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## Wes Weddell Treats Members at Meeting

Saturday, 21 May, 7:30 PM

May is the time for the Three Rivers Folklife Society Annual Meeting and member- appreciation concert. The evening actually begins at 6:00 PM with our traditional potluck, followed by a short business meeting around 7:30 where we will elect the 2011-2012 3RFS Board. When the business is done you'll be rewarded with a great concert featuring Wes Weddell! If you're a member, the concert is free. If you are not, you can join at the door!

In the spring of 2001, Seattle singer/songwriter Wes Weddell captivated the Northwest with a 65-day tour through all corners of his home state gathering local stories and lore. The University of Washington-sponsored 'Project' earned him the inaugural Mary Gates Venture Fellowship and led to his "My Northwest Home" CD. It also planted some deep roots for Wes in the Northwest music community. It has been ten years since he started his musical journey!

Wes's next recording was "Songs to Get You From Here to There" in late

2006, marking the formation of the full 'WW Band' and capping a busy year that also saw "Carry On" win first place in the Tumbleweed Music Festival Songwriting Contest - an event Wes now hosts annually. He also arranged "Carry On" for choral performance, with the Nelsen Middle School Concert Chorus (directed by WW bandmate Brian Hoskins) from Renton, WA, premiering the poignant, true story of a World War II bomber pilot in November, 2006, and reprising it for a special series of concerts in May, 2008. "Songs" was named one of the late Performing Songwriter Magazine's Top-12 DIY picks in June, 2007, and its folk radio successes helped Wes - ever the champion of the Emerald City's local scene - expand his touring circles.

Propelled by versatile character voices with compelling stories to tell, the 11 songs on 2010's "By the Side of the Lake" comprise some of Wes's strongest work and performances to date, exposing his rural roots and exploring threads that run through smaller communities as they grow

and change.

A native of Pullman, Wes also keeps busy as an in-demand teacher and sideman on a variety of instruments, including regular work with the beloved folk duo Reilly & Maloney since 2003. That same year he founded Puget's Sound Productions, a federal 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to creating community live-music spaces around the region and supporting local musicians, which he continues to run.

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 2011 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.

## Yes! I want to help the 2011 Tumbleweed Music Festival

I would like to contribute at this level

<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze	\$50.00
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Send to: 3RFS TMF, P.O. Box 1098, Richland, WA 99352  
 Enclose your check payable to Three Rivers Folklife Society.



## 2011 Member 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) Renewal? Y N  
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### I can help 3RFS with:

<input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments at concerts	<input type="checkbox"/> Setting up chairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising
<input type="checkbox"/> Taking admission at events	<input type="checkbox"/> Folding newsletters	<input type="checkbox"/> Coffeehouses
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<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrating folk arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Contra dance
<input type="checkbox"/> Tumbleweed Music Festival	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Send check to: Three Rivers Folklife Society, P.O. Box 1098, Richland, WA 99352.

## Dan Maher Concert with Teresa Morgan, Benefit for TMF

Saturday, 4 June, 7:30 PM

Dan Maher loves Tumbleweed Music Festival! And just about every year, he performs a benefit concert, donating all the proceeds to support the festival. Teresa Morgan will join Dan in the concert this year.

Dan lives in Pullman and has hosted the "Inland Folk" show on Northwest Public Radio and Spokane Public Radio since 1983. The show airs locally on Saturdays from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM on KFAE (89.1 FM), and features all

genres of folk music from blues to bluegrass.

In concert, Dan is well known for his unlimited collection of folk songs and his boundless energy. You might hear just about anything, including cowboy songs, hysterically funny lyrics, Celtic ballads, contemporary folk, Australian drinking songs, 1960s pop, and maybe even some Dylan. Dan has a gift for leading a singalong. He'll get you singing, and loving it.

Teresa Morgan has performed traditional and original acoustic music for

over 20 years in the Pacific Northwest. Singing with a crystalline voice, she plays a wide variety of instruments including harmonium, guitar, bodhran, dulcimer and mountain dulcimer.

The concert will be held at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., in Pasco. Tickets are \$11 general admission/\$9 seniors and students, if purchased in advance from Bookworm stores and Octopus' Garden and \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members receive a \$3 discount.

