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A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

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

BMDB Supports Tumbleweed, How About You?

Saturday, 10 May, 7:30 PM

The Tri-Cities' only progressive bluegrass band, Badger Mountain Dry Band, have been terrific, loyal supporters of our Tumbleweed Music Festival for years. They'll present a concert to raise awareness of the festival and help us recruit volunteers. For 16 years the Badger Mountain Dry Band has brought their brand of progressive bluegrass music to the Pacific Northwest. Playing traditional bluegrass instrumentation, the group's music includes traditional bluegrass

standards, original Gospel material, 60s rock and roll, swing tunes, big band tunes, old country standards, and more. They released a self-titled CD in 2005 featuring many of the songs they perform in concert.

The "Dry" in this band's name refers to the use of non-electric instruments But - the music is anything but "dry!"

Band members include long-time 3RFS member Jim Honeyman on mandolin, John April on guitar and banjo, Chuck Peden on guitar, Joe Smart on guitar and fiddle, and Kurt Gustafson on stand-up bass. Joe was the winner

of the 2005 Walnut Valley Flatpicking contest held in Winfield, Kansas.

As a special treat, this concert will be opened by The Hot Heads of Jazz. These guys are a Gypsy jazz trio featuring Kurt and Joe from the Dry Band, along with local fave, Doug Rice.

The concert will be held at the Battelle Auditorium, on Battelle Blvd. in Richland. Tickets are \$11 general and \$9 seniors and students purchased in advance at Bookworm stores and Octopus' Garden. \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members get a \$3 discount and BSA members get a \$1 discount

Sänger & Didele Play for 3RFS Member Meeting

Saturday, 17 May, 7:30 PM

As May brings flowers, it also brings our annual membership meeting and concert. This year we will follow the usual format - there will be a brief financial report, followed by elections of members of the board. (The list of candidates to be voted on can be found on page 2.)

After the meeting part (which should be really short!), the fun will begin with those madcap mariners Sänger & Didele. The "Seamen of the Inland Empire" bring out laughs with a salty brew of sea songs and merriment. They use their musical skills to expose the hilarious side of maritime music, respecting musical traditions by showing no respect whatsoever!

This concert will be held at the Kennewick Senior Center. It's free for 2008 3RFS members. If you're not a member, you can join at the door! Otherwise, tickets are \$12 general and

\$10 for seniors and students at the door.

There will be an potluck preceding the annual meeting at 6:00 PM in Keewaydin Park, weather permitting, or inside the Kennewick Senior Center if the weather doesn't. 3RFS will provide drinks and picnic ware. We will not have access to the kitchen so hot foods must be brought hot.

Nominees for Officers & Board

Following are the nominees for the Three Rivers Folklife Society 2008-2009 board officers and board members at large.

Alan Page – President (incumbent). Alan is producer and host of the 3RFS Coffeehouse. He looks forward to continuing with the Coffeehouse and a second year as board president.

John Perry – Treasurer (incumbent). John has worked at various positions since 3RFS was formed. He is a founding Board member and is involved in concert production and Tumbleweed Music Festival and is also a performer.

Frank Cuta – Secretary (Incumbent). Frank has been active in 3RFS for many years. He provides sound at concerts and other events and serves on the Tumbleweed planning committee.

Fellow Board members praise his "voice of calm reason" when things get tense.
Harry Babad – Member at Large (Incumbent). Harry has been active in the community since the 1970s, from school boards to arts associations, and has served on the 3RFS Board. Harry enjoys promoting 3RFS products and has been active in fundraising, and as primary author and editor of "eTALK," our electronic music addendum.

