



Three Rivers Folklife Society

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Help us promote **3RFS** events! Post the enclosed flyer where the most people will see it.

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Local Folk Events

January

- 9** Uncle Joe's Banjo Band Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 10** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 11** Robin & Linda Williams and Their Fine Group Concert 3:00 PM Sun **KFUMC**
- 12** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon **BPABC**
- 24** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat **Shufflers' Shanty, Kennewick**
- 26** Tumbleweed Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Mon **RCC**

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All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
BPABC = Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, 716 Jadwin Ave., Richland
CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
KFUMC = Kennewick First United Methodist Church, 2 S. Dayton St.
RCC = Richland Community Center, 500 Armon Park Dr.
Round Table Pizza = 245 Torbett, Richland, 946-0667
Shufflers' Shanty = 717 N. Irving St, in Kennewick

For information, call 509 528-2215



Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

January 2009

Robin & Linda Williams & Their Fine Group

Sunday, 11 January, 3:00 PM

Robin and Linda Williams come to Three Rivers Folklife Society from the state of Virginia and are known for their rich harmonies and original songwriting rooted in the country, bluegrass, and gospel traditions. They have gained widespread national prominence on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion," as one half of "The Hopeful Gospel Quartet," as well as performing on the program in their own right.

Robin and Linda are joined in concert by Jim Watson, a founding member of the Red Clay Ramblers. He plays bass and joins in with his distinctive harmony vocals. The fourth seat rotates between mandolin, fiddle and dobro and is filled by either Jimmy Gaudreau, Chris Brashear, Kevin Maul, or Tony Williamson.

For more than a quarter of a century Robin and Linda and Their Fine Group have delighted audiences large and small with a blend of bluegrass, folk,

old-time and acoustic country that truly merits the title of "American music." Robin and Linda's new CD, "Buena Vista," has just been released on Red House Records, produced by Tim O'Brien. It is an exploration of life's hard times and unexpected joys, featuring the duo's high lonesome harmonies and their fiery guitar and banjo picking. "Radio Songs," "The First Christmas Gift," and "Deeper Waters" are additional gems released since 2004. Produced by Garrison Keillor, "Visions of Love," stayed on the Americana Charts soon after its release in January, 2002 and was rated in the top five of both the Folk and Bluegrass charts on Roots Music Report.

Robin and Linda have gained recognition from a variety of sources, including winning a nomination from their colleagues at the International Bluegrass Music Association for "Gospel Recorded Performance of the Year" (1995's Good News). They received a Crossroads' Music "Gold Star" Award for the best Contemporary Folk CD of 1998, and

were listed in the top 10 "Album Of The Year" (Devil of a Dream).

In addition to "A Prairie Home Companion," they have appeared on "The Grand Ole Opry," "Austin City Limits," "Mountain Stage," and "Music City Tonight." They have performed in venues ranging from Philadelphia and Kerrville folk Festivals, to bluegrass festivals such as Winterhawk, Wings & Strings and the Delaware Valley Bluegrass Festival, to arts centers and concert halls in dozens of states and countless clubs and coffeehouses – not only across the US, but in Canada and Europe as well.

Join Robin and Linda and their Fine Group in a special afternoon concert at Kennewick First United Methodist Church, 2 South Dayton St., on the corner of Kennewick Avenue and Dayton Street. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$13 seniors and students, in advance, at Bookworm stores and Octopus' Garden. Prices are \$3 more at the door. There is a \$3 discount for 3RFS members.

Uncle Joe's Banjo Band at the Coffeehouse

Friday, 9 January, 7:30 PM

This month's Three Rivers Folklife Society Coffeehouse features Uncle Joe's Banjo Band. This local band is led by Paul Knight, who is known for his blues, guitar and banjo talent. Debby Hembree plays a fine fiddle. Chris Mesford, known for sea chantey singing and coordination of the hospitality booth at Tumbleweed Music festivals, joins in on the bohdran. The

bass is played by Phil Cathy. Kurt Mesford adds guitar and vocals. He is also known as "Didele" in the well-loved duo known as "The Great Sanger and Didele" - Seamen of the Inland Empire.

As Uncle Joe's Banjo Band they will present old-time American music with many tunes you remember, but lyrics you may have forgotten. They always bring a laugh and a smile as they play songs like "Old Dan Tucker" and

"Shortnin' Bread."

The Coffeehouse begins with an open mic session at 7:30 -- come early to sign up. The featured performers come on around 8:00. The Coffeehouse is held at the All Saints' Episcopal Church located at 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland.(Drive around to the back.) Suggested donation at the door is \$8 general/\$6 senior and students. For more information contact Alan Page at 943-5662.

Drop a Line to John

One of our fearless leaders is laid up for awhile. John Perry had a bum hip, so he had a hip replacement and now the hip replacement is bummin' him out. He has been in the hospital and will go to a nursing home for some rehab. Many of us know that isn't a whole lot of fun. So, how about everyone sending him a card to let him know he's in our thoughts and prayers.

Send the cards to John and Micki's address: 1011 S. Dawes, Kennewick, WA 99338

Now the question is, will he still be able to play the banjo or will the banjo play him?

Folk Resources

Would you like to know a little more about folk music or get advance reminders of 3RFS upcoming events? Well, you have several options.

Ed Lund, board member and SSSSS proponent, coordinates the advance notice program for 3RFS events. He does it through a Yahoo online group. When you sign up you will receive an e-mail a few days before the event. Just go to our web site and look for Folk Event Group and sign up.

If you would like more information about individual performers or folk music news you can read Harry "Doc" Babad's articles online at our website also. Look for Music Talk under 3RFS Publications. He goes into more depth than we can in Folk Talk, the monthly newsletter. Speaking of Folk Talk, you read past issues on our web site, too.

