham & Hillsborough). 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).  
**MAY 28: \$10 Thursday Dance; no discounts.**  
**Swallowtail w/ George Marshall & Tim Van Edmond** calling.  
**MAY 29: Advanced Dance; experienced dancers only. Notorious w/Nils Fredland.**

## DANCE WEEKENDS:

**MAY 7-10: Spring LEAF**, Camp Rockmont, Black Mountain, NC. **Elixir** and **Evening Star** w/**Nils Fredland** and **Robert Cromartie** calling. [www.theLEAF.com](http://www.theLEAF.com)

**JUNE 19-21: Asheville Summer Soiree**, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC. **Great Bear Trio & TBA** w/**Beth Molaro** calling. [www.oldfarmersball.com](http://www.oldfarmersball.com)

**AUG 21-23, Old Farmer's Ball Splash Dance Weekend**, Camp Merrimac, Black Mountain, NC. **Open Community Band & Callers.** [www.oldfarmersball.com](http://www.oldfarmersball.com)

## 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](http://www.summitcoffee.com).

### 4th MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

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

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

### 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](http://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 [pravosla68@yahoo.com](mailto:pravosla68@yahoo.com); [www.charlottesacredharp.org](http://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.puckettfarm.com](http://www.puckettfarm.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](http://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.

### 2nd & 4th THURSDAYS

**Open Acoustic Music Gathering**, Charlotte Friends Meeting House, 570 W. Rocky River Rd., Charlotte 28256, 8-10:15 PM; no alcohol permitted. Dennis Spring at 704-535-8594.

### FRIDAYS

**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)**, Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. Concert, followed by song circle & jams. Free & open to the public; donations appreciated. 7:30 PM. 704-563-7080; [www.folksociety.org](http://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.

**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.

### 1st SATURDAYS

**Wilkes Acoustic Folk Society Open Mic**, Wilkes Heritage Museum, Wilkesboro, NC, 10 AM; [www.wilkesfolks.com](http://www.wilkesfolks.com).

### 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](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. [www.co.pickens.sc.us](http://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. Call Tom Walsh at 704-535-4400.

## Special Dance Events in May

### 100-Year-Old Barn Dance in Happy Valley on May 16<sup>th</sup>

There's a barn dance at the Jone Family Farm on Highway 268 in Happy Valley, North Carolina, on Saturday, May 16, 7-10 PM. This event is free of charge. **The Buggy Riders** will play and Phil Jamison will call. Built in 1909, the barn is approximately 8 miles past Patterson School on Highway 268. [www.boonecountrydancers.org](http://www.boonecountrydancers.org)

### Carolina Contrathon V in Glendale Springs on May 24<sup>th</sup>

The Historic Jonesborough Dance Society is hosting Carolina Contrathon V on Sunday, May 24, 10 AM to 10 PM, at Mountain Music Jamboree, 9331 Highway 16, Glendale Springs, North Carolina. Music will be provided by **Dancing Bears** and **The Kruger Brothers and Bob Kogut**. Barbara Groh and Hank Morris will be calling. The cost prior to May 10<sup>th</sup> is \$20 for twelve hours; \$30 after May 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost prior to May 10<sup>th</sup> for six hours (10 AM-4 PM or 4-10 PM) is \$12; \$15 after May 10<sup>th</sup>. College and high school students pay \$20 or \$12, with no late fee. Bring your own food or purchase at two restaurants close by. Camping and overnight accommodations are available locally. Details and registrations forms are available online at [www.boonecountrydancers.org](http://www.boonecountrydancers.org) and [www.historicjonesboroughdancesociety.com](http://www.historicjonesboroughdancesociety.com).

### Sunday Afternoon Family and Beginner's Dance on May 31<sup>st</sup>

The Charlotte Dance Gypsies are hosting a special Sunday afternoon dance for beginners and families

with children on May 31st, 4-5:30 PM, at Chantilly Community Building, 2101 Shenandoah Avenue, Charlotte. **Jon Singleton & Friends** will provide music and Gretchen Caldwell will be calling and providing instruction. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for those aged two to sixteen; those under two years are admitted without cost. The maximum cost for any family is \$15. Visit [www.charlottedancegypsies.org](http://www.charlottedancegypsies.org).

