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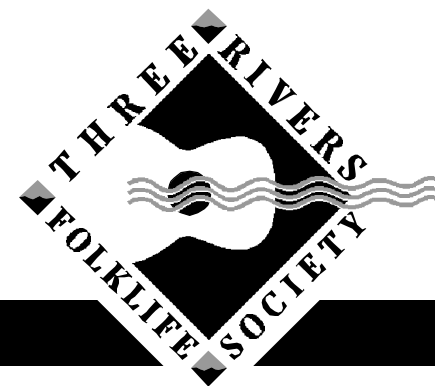
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## Festival Season is Upon Us!

Summer festival season has begun in the Northwest. A few of our favorites: **Untapped Blues and Brews Festival, May 8** -- Benton County Fairgrounds. May is time for bold and brassy live blues and tasty, cool, and fresh microbrews. [www.untappedblues.com](http://www.untappedblues.com) **Northwest Folklife Festival, May 28-31** -- Seattle Center. The 39th Folklife is 4 days, 24 stages, hundreds of vendors,

thousands of performers, tens of thousands of music-lovers, and endless contra dancing...The festival is free, but suggested donation is \$10 per day (\$20 for family groups). For information see [www.nwfolklife.org](http://www.nwfolklife.org). **Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival, June 11-13** -- Sacajawea State Park, Pasco. See article in this issue! **Ye Merrie Greenwood Renaissance Faire, June 26-27** -- Howard Amon Park, Richland. See article in this issue! **Yakima Folklife Festival, July 9-11** -- Yakima Valley Museum and adjacent

Franklin Park. All events are free to the public. Over 60 music and dance acts. Daytime on Saturday and Sunday, music & dance performances are on three outdoor stages and the Yakima Valley Museum's Great Hall Stage at Yakima's Franklin Park. Friday and Saturday nights music is at a variety of local restaurants, coffeehouses, and bars. For info, [www.yakimafolklife.org](http://www.yakimafolklife.org). **Tumbleweed Music Festival! Sept. 4-5** -- Howard Amon Park, Richland. Read all about it in the August Folk Talk. Meanwhile, visit [3rfs.org](http://3rfs.org).



# Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

May 2010

## Tom Rawson, Feature at 3RFS Annual Meeting

Saturday, 15 May, 7:30 PM

Three Rivers Folklife Society holds one annual "business" meeting for all members. As usual, this year, the only item of business is the election of officers and board members. After that business is done, Tom Rawson and his banjo take the stage.

Tom Rawson has made frequent appearances in 3RFS country -- at coffeehouses, concerts, and as a regular performer at Tumbleweed Music Festival. Tom shares many characteristics with the great Pete Seeger: he plays a long-neck banjo, tells a lot of stories, sings great songs, leads sing-alongs with enthusiasm, and ticks off a few audience members with his political views. As Hank Cramer said "Enter Tom Rawson. Witty, energetic, and armed with banjo, lap dulcimer,

and guitar, he takes the stage to warm applause from the crowd... Tom and this audience are made for each other. They know lots of songs and heck, they'll sing along even when you don't ask them to. I've seen some performers taken aback by this. Not Tom. ...He teases them, singing one called "This is NOT a sing along!" You got it: they sing along anyway -- Victory Review, March 2002

Tom has taught pre-school and primary grades in the Seattle area for 24 years. He performs regularly at children's concerts, libraries, and folk festivals. He does workshops for educators on ways to use folk tales and the art of storytelling as an integral part of a whole-language reading curriculum. "Tom Rawson is the jack of all trades...a wonderful performer, excellent musician, storyteller, and teacher.

His friendliness and overall demeanor put the children at ease with music and telling stories. I was amazed to see what my children could do after only 30 minutes with Tom." -- Shannon Weber Hamel Elementary School, Hamel, IL

There will be a casual potluck supper at 6:00 PM before the event. Bring something to share. Drinks, plates and utensils will be provided.

The meeting/concert will be at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco. The concert is free to all 2010 members. Non-members can attend the concert by paying at the door. You'll be better off paying for a membership at the door, so you'll receive concert discounts all year long. Tickets for non-members are \$12/general admission or \$10/seniors and students.