There are many more resources to be found at www.3rfs.org including NW links, Worldwide links and information and photos about Tumbleweed Music Festivals.

Bottomline the 3RFS web site may be your best resource for all things Folk!

Our thanks to Alan Gibbs for managing the whole operation.

Still Looking... Think about it!

We are still looking for a 3RFS member to fill the empty Member at Large position on Three Rivers Folklife Society's Board of Directors. If you enjoy the events that 3RFS produces, think about being a part of the process. If you have some ideas for change or improvement, here's your opportunity. If you or someone you know would fill the bill, let us know.

For information on what a board member actually does, call a current member and ask them! Their numbers are listed below.

2009 3RFS Dues are Due

Your Three Rivers Folklife Society membership (you ARE a dues-paying member, aren't you??) expired at the end of 2008. Please fill out the membership form on page 3 and send it in with your 2009 dues today!

Dues help us cover the expenses of printing newsletters, fliers and tickets. Membership also give you a discount on most of our events and a free concert in May for our Annual Meeting!

If you have paid dues any time at or after Tumbleweed 2008, you are considered paid up for 2009.

Thank you!

2009 3RFS Concerts

Mark your calendars for a great slate of concerts in 2009 !

January 11: Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group KFUMC

February 21: Humphrey, Hartman and Cameron CUUC

March 21: The Whateverly Brothers and Watch the Sky CUUC

April 18: Sky in the Road CUUC

May 16: 3RFS Annual Meeting performers TBA CUUC

It's Time for TMF 2009!

Monday, 26 January, 7:00 PM

The start of a new year means that it's time to start planning the 13th Tumbleweed Music Festival. This year we are trying something a little different with a "Team Tumbleweed" organization model. John Perry has agreed to run the planning meetings and be the overall "honcho," but the majority of the work will be done by individual teams handling things like entertainment selection, sound and publicity. Each of these teams will have their own "honcho" but in order to relieve these honchos from getting saddled with huge amounts of work, we need a large team of players working together to make Tumbleweed happen.

Your input is especially needed at the January meeting when we choose the theme for the 2009 song contest and make decisions about any significant changes or additions to the festival. Planning meetings will be on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Richland Community Center Conference Room. See you there!

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Deadline for the February newsletter is January 15th.

Out of Town

January

16 Dandelion Greens concert
7:30 pm Fri, Yakima Valley Museum

New Contra dance Venue in 2009!

Saturday, 24 January, 7:30 PM

We are starting out the New Year in our New Venue - Shufflers' Shanty, at 717 N. Irving St., in Kennewick. It has been a long journey to find a home for our dances, with a few missteps along the way, but success is now ours! Shufflers' Shanty is a long-time dance venue off Kellogg Street, tucked behind Tri-Tech. We are very excited about this new opportunity.

One of our favorite bands is playing for us in January. "Out of the Wood" features Pat and Vicki Marron and Kathy Bowman. For the last five years, "Out of the Wood" has played for over 100 contra dances throughout the Northwest. Dancers in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho regularly enjoy their music and this last year their travels expanded to include an East coast tour and a Texas dance weekend. They play for the love of the music, and travel from their Sand Point, Idaho home with lively tunes wherever they go.

Cindy Rakowski of Kennewick will call her old and new favorite dances. When Cindy is calling, you know the dances will flow.

All dances will be taught, so no experience is necessary. Bring your friends, family and snacks to share for an evening of great music, dancing, and fun at the Shufflers' Shanty (717 N. Irving, Kennewick). Admission at the door is \$8 general/\$5 seniors and teens. Kids under 12 are free. \$1 discount for 3RFS members.

Yes! I want to help the 2009 Tumbleweed Music Festival succeed!

I would like to contribute _____ **Bronze, \$50.00**
at this level _____ **Silver, \$100.00**
_____ **Gold, \$250.00**
_____ **Platinum, \$1000.00**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Send to: 3RFS Tumbleweed Music Festival, P.O. Box 1098, Richland, WA 99352

Enclose your check payable to *Three Rivers Folklife Society*. Thank You!



2009 Membership Application

Your membership gives you voting rights in folklife elections, \$3 off most concerts, and is tax deductible! You'll even get a nifty membership card to show your friends and neighbors!

_____ Individual (\$15) or _____ Family (\$20) Is this a renewal? Y N

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I can help 3RFS with:

- _____ Providing refreshments at concerts
- _____ Taking admission at events
- _____ Serving on Board of Directors
- _____ Demonstrating folk arts
- _____ Tumbleweed Music Festival
- _____ Setting up chairs
- _____ Folding the newsletter
- _____ Publicity
- _____ Membership
- _____ Other _____
- _____ Fund raising
- _____ Coffeehouses
- _____ Song circles
- _____ Contra dances

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Resolve to Sing Sea Chanteys

Saturday, 24 January, 7:00 PM

Some of us have been belting out these inspiring tunes since after the first Tumbleweed Music Festival, 12 years ago. These are work songs, mostly from the sea, based on easily learned call and response. They kept sailors pumping or hauling sails up a mast in unison. There were songs for

resting and relaxing, for sailing in deep waters and for pulling into port, coming home.

Now that you've made your resolution to meet great new people and sing out loud, you are ready to join us on the second Saturday of every month at 7pm-ish at Richland's Round Table Pizza. Quaffs and comestibles are available at reasonable prices. (For some reason they don't let us sing for our suppers!) Polish up your Arrrgh!s and Huhs! and join us as we sing in another year of SSSSS!