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## 2018 Member Application

Your membership gives you voting rights in Folklife elections, \$2 off most concerts, and is tax deductible! You'll even get a nifty membership card to show your friends and neighbors!

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# Folk Talk

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## Exercise Your Right, and Open Mic All Night !

**Saturday, 19 May, 7:30 PM**

An evening of all open mike entertainment will take place Saturday, May 19, at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, in Pasco, in conjunction with our Three Rivers Folklife Society Annual Meeting.

Three Rivers Folklife Society is a membership organization with a 501c 3 status. To maintain this status, we are required to have an annual meeting each year to elect officers and give a financial report to our members.

You will find bios of this year's candidates below. Last year we had our meeting at All Saints' Episcopal Church, our usual coffeehouse venue, on our usual coffeehouse second Friday. This year we are changing things up again by moving to CUUC later in the month. We will follow the meeting with entertainment which will be an evening of open mic performances. Last year's performers included Laurence Huntley on hammered dulcimer, Matt Hammer, 3RFS President Frank Cuta and Micki

Perry's granddaughter playing a hot fiddle.

This event is free for current Three Rivers Folklife members. You are welcome to join at the door. Our annual membership fee is \$25 for families, \$20 for individuals. For non-members tickets at the door are \$14 general/\$12 for seniors and students. The Community Unitarian Universalist Church is at 2819 W. Sylvester St., in Pasco.

Prospective open mic performers can reserve a spot by calling Frank Cuta at 509 967-2658 or sign up at the door.

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

## Voting Can Be Easy - and Fun!

**Saturday, 19 May 7:30 PM**

This is the 2018 Slate of Officers to be voted on at our Annual Meeting:

**Frank Cuta - President** (incumbent). Frank has been active in 3RFS for ages, and has served as secretary for many years. He also provides sound amplification at concerts and at the music festival, and serves on the Tumbleweed planning committee.  
**Nancy Ostergaard, Vice-President** (incumbent). Nancy is the volunteer coordinator for 3RFS; hers is the sweet voice on the phone asking you to bring cookies to the next concert. She has served on the Board for several years including the presidency for 2016-2017.

**Micki Perry, Secretary** (incumbent). A founding member of 3RFS, Micki Perry has been the booking agent for 3RFS for the past 30+ years and also Tumbleweed Chair and Program Coordinator. She is a past president, vice president and currently is secre-

tary. She hosts the First Friday Folkie Free-For-All. Outside of 3RFS business she gardens, reads, quilts, and spends time with her 7 grandchildren.

**Gene Carbaugh, Treasurer** (incumbent): Gene has successfully coordinated the Tumbleweed Music Festival from 2013 to 2017 and is in line to make the 2018 festival another success. Gene also lends his voice to numerous Mid-Columbia Musical Theatre presentations, where he has also served on the board and as business manager.

**Jim Kelly, Member at Large** (incumbent). Jim has lived in Richland since 1984, and enjoys being retired. He works in the yard, camps, and enjoys canoeing. Jim's community involvement includes apprising Destination Imagination teams at competitions and he volunteers at the Richland Police Department. He also coordinates 3RFS's relationship with Humanities Washington.

**Bob Lewis, Member at Large** (incumbent). Bob is a professor in the

Computer Science department at WSU Tri-Cities. He is a big folk music fan and has attended Folklife in Seattle since 1987 and every Tumbleweed except one. He has also managed the 3RFS membership database.

**Terri Widergren, Member at Large** (incumbent). Terri and her family moved to the Tri-Cities 16 years ago. They were amazed at the ease of attending Tumbleweed after their Folklife experiences in Seattle and they were hooked!

Terri boards horses in Rancho Reata and enjoys providing CranioSacral Therapy by donation through Good Samaritan Ministries. Backpacking, dancing and bluegrass festivals are some of her favorite things.

In the past year, Terri has been the driving force behind the revival of the 3RFS Contra dance program.

Write-ins are also welcome. We are in need of a replacement for Connie Eckard after serving on the board for years. Our thanks go out to him!

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## Folklife Festival-Seattle Center

Friday-Monday, 25-28 May

The Northwest Folklife Festival is held annually at Seattle Center on Memorial Day weekend. It is the place to learn, to dance, to play, to try something new, and to discover arts and cultures that inspire celebration of one another. From yodeling to beatboxing, square dancing to Bollywood, the Northwest Folklife Festival celebrates the global traditions of local, artists.

Presenting more than 5,000 performers, on 26 stages, the festival is more than a celebration of the diversity of the Pacific Northwest, it's a chance to engage directly with the many communities that make up our region.

The variety of performances include Indie Roots showcases, the Circle of Indigenous Peoples Celebration, Polka Party, Gospel, New Cool and Balkan Roots showcases. The popular Hawaiian showcase returns and new this year is stand-up comedy. In festival tradition the close will be Reggae Rising.

There is no admission charge to attend Northwest Folklife, but donations are encouraged. For a schedule and lots more information, visit <http://www.nwfolklife.org/festival>.

## 3RFS Leadership is Ever-evolving

The long-term health and well-being of 3RFS requires that we have officers and board members who will guide the organization. We have a couple of retiring board members and are seeking candidates for the election that will be held at the annual meeting in May. The board meets the second Monday of each month. Talk to Frank Cuta (967-2658) about how you might serve. We also have upcoming opportunities for members to work with concerts, coffeehouses, and administration. Learn more at the annual meeting.

