

Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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April 2011 Meeting

Sunday, April 10, 2011

1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

526 E 52nd St. (52nd & Central), Indianapolis

1:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting
	Slow Jam Session
2:00 – 3:00	Performance Hour
3:00 – 4:00	Big Band Practice
	Jamming Workshop
4:00 – 5:00	Sharing Circle



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A Message from our President

By Ruth Slates

The More Things Change...

The more they stay the same. Things have changed, and still are.... for the Society.

- We had a good presence at the Ohio Valley Gathering here in Indianapolis, both in performance concerts on Friday and Saturday evening, Eagle Creek Folk Festival display with flyers in the registration area and supplying Long's donuts and coffee for the Louisville Dulcimer Society's hospitality room.
- We have a monthly radio show on WITT 91.9 – Local Folk plays on the 2nd Saturday (12:30 PM) and 4th Wednesday (8:30 PM) of each month
- By our April meeting, we will have an active Facebook presence for the Society and the Local Folk Radio show

Thing that remain the same:

- We need volunteers for setting up for Saturday at the Eagle Creek Folk Festival.
- We rely on the passion of our members to be ambassadors for our organization.
- We will have the registration forms available for the Festival by the April meeting.
- We need volunteers for the tear down on Sunday at the Eagle Creek Folk Festival.
- We are looking for ways to make your dollars go further by offsetting some

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By George McCord

Please welcome new members Karyn Williams and Margie Gilliland.

Account status for March 2011 as of this writing (prior to reconciliation):

\$3559.08 checking balance (less than last month).

\$2688.42 savings balance (essentially the same as last month).

\$179.57 less in the treasury than last year at the same time, excluding songbooks.

\$79.81 operating gain this year to date.

(\$200.50) operating loss this past rolling year.

Based on the last year's experience, we have sufficient funds on hand to cover about 17 months of expenses.

Membership Status: We had 2 new memberships, 4 renewals, and lost 1 membership in March 2011. Family memberships are at 103 compared with 97 a year ago.

Membership Dues: Annual household membership dues remain at \$20/year. If your membership is due or past due, please send a check to CIFM&MDS, P.O. Box 1503, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1503, or catch me at the next meeting. I'm always happy to take your money.

Songbooks: The Main Songbook is available to all members in good standing for \$25 each. Copies of the Main Songbook with Mountain Dulcimer Tabbing by Lew Mastin are available for \$35 each. Fiddle tunes are included in the Main Songbook, but a special "Fiddlers Edition" is also available as a separate supplement for \$5 each. See me at the meeting if you are in need of any of these songbooks.

Thanks to Jean Vance, who replaced me at the March meeting. Her assistance in the treasurer's duties is appreciated and makes the current arrangement work.

It is a pleasure and privilege to serve you and our Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society.

April Performance Theme

Food / Feasting

Indy Folk Series News

Happy Springtime, Music Lovers!

It's been a remarkable season, with enthusiastic audiences relishing a diverse array of artists and groups. I've hoped to bring Sharlee Davis & Will Devitt to the Indy Folk Series for some time, and now they're next up! Please join us on Saturday, April 16. They'll perform some new songs as well as those that have endeared them to their fans.

www.indyfolkseries.org

Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis,
615 W. 43rd St.

\$10 (12 and under free)

Coffee, snacks and wine available.

Sharlee Davis and Will Devitt have taken their rootsy blend of folk rock, blues, country and acoustic pop/jazz to countless audiences throughout the Midwest. Inventive guitar, strong vocals and great songs all add up to a unique and exciting sound heralded by critics and fans alike. Their latest CD, "body of water" is a tasteful collection of new Davis & Devitt originals.

Then, there's a great season closer May 21: Cosy Sheridan with TR Ritchie

www.cosysheridan.com

Dan Henkel – Indy Folk Series

The Redbud Tree House Concert Series

A masterful banjo and fiddle player and storyteller **BOB LUCAS** as our next guest! **Sunday, April 17th at 6:00pm.** □ As a songwriter, you can find Bob's songs on Alison Krauss & Union Station's *New Favorite* and *So Long, So Wrong* CDs and on New Grass Revival's recordings. His most recent release is *Kin*, the long awaited CD by Bob and his stepdaughter, Chloe Manor.

www.boblucasmusic.com

Please RSVP ASAP! Suggested donation is \$10, and 100% GOES TO THE ARTIST!!

This is also a pitch-in! Feel free to bring a dish or favorite drink. Bottled water will be provided. You'll receive a confirmation e-mail on April 14th which includes directions to the northside of Indianapolis near 86th and Ditch Road when you email to confirm you'll be a part of this great evening of music.

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Mike's Musical Musings

By Mike Raab
Music Coordinator

This year got off to a leisurely start regarding Big Band performances. March provided us with the VA Hospital Sunday morning worship hour and the Ohio Valley Gathering at the Airport Radisson. The VA gig went well, and Eric Fricke made it for a couple songs despite setting his clock for DST the wrong way. :) The OVG was, as usual, a lot of fun. Tucker Thomas and the Louisville Dulcimer Society know how to turn a hotel into a home. I'm sure it has more to do with the friends we see and play with. I suspected the stage setup would throw us for a loop, but our performers adapted gracefully! I think we sounded pretty good.

This year's schedule is starting to fill out:
Riley Wranglers Arts and Crafts Fair, Greenfield 4H Fairgrounds, Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m.
Hoosier Hills Fiber Arts Festival, Johnson County Fairgrounds, Franklin IN, Saturday, June 4, noon
Eagle Creek Folk Festival, June 11-12
Heartland Apiary Society Conference, Vincennes University, Terre Haute IN, Thursday, July 7.
Crestwood Village Old-Fashioned Days, August 6 (East), August 13 (North), August 20 (West), August 27 (South)
Bethlehem Lutheran picnic, Broad Ripple Park, Sunday, August 7

Anyone interested in playing please contact me for more info.

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Happy Harpers Happenings

By Christine Reneau

It's that time of year, when the days get longer and warmer. We become aware of a renewed rainbow of colors, and enjoy the sounds and scents that are flaunted in the spring. The Happy Harpers will be paying tribute to Mother Nature in April.

We will meet at the home of Cathy and John Platt at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 17. Cathy and John live at 13132 Cresswell Place in Fishers. They can be reached at cpplatt@comcast.net or (317)

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- monthly costs, so we can spend more on achieving our mission.
- We need volunteers for the Information Table during the Eagle Creek Folk Festival.

The Board of Directors is looking into helping our funds stretch further by considering selling advertising space in the newsletter to offset rising printing and mailing costs. We are also talking with some businesses about the possibility of underwriting the cost of our radio show.

Please feel free to give us your feedback on these items, and any other ideas that you have about how we could do some things better; like attracting and keeping members, or more name recognition in the music community. The more feedback we receive, the more (and usually better) choices we'll have.

One of the ways we welcome and begin to develop relationships with new members is to offer the Slow Jam at 1:00 PM at each meeting. Thanks to Myra Dworski for leading the Slow Jam and offering her experience and advice to help new members. If Myra is unable to make the meeting, Dave Slates will lead the group in working on songs

Please take the time to give feedback, your time, and your talents to help us continue to GROW!

NEW/OLD SONG FORMAT

We have decided to start re-issuing the songs in the songbook with the formatting that we have used for the Song of the Month. That is, the lyrics and a melody line below. This issue contains the first of the new lot.

Dulcimer for Sale

Dulcimer with black hard case crafted by Warren May in Berea, Ky. in 2005. Owner died. Strung with three strings for a left-handed player. Can be restrung. Asking \$200. Call: Doris Jane Conway, 317-409-6460 or djconway40@roadrunner.com before 4/18/11.

Performance Hour Themes

By Mike Raab

I was reminded that the Performance Hour themes have traditionally been published in January, but they weren't this year. So, I offer the following partial list with my apologies:

April: Food and/or Feasting

May: Nature

**June: Eagle Creek Folk Festival
practice**

July: Sea Songs

August: Work Songs

September: Ballads

**October: Dancing (including waltzes,
jigs, etc.)**

November: Hospitality

December: Christmas/Gospel

This list can also be found on our website.

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