

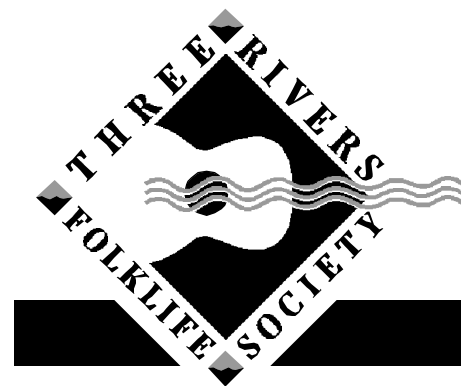


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Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

April 2009

Help us promote **3RFS** events! Post the enclosed flyer where the most people will see it.
Thanks!

Sky in the Road Brings a New Blend

Saturday, 18 April, 7:30 PM

Sky in the Road is an acoustic trio made up of Daniel Rhiger, Dean Warner, and Rahmana Wiest. They come to us from Portland, and have been making music together since 1998. Daniel plays guitar, Dean is usually found playing a mandolin, but also plays guitar, and pulls out lap steel, banjo, and fiddle on occasion. Rahmana plays harmonium and percussion.

Three-part harmonies are laced into their tunes, with the three of them trading lead. They describe themselves as carrying the torch of American folk, paying homage to people and places in their songs, spicing them up with eastern European and Celtic music, bluegrass, and jazz. Dan's songwriting has won awards, including two songs honored in Billboard Magazine's 1991 National Songwriting Contest.

Sky in the Road has recently released two new CDs, "Where Everything is Music" and "Tahonetlaclah, Mountain of Fire." These two join their 1996 self-titled release, "Sky in the Road."

With their well-crafted originals, these versatile performers have toured throughout the West, from the Oregon Coast to Billings, Montana, and from Monterey to the San Juan Islands. In 2005 they were featured on the nationally syndicated radio show "River City Folk." They have been heard at numerous concert halls, conferences, coffee houses and festivals including Seattle Folklife, Portland's Winterfolk, Rose Festival, Artquake, Earth Day / Procession of the Species, The Yakima Folklife Festival, and many more.

Bill Fisher of Victory Review (and past Tumbleweed performer) Says of the group "...Sky in the Road is a band you will want to see whenever

and wherever possible. There is no one quite like them. Few bands satisfy so completely."

Sky in the Road also employs their musical talents in schools, with performances specifically created to teach children about recycling, water quality and salmon restoration. As part of a nonprofit educational organization they have reached nearly 200,000 students in the past six years through two programs, entitled "Make a Ripple, Make a Wave, A Concert for Clean Rivers," and "The Case of the Missing R's"

You can catch this concert at the new Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 West Sylvester Street in Pasco. Tickets are \$11 general admission, \$9 seniors and students if purchased in advance at Bookworm stores and Octopus Garden. Tickets cost \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members get a \$3 discount.

Local Folk Events

April

- 4** Dewgrass Bluegrass Concert 6:30 PM Sat RCC
- 10-12** Columbia River Cowboyy Gathering Fri-Sun Ben-Franklin Fairgrounds
- 11** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland-**new location**
- 13** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon BPABC
- 18** Sky in the Road Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC
- 25** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat Kennewick First Lutheran Church
- 27** Tumbleweed Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Mon RCC

May

- 2** Badger Mountain Dry Band Concert Benefit for Tumbleweed Music Festival 7:30 PM Sat Battelle, Richland
- 8** Swing Dance 7:00 PM Fri Hanford High School
- 9** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 11** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon BPABC
- 16** 3RFS Annual Membership Meeting & Larry Murante Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
Battelle = Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland
BPABC = Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, 716 Jadwin Ave., Richland
CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
Hanford High School = 450 Hanford St., Richland
Kennewick First Lutheran Church = 418 N. Yelm St.
RCC = Richland Community Center, 500 Armon Park Dr.
Round Table Pizza = New Location! 1435 George Washington Way, Richland

For information, call 509 528-2215

Coffeehouse

The previously-scheduled coffeehouse with Jack Brown has been rescheduled to next season. Therefore we will not be holding a coffeehouse in April. Three Rivers Folklife Society would like to thank all of the artists and patrons who attended this year's coffeehouses. We had a very successful season enjoying many new artists, including new open mic performers. We are looking forward to the 2009-2010 season at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Richland on the second Friday of the month. Call Alan Page at 943-5662 for information.

Heavy Hearts for the Perrys

John Perry passed away on Friday, March 27, 2009, in Spokane due to complications from surgery. John was 66 and succumbed only after putting forth great effort through several surgeries in the last few months.

John and his wife Micki were among the original creators and founders of 3RFS more than 20 years ago. They have produced hundreds of concerts, provided warm home hospitality to countless musicians, and were the dreamers behind Tumbleweed Music Festival, now in its 13th year.

When we think of John, we picture him with a guitar (or banjo) in his hand, funky leather hat on his head, and Micki by his side.

John and Micki brought their love of folk from Beacon, New York, where they rubbed shoulders with the likes of Pete Seeger. They are now well known throughout the Northwest and beyond for their renderings of traditional folk music and the welcome mat they put out to anyone passing through.

John will be missed by many.

Cowboy Up For Easter!

Friday-Sunday, 10-12 April

The annual Columbia River Cowboy Gathering is a three day event filled with western entertainment for the community to enjoy. The proceeds from the fund-raising event will benefit several organizations. The local organization sponsoring the gathering has a mission to preserve the western way of life by honoring the cowboy way of life and heritage through music, poetry, western arts and goods, keeping the festival wholesome, family oriented and at an affordable price.

This year's festival features singers, poets and storytellers, plus evening concerts. The Friday night concert has Wylie and The Wild West, Sourdough Slim, Shiloh Sharrard, Smoke Wade and others. Saturday night concert features Nevada Slim & Cimarron Sue, Johnny Counterfeit, a comedian, impressionist, and recording artist plus Smoke Wade, Sourdough Slim. Other featured performers include Bodie Dominguez and Hank Cramer.

You can expect lots of great vendors of cowboy-related products and food. There will be open mic sessions throughout Saturday and Sunday

A special cowboy Easter Sunrise service will take place Sunday, 6:00 - 7:30 am, and there's a Cowboy Easter Egg hunt on Saturday at 1:00 pm for children under age 10.

Regular tickets cost \$10/day in advance. VIP tickets are \$15/day for up-front seating at the evening concert. Prices double at the door. Sunday is free. Children 10 and under are free during the day but must pay for concerts.

Advance tickets are available at the Kennewick Ranch & Home customer service counter, or send a check made out to CRCGF, along with a SASE. Send it to Columbia River Cowboy Gathering; PO Box 6438; Kennewick, WA, 99336. For more information please call (509) 947-5785 or (509) 544-9003.

Lady Washington Returns-Brave Souls!

Book your passage now for an unforgettable "three hour tour" aboard a tall ship. The Lady Washington is the Official Ship of the State of Washington. The Hawaiian Chieftain accompanies her on voyages and goodwill missions. These ships and their crews are traveling the Columbia River this spring to provide educational, vocational, and recreational experiences. They will be in Pasco May 23-25 and 30-31. For more information, see www.lady-washington.org or call 800-200-5239.

Many of you will recall a previous, ill-fated voyage the Lady Washington made to Pasco in October 1991. A railroad bridge came down and destroyed her mast. Our own Micki Perry immortalized the event in song with a masterful parody of "Greenland Fisheries."

The last stanza explains, "Oh, Pasco is a dreadful place. It's a land that's seldom green. Where the dust storms blow, And the trains come and go, But tall ships are seldom seen, brave souls. Tall ships are seldom seen."



Swing Dance

Friday, 8 May, 7:00 PM

Swing dancing brings together multiple generations in a way that few other types of dancing can. Come and swing to the music of the award-winning Hanford High School Jazz bands in the Hanford High School Commons. Admission is \$10 and includes the dance and a dessert bar.

Tickets can be purchased through Lori Wasner, 375-5064 or at the door.

Who Cares? We Do!

Monday, 27 April, 7:00 PM

Do you care about Tumbleweed Music Festival? We know you do and we need you! It takes a large group of volunteers to put together this great festival that acoustic performers and their fans love to attend. We need dedicated volunteers to make it all happen! We meet monthly on the 4th Monday at the Richland Community Center.

This year's Song Contest theme is "Superstition." Contest entries are due no later than May 10. Performer applications are due on the same date. Application forms and information for performers and songwriters are available in PDF format and can be downloaded from the 3RFS web site at www.3rfs.org

Make this the year that you become an integral part of the process by becoming a volunteer.

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Deadline for the March newsletter is February 15th.

Out of Town

April

6 Spring Thaw - A Celebration of Traditional Dance and Music, The Olde Meeting House, 901 M Avenue, La Grande, Oregon
<http://springthaw.neofs.us/>

10 Mary Flower and Dick Weisman 7:30 pm Fri
Yakima Valley Museum (509) 248-0747

18 Walla Walla contra dance 7:30 pm Sat, Stateline Grange, Milton Freewater, 938-7403

April Dance Ends Contra Season

Saturday, 28 April 7:30 PM

Our April dance will be the last one of the season and will be held in an alternate location. Shufflers' Shanty has a long-standing annual event that weekend so Kennewick First Lutheran Church has graciously agreed to let us dance in their Fellowship Hall. And what a dance it shall be. We have the pleasure of enjoying Kittitas County's finest contra performers, Scatter Creek and Marte Fallshore.

Marte has been calling in Eastern Washington and beyond for years. The band, Scatter Creek, named for a geographical feature Northwest of Ellensburg, will delight us with their high-energy old-time fiddle tunes. All dances will be taught, so no experience is necessary. Bring your friends, family and snacks to share for a great evening of music, dancing, and fun at Kennewick First Lutheran at the corner of 395 and Yelm. See 3rfs.org for a map. Admission at the door is \$8 gen/\$6 Srs. and teens. Kids under 12 are free. \$1 discount for 3RFS members.

Yes! I want to help the 2009 Tumbleweed Music Festival succeed!

I would like to contribute _____ **Bronze, \$50.00**
at this level _____ **Silver, \$100.00**
_____ **Gold, \$250.00**
_____ **Platinum, \$1000.00**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Send to: 3RFS Tumbleweed Music Festival, P.O. Box 1098, Richland, WA 99352
Enclose your check payable to *Three Rivers Folklife Society*. Thank You!



2009 Membership Application

Your membership gives you voting rights in folklife elections, \$3 off most concerts, and is tax deductible! You'll even get a nifty membership card to show your friends and neighbors!

_____ Individual (\$15) or _____ Family (\$20) Is this a renewal? Y N

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I can help 3RFS with:

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| _____ Providing refreshments at concerts | _____ Setting up chairs | _____ Fund raising |
| _____ Taking admission at events | _____ Folding the newsletter | _____ Coffeehouses |
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| _____ Tumbleweed Music Festival | _____ Other _____ | |

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SSSSSingalong on Easter Eve

Saturday, 11 April, 7:00 pm

This month's Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong falls on the night before Easter. So bring your rabbit ears and cotton tails (or tales!) and join us for our regular, informal gathering at Richland's Round Table Pizza. The usual quaffs and comestibles are available at the new location of our old

friend, Round Table Pizza, now located on the corner of Torbett and George Washington Way. It's the old Henry's Restaurant at 1435 George Washington Way, just down the street from the old location at corner of Torbett and George Washington Way.

