

# Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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## April 2008 Meeting

Sunday, April 13, 2008

1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

526 E 52<sup>nd</sup> St. (52nd & Central), Indianapolis

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| 1:00 – 2:00 | Board Meeting<br>Slow Jam = Myra Dworski |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | <b>Performance Hour</b>                  |
| 3:00 – 4:00 | Big Band Practice<br>Mandolin Workshop   |
| 4:00 – 5:00 | Sharing Circle                           |



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## A Message from our President

By Phil Slates

Good thing for everyone concerned that this issue of the Society's newsletter comes out after the first of the month, or you may have had to endure countless "April Fools" pranks within these pages.

I'm delighted to announce that your Music Coordinator Dave Slates, in partnership with your President (that's me) have made some inroads with the people that schedule the music at the Indiana State Fair. Our Big Band has been absent from the fairgrounds for too long, and so conversations were started with the gentleman that is handling the booking of entertainment in the Pioneer Village area. It is certainly understandable that much of the booking has already been done for this year's fair, however, we are working on an opportunity to perform somewhere in the Village, outside the barn, probably on a one-shot basis for this year. It is our hope that we are able to please the audience, strengthen our ties with the State Fair, and promote the Society. More news and specifics are forthcoming as details unfold.

### EAGLE CREEK FESTIVAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

I erred in last month's newsletter on the festival date. The Society's Annual Eagle Creek Festival will be held on Saturday, June 21st at the Marina stage.

**The Ohio Valley Gathering:** What a great time was had by all. This was my first time to attend, but it certainly won't be the last. Carla and I took time off on Friday, and with some other Society members, headed on down to Owensboro, KY. By the time we arrived, the lobby of the Executive Inn was ringing with the sounds of folk music, as various "mini-jams" had already sprung up.

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**News from Lew**  
**By Lew Mastin**

This month, James Todd will present another in a series of mandolin workshops. This one is Exercises for the Left Hand. This would not be appropriate for non-mandolin players as the exercises are specific to the mandolin, but guitar players might get something out of it.

**Brief description:**

Examples of warm-up exercises, technique-building exercises, and scale patterns will be demonstrated. If time permits he will discuss and demonstrate how to work with difficult passages of music. Appropriate for all levels. James will bring hand out materials as well. His workshop at the recent Ohio Valley Gathering was well-received, so this should be a good learning opportunity for Society members.

Hattie and Ron Hunt host Dulcimer players at their home at 8403 Parish Lane, Indianapolis, IN each 4th Monday night at 7 pm. If you need directions, call Hattie at 888-9561.



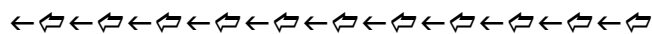
**Happy Harpers**

By Christine Reneau

"Rivers" -- which, as Bill Staines says are "ever movin' and windin' and free" -- will be the musical focus for the Happy Harpers in April.

We will be meeting at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 27 at the home of Judy Doss who lives at 4614 Susy Lane in Indianapolis (which just happens to be mighty close to the White River). She can be reached at judylvd@yahoo.com or (317) 244-6208 for directions.

Grab an autoharp and "run on down to the sea" with us.



Please sign up for snacks,  
It helps us all relax,  
I'm just stating the facts!

**Blue River Folk Fest**

**By Renee Moore**

The 2008 Blue River Folk Music Festival will be held on Saturday, May 17. The complete workshop schedule and registration form are now available at the festival's website: [www.blueriverfolkfest.com](http://www.blueriverfolkfest.com).

This year our performers/instructors include Larry Conger (national mountain dulcimer champion), Les Gustafson-Zook (international autoharp champion), and all-time favorites Cathy Barton and Dave Para. Martha Richard, Myra Dworski and Jon Hall will also be presenting workshops, as well as being the opening act for the evening concert.

The time, place, and price remain the same as last year. All festival events will be held at Town and Country Christian Church in Shelbyville. Workshops begin at 9:00 AM, and the evening concert will start at 6:30 PM. The all-day admission price is \$25 for those who pre-register. Hope you can join us on May 17.

