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## Sing Chanteys Like Lions and Lambs!

Saturday, 11 March, 7:00 PM

In March we'll be singing like sea lions and/or sea lambs at SSSSS!  
 Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong

(SSSSS) meets every month at Round Table Pizza in Richland, on the corner of George Washington Way and Torbett. We sing sea chanteys and other group songs in a fun, informal (warm) atmos-

phere. All are welcome and there's no cost except for the food and beverages.

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# Folk Talk

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## Dan Maher and Badger Mountain Dry Band!

Saturday, 18 March, 7:30PM

Dan Maher, host of Northwest Public radio's Inland Folk, and Badger Mountain Dry Band, a local bluegrass band, are paired up for a Tumbleweed Music Festival benefit concert.

Dan Maher has been the host of the Inland Folk radio show for over 30 years. The show started in Spokane and was soon picked up by Northwest Public Radio. It has expanded from one hour to three hours and airs on FM 81.9 from 11AM-2PM on Saturdays. He has also recently begun a monthly series on Northwest Public Television called "Jam with Dan," which features Dan talking and jamming with performers from all over the Northwest.

Dan is much more than a popular radio/TV show host. He is also a well-known performer throughout

the Northwest. He is known for his humor, his broad range of repertoire and his ability to get folks singing during his high-energy shows. He is a huge supporter of our Tumbleweed Music Festival, and has been emcee of the festival Saturday evening concert almost every year. He has done fundraising concerts for the festival for many years as well.

Badger Mountain Dry Band has been playing their own brand of progressive bluegrass music in the Pacific Northwest for over 25 years. Their repertoire is eclectic and ranges from bluegrass and country music standards, original and traditional gospel music, big band and swing tunes to innovative renditions of 60's rock and roll and Beatles songs. For them, any song they choose is fair game, as long as they play it on traditional bluegrass

instruments: banjo, mandolin, guitars, dobro, and bass, with an occasional fiddle thrown in for good measure.

Jim Honeyman who sings high tenor and plays mandolin and John April who does vocals, writes original gospel songs and plays banjo, guitar and dobro, are the founders of the band, whose membership has varied widely over the past 25 years. The current line-up includes Sean Hodges on guitar, mandolin and fiddle, Mike Zerbo on stand-up and electric bass, and Curt Field on vocals and guitar. The Badger Mountain Dry Band has been a regular performer at the Emerald of Siam Restaurant, and were featured performers at last year's Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival. This will not be their first Tumbleweed benefit  
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## Tom Rawson Perks at the Coffeehouse

Friday, 10 March, 7:30PM

The March Three Rivers Coffeehouse will feature folksinger Tom Rawson from Eastsound, WA. Tom along with Ellen van der Hoeven will be bringing their complete arsenal of "Weapons of Mass Delight" (banjo and other very happy noisemakers.)

Tom Rawson is a folksinger and a storyteller in the style of the late great Pete Seeger. Like Pete, he loves to get folks singing along on his eclectic collections of "user friendly" traditional and contemporary folk songs. He has a banjo and he is not afraid to use it! He also plays the mountain dulcimer and occasionally writes original songs.

In addition, he tells traditional and personal stories to amuse people of all ages. He has been a teacher of small children in public and private schools for most of his career, and is also a peace activist and advocate for social justice. He has been a popular performer at Tumbleweed Music Festival and throughout the Northwest.

As Tom puts it...  
 "Don't give up, don't give in  
 There's a better world to win  
 God's counting on me  
 God's counting on you  
 Hoping we'll all pull through  
 Hoping we'll all pull through  
 Hoping we'll all pull through

me and you  
 --"God's Counting on Me" by Lorre Wyatt and Pete Seeger  
 Pete Seeger knew the power of song. He knew that the right song at the right time could change history. He spent most of his 94 years bringing people together with song, lifting spirits and spreading infectious optimism wherever he went. Pete may be gone now, but his songs live on. Now it's up to us to keep Pete's songs and good work alive." The evening will be big hootenanny fun honoring the memory of Pete Seeger by doing just what Pete wants us to do--raising our voices in song together.  
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**Concert Continued from page 1,** concert, as they have always been strong supporters of the festival. You can follow them on Facebook @badger mountainbluegrass.

Dan and BMDB will be performing at Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco. Tickets are \$14 general admission/ \$12 for seniors, students and 3RFS members. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Bookworm store in Kennewick and Octopus' Garden in Richland or at the door.

**Pre-Concert Potluck!**

We're having an optional potluck dinner before the concert. If you would like to join us bring something Irish or green to share. We will provide beverages, utensils, etc. The potluck will start at 6:00PM at the Church. See you there!

**Coffeehouse Continued from page 1,**

The evening will start with an open mic. Come early to sign up. The coffeehouse is held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1312 Kimball Ave., Richland (drive around to the lower parking lot in the back). Suggested donations are \$8 for general admission or \$6 for teens and seniors at the door.

**Get Tumbleweed Applications now**

Applications for the 2017 Tumbleweed Music Festival performers and the Jane Titland Memorial Songwriting Contest are now online at [www.3rfs.org/tmf/htm](http://www.3rfs.org/tmf/htm) and also at [www.tumbleweedfest.com](http://www.tumbleweedfest.com). The theme of the 2017 festival and the songwriting contest is "Harmony." Performer and song contest applications are due on April 22nd. Vendor applications for food vendors and arts and crafts vendors are due on July 1st. The 21st Annual Tumbleweed Music Festival will be held September 1-3, in Howard Amon Park in Richland, sponsored by Three Rivers Folklife Society, the City of Richland, and many local and regional sponsors.