## Candidates for 3RFS 2010-2011 Board

**Micki Perry - President**

Micki is one of the founding members of 3RFS. She has served on the Board various times over the past 20 years, most recently as Vice President. She has been our primary concert booker/producer, and was the director of Tumbleweed Music Festival for five years. She is also a Master Gardener. **Kurt Mesford - Vice President** Kurt and the Mesford clan have been involved in 3RFS for years. He has been a Board Member for the past year. Kurt is half of "Sanger and Didele," those madcap mariners of the inland empire, and a member of Uncle Joe's Banjo Band. He is also a music teacher.

**Tim Riordan -- Treasurer**

Tim's 3RFS contributions include volunteering at the Tumbleweed Music Festival and producing its last five or so TV commercials. He is also the new sound technician for the contra dances. He has a software development background that includes working in the financial securities business at Options Clearing Corporation and international accounting at Airborne Express. He has also been known to keep close track of his own finances but his contra dancing ability is far more interesting. **Frank Cuta - Secretary (Incumbent)** Frank has been active in 3RFS for many years. He provides sound at

concerts and serves on the Board and on the Tumbleweed planning committee. Fellow board members have praised his "voice of calm reason" when things get tense. He was the recording engineer for our concert album, "Front Row Seat." **Duane Horton - Member at Large (Incumbent)**

Duane has been active in 3RFS for over 14 years, and has helped organize the Tumbleweed Music Festival since it began. He was in charge of the Festival information booth for two years and is this year's TMF coordinator. He is a

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geologist who worked at Hanford for 25 years until 2009, when he retired. Duane now teaches Earth Science courses at WSU, Tri-Cities campus.

### Paul Knight – Member at Large (Incumbent)

Paul loves to play banjo and sing old-time songs with Uncle Joe's Banjo Band. He has also been known to play the blues. He is a regular at 3RFS events. Paul is a Vietnam Veteran and retired from DOE as an Industrial Hygienist.

**Nancy Ostergard -- Member at Large** Nancy is the volunteer coordinator for 3RFS.

**Scott Woodside -- Member at Large** Scott is essentially a life time resident of Eastern Washington, growing up on a wheat farm in Lind WA, attending WSU, and for the past 18 years has worked for Bonneville Power, currently at McNary substation.

He has volunteered at all Tumbleweed events except the first one. "Volunteering for the festival has been a great experience. Performers who stay at my house during Tumbleweed have introduced me to a number of great things, most notably the Puget Sound Guitar Workshop which I now attend most summers."

## Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival

Friday-Sunday, 11-13 June

Our friends at Mid-Columbia Traditional Art and Music Association (MCTAMA) are again producing their annual bluegrass festival at beautiful Sacajawea State Park, just off Highway 12 east of Pasco. We're fortunate to have such a high-quality, laid-back bluegrass festival right here at home.

MCTAMA says the 2010 festival really represents the "roots and branches" as well as the traditional trunk of Bluegrass music. Featured performers include Prairie Flyer, Kathy Boyd & Phoenix Rising, Foghorn Stringband, The Bluegrass Regulators, Topstring,

and Coyote Ridge Bluegrass Wranglers. The festival also features workshops, a band scramble, vendors, plenty of jamming, camping, and a Dutch oven rendezvous.

New for 2010 is a Friday night dance, with the internationally known Foghorn Stringband, and very experienced caller Caroline Oakley. This dance is an old-fashioned type of square dance, done to live string band music. No lessons or special attire required. For those who want to attend the dance only, separate tickets are \$7.00. The dance will be 9:15 pm -11:00pm. The dance is included for Friday and weekend pass holders

A weekend pass is \$20, if ordered by mail before June 1, or bought locally on or before Wednesday, June 9. Passes are \$25 at the gate. You can go Friday evening for \$10 or Saturday day and evening for \$15. For the Saturday evening concert only, it's \$12. The Sunday Gospel session is by donation. Age 15 and under always free if accompanied by a paying adult. See the festival website at [www.sacajaweabluegrass.org](http://www.sacajaweabluegrass.org). Tickets will be sold at Kennewick or Pasco Ranch & Home, or Ted Brown Music after early May. For more information call (509) 492-1555.