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**WHO:** HEARTSOUNDS—Deborah & Jonathan Hutchison

**WHAT:** Benefit concert for St. Thomas Clinic, Johnson Co's only free clinic for the uninsured

**WHERE:** St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 600 Paul Hand Blvd , Franklin IN 46131

**WHEN:** Sunday April 13, 2008, 3 p.m.  
317-858-8985

**FREEWILL** donations will be gratefully accepted.

**REFRESHMENTS** will be served during intermission

Deborah and Jonathan Hutchison are singers and songwriters who began their musical partnership as winners of the 1973 Northeastern Intercollegiate Folk Festival in upstate New York. They've produced five albums of original music on their own Heartsounds label and toured in 37 states and the District of Columbia .

The Hutchisons bring a unique mix, from folk to rock, classical to jazz, R&B to gospel, featuring trademark vocal harmonies .

## Dave's Doodlings

By Dave Slates  
Music Coordinator

We just got back from the Ohio Valley Gathering, what a great weekend it was! There were jams almost all night, every night. Friday night had an open stage with some fantastic music. Saturday there were workshops for violin, mandolin, harmonica, dulcimer, guitar, and almost anything else.

Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society was well represented, with three teachers. Let's hear it for Susie Kraeszig, Jerry Chapman and James Todd for volunteering their time and talents. James and Jerry lead mandolin workshops, while Susie held one for uke's.

Saturday night had another open stage, and our society was well represented here also.

Mandolindy made its first appearance at The Gathering, and was well received.

The "Big Band" was fantastic. I think it was one of the best Gathering sets we've done. Mario Joven's solo guitar opening to "Circle" really set the mood. At the end, when we were singing the last chorus accapella, the audience sang along in harmony. It was quite moving. Thanks to everyone who played the set. If you search online at YouTube for "ohio valley gathering", you will see a video of the Big Band doing "Will The Circle", filmed by Jerry Chapman. We'd like to thank Jerry for his efforts on our behalf.

I have a gig lined up in May, but I could still use some help in finding other gigs for the Big Band.

Eagle Creek is not that far off, so start thinking of what opportunities to serve you would like to get involved with.

See you at the meeting

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April's Musical Theme  
RIVERS



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A whole exhibit room was dedicated to musical vendors, and everywhere we turned, there was someone from our Society.

My thoughts...thanks to all who attended, I encourage all to attend next year, thanks to the many that played, taught, filmed, and "jammed". A big THANKS to the Louisville Dulcimer Society for putting it on.

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.....**The Treasurer's Report**

By Sanda Gruber

Well, another month has gone by, and I still have yet to hear word on anyone wishing to volunteer to take over as Treasurer for our group when I give up my post as of January 1, 2009 (or sooner if I can plead hard enough). Please consider your talents, your few hours a month, and your abilities to help out our group.

Now, getting off my soapbox, here is the financial standing as of submission date for this newsletter:  
Checking account has \$3071  
Savings has \$2648

Membership for 2008 is now at 102 households, compared to 2007 it was 106 households. Membership (renewal) is still only \$20 per household for those who want to keep getting their newsletters, enjoy our group, and participate in gigs. Oh, and if you need a songbook, they too are only \$20 each for the main packet. For you fiddlers, there are \$5 and \$15 versions for you.

Again a reminder, if you would like to get newsletters via email only, let me and Ruth know. Or, if you wish only USPS version, let us know that (if you have not already done so). Also, any name badge adjustments, email or address changes etc, please send on to Sandra to update our records.

Questions? Email Sandra at sgruber@mw.net for faster response. Also, for any financial issues, please do them from 2-2:30 during the meeting so we all can enjoy the various options of musical interest.

## *Gary Kiser Performance Schedule*

Our own Gary Kiser will be performing on guitar and vocals at the following locations:

Mooresville Library, 220 W. Harrison St.,  
Mooresville, IN, Saturday April 26th 1pm

Artsgarden, corner of Illinois & Washington Sts.,  
Indianapolis, IN, Friday May 9th, 12:15pm

Mooresville Library, (see above for address),  
Saturday October 25th, 1pm.

Speedway Library, TBA  
(call 243-8959 for information)

Come out and hear an excellent guitar player pick from his repertoire of folk, gospel, instrumental and blues music, and support a fellow Society member!



Have your performance announced in the next newsletter, contact the editor.

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These folks are here to serve YOU, the members of the Society. Please share your thoughts, ideas, energy, and enthusiasm!



