

Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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March 2011 Meeting

Sunday, March 13, 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	Guest Performer
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

I'm writing this month about perspectives. Sometimes all we need to help us get a new perspective is to hear someone else's take on the situation. While I was slogging to the car through more rain (and feeling a little cloudy, just like the sky) my granddaughter who was following my footsteps through the puddles, got in the car and proclaimed, "I love spring!" When asked for details as to why she enjoyed the rain so much, she reminded me that the rain would bring beautiful spring flowers that we'd be able to enjoy longer that the rain would last. Out of the mouths of babes...

I encourage each of you, as you search for a way to lend your talents to GROWing the Society, whether it's through your time in volunteering on a committee, offering to be a resource person for an instrument, or talking with people you know about the Society, that you talk to other members to see if you can partner your time and talent with theirs to accomplish something you might not feel comfortable doing on your own..

I like the new arrangement for snacks (bring what you can) and know that our Member-at-Large (Randi Klees) has also suggested that groups within the Society (DOGS, Happy Harpers, and others) might work together to bring snacks on a few months this year. Things seem less daunting and overwhelming when you're working with someone else.

Please think of this as we plan for workshops throughout the year. Rocco, our VP, is in charge of setting these up at our monthly meetings.

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The Treasurer's Report
By George McCord

Please welcome new members Gail Ginther, Connie Temm, and Megan Hopkins. Welcome back Nathan Hagerman and Emily & Katie Clevenger.

Accounts status for February 2011 as of this writing (prior to reconciliation):

\$3651.08 checking balance (more than last month).

\$2687.32 savings balance (essentially the same as last month).

\$80.99 less in the treasury than last year at the same time.

\$203.00 operating gain this year to date.

(\$119.09) operating loss last year.

Based on the past year's experience, we have sufficient funds on hand to cover a little more than 17 months of expenses.

Membership Status: We had 3 new memberships, 7 renewals, 3 reinstatements, and lost 1 membership in February 2011. Family memberships are at 102 compared with 107 a year ago. (Correction: the membership information in last month's article was erroneously identified as "December 2010" instead of "January 2011")

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.

Jean Vance will be standing in for me at the March meeting. Her assistance in the performance of the treasurer's duties is very much appreciated. It is my pleasure and privilege to serve you and our Society.

Guest Performer for March Meeting: Rick Thum
By Rocco Brunelle, VP

I would like to thank Randi Klees for recommending Rick Thum as our guest performer at the March meeting. This will be quite a treat. Rick will be giving a workshop after the performance as well. Bring your friends, instruments and questions about jamming.

Rick Thum Bio: Ranked as the most influential dulcimer player of the last decade by *Dulcimer Player News*, Rick has made his mark on every aspect of the hammered dulcimer world. He is best known for his latest album, "A Front Porch Waltz". His festival performances have regularly earned him the "most popular performer" title at the largest national dulcimer festival. He combines passion and friendly accessibility to his teaching that makes his workshops and master classes favorites. His teaching experience has produced the best-selling instructional CD series for hammered dulcimer. Rick is also the designer of the highly regarded line of hammered dulcimers bearing his name. Yet for all his time in the studio, onstage, in the classroom, and in the luthier's shop, Rick is most at home at a late-night jam session, where you might find him playing an instrument other than the dulcimer. His website is: www.rthum.com

Workshop - Learn the Tricks of Jamming: All instruments and levels welcome. Rick will be teaching the tricks that make jamming so easy. *How do I know what chords to use and when? How do I recognize the tune and start to play it, especially when it is a tune I've never heard before?* There are easy explanations to these and other questions that he will teach at this workshop. Hope to see you there.



Mike's Musical Musings

By Mike Raab
Music Coordinator

Marcella Champion, Market Master of the Cumberland Farmer's Market, is looking for entertainers to perform on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon during market operating hours. She needs performers from May to October.

I have posted the detailed information on the DULCOC list as a pdf. file. Also, check our bulletin board at the meeting. If interested, please email Marcella at mchampio50@yahoo.com

Here are our upcoming society gigs:

1. VA Hospital, **March 13** at 9 a.m.
2. Ohio Valley Gathering, **March 25-26** at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Indianapolis
3. Riley Wranglers Arts and Crafts Fair, **May 7**, 10-11 a.m.
4. Eagle Creek Folk Festival, **June 11-12**
5. Heartland Apiary Society Conference in Terre Haute on **July 7**

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Happy Harpers Happenings

By Christine Reneau

The Happy Harpers are not meeting this month, see you later!! Keep on Harping!

Society Resource Volunteers

Name	Instrument
	Autoharp
Randi Klees and Sharon Day	Hammered Dulcimer
	Banjo
	Clawhammer Banjo
Gary Reiter	Guitar
Dave Slates	Mandolin
	Fiddle
Lew Mastin	Mountain Dulcimer

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We have so much to learn from each other, new and standard techniques, as well as new and familiar instruments. We don't have to wait for a guest performer to have a workshop. Please talk with Rocco to see what workshops may already be on the schedule, and any ideas you have about sharing your talents/knowledge/technique or ideas you'd like to see covered in planned workshops. Your suggestion might bring a new perspective that we need to hear as we move through the year.

Keep this in mind as the Gathering approaches, get together with other members and friends to make plans to meet at the hotel, plot and plan which workshops you'll attend, and make time to jam with others, or wander the hotel to listen to others jam. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet vendors, performers and other musicians for \$7.00. The Society will be providing donuts, juice and coffee for the Louisville Dulcimer Society's Hospitality Room on Saturday morning. Please look for signs with the room number of the Hospitality Suite in the hotel.

The LOCAL FOLK radio show aired on WITT 91.9 on Saturday 2/26/2011 at 12:30 PM! We're trying to get it loaded onto the web page so that members can download it. We'll update everyone on our progress at the March meeting. We will have a CD player set up for listening to the program in the lounge during Sharing Circle, since we have a Guest Performer and a workshop at the March meeting.

Also, remember that we'll be doing a 'guest count' at the beginning of the Performance Hour at the March meeting to see who will win the Café Press LOCAL FOLK T-shirt for bringing the most guests to the meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there!

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.

Food for Thought

By Randi Klees

You all were fantastic last month chipping in with the snacks for the meeting! Several people asked for a sign-up list, which I will have at the next meeting. This month, March, "Hammeraderie", the hammered dulcimer group, will be sponsoring the snacks in honor of one of our favorite hammered dulcimer artists coming to perform and give workshops. I am hereby challenging the other sub-groups of our Society to sign up and bring snacks. Let the best group win! (I don't know what you will win, but we'll think of something!) Also, don't ever be shy about bringing something even if you haven't signed up. It is always appreciated!

I am thinking of making up a current list of all teachers and instruments they play. I think we have a wealth of talent and opportunities in our group, and this would be another way to spread the word. You can either email or call me, or sign the list at the next meeting. Thanks bunches.

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