Ed Lund – Member at Large (Incumbent). Ed stepped in when former vice-pres-

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Local Folk Events

May				
9	Barb Ryman Coffeehouse	7:30 PM Fri	All Saints'	
10	Badger Mountain Dry Band concert	7:30 PM Sat	Battelle	
10	Deadline: Tumbleweed Performer and Song Contest Applications			
12	3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM Mon	BPABC	
17	Sänger & Didele Concert and 3RFS annual meeting	7:30 PM Sat 6:00 PM	KSC Potluck	
20	Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM Tue	RCC	
June				
9	3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM Mon	BPABC	
13-15	Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival	Fri-Sun	Sacajawea State Park, Pasco	
14	2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM Sat	Round Table Pizza, Richland	
24	Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM Tue	RCC	
28-29	Ye Merrie Greenwood Faire	Sat-Sun	Howard Amon Park, Richland	
July				
12	2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM Sat	Round Table Pizza, Richland	
14	3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM Mon	BPABC	
29	Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM Tue	RCC	
August				
2	Dan Maher Tumbleweed Benefit with Chris Roe	7:30 PM Sat	KSC	

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
 Battelle = Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland
 BPABC = Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, 716 Jadwin Ave., Richland
 KSC = Kennewick Senior Center, 500 South Auburn, east side of Keewaydin Park, across from the East Benton County Museum
 Round Table Pizza = 245 Torbett, Richland, 946-0667
 RCC = Richland Community Center, 500 Amon Park Dr.,
For information, call 509 528-2215

Barb Ryman, New at Coffeehouse

Friday, 9 May, 7:30 PM

Singer/Songwriter Barb Ryman is a nationally-touring, award-winning singer/songwriter who brings us music that is more than entertaining. Her music is lyric-driven, emotional, and heart-opening. With a clear, winsome voice and skillfully played guitar, she delivers a rich mosaic of contemporary folk, country blues, Celtic flavored ballads, old-time gospel, and bits of folk-rock. Barb's music career began in Minneapolis with her 1995 CD, "Lay me Open." National reviews in folk and world music magazines, Sing Out and Dirty Linen, acknowledged her talent. Ryman has recorded five CDs and been nominated for numerous Minnesota Music Awards including Songwriter of The Year, Recording of The Year, Song of The Year, and Female Vocalist. The American Composer Forum awarded her the 2002 McKnight Composer Fellowship, a coveted award for composers across all music genres. In 2006, ABC Television bought rights to her satire "All American Dysfunctional Family" for their sitcom series "Sons & Daughters." Most recently, she was New Song Winner in the 2007 Winfield Folk Festival (Walnut Valley Festival).

Barb Ryman has performed throughout the U.S. at concert series, folk festivals, colleges, house concerts, and radio shows. Her songs have aired on folk programs across the U.S. Europe, Australia and beyond. Her latest CD release is "Earthbound."

The coffeehouse will start with the open mic session. Come early or call Alan if you want a slot, because we have been filling up fast. The Coffeehouse is held at the All Saints' Episcopal Church located at 1322 Kimball, Ave., Richland. Suggested donation at the door is \$8 general/\$6 seniors and students. For more information about the Coffeehouse contact Alan Page at 943-5662.

Nominees for Officers & Board, Continued.

ident, Bruce Mesford, passed away last fall. He now organizes the Second Saturday Sea Song Singalongs and has been a Tumbleweed Music Festival volunteer for many years.

Kim O'Keefe -- Member at Large. Kim says that when she and her family moved to the Tri-Cities in 2003, one of the first things they did was attend the Tumbleweed Music Festival. She started volunteering at the festival the next year, and has been our volunteer coordinator since 2006. She would like to support 3RFS by serving on the board in the coming year.

Chuck Peden -- Member at Large. (Incumbent). Chuck and his family have been active in 3RFS for many years. He is a member of Badger Mountain Dry Band and a scientist at Battelle.

Cindy Rakowski -- Member at Large (Incumbent). Cindy has served on the board and is active in the contra dance community as one of the many organizers and as a popular caller. When not calling/dancing around the Pacific Northwest, Cindy is a hydrologist with Battelle.

Special "Thanks" to **Phil Glover** for serving on the 3RFS Board. He has served well and contributed much to our organization and says he will still serve as a volunteer.

