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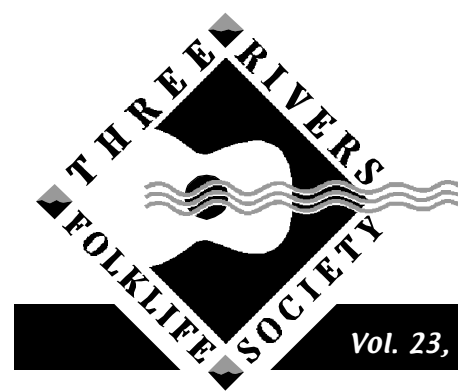
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Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

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Lulu LaFever Lives Up to Her Name

Saturday, 19 November 7:30 PM

Grammy member Lulu LaFever delivers red-hot swing, sultry blues, and smoother-than-black-velvet jazz with incredible talent and originality. She lives up to every expectation of a performer named Lulu LaFever.

In 1994 Lulu received a grant from the Oregon Arts Commission for her talent as a songwriter and singer. She began work on her first CD and left her career as a registered nurse to pursue her dream to show off and share her music with the world. Six CDs and over 16 years of touring later, it proved to be the right move. As Lulu always says "Life is soooo good! Don't just take the scenic route, be the scenic route." Lulu has been compared to Ella Fitzgerald, Bette

Midler, Cindy Lauper and Bonnie Raitt, but she most definitely has a style all her own. As a songwriter and composer Lulu creates new boundaries in the world of music. Lulu and her band The Hot Tamales have had the honor of opening for Willie Nelson and Big Bad VooDoo Daddy. Whether solo or with her band Lulu is what the world needs: a good time! At this concert, Hot Tamales member Jon Lindahl will back up Lulu.

Lulu's website shares a bit of her philosophy: "The Tao of Lulu... Calling all hopeless romantics...the one thing we all have in common is that we will fall in and out of love... even with ourselves. There really is an artist's light in everyone and everyone has a story...As soon as we

get over the rules of what our culture mandates we find a culture and a voice of our own. That restless feeling inside is the artist in all of us trying to emerge. Lulu thinks that the really restless people in the world, including kids, must have some amazing art trying to get out. Her songs are the stories of the people she has met on the road...They have changed how she looks at the world. It is not them and us...It is in fact, all of us."

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

Coffeehouse Features Tom Rawson

Friday, 11 November, 7:30 PM

Tom Rawson has made frequent appearances in 3RFS country -- at our coffeehouse, 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 in 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 per-

former, 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," said Shannon Weber, an elementary school teacher in Illinois.

There will be an open mic session to start off the evening. Come early to sign up, if you want to perform. Slots are limited. The coffeehouse is held at All Saints Episcopal Church, 1312 Kimball Avenue, in Richland (drive around to the lower parking lot in the back). Suggested donations are \$8 general admission or \$6 teens and seniors at the door.

Debra Cowan House Concert

Wednesday, 2 November, 7:00 PM

Debra Cowan, from Worcester, Massachusetts, is one of the foremost interpreters of contemporary and traditional folk songs and nautical music in folk music today. Whether she is singing a cappella or with guitar, her powerful alto voice bridges the old and the new. She will make a rare west coast appearance at an intimate "Just Folk" house concert at the home of Micki Perry. The cost will be \$15, which includes refreshments. Reserve a seat by calling 509 783-9937 or 509 528-2215 or e-mail Micki at mickilperry@aol.com. Find out more about Debra at www.debracowan.com.

A Little 'Turkey in the Straw' History!

The traditional American folk tune, "Turkey in the Straw" was originally called "Zip Coon" and was performed in the early 19th century by black face performers. Several different musicians claimed authorship and we'll probably never know the true origin. The earliest lyrics were written by Dan Bryant and published in 1861.

Turkey in de straw, turkey in de hay
Turkey in de straw, turkey in de hay
Roll 'em up an' twist 'em up a high
tuc-ka-haw
An' twist 'em up a tune called Turkey
in the Straw

Another traditional version has the following lyrics.

Turkey in the hay, in the hay, in the hay.
Turkey in the straw, in the straw, in
the straw,
Pick up your fiddle and rosin your bow,
And put on a tune called Turkey in
the Straw.
Just for fun, you can fit other lyrics to

the same tune. Micki Perry manages to sing "A Visit from St. Nickolas" ('twas the night before Christmas) to this tune. Try "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" or "The Raven" for a twisted mix.

Become a 2012 3RFS Member!

It's never too late or too early to become a member of Three Rivers Folklife Society. Memberships received at or after Tumbleweed will carry over through 2012. If you joined before Tumbleweed, your membership will expire at the end of December 2011 and you will need to re-up in January 2012, but you could beat the rush and do it now.