## 85th Fiddler's Grove Festival May 22-24, 2009

The oldest continuous fiddlers' contest in the country takes place in Union Grove, North Carolina, just an hour north of Charlotte, May 22-24, 2009. The Ole Time Fiddler's and Bluegrass Festival, held every spring since 1924, celebrates traditional American music in a family environment. Known simply as "Fiddler's Grove," the festival enjoys a well-deserved reputation as one of the most prestigious and authentic fiddling competitions in the country.

As well as individual and band contests, the Fiddler's Grove experience includes performances, workshops, and jam sessions. True to the name, camping on the grounds and many of the weekend's events take place under a canopy of trees.

As well as the many musicians competing for coveted titles, festivalgoers will enjoy **The Cockman Family, Spirit Fiddle** (Robin Warren and Brian Clancey), Laura Boosinger, Josh Goforth, Sally Spring, and Mel Jones. Storytellers Steve Houser, Doug and Todd

Elliott, and Orville Hicks will entertain young and old. The Green Grass Cloggers and the Cane Creek Cloggers will add spirited dance to the weekend activities.

Order tickets before May 8th to enjoy savings. An advance adult full festival pass is \$35. Advance full festival passes for youth, ten to fifteen years old, are \$15. Children under ten are admitted without charge. There are additional fees for camping. Visit [www.fiddlersgrove.com](http://www.fiddlersgrove.com) to download a ticket order and camping reservation form. Or, request a mailed festival brochure by calling Jessie Cockman at 828-478-3735. Don't miss it!

## Banjo For Loan

*By Jennifer Stanton*

Banjo students have Becky Blackwelder to thank for her generous donation of her husband's well-seasoned four-string banjo. Becky says, "Jim was a musician that could play any instrument." It would make her happy if one of you enjoys it. It's yours for the summer with a refundable \$25 deposit. Contact Jennifer at [jenniferstanton@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferstanton@yahoo.com) or 704-847-9328 if you would like to reserve this or any of the other lending library instruments available.



**Raymond Stanton playing banjo for loan (Photo: Jennifer Stanton)**

# Folk Arts Workshops

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Old Time Music Week: June 7-13, 2009**, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC. [www.mhc.edu/administration/events/index.asp](http://www.mhc.edu/administration/events/index.asp)

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Peach Bottom Farm Fiddle & Strings Camp: June 15-19**, Independence, Virginia. Instructors include Daniel & Amy Carwile, April Verch, Stanley Widener, Jerry Correll, Steve Kilby & Brian Grim. Information & registration: email Patti at PeachBottomFarm@yahoo.com or call 276-773-2181. Visit [www.peachbottomfarm.com/fiddleCamp.html](http://www.peachbottomfarm.com/fiddleCamp.html) for details.

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mountain Dulcimer Week, June 21-25, 2009**, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC. Instructors include Lois Hornbostel, Ralph Lee Smith, Don Pedi, Anne Lough, Ken Bloom & many more. For details & registration, visit [www.wcu.edu/5046.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/5046.asp)

**Bluegrass in the Blue Ridge Mountains: June 21-27**, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC. [www.mhc.edu/administration/events/index.asp](http://www.mhc.edu/administration/events/index.asp)

**Strings, Rhythm & Song: African American Roots: June 28-July 3**, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC. Instructors include Guy Davis, Sule Wilson, Dom Flemons, Justin Robinson, Bing Futch, Cedric Watson, Roth Patterson, Choc'let, Taiwo Duval & Marilyn Omifunke Torres. [www.mhc.edu/administration/events/index.asp](http://www.mhc.edu/administration/events/index.asp)

**Connie Regan-Blake's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Storytelling Workshop/Retreat, July 5-11, 2009**, Asheville, NC. Contact Connie at 828-258-1113 or [connie@storywindow.com](mailto:connie@storywindow.com). Details & registration forms at [www.storywindow.com](http://www.storywindow.com).