## Cowboys & Cowgirls in Story & Song

Thursday, 17 June, 7:00 PM

3RFS is hosting a Community Lecture, "Cowboys and Cowgirls in Story and Song," a presentation by Bruce and Susan Matley about our rich heritage in the legend and lore of the early cowboys and cowgirls. In song, cowboy poetry, and story, this colorful program relates the work ethic, hardships, and joys of frontier life. These traditions continue and are strong and vibrant in present-day agricultural life. The Matleys' storytelling approach combines narrative, poetry, and music. The event will be presented at the Kennewick Mid-Columbia Library on Union. There is no admission charge.

## Ye Merrie Greenwood Renaissance Faire

Saturday-Sunday, 26-27 June

Ye Merrie Greenwood Faire was established in 1986 as a SunFest event. In 1989, Ye Merrie Greenwood Players, the people who produce the event, incorporated to become the only non-profit, touring Renaissance Company in the State of Washington at that time. They tour throughout the Northwest, but the Greenwood Faire is the culmination of their work. The Players are actors, dancers, and musicians of all ages. They bring Elizabethan England alive through song, dance, costuming, and environmental theatre. The company members research their own character and make their own costumes. The clothing they wear is a real expression both of the character they play and their own personality, as well as a representation of actual clothing of the times.

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*Deadline for the August newsletter is July 15th.*

## Out of Town

### May

**15** Walla Walla Contra Dance 7:30 PM, Sat, Unity Church of Peace, 810 "C" Street at Walla Walla Regional Airport

**28-31** Northwest Folklife Festival, Fri-Mon, Seattle Center

### July

**9-11** Yakima Folklife Festival Fri - Sun, Yakima Valley Museum & Franklin Park [www.yakimafolklife.org](http://www.yakimafolklife.org)

At the Greenwood Faire you'll see musicians, magicians, The Queen, jugglers, wenches, elves, knights in shining armor, horses in shining armor, a pickle vendor, players, William Shakespeare, Gypsy dancers, purveyors of period crafts and victuals, and perhaps a faerie or two.

The festival is held at Howard Amon Park, Richland. Admission is \$9 for one day or \$12 for a weekend pass. Students and seniors get a discount.

## Tumbleweed Deadlines Near

All Performer applications and song-writing contest entries for the 2010 Tumbleweed Music Festival are due on May 14. Craft and food vendor applications are due July 1. Applications can be downloaded and printed from [3rfs.org](http://3rfs.org), or call 528-2215.

Volunteer application are accepted anytime! "Applications?" There isn't really a selection process -- if you can help, we can use you! If you are new to volunteering, or if you have a new phone number, please fill out the enclosed form or call Kim O'Keefe at 942-8360. The Tumbleweed Steering Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the new Richland library.

## Local Folk Events

### May

- 8** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza,
- 8** Untapped Blues and Brews Festival Noon-11 pm Sat Benton County Fairgrounds [www.untappedblues.com](http://www.untappedblues.com)
- 10** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Richland Library
- 15** 3RFS Annual Meeting & Tom Rawson Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC
- 27** 2010 Tumbleweed Music Festival Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Thu Location TBD

### June

- 4** First Friday Folkie Free-for-All 7:30 PM Fri Micki Perry's
- 11-13** Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival Fri-Sun Sacajawea State Park, Pasco
- 12** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza,
- 14** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Richland Library
- 17** Cowboys & Cowgirls: Stories & Songs 7:00 PM Thu Mid-Columbia Library, Kennewick Community Lecture
- 24** 2010 Tumbleweed Music Festival Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Thu Richland Library
- 26-27** Ye Merrie Greenwood Renaissance Faire Sat-Sun Howard Amon Park Richland

### July

- 8** Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron Concert 7:00 PM Thu Richland Library

CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco  
Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick  
Mid-Columbia Library = 1620 S. Union St., Kennewick  
Richland Library = Richland Library, 955 Northgate Dr., at Goethals Dr. and Swift Blvd.  
Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland

For information, call 509 528-2215

## Dark for Summer

There will be no contra dances or coffeehouses from May through August. Contra dances and coffeehouses are on their annual hiatus until September.

We would like to thank our many volunteers who coordinate, run sound, bake cookies and clean up for these events and also to our performers and regular attendees who support this performance format.

## SSSSS Sails in May

Saturday, 8 May, 7:00 PM

Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong sets sail 12 months a year. If you like sea songs and good company, come join us at Richland's Round Table Pizza on the corner of Torbett and George Washington Way. The sing-along will begin around 7:00. There is no charge except for the food and beverages and everybody is welcome.