Our new database manager for the newsletter mailing and membership list is Ken Bradley. Many, many thanks go out to Jim Zimmerscheid who recently "retired" after doing this job for more than 20 years!

We'd Like You to Like Us on Facebook

Meryl Birn has volunteered to be the administer of a Three Rivers Folklife Society Facebook page. The page will focus on our events, including concerts, coffeehouses, singalongs and contra dances. Tumbleweed already has its own Facebook page, which has tons of friends, but now we need Facebook friends for 3RFS. So visit us, like us, friend us, share us, post photos, write on our wall! We also could use additional administrators for both pages. Call Micki at 783-9937 or 528-2215. if you would like to help.

Definitively Contra!

Somebody overheard a dancer describe a contra dance as, "A rave for grownups where the drug of choice is ibuprofen." It turns out there are many ways of describing

what contra dance is (and is not).

We found a wonderful collection of definitions on the Santa Barbara Country Dance Society's website (sbcds.org):

Contra dance is a form of dance that thrusts a different person of the opposite sex into your arms every 30 seconds or so. Actually, this is only true sometimes. It might be more prudent, but less whimsical, to say that contra dance is one of the few dance forms where by the end of the evening you are likely to have danced with everyone.

Contra dancing is not the same as country line dancing [we might add: no Achy Breaky Heart].

Contra dance groups receive absolutely no funding from Oliver North.

We do not wear costumes (except on Halloween) or any particular style of clothes.

A contra dance is like an amusement park ride we make for ourselves.

Contra dancing is social interaction, meeting people, and making new friends, set to music. The rest is just details.

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Deadline for the December newsletter is November 15th.

Out of Town

November

19 Walla Walla Contra Dance
7:30 PM, Sat, Unity Church of Peace, 810 "C" Street

Dance Off Your Thanksgiving

Saturday, 26 November, 7:30 PM

(6:30 PM potluck)
The November Contra dance features some cream-of-the-crop local talent. The Juniper Bush Huggers will be bouncing very danceable vibes off the walls at Shufflers' Shanty. They have played at Seattle's NW Folk Life, Yakima Folklife, and are the preferred band for the Eclectic Cloggers whenever the Cloggers venture east from Seattle. The band features an eclectic mix of instruments, including an octave mandolin, rhythm piano, old-timey fiddle, autoharp, and guitar.

Our very own Cindy Rakowski will guide your every footstep with her clear, fun, easy, logical calling and teaching. If you have too much cranberry bread or oyster stuffing from your Thanksgiving festivities, fear not, bring it to share with your contra dance buddies at the potluck before the dance, starting at 6:30 PM at Shufflers' Shanty.

All dances are taught so no experience or partner is necessary. Bring friends and family for a great evening of music, dancing and fun at Shufflers' Shanty, 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick. Go to 3rfs.org for a map. Cost at the door is \$8 general/\$6 seniors and teens. Kids under 12 are free. \$1 off for 3RFS members.



Local Folk Events

November

- 2** Debra Cowan 'Just Folk' House Concert 7:00 PM Wed Micki Perry's
- 4** First Friday Folkie Free-For-All 7:30 PM -Fri, Micki Perry's
- 11** Tom Rawson Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 12** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 14** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Richland Library
- 18** Erik Herman Kids' Concert 7:00 PM Fri Chief Jo Aud., Richland
- 19** Lulu LaFever Concert with Jon Lindahl 7:30 PM Sat CUUC
- 26** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat Shufflers' Shanty

December

- 2** First Friday Folkie Free-For-All 7:30 PM -Fri, Micki Perry's
- 3** Heidi Muller & Bob Webb Concert 7:30 PM Sat Battelle
- 9** Three Rivers Dulcimer Society Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 10** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 12** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Richland Library
- 31** Tri-Cities First Night Sat Columbia Basin College

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
Battelle = Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland
Chief Jo Aud. = Chief Joseph Auditorium, 504 Wilson St., Richland
Columbia Basin College = 2600 N. 20th Ave., Pasco
CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes 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
Shuffler's Shant = 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick

For information, call 509 528-2215

Warm Your Pipes at SSSSingalong

Saturday, 12 November, 7:00 PM

It may be cold and dark outside, but it's warm, bright, fragrant (pizza!) and melodious inside when we meet for our Second Sunday Sea Song Singalongs! Just think, the sailors who gave us the wonderful nautical

tunes we all love had to sing them out on the deck no matter what the weather! We get to sing them comfortably inside with food, drink and friends monthly at Round Table Pizza in Richland. It's on the corner of Torbett and George Washington Way. No experience necessary, and there's no charge except for the reasonably priced food and beverages.