SSSSS Dark in May for a Good Cause

Saturday, 10 May, 7:30 PM

This month, the Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong will take time off to allow Badger Mountain Dry Band, the local progressive bluegrass band, support Tumbleweed Music Festival. (They will be joined by the Hotheads of Jazz!)

We **will not** be at Richland Roundtable Pizza on May 10. We **will be** at Battelle enjoying BMDB! IF you want to attend SSSSS on June 14, you must attend this concert in May!

Two Ways to Win! (Raffle-wise)

There's nothing like a raffle to raise money for our Tumbleweed Music Festival. And this year we have two! Since we do not charge admission to the festival during the day, we need to find creative ways to part people from their money, and raffles fill the bill.

Guitar lovers will be pleased this year, thanks to Jay Howlett of "Blah Blah Woof Woof" music. He has donated a beautiful Breedlove guitar. It's a Dreadnought Atlas, Model AD SM-20, which lists for \$699. A nifty gig bag is included. Only 400 tickets are available; they're \$5 each.

The second raffle will be held for those of you with seafaring hearts. For \$2 you get a chance to win a model of the USS Constitution, donated by Hank Cramer and Ferryboat Music. Both drawings will be Sunday afternoon, August 31, at the Tumbleweed Music Festival. You don't have to be present to win. You can buy tickets at 3RFS events this spring and summer, or at the festival Labor Day Weekend.

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Deadline for the August newsletter is July 15th.

Out of Town

May

17 Walla Walla Contra Dance, Sat., 7:00 PM instruction; 7:30 PM dance, Stateline Grange, <http://fam.bmi.net/fsch1.html>

17 Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron, 7:30 pm Sat Buena Grange Hall, 170 Highland Dr, Buena, WA

23-26 Northwest Folklife Festival, Fri-Mon, Seattle Center www.nwfolklife.org

June

16-21 National Old-Time Fiddler's Contest and Festival Wieser, Idaho www.fiddlecontest.com/

July

11-13 Yakima Folklife Festival Fri-Sun, Yakima Valley Museum, 2105 Tieton Drive, <http://folklife.yakimavalleymuseum.org/folklife>

Steve Guthe's Music Available Again

The late Steve Guthe was a leading light of the Pacific Northwest folk music scene for over 25 years. He passed away in April, 2005, of a heart attack, and his absence leaves a large, silent hole in the music circles he once traveled. In an effort to make his music accessible to the public again, Ferryboat Music has released a retrospective of Steve's songs and instrumentals called "Say Goodbye."

Steve's untimely passing left all of his albums out of print, and some unfinished tracks in the studio. Ferryboat Music has put together an album that reflects his vocal, instrumental, and songwriting talents. It opens with "The Swallow-Tail Jig/Unfortunate Rake" medley on hammered dulcimer. There are rowdy sea songs, like "Jolly Rovin'

Yes! I want to help the 2008 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



2008 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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Tar", balanced by the nostalgic love song "Lakes of Ponchartrain," interspersed with instrumental tunes on dulcimer. There are seventeen Steve Guthe performances on the CD, ending, appropriately with "Say Goodbye."

Hank Cramer says, "Putting this together felt like a family affair. The cover photos were shot by my son, Hank IV, when he was only eight years old. He spent a lot of his childhood on the road with me and Steve (he's 23 now). My wife, Kit McLean, did the graphic design. Recording was done over the years by Steve's friends, Rob

Folsom and David Lange."

The expenses of producing this CD were paid by Ferryboat Music. Proceeds from the sale will go to Tumbleweed Music Festival, Steve's favorite folk festival.

The "Say Goodbye" CD is available online through the Ferryboat Music website, www.ferryboatmusic.com. They may also be ordered by mail for \$16 each (postage included) through Ferryboat Music, PO Box 22, Winthrop, WA 98862. For more information, e-mail kitcramer@mac.com or call (509) 996-3528