



**Three Rivers Folklife Society**

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# Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

May 2007

## Gibson Guitar Raffle!

Solid-top, Epiphone AJ-200  
SCE Acoustic-Electric Guitar.  
Tickets on sale now, for \$5.  
Buy them at 3RFS events, or  
call Alan, 943-5662 or Mary,  
943-0327. Drawing will be  
Sunday night, Sept. 2, at the  
Tumbleweed Music Festival.  
Need not be present to win.

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

**Thanks!**

## Progressive Bluegrass from Wry Dry Band

**Saturday, 12 May, 7:30 PM**

**Badger Mountain Dry Band**, the Tri-Cities' only progressive bluegrass band, has been a terrific, loyal supporter of our Tumbleweed Music Festival for years. They will perform in concert to promote the festival and help recruit volunteers.

For 15 years the Badger Mountain Dry Band has brought their brand of music to the Pacific Northwest. Playing

traditional bluegrass instrumentation, the group's music includes traditional bluegrass standards, original Gospel material, 60's rock and roll, swing tunes, big band tunes, old country standards, and more. The "Dry" in this band's name refers to the use of non-electric instruments - the music is anything but "dry!"

Band members include Jim Honeyman on mandolin, John April on guitar and banjo, Chuck Peden on guitar, Joe Smart

on guitar and fiddle, and Kurt Gustafson on stand-up bass. Joe was the winner of the 2005 Walnut Valley Flatpicking contest held in Winfield, Kansas.

The concert will be held at the Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland. Tickets are available in advance for \$11 gen./\$9 srs and students at Bookworm stores, Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, and Octopus' Garden. \$1 more at the door; \$3 off for 3RFS members.

## The Wanderers Concert Free to Members!

**Saturday, 19 May, 7:30 PM**

**The Wanderers** are the feature artists at this year's annual meeting. (Free to members.) The band made up of Carl Allen and Bill Murlin, are regular performers at Tumbleweed Music Festival. Carl and Bill met in a folk trio at WSU, Pullman, in 1959. After winning a talent show, the trio, including Al Hansen, appeared at WSU dances and functions.

The trio split up after college, but Carl and Bill got together a few years later. The trio started annual reunions, so they've been together for 45 years!

Bill and Carl revived the Columbia River songs written by Woody Guthrie in 1941. Bill found and published 17 of Guthrie's Northwest songs. He also produced an album of Woody's recordings of 17 of those songs.

Carl has done musical sound tracks

for three documentaries for KCTS-TV channel 9, Seattle.

The Wanderers feature folk songs from the 1950s to today. Their long-awaited recording, "It's About Time" is now available.

The concert will be held at the Kennewick Highlands Grange, 15th and Union. Admission is FREE for 3RFS members! Others can join at the door, or pay the usual ticket prices.

## Local Folk Events

### May

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|-----------|--|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>11</b> | Datri Bean Coffeehouse                       | 7:30 PM Fri                   | All Saints'      |
| <b>12</b> | Blues and Brews Festival                     | noon-11:00 PM Sat             | TRAC, Pasco      |
| <b>12</b> | Badger Mountain Dry Band Concert             | 7:30 PM Sat                   | Battelle         |
| <b>14</b> | 3RFS Board Meeting                           | 7:00 PM Mon                   | BPABC            |
| <b>19</b> | The Wanderers Concert, & 3RFS Annual Meeting | 7:30 PM Sat (6:00 PM Potluck) | KHG Richland     |
| <b>21</b> | Tumbleweed '07 Planning Meeting              | 7:00 PM Mon                   | Richland Library |
| <b>27</b> | Last Sunday Song Circle                      | 2:00 PM Sun                   | Round Table      |

Pizza, Richland

### June

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| <b>6</b>    | Deadline - Tumbleweed Performer and Songwriting Contest Applications |             | Sacajawea State Park, Pasco |
| <b>8-10</b> | Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival and Dutch Oven Rendezvous               |             |                             |
| <b>9</b>    | 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong                                      | 7:00 PM Sat | Round Table Pizza, Richland |
| <b>11</b>   | 3RFS Board Meeting   | 7:00 PM Mon | BPABC                       |
| <b>16</b>   | Les Barker Concert   | 7:30 PM Sat | KHG                         |
| <b>24</b>   | Last Sunday Song Circle (Tentative)                                  | 2:00 PM Sun | Round Table Pizza, Richland |
| <b>25</b>   | Tumbleweed '07 Planning Meeting                                      | 7:00 PM Mon | Richland Library            |

KHG = Kennewick Highlands Grange, 15th and Union  
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  
Richland Library = 955 Northgate Dr., Richland, 942-7454  
Round Table Pizza = 245 Torbett, Richland, 946-0667

**For information, call 509 528-2215**

**Saturday, 16 June, 7:30 PM**

Poet/comedian Les Barker is a writer of strange poems and comes to us from England. He performed at the 3RFS Coffeehouse several years ago and packed the house. He was a professional accountant before he became a professional idiot! Les began his performing career as an assistant to Mrs. Ackroyd, a small, hairy mongrel who laid around in folk clubs, bit people and became famous. Mrs. Ackroyd was the only dog ever to own a record label. Since her sad demise, Les has mainly been a solo performer, though he does

work with humans from time to time. He has traveled Great Britain, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Canada. His poems have spawned a number of folk heroes, including Jason and the Arguments, Cosmo the Fairly Accurate Knife Thrower, and Spot of the Antarctic.

The Mrs. Ackroyd Band, has four albums: "Oranges & Lemmings," "Gnus & Roses," "Tubular Dogs," and "Yelp!" Les has written 76 books, which sell in large numbers at his gigs because people don't quite believe what they've just heard. There are also five highly acclaimed albums of Les's serious work:

the folk opera "The Stones of Callanish," "Some Love," "The Wings of Butterflies," "Airs of the Dog," and "Twilight of the Dogs," all involving a galaxy of talent.

His serious songs have been recorded by Martin Carthy and Dave Swarbrick, June Tabor, The Kingston Trio and Tom Paxton .

Les Barker will be at the Kennewick Highlands Grange, 15th and Union. Buy your tickets early, available in advance for \$12 general/\$9 seniors and students at the Bookworm stores, Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, and Octopus' Garden. \$1 more at the door; \$3 off for 3RFS members.

## Datri Bean, New at the Coffeehouse

Friday, 11 May, 7:30 PM

Steeped in hot, muggy weather, love, God and corn whiskey, songwriter Datri Bean, in her first appearance at the 3RFS Coffeehouse, will blend 1930s jazz with folksy Americana.

Datri was raised in a rodeo family, in Wyoming, listening to her mother's scratchy Scott Joplin records. She later studied at the Boston Conservatory of Music, then high-tailed it for Austin, TX, landing in a big house full of hooligans, jazz musicians, exchange students, and bike mechanics. Love dragged Datri kicking and screaming to Seattle. She soon returned to Austin to record her ten-song, all-original debut album, "Slow Down Summertime." About.com named her one of the "best folk artists you've never heard of."

She has been touring the United States, and was recently honored by the Kerrville New Folk, Telluride, and Rocky Mountain folk festivals for her songwriting.

You can find her at All Saints Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball, in Richland. The coffeehouse begins at 7:30 PM with an open mic session. Come early to sign up for a slot. Suggested donation, at the door, is \$8 gen./\$6 srs. and stdts. For info call 943-5662, or e-mail coffeehouse@3rfs.org or visit our website, www.3rfs.org/coffee.htm

## Last Last Sunday Sing Along in May?

Sunday, 24 May 2:00 PM

For the past few months we've been meeting the last Sunday of each month from 2:00 to 5:00 PM to sing songs together. We're not sure if there's enough interest to hold one in May (the last Sunday is Memorial Day weekend) or during the summer. In order to express your interest, Please contact Harry Babad, at 375-0328, if you are not on his e-mail list, or e-mail him at hbabad@owt.com.

## Annual Meeting w/ Food, Votes & Music

Saturday, 19 May, 7:30 PM

Once a year we get together for the Three Rivers Folklife Society Annual Meeting. This year, the only item on the agenda is the election of the Board of Directors. Before the meeting we'll get together for a potluck at 6:00 PM Bring a food dish to share. We'll provide paperware and drinks. After the voting, there will be the concert by The Wanderers.

The 3RFS nominating committee has proposed the following slate:

**Alan Page - President.** Alan has been producer and host of the Three Rivers Folklife Society Coffeehouse for three years. He also has served on the Board, last year as Vice President. He looks forward to continuing with the Coffeehouse and serving on the Board.

**Bruce Mesford - Vice President.** Bruce has been involved in the Tumbleweed Music Festival as Volunteer Coordinator since 1998, and is also the organizer of the Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong. He produces most of our nautically themed concerts.

**John Perry - Treasurer.** John has worked at various positions since 3RFS was formed. He was a founding Board member and has been involved with-concert production, Tumbleweed Music Festival and as a performer himself. He looks forward to continuing to work on fiscal matters for 3RFS.

**Frank Cuta - Secretary** (Incumbent). Frank has been active in 3RFS for many years. He provides sound amplification at concerts and other events and serves on the Board and on the Tumbleweed planning committee. He brings a "voice of calm reason" when meetings get tense.

**Harry Babad - Member at Large** (Incumbent). Harry has been active in the community since the 1970s, from school boards to arts associations, and has served on the 3RFS Board for several years. He focuses on producing and selling 3RFS product, including the 3RFS CD set "Front Row Seat." This year, he reinstated our song circle and

is primary author of eTALK, our electronic music addendum.

**Cindy Rakowski - Member at Large** (Incumbent). Cindy has served on the board for a year adding a great talent for organization. She is active in the contra dance community as one of the many organizers and a caller. When not dancing or calling around the area, Cindy is a hydrologist with Battelle.

**Phil Glover - Member at Large.** Phil is pleased to be nominated for a position on the Board of Directors. His recent retirement has freed up a lot of time and he would like to get more active in 3RFS. He feels the goal of bringing talented entertainment to our community is a worthy one and he looks forward to supporting this goal.

**Chuck Peden - Member at Large.** Chuck and his family have been active in 3RFS for many years. He is a member of Badger Mountain Dry Band and a scientist at Battelle.

**Special Thanks to Kendal Smith and Gene Weisskopf** for serving on the 3RFS Board. They served well and contributed much to our organization and indicate that they will still be active as volunteers.

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**Deadline for the August newsletter is July 10.**

## Out of Town

May

**19** Walla Walla contra dance  
7:30 PM Sat., Stateline  
Grange, Old Milton Highway  
& Ferndale Road.  
509-938-7403 or 509-522-0399

**25-28** Northwest Folklife Festival,  
Seattle Center

July

**6-8** Yakima Folklife Festival  
Yakima Valley Museum

## Tumbleweed Plans in High Gear - Join!

We'll need help this summer publicizing the festival, distributing posters, raising money, etc. Are you willing to house a performer? Donate food for the hospitality room? Solicit donations? (no one else likes to do it either!). There's still lots to do, so get involved! Come to our meetings at the Richland Library or call Mary at 943-0327.

Performer and songwriting contest applications are available on our website www.3rfs.org. Deadline is June 6.

## New Name, Same Bluegrass & Fun!

Friday-Sunday, 8-10 June

Since the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial ended, this festival is now the **Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival and Dutch Oven Rendezvous** to reflect the location of the event. Enjoy bluegrass, workshops, foods and vendors. Bands include Bottomline (Kentucky,) Broken Valley Roadshow (Montana,) Looking Glass (WA,) Panhandle Polecats (Idaho,) Sugarfoot Express (OR,) and Top String (WA.) The festival, sponsored by the Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts & Music Association, will be held at Sacajawea State Park, south of Pasco, off Highway 12. For ticket information or directions e-mail info@mctama.org or call 509 366-7995.

# Yes! I want to help the 2007 Tumbleweed Music Fest succeed!

I would like to be a:  Patron, \$50.00  
 Donor, \$100.00  
 Contributor, \$250.00

Please send me two tickets to the  
(check one)  Saturday Evening Concert  
 Sunday Evening Contra Dance

My tickets, buttons, and poster can be mailed to me at:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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



## 2007 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing refreshments at concerts | <input type="checkbox"/> Setting up chairs      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking admission at events         | <input type="checkbox"/> Folding the newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffeehouses  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving on Board of Directors      | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity              | <input type="checkbox"/> Song circles  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrating folk arts            | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership             | <input type="checkbox"/> Contra dances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tumbleweed Music Festival          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____            |  |

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## Newsletter Hiatus

Folktalk takes a couple of months off every summer. Your next issue will arrive in August, with details about Tumbleweed Music Festival. But please make a note of these upcoming dates!

**August 5, Dan Maher Concert** to benefit Tumbleweed

**September 1-2, Tumbleweed Music Festival**, Howard Amon Park, Richland

## SSSSS Skips May

Normally we'd be shakin' the shingles off of Richland's Round Table Pizza on Saturday, May 12th. This month, SSSSS is handing that date over to the **Badger Mountain Dry Band** in concert at Battelle Auditorium, at 7:30 PM, and we'll all be there!

We WILL meet, as usual, on June 9th, for the usual Sea Songs and pizza, at the usual 7:00 PM-ish time, at Richland's Round Table Pizza.