**Swannanoa Gathering Folk Arts Workshops**, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC. Visit [www.swangathering.org](http://www.swangathering.org)  
Traditional Song Week, July 5-11  
Fiddle Week, July 5-11  
Celtic Week, July 12-18  
Old-Time Week, July 19-25  
Contemporary Folk Week, July 26-August 1  
Guitar Week, July 26-August 1  
Dulcimer Week, August 2-8

**Augusta Heritage Summer Workshops**, Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, WV. Visit [www.augustaheritage.com](http://www.augustaheritage.com)  
July 5-10: Cajun/Creole Week, Early Country Music Week, Beginning Hammered Dulcimer, Crafts, Dance, Folklore & Mini-Courses

July 12-17: Blues Week, Guitar Week, Advanced Beginner Hammered Dulcimer, Crafts, Dance, Folklore & Mini-Courses

July 19-24: Irish/Celtic Week, Hammered Dulcimer Irish Repertoire, Crafts, Dance, Folklore & Mini-Courses

July 26-31: Bluegrass Week, Swing Week, Discover Augusta Week, Hammered Dulcimer Technique, Crafts, Dance, Folklore & Mini-Courses

August 2-9: Dance Week, Old Time Week, Vocal Week, Crafts, Dance, Folklore & Mini-Courses

August 2-9: Elderhostel Courses: Irish Traditions, July 19-24; Discover Augusta Week: Connecting Generations, July 26-31; Discover Augusta: Music, Dance & Song

**Little Windows Vocal Camp, September 6-12, 2009**, Hart's Retreat, near Independence, VA. Instruc-

tion by Julee Glaub and Mark Weems featuring Irish, Appalachian and country singing styles, with special focus on duet harmony. Visit [www.littlewindows.net/camp.html](http://www.littlewindows.net/camp.html)

**John C. Campbell Folk School**, Brasstown, NC. Year-round week-long and weekend classes in traditional crafts, music, dance, and foodways; includes Elderhostel classes. Visit [www.folkschool.org](http://www.folkschool.org) for schedule of classes. Request a catalog online or by calling 800-365-5724.

## WNCW 100.3 FM Returns To Charlotte

As of May 3, 2009, an agreement has been signed between WNCW and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board to erect a tower for the WNCW 100.3 FM translator atop Randolph Middle School, east of uptown Charlotte. This agreement will return the transmitter to within a very short distance of its original (pre-November 2007) location and, when construction is complete, should result in service being very similar to the pre-November 2007 coverage pattern. In addition, the Federal Communications Commission has granted WNCW a construction permit for a second Charlotte translator to be located near the UNC-Charlotte campus!

Station management invites its Charlotte supporters to earmark their donations for the return and expansion of the WNCW signal to our area by writing "Charlotte Translator Project" on checks.

# 2009 Charlotte Folk Society Scholarship Winners

Last Sunday afternoon nine adults and four young people auditioned and interviewed for CFS scholarships to this summer's Swannanoa Gathering Workshops. All were strong candidates who would thrive at the Swannanoa Gathering. We deeply appreciate the service of youth judges, Dennis Frost, Karen Singleton, and Harry Taylor, and adult judges, Rita Hartmann, J. C. Honeycutt, and Salem Macknee.

## Youth Scholarship Competition

The winner of the 2009 Marilyn Meacham Price Youth Scholarship is Tyler Mitchell. Those of you who attended last month's Young Talent Gathering know what an impressive vocalist/guitarist/songwriter he is. This young man's passion for music has a direct connection to our founder, Marilyn Meacham Price, for whom the scholarship is named. Tyler's father, Robert, shared the story of what pulled him into the whole folk scene in the '80s with Karen Singleton. He and his fiancée were considering what kind of music to have for their wedding when they heard of a newly emerging folk music organization here in Charlotte. So they hired one of the bands available at the time. Robert described how the band unpacked all sorts of exotic instruments at their wedding reception, including a lap dulcimer. He could not recall the name of the band, but as Karen mentioned various bands of the era, he recognized **The Down Home Folks**, the band

in which Marilyn Price played with Ray Owens, Pam Garcia, Albert Dulin, and others. He said, "That's exactly who it was, now that I hear the name. That's where it all started for us." It's only appropriate to once again say, "Thank you, Marilyn, for inspiring so many folks to play and appreciate traditional music!"

Tyler is sixteen years old and lives in Indian Land, South Carolina. He's been playing guitar and piano for five years and has recently begun taking mandolin lessons. In 2004 and 2005 he was identified as gifted in music by the South Carolina Department of Education and was awarded a place in the ST-ARTS program at Winthrop University. During the two summers there, he studied guitar there with Dr. L. H.



**Jennifer Stanton**

Dickert, of the Winthrop Music Department.

Tyler is also a member of his high school band and jazz ensemble, in which he plays guitar, trumpet, and several other brass instruments. He was recently awarded the position of drum major for the 2009 marching band season. Tyler is a guitar student of John Tosco and has been playing publicly at open mics in

the area for better than a year. Tyler aspires to a career in music and making a meaningful contribution to preserving old-time and bluegrass music. We're confident that Guitar Week at the Swannanoa Gathering will assist him in reaching his goal. Congratulations, Tyler!

In the Youth Scholarship competition, fourteen-year-old fiddler Isabelle Young was first runner-up. Thirteen-year-old Casey McGuirt (mandolin) and twelve-year-old Emmy McGuirt (upright bass) tied for second runner-up.

## Adult Scholarship Competition

The recipient of the inaugural Spencer-Bryant Adult Scholarship to Swannanoa is vocalist and banjo player Jennifer Stanton. She will be attending Old-Time Week and taking classes in Intermediate Banjo and Singing With a Country Band.

Jennifer has attended August Music Week and John C. Campbell Folk School as a beginning banjo student and has since made steady progress as a player. She shares her passion and her skills in the monthly CFS Slow Jams after Gathering concerts, in the Wednesday night jam group she started, Saturdays at the Mint Hill Farmer's Market, and in nursing homes, schools, museums, and venues such as Conolly's On Fifth. Jennifer is also custodian, caregiver, and coordinator of the Folk Society's Instrument Lending Library.

Jennifer views the Swannanoa Gathering as a means of stretching  
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**Left to right, Front: Casey McGuirt, Emmy McGuirt, Isabelle Young, Tyler, Mitchell; Rear: Dennis Frost, Karen Singleton, Harry Taylor (Photo: Karen Singleton)**

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## New Venues to Check Out

By Wanda Hubicki

### **Rodman-Oak Grove Community Center, 2484 Rodman Road, Chester, SC**

Rodman is a small community in rural Chester County, South Carolina, with a rich history dating to before the Revolutionary War. Recently, films such as *The Patriot* and *Gospel Hill* have captured the charm of local landscapes. Now, the Rodman community is trying to showcase more of its appeal by hosting regular musical performances in the Rodman-Oak Grove Community Center (ROGCC). The intimate venue was once a church. Built in 1914, it accommodates just 200 people and possesses exceptional acoustics. The next performance at the ROGCC is scheduled at 7 PM on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, and will showcase the singing, songwriting, and storytelling of Michael Reno Harrell, a favorite of CFS audiences. Tickets are \$10 and doors open at 6 PM. General admission tickets are available to purchase online or at the door. Due to the limited capacity, it's recommended that tickets be purchased early to ensure seating. As well, Sean Thompson will have tickets to this event for sale in the Great Aunt Stella Café after our May 8<sup>th</sup> concert. Visit [www.rodmansc.org/CommunityCenter.htm](http://www.rodmansc.org/CommunityCenter.htm) to learn more about Rodman and the Michael Reno Harrell concert. MapQuest estimates travel time from downtown Charlotte to the ROGCC to be 47 minutes.

### **The Second Fret Coffeehouse & Music Hall, 240 West Broad Street, Statesville, North Carolina**

The Second Fret is located in

Statesville's Historic District, just a couple of blocks from Mitchell Community College. It's a full-service café fashioned after the big city coffeehouses of the '60s, where music and other forms of entertainment were prominently featured. The reasonably priced menu offers coffee drinks, beer, and wine, as well as soups, salads, sandwiches, and daily specials. An experienced barista manages The Second Fret and Bob Barber, the owner, is a musician who makes visitors feel right at home. The Music Hall invites entertainers of all genres to perform, including folk, blues, jazz, bluegrass, and comedy, as well as regularly scheduled open mic and jam sessions. The Music Hall accommodates 80-90 folks seated at tables and chairs. Cover prices are very reasonable – usually \$4 or \$5 – and full food service is available during concerts. I recently attended a concert by **Little Windows** (Julee Glaub and Mark Weems) at The Second Fret. Tickets were \$10. Several other CFS folks were there and I'm sure they'd agree that it was a lovely evening. I would recommend checking The Second Fret's schedule on the website, [www.thesecondfret.com](http://www.thesecondfret.com), which includes upcoming performances by Lucy Allen and Marshall Goers, CFS member musicians who hail from South Carolina; blues by Mel Jones and His Bag O'Bones; and a free concert by bluegrass fiddler Glen Alexander, sponsored by the Iredell Arts Council on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Bed and Bike Inn, 15750 Matton Grove Church Road, Gold Hill, NC**

