

Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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January 2012 Meeting

Sunday, January 8, 2012

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 – 3:15	Big Band Practice
3:15 – 4:30 (or more)	Sharing Circle



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A Message from our President

By Ruth Slates

I am glad to report that 2011 is gone, and we are hitting the ground running in the new year!

The Eagle Creek Festival Committee is meeting this month, and we are already making plans for this year's festival. I know that we've all agreed that the earlier we get the details finalized in the year, the better things seem to run. Our committee is making sure that we have the opportunity to do so this year.

I'd also like to start including a 'Wish List' each month, for anyone who would like to help out but may be short on time. You might be able to pick up a Wish List item for us to use at our monthly meetings, gigs or the festival and help out throughout the year. For this month, suggested items are:

- (1) Plastic cutlery, Paper or plastic plates (dinner and sauce sizes)
- (2) 8"-Long Cable Ties
- (3) Canvas drop cloths (preferred size is approximately 4' x 5') to be used for signs at the festival
- (4) 6' Green T-Post with Plate (temporary fence post for displaying signs at the festival)

We are also making plans to have more practice time as a group throughout each month. I know that in the past, society members would get together at a member's home to rehearse, and I believe that's a great idea that needs to return! We all want to improve, and could use more opportunities to hone our skills...as well as having

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The Treasurer's Report
By George McCord

Please welcome member Johnny B. White, Jr.
Account status for December 2011 as of this writing (prior to reconciliation):
\$4084.11 checking balance (about the same as last month).

\$2698.38 savings balance (essentially the same as last month).

\$659.15 more in the treasury compared with last year at the same time.

\$501.17 operating gain in 2011.

\$853.96 operating gain over the previous rolling year.

Based on the past rolling year's experience, we have sufficient funds on hand to cover a little over 14 months worth of expenses.

Membership Status: We had 1 new member, 12 renewals, 1 reinstatement, and lost no memberships in December 2011. Family memberships stand at 108 compared with 98 a year ago.

Membership Dues: Annual household membership dues remain at just \$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.

Our thanks go to Jean Vance who assisted with treasury services at the December meeting. It is a pleasure and privilege to serve you and our Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society.

Lack Snack

We don't have anyone signed up for snacks for the January meeting; please think about bringing

some goodies!

From Emily the VP

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to a year full of fun and music with each of you, and the wonderful talents we all bring to the table. There are a couple of great opportunities to get more involved in a more hands on way. The first is to become a jam/set leader. Even if you have no experience, we can help you get started!

Also, beginning in the month of January, we will be featuring a monthly workshop on a variety of topics. There have been a few brave souls to come forward and offer to lead, but many months are still open. If you would like to lead a workshop, find out more on set leading, or just have a great idea to pass along, please send me an email anytime! Signing off, Emily Clevenger, your VP. (find Emily's email address on the back page).

Plan Ahead; New Festival in May
By Sharon Day

The Spiceland Dulcimer Players will be sponsoring what we hope might become an annual event: The Raintree Musical Heritage Festival. It will be held May 12 at the Spiceland Friends Church. 401 W. Main Street □ Spiceland, IN

Workshops will be conducted in both beginner and advance levels for many different acoustic instruments. Plans are just now being formulated.

So far, we have four headline instructors/performers who are excited about being a part of the festival: Ted Yoder – 2011 national hammered dulcimer champion and Tull Glazener – nationally known for his expertise as instructor and performer on the mountain dulcimer, Guy George (hammered dulcimer, steel drum, pennywhistle, and his wife Sharrie, who teaches ukulele. Plus, there will be local folks teaching workshops as well, such as mandolin and folk singing. Additionally, Myra Dworski and Jon Hall, multi-talented musicians and concert favorites, will be teaching a variety of vocal and instrumental workshops. Much more is to come.

Dave's Downbeat

By Dave Slates
Music Coordinator

Well, after a few years off, I am back as your music coordinator.

I would like to thank Mike Raab for the great job he has done the last few years. Mike has brought the Big Band performances to new levels of excitement. Mike will be helping out this year, to prepare for our annual Eagle Creek folk festival.

This year we will also be having workshops on being a set leader. We would like to recruit a new group of set leaders to lead the slow jam and the "Big Band". I will be putting a push on getting more gigs, to increase the visibility of the society, and to fulfill other Society goals. Members interested in marketing the Big Band for performances, please contact me. We can only grow if we spread the seeds of traditional instruments and music.

Don't forget to bring the song of the month with you to our January meeting. Let's have a great year.

Indy Folk Series hosts Rise Up Singing



Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Sing! Uprising (singalong).

The audience becomes the show as professionals, amateurs and civilians share in a spontaneous evening of music making. Dissipate the winter doldrums with song. Bring instruments and a copy of "Rise Up Singing" if you like.

Limited snacks available for donation, feel free to bring a snack or munchies to share!
Tickets \$10 (age 12 and under free)
Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis (UUI), located just south of Butler University at 615 West 43rd Street, Indianapolis.

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more opportunities to grow and work together and build closer relationships with each other. We'll be announcing proposed times and locations over the next month, so please talk to me (or anyone on the Board) at the January meeting if you'd like more information or to give your suggestions or ideas.

Thanks to everyone for a successful 2011, and I hope you share my excitement about the year and accomplishments ahead!

Happy Harpers Happenings

By Christine Reneau

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Christmas is over
Happy New Year to YOU!
(by Dan Reneau)

The Happy Harpers are welcoming in the new year, even as they revisit some of their old, favorite tunes.

The next Happy Harpers meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 22. We will meet at the home of Karen Seechrist who lives at 8198 Wade Hill Court in Indianapolis. Karen can be reached at (317) 915-1092 or gpsihart@comcast.net for directions.

Violets are blue
Roses are red
Please pay attention
To what I just said!
(also by Dan Reneau)

January Musical Theme



Performer's Choice

Dulcimer News from Lew

By Lew Mastin

The Dulcimer Only Group will begin 2012 with its regularly scheduled meeting at Robin Run on Wednesday, January 11th. The 2012 meetings will follow the same 2nd and 4th format as used in the past. Meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. at Robin Run Village, 5354 West 62nd Street, in Indianapolis.

All skill levels of Mountain Dulcimer players are invited and encouraged to meet with us. Tull Glazener will spend as much time with us as his schedule will allow. We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented musician, arranger, and instructor who is willing to spend time and effort to help us become better Dulcimer players.

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