## Candidates for 3RFS 2011-2012 Board

**Micki Perry - President (Incumbent).** Micki is one of the founding members of 3RFS. She has served on the Board at various times over the past 20 years, has been our primary concert booker/producer, and was the director of Tumbleweed Music Festival for 5 years. She is also a Master Gardener.  
**Scott Woodside -- Vice President (Incumbent).** Scott is essentially a life time resident of Eastern Washington,

growing up on a wheat farm in Lind, WA, attending WSU, and working for Bonneville Power for nearly 20 years. He has volunteered at all Tumbleweed events except the first. "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."  
**Tim Riordan - Treasurer (Incumbent).** Tim's 3RFS contributions include volunteering at the Tumbleweed Music Festival and producing its TV commercials. He has a software development background that includes working in the financial securities business at Options Clearing Corporation and international accounting at Airborne  
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## Candidates (cont.)

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 the TMF planning committee. Fellow board members have praised his “voice of calm reason”. He was the recording engineer for the 3RFS concert album, **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 and is a regular at 3RFS events. Paul is a Vietnam Veteran and retired from DOE as an Industrial Hygienist.

**Nancy Ostergard -- Member at Large (Incumbent).** Nancy is volunteer coordinator for 3RFS.

**Ken Bradley - Member at Large .** Ken has volunteered with the Three Rivers Folk Society for over 2 years, running sound at TMF and concerts. Before moving to the Tri-Cities Ken was involved with many bands in the Columbus, Ohio area. Ken has also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, working as a consultant to Women’s Build in 2009.

**Jesse Robison - Member at Large.** Jesse is a retired bookseller and has lived in the Tri-Cities since 1974, after living all around the US. He has served on the board of The Richland Players for 7 years. Jesse plays the tenor guitar and tenor banjo, and lives with a small dog and a cat and about 12,000 books!

## Tumbleweed 2011!

Thursday, 26 May, 7:00 PM

Join us at the Richland Library this month. Performer and song contest applications are due May 18. Vendor applications are due July 1. Applications are available online at 3rfs.org To volunteer call 360-573-2267 or email to perryliz@comcast.net.

## Badger Mountain Dry Band Helps TMF

Saturday, 7 May, 7:30 PM

Badger Mountain Dry Band is the Tri-Cities’ only progressive bluegrass band, playing a variety of traditional, jazz, folk, classic and contemporary rock using acoustic bluegrass instruments. Influences include Alison Krauss, Bill Monroe, CSNY, Janis Joplin, The Byrds, Billie Holiday, and the Beatles. The band has been playing in the states of Washington, Oregon, and Confusion for the past 20 years. The “Dry” in their name refers to their “unplugged” instruments as well as the climate in their Tri-Cities home.

Band members are Jim Honeyman (mandolin and vocals,) John April (banjo, guitar, and vocals,) Chuck Peden (guitar and vocals,) Kurt Gustafson (stand-up bass and occasionally sings bass too,) and Joe Smart (guitar and fiddle.) The members of BMDB are long-time supporters of Tumbleweed Music Festival, performing benefit concerts nearly every year.

The concert will be held at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., in Pasco. Tickets are \$11/\$9 seniors and students if purchased in advance at Bookworm stores and Octopus Garden and \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members will receive \$3 off on all ticket sales.

## Coffeehouse & Dance Back in Fall

Our local Three Rivers Folklife Society contra dance series takes a break from May through August. You can dance at the Northwest Folklife Festival, and monthly in Walla Walla.

Our Coffeehouse series will resume in September. Our thanks go to Alan Page for organizing it, to All Saints Episcopal Church for the space, to Derek Westlund for running sound, and to all the other volunteers.

## Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival

Fri-Sun, 10-12 June

Our friends and musical cousins in the Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts and Music Association (MCTAMA) are producing another terrific bluegrass festival. The weekend will feature The Chapmans, Ned Crisp and Bottomline, Prairie Flyer; Northern Departure, and the Rabbit Foot Stringband with caller Bill Martin. There will be musical performances, a dance, workshops, vendors, and Dutch oven cooking competitions. New for 2011 is the Acoustic Heritage Band Competition, a national event open to youths age 18 and under. First prize is \$500.