The Bed and Bike Inn, located in

Cabarrus County, about an hour from downtown Charlotte, offers overnight accommodations, and easy access to walking, biking, and hiking trails, including those in the Uwharrie National Forest. Innkeepers Ellen Whiteside and Tim Beebe host workshops (drumming, gardening, creativity, etc.) and monthly house concerts. Their concert venue is a yurt on their property that accommodates 30-40 guests. On Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Jennings and Keller, an acoustic duo based in Miami, Florida will perform at 4 PM. They refer to their music as "Fusion Folk Americana" and it blends diverse elements from their wide-ranging musical backgrounds. Admission is \$15. Visit their website at [www.jenningsandkeller.com](http://www.jenningsandkeller.com) to find out more about them. Call Ellen at 704-463-0768 to make reservations. Concert guests are invited to bring a dish and drinks to share at a potluck to follow the concert. Explore the Bed and Bike Inn website at [www.bedandbikeinn.com/index.htm](http://www.bedandbikeinn.com/index.htm).

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and growing in confidence as a musical partner to fiddle players. She also hopes to return, better equipped to encourage and support novice players in slow jams. She describes herself as having for years been intimidated by better players in the Folk Society – afraid "to make a squeak." As she says, "I don't ever want other beginners to feel that way around me."

Congratulations, Jennifer! We look forward to your sharing about your Swannanoa experience!

The first runner-up for the Spencer-Bryant Adult Scholarship is David McGuirt. Carolyn Zicherman and Mark Larson tied for second runner-up.



# Membership Application

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Do you work for a company that matches your donations? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$25 \_\_\_ Student \$15 \_\_\_ \*\*Family \$35 \_\_\_ \*Senior \$20\_\_\_ \*Senior Family \$30 \_\_\_

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**\*\*To help us better serve our young members, please list names & ages of children in family:**

Please check preference: Hard copy newsletter by mail \_\_\_\_\_ Emailed newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite types of music \_\_\_\_\_

Activities/Events you would like to see \_\_\_\_\_

Instruments played \_\_\_\_\_

## WILLING TO VOLUNTEER FOR MEETINGS OR EVENTS?

Work on web site committee \_\_\_\_\_ Work on archive committee \_\_\_\_\_

Run sound for one monthly meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Work at concert or event \_\_\_\_\_

Help with newsletter/calendar \_\_\_\_\_ Help with mailings \_\_\_\_\_

Help with membership \_\_\_\_\_ Work on graphics committee \_\_\_\_\_

Help with event publicity \_\_\_\_\_ Make telephone calls to members \_\_\_\_\_

Serve on board \_\_\_\_\_ Play for an event where CFS receives an honorarium \_\_\_\_\_

We have on occasion opportunities to share the mailing list of our members with other non-profit organizations who represent interests that our members may have, such as the Tosco Music Party. We realize that some of you may not wish to have your mailing address or e-mail address released to other organizations. Please be advised that we would never sell our mailing list nor give out our mailing list to organizations that would sell them. The only purpose in our sharing the lists is to provide our members with more information regarding upcoming events. In addition, these same organizations share their lists with us so that we may let their members know of our activities as well. If you do not wish your address to be shared, please indicate below.

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**Mail To: Charlotte Folk Society, PO Box 36864, Charlotte, NC 28236-6864**

# Thank You, New And Renewing Members

We extend a warm welcome to our new members. Their names appear in bold type below. We also very much appreciate the support of members who renewed this past month. 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.

### Individual Members

- Ray Blackwood
- Daniel Coston**
- Ramona Moore Big Eagle
- Nick Hallman
- David Pue**

### Family Members

- John and Doreen Gibbon**
- Edna and Jim Hutchinson
- John and Lynda Shuler
- Hat and Dan Thompson (with employer match)

### Sustaining Members

- Beth and John Caveny**
- Carter and Elizabeth Mills

## Cuz's Corner

Cuz's Corner will return next month. Meantime, to share with Cuz about your favorite music, contact him at 704-532-8846 or dcmfrost@mindspring.com.



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**The Healing Force**  
**African Music, Songs & Storytelling**  
Friday, May 8th, 7:30 PM  
Great Aunt Stella Center  
926 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte

