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Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival

Friday-Sunday, 7-9 June

Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival and Dutch Oven Rendezvous is celebrating ten years of great food and the best music! There will be music workshops, open mic, a band scramble, and Dutch oven cooking. Friday and Saturday nights' concert headliners include the following: NewFound Road, from Ohio, Foghorn Stringband, Kevin Pace and the Early Edition, Prairie Flyer, and Top String.

Weekend passes in advance for \$25 (they run \$35 at the gate). You can also buy passes for single days at the gate. Find out more on the website: http://www.mctama.org/sacajaweabluegrass-festival/ Age 15 and under are free if accompanied by an adult.

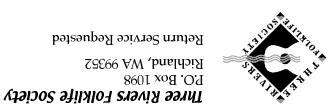
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Annual Meeting Features Dorian Michael

Saturday, 18 May, 7:30 PM

Once every year we have a "business" meeting of Three Rivers Folklife
Society. The rest of the night will be devoted to good food, good folks, and great music! The evening starts with an optional potluck supper at 6:00 PM. Bring a dish to share. The business meeting will commence at 7:30. As usual, this year's only agenda item is to elect a Board of Directors, which takes about 5 minutes. You can read about the candidates down below.

The highlight of the evening is a concert by guitarist Dorian Michael. The concert is FREE to 3RFS members to thank you for your support. If you are not a 2013 member you can join at the meeting if you wish. Otherwise you can buy a ticket at the door (\$12/\$10 seniors and students). Your membership lasts for the rest of 2013 and gets you \$3 off on all future concerts and \$1 off on contra dances.

Dorian Michael started playing guitar as a seven-year old in Los Angeles just as folk music was about to have a renaissance of sorts and earthy acoustic music was his first guitar experience. He has been a working guitarist for four decades and in that time has played plenty of blues and folk, jazz and rock and roll.

At some point along the way he started playing a few solo fingerstyle instrumentals, made a CD and decided he needed to hit the road and see if he could sell all those CDs he had. Three solo CDs and four ensemble CDs later Dorian is still playing throughout the States and Canada.

He calls his solo music "contemporary traditional;" original music that reflects his interest in a number of styles of music. These influences come through in his original material, but it is a contemporary music that grows from, rather than mimics, those influences. When he plays someone else's

music or a traditional piece he always manages to add a few surprises. Says Dorian, "Some music makes you feel, some makes you think and some music is just for the fun of it. I try to get to all those places in the space of a performance."

Dorian has written two books on alternate guitar tunings for Centerstream Publications. Recently Centerstream had him do three instructional DVDs: beginning fingerstyle, intermediate fingerstyle and intermediate blues improvisation.

Dorian will not be doing a workshop this time but hopefully will at Tumbleweed in September. By the way, you may be surprised when you see Dorian... he shaved off his distinctive mustache!

The potluck, meeting, and concert will be held at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., in Pasco.

Meet the Candidates

Micki Perry, President (Incumbent). Micki is one of the founding members of 3RFS. She has served on the Board at various times over the past 20 years, has been our primary concert booker/producer, and was the director of Tumbleweed Music Festival for 5 years. She is also a Master Gardener.

Nancy Ostergard, Vice-President (currently member at large). Nancy is the volunteer coordinator for 3RFS; hers is the sweet voice on the phone asking you to bring cookies to the next concert. She has served on the Board for a few years and would like to step up to vice-president this year.

Kathy Dodson, Member at Large: Kathy is a volunteer in church music ministry at her grandkid's schools, The Council for Children and the Benton Franklin Community Network and a member of Serendipity Strings, a fun loving eclectic group of grandmas who enjoy, (especially), Irish music. Her primary association with 3RFS has been with the concerts, contra dances and helping to get the newsletter ready to be mailed. She says, "Every year I go to Tumbleweed and think, 'next year I am going to get in and help.' Working on the board would certainly fulfill that wish!"

Kathy wants to help our children

understand, experience and appreciate their roots and would support planning and programming for kids. Tim Riordan. Treasurer (incumbent): Tim's 3RFS contributions include volunteering at Tumbleweed Music Festival and producing its TV commercials. He has a software development background that includes working in the financial securities business at Options Clearing Corporation and international accounting at Airborne Express. He has also been known to keep close track of his own finance but his contra dancing ability is far more interesting.

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Frank Cuta - Secretary (Incumbent). Frank has been active in 3RFS for many years. He provides the sound at concerts and serves on the Board and on the Tumbleweed planning committee. He was the recording engineer for our concert album, "Front Row Seat."

Gene Carbaugh, Member at Large: Gene was appointed to the 3RFS Board to fill the position vacated when Ken Bradley moved away, and he is also the 2013 Tumbleweed Music Festival coordinator. Gene is a lifelong fan of folk music His first 3RFS concert was a 1990s William Pint and Felicia Dale concert which hooked him on nautical music. He volunteered as a North Stage hand at an early Tumbleweed, and has been involved with Tumbleweed ever since. He's lent his singing voice to numerous Richland Light Opera Company (now Mid-Columbia Musical Theatre) musicals, where he has also served on the board and as business manager for the last 12 years. Gene is also an avid international folk dancer and instructor, particularly fond of Romanian dances. Gene is pleased to be serving 3RFS and the folk community.

Connie Eckard, Member at Large: Connie is a mostly retired writer and editor. He is a dedicated supporter of the arts, especially Tumbleweed Music Festival. He sang in the first two Tumbleweeds and claims that attendance skyrocketed when the selection committee got him off the stage as a performer. Now Connie's a River Stage fixture as master of ceremonies. His love of folk music dates back to the Kingston Trio and The Weavers. **Bob Lewis, Member at Large:** (incumbent). Bob is a professor in the computer science department at WSU Tri-Cities. He is a big folk fan and has attended Folklife in Seattle since 1987 and every Tumbleweed except once when he was sick. He is volunteer

coordinator for Tumbleweed Music

Festival.

Hank On The **Oregon Trail**

Thursday, 20 June, 7:00 PM

Hank Cramer will present an entertaining, enlightening program, "One Trail, Many Voices," made possible by a grant from Humanities Washington. The version of the Oregon Trail journey that most of us learned presents hardy, American-born pioneers heading west for adventure. The truth is far different. This vast stream of emigrants was a hugely diverse group and for the most part was fleeing something – whether they were Easterners fleeing the financial panic of 1837, Irish immigrants fleeing the potato famines, blacks escaping slavery, or Germans and Italians fleeing civil war. Along their way, Native Americans seldom attacked - in fact, many emigrant groups would not have made it without their aid.

Folksinger and storyteller Hank Cramer will share the traditional folksongs of these cultures and explore how migration via the Oregon Trail affected the travelers, their songs and the culture of the Pacific Northwest. The performance will take place at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive. No admission charge.

Tumbleweed 2013

Thursday, 23 May, 7:00 PM

Tumbleweed 2013 is approaching -Labor Day Weekend, August 30 to September 1. Performer applications are due on May 17 and food or craft vendor applications July 1. Join us for the next planning meeting at Gene Carbaugh's, 803 Birch Ave, Richland.

What do you have to offer Tumbleweed? Only a couple hours at the festival? No problem, we have short term tasks as well as leadership positions. Questions? Need more ideas? Contact Gene at 946-0504 or ecarbaugh2b@charter.net to find out how you might be able to help.

Ye Merrie Greenwood Faire

Saturday-Sunday, 29-30 June

Ye Merrie Greenwood Renaissance Faire has been running for 26 years, the longest running Renaissance Faire in Washington. It is an Elizabethan Era Festival set in the mythical Barony of Three Rivers in 1585 all in Howard Amon Park. There are over 90 performances rotated across 8 stages throughout the entire course of the day! Greenwood also boasts over 70 of the best vendors from all over the Northwest and beyond. They offer an array of period clothing, weaponry, accessories, toys, supplies and more.

Tickets are \$9 for one day or \$12 for both days (\$7 and \$9 for seniors and children 5-12). For details see http://www.yemerriegreenwood-

Folkie Free-for-All

Friday, 3 May, 7:30 PM

Don't forget the song cirle at Micki's, 1011 S. Dawes St, in Kennewick. 783-9937.

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Deadline for the August newsletter is July15th.

Out of Town

May

18 Walla Walla Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat., Unity Church, 810 "C" Street at Walla Walla **Regional Airport**

24-27 Northwest Folklife **Festival Seattle Center** http://www.nwfolklife.org/ festival

June

16 Diversity Day Multicultural Festival 11:00-6:00 Sun Pioneer Park, Walla Walla

Coffeehouse Off

When the weather turns nice, it's a little had to get folks to sit inside a church basement even if the music is great. Thus the 3RFS Coffeehouse will take a vacation until September.

Contra Dance Dark

Contra Dance is also on vacation till fall. Your dancing feet will have to travel to Seattle Folklife or Walla Walla to get their kicks for the next few months... 3RFS contra dances are on their summer hiatus.

SSSSSingalong Sails On in May

Saturday, 11 May, 7:00 PM

How many shanty singers does it take to have a good time? Come and find out at at Round Table Pizza in Richland, on the corner of Torbett and George Washington Way. You'll find friends who love to visit and sing sea songs together every month. No experience necessary, and there's no charge except for the food and beverages.

Local Folk Events

May

3 First Friday Folkie Free-For-All 7:30 PM -Fri, Micki Perry's **11** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland **13** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Sharehouse Richland 17 Tumbleweed Festival Performer Applications due

Annual Membership Meeting 7:30 PM Sat CUUC **Dorian Michael Concert** Pasco

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29-30 Ye Merrie Greenwood Faire Howard Amon Park, Richland

July

1 Tumbleweed Arts and Crafts and Food vender applications due

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Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick Richland Library = 955 Northgate Dr., Richland Sharehouse = Share house, 2150 Keene Rd., Richland

Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland

For information, call 509 528-2215