**Remembering Those Who Are Gone**

Mike Briggs, husband of our local best-selling author Patricia Briggs, died unexpectedly on January 23. Mike and Patty lived on a horse ranch in Benton City. He was a former IT guy who in the past few years has devoted himself to running the ranch, and being Patty's number one fan, website manager, and editor. He and Patty did workshops at Tumbleweed on folk music and superstitions about vampires, werewolves and witches, etc., and were sometimes special guests at our Second Saturday Sea Song Singalongs. Mike will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but especially by Patty who we keep in our thoughts and prayers.

Phil Williams, pioneering musician, promoter, and Pacific Northwest record company owner, died on February 16. He had been ill for some time and was 80 years old when he died.

His was a familiar face in bluegrass and old-time music circles, performing since the mid-1960s with a variety of groups, often with his wife, Vivian Williams, a champion fiddler. They left behind many recordings with their bluegrass group Tall Timber, and as a duo performing as Vivian and Phil Williams. Starting in 1967, they also ran Voyager Records, releasing their own recordings and collections of traditional and historical fiddle music of the United States. Voyager published a range of instructional materials as well, including tune books and workshop materials for teaching mandolin and fiddle.

Phil developed a reputation as a first-rate audio engineer, and published a number of articles in professional journals. He was also a co-founder of the Seattle Folklife Society and the Northwest Folklife Festival, which has drawn large crowds to Seattle since 1971. People in the Northwest will remember Phil for his tremendous generosity and love for the music and the people who played it. Phil and Vivian Williams played for the first contra dance at Tumbleweed Music Festival in 1997 and also in 2015.

**Try Folk Dancing - For Free!**

**Thursday, 30 March, 7:00 PM**

The International Folk Dancers of Richland are inviting all Three Rivers Folk Society members and friends to come to a beginner International Folk Dance class on **Thursday, March 30**, from 7-8 PM in the River View room (left side) at the Richland Community Center. They will be teaching beginner level dances from Israel and the Balkan and Scandinavian countries. This is a free event and no prior dance experience or partner is needed. Contact Gretchen Makinson at 943-1264 or at [glmakinson@aol.com](mailto:glmakinson@aol.com) for more information.

**Editor, Editor, Where Art Thou?**

We are still looking for a Folk Talk editor. The job just takes a few hours a month and consists of gathering information from a variety of sources, including 3RFS members. If interested, please call Micki at 948-6735 or Frank at 967-2658.

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**Deadline for the April newsletter is March 18th.**

**Carl Solomon House Concert**

**Thursday, 6 April, 7-9 PM**

Join us for an evening of American-style folk-rock ballads with Carl Solomon. Carl crafts songs from his journey through life, from carnival barker to counselor to songwriter. Weaving stories, recollections and humor into gentle, joyful and playful melodies, Carl's music is perfect for a house concert venue where you have the opportunity to meet him in a warm and intimate environment.

Carl has performed at various clubs, pubs and festivals including our own Tumbleweed Music Festival. Among his more unusual performance venues is the Portland International Airport Art and Music program. This program, through the use of music, works to create an environment that is relaxing, pleasing and stress-free for travelers. Carl is also a founding member of the Portland branch of the national Soldier Songs and Voices Project that teaches returning military veterans songwriting and guitar. For a preview of Carl's story and music go to <http://www.carlsolomonmusic.com>.

The house concert will be held at Gene and Susan Carbaugh's house, 803 Birch St., in Richland, on Thursday, April 6, from 7-9 PM. Gene and Susan will be providing snacks. Suggested donation is \$15 general, \$12 for seniors and 3RFS members. All donations go to the musician for travel expenses. Carl's CDs will be available for purchase. Since seating is limited, please RSVP to [tumbleweedchair@gmail.com](mailto:tumbleweedchair@gmail.com)

**It's Springtime, Singtime Frolics!**

**Friday-Sunday, 24-26 March**

Get away for a weekend of singing and relaxing at Singtime Frolics, the music camp put on by the Portland Folklore Society. You'll find it at the

**Local Folk Events**

**March**

- 3** First Friday Folkie Free-For-All 7:30 PM Fri Micki Perry's Kennewick
- 10** Tom Rawson Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints', Richland
- 11** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 13** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Micki Perry's Kennewick
- 18** Dan Maher and Badger Mountain Dry band - TMF Benefit Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC Pasco
- 21** Tumbleweed Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Tue Gene Carbaugh's Richland

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- 14** Tai Shan Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints', Richland
- 15** Hank Cramer at the Emerald Time TBD Emerald of Siam', Richland
- 18** Tumbleweed Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Tue Gene Carbaugh's Richland
- 22** Michael "Hawkeye" Herman Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC Pasco
- 23** Hawkeye Herman Blues Guitar Workshop 1:00 PM Sun

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland  
CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco  
Gene Carbaugh's = 803 Birch St., Richland  
Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick  
Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland

**For information, call 509 528-2215**

Menucha Conference and Retreat Center near Rooster Rock and Corbet, OR. in the Columbia Gorge. This is a full weekend of song circles, workshops, a participants concert and lots of great meals and visiting times. You will come away with lots of new songs and also new friends from all over the Northwest and beyond. This week-

end is not designed just for performers but for people who just like to sing. The cost is only about \$130 so it is not that expensive and well worth every penny. Go to their website at [www.portlandfolkmusic.org/singtime.php](http://www.portlandfolkmusic.org/singtime.php). Registration deadline is March 6.