The event is held in Sacajawea State Park, at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers, off Highway 12 near Pasco. Ticket prices are \$15 per day, or purchase a weekend pass in advance for \$25. For more information go to [www.sacajaweabluegrass.org](http://www.sacajaweabluegrass.org) or call Nancy at 509 492-6427, or Reade at 509 492-1555.

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

## Out of Town

May

**21** Walla Walla Contra Dance  
 7:30 PM Sat, Unity Church of Peace, 810 “C” Street, at the Walla Walla Regional Airport

**27-30** 40th Annual Northwest Folklife Festival, Seattle  
 Fri-Mon, Seattle Center

## First Friday Folkie Free-For-All

Friday, 6 May, 7:30 PM

The First Friday Folkie Free-for- All is a song circle. We welcome all genres of music and all levels of proficiency. You don’t have to lead or teach a song, but everyone has a chance to pick a song or tune that everyone can sing or play. Bring a dessert or snack to share and be prepared for a sweet time of sharing favorite songs and tunes. Join us at Micki Perry’s house, 1011 S. Dawes St., on the corner of 10th and Dawes in Kennewick.

## Sea Songs Still Spring Up in May

Saturday, 14 May, 7:00 PM

Second Saturday Sea Song Singalongs sail through Spring and all through the summer months! You’ll find a fun, singalong crowd every second Saturday at Richland’s Round Table Pizza on the corner of Torbett and George Washington Way. The sing-along begins around 7:00. There is no charge for the fun. Food and beverages are available at reasonable prices and everybody is welcome.

## Local Folk Events

May

<b>6</b>	First Friday Folkie Free-for-All	7:30 PM FRI	Micki Perry’s
<b>7</b>	Badger Mountain Dry Band Concert	7:30 PM Fri	CUUC
	Tumbleweed Benefit		
<b>9</b>	3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM Mon	Richland Library
<b>13-14</b>	Untapped Blues & Brews Festival	Fri-Sat	Kennewick Benton County Fairgrounds
<b>14</b>	2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM Sat	Round Table Pizza, Richland
<b>18</b>	Tumbleweed Music Festival Performer Applications and Song Contest Applications Due		
<b>21</b>	3RFS Annual Meeting with Wes Weddell Concert	6:00 PM Sat	Potluck CUUC
		7:30 PM Sat	Concert CUUC
<b>26</b>	2011 Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM Thurs	Richland Library

June

<b>3</b>	First Friday Folkie Free-for-All	7:30 PM FRI	Micki Perry’s
<b>4</b>	Dan Maher Concert w/ Teresa Morgan	7:30 PM Sat	CUUC
	Tumbleweed Benefit		
<b>10-12</b>	Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival & Dutch Oven Rendevous	Fri-Sun	Pasco Sacajawea State Park
<b>11</b>	2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM Sat	Round Table Pizza, Richland
<b>13</b>	3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM Mon	Richland Library
<b>23</b>	2011 Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM Thurs	Richland Library
<b>25-26</b>	Ye Merrie Greenwood Faire	Sat-Sun	HAP, Richland

July

<b>1</b>	Tumbleweed Music Festival Arts & Crafts and Food Vendor Applications Due		
<b>1</b>	First Friday Folkie Free-for-All	7:30 PM FRI	Micki Perry’s
<b>9</b>	2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM Sat	Round Table Pizza, Richland
<b>11</b>	3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM Mon	Richland Library
<b>28</b>	2011 Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM Thurs	Richland Library
<b>29-30</b>	Art in the Park	Fri-Sat	HAP, Richland

August

<b>5</b>	First Friday Folkie Free-for-All	7:30 PM FRI	Micki Perry’s
<b>8</b>	3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM Mon	Richland Library
<b>13</b>	2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM Sat	Round Table Pizza, Richland
<b>25</b>	2011 Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM Thurs	Richland Library
<b>28</b>	Tumbleweed Volunteers’ Orientation	1:00 PM Sun	HAP

CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco  
 HAP + Howard Amon Park, Richland  
 Micki Perry’s = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick  
 Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland  
 Richland Library = 955 Northgate Dr., corner of Swift & Northgate  
**For information, call 509 528-2215**