## Tumbleweed is Rollin, Rollin, Rollin

Tuesday, 15 May, 7:00 PM

Coming up this Labor Day Weekend: is the 22nd annual Tumbleweed Music Festival. April saw the deadline for applications for performers and the songwriting contest. Our program committee is now listening to the submissions and putting together the schedule. The songwriting judges will be evaluating those entries to select the top 10 to perform at the festival.

Meanwhile, a host of other tasks remain to make the festival a fantastic event. The next planning committee meeting is Tuesday, May 15, 7 PM at 803 Birch in Richland. We particularly need help with some pre-festival tasks, including connecting host homes with performers (a July task), assisting with publicity, staffing info booths at events like the Blue Grass Festival or Cool Desert Nights, planning merchandise to sell, and assisting with logistics and mailings. Many hands make light labor! If you can't attend but have a particular interest, contact Gene Carbaugh at 946-0504.

## TMF Seeking Auction Items

The Tumbleweed silent auction has proven to be a popular and successful activity for the last three years. Funds raised by the auction go directly to cover festival expenses. Hot auction items have included musical instruments of all kinds (guitars, banjos, ukuleles, concertinas), musician accessories, and folk memorabilia. We're now seeking donations to include in this year's auction. Do you have a folkie item taking up space that could go to a good cause? Contact Gene at [Tumbleweedchair@gmail.com](mailto:Tumbleweedchair@gmail.com) or 946-0504, if you've got something you'd like to donate. And if helping plan an auction sounds intriguing, Gene would love to hear from you.

## Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival

Friday-Sunday, 8-10 June

The Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts & Music Association (MCTAMA) has hosted the Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival and Dutch Oven Rendezvous for more than a decade. This festival consists of live music, a Dutch Oven gathering, camping, workshops, dancing, and delicious food.

Featured performers include Dan Cary, best known as an innovator of the flatpicking guitar; Lochwood, Montana's most traditional Bluegrass band; and Modern Tradition, chosen by the IBMA Youth Council to be one of the bands representing youth at Wide Open Bluegrass in Raleigh, NC, this past September.

For additional information about tickets, camping and Discover Passes see [www.mctama.org](http://www.mctama.org)

MCTAMA is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public about traditional arts and music. They host jam sessions, workshops and concerts for budding musicians and anyone who appreciates traditional music.

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### 3RFS 2017-18 Board of Directors

Frank Cuta, President	967-2658
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**Deadline for the August newsletter is July 15th.**

## Contra Dancing Under the Stars!

Friday, 18 May, 6:00 PM

Our "Summer Dance Series" begins this month in partnership with the City of Pasco. They are co-sponsoring our dances to be held in Memorial Park in Pasco, in May and June. We'll kick off the evening at 6:00 PM with a short newcomer's lesson, and shortly thereafter the dance will begin in earnest, ending around 9:00 PM.

Our band for in May, will be Yakima's Contraversatile, and our caller will be Mark Lewis from La Grande, Oregon. This dance will be offered by donation to the community as a way to spread the joy of contra dance! There will be raffle prizes donated by Adventures Underground, Les Schwab Tires, Amy's Bridal, and local photographer Nancy Richter.

Memorial Park is located at N. 14th Ave. in Pasco. Admission for this dance will be by donation. (Usual admission is \$8 adults, \$5 Students and Seniors (65 and over). Kids under 12 and first time dancers are free.)

The other dates and locations for our 2018 Summer Dance Series are:  
- Friday, 22 June, 7:15 PM - 10:30 PM at Memorial Park in Pasco  
- Friday, 20 July, 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM, HAPO Community Stage in Richland.

## Summer is Break Time for Some!

The 3RFS Coffeehouse is taking its annual summer break. If you are looking for an open mic opportunity, try our membership meeting on Saturday, May 19. If you have suggestions for performers for the coming year, call Alan Page at 308-3574. We will see you in September after Tumbleweed!

FolkTalk will also take a break for June and July. We'll be back in August with all the news about the 2018 Tumbleweed Music Festival.

## Local Folk Events

### May

<b>4</b>	First Friday Folkie Free-For-All	7:30 PM Fri	Micki Perry's Kennewick
<b>12</b>	2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM Sat	Round Table Pizza Richland
<b>14</b>	3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM Mon	Gene Carbaugh's Richland
<b>15</b>	2018Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM Tues	Gene Carbaugh's Richland
<b>18</b>	Contra Dance! Contraversatile and Mark Lewis	6:00 PM Fri	Memorial Park Pasco
<b>19</b>	3RFS Annual Meeting/Open Mic	7:30 PM Sat	All Saints' Richland
<b>25-28</b>	Northwest Folklife Festival	Fri-Mon	Seattle Center Seattle

### June

<b>1</b>	First Friday Folkie Free-For All	7:30 PM Fri	Micki Perry's Kennewick
<b>8-10</b>	Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival	Fri-Sun	Sacajawea Park Pasco
<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	Gene Carbaugh's Richland
<b>15</b>	2018 Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM Tues	Gene Carbaugh's Richland
<b>22</b>	Contra Dance!	7:00 PM Fri	Memorial Park Pasco

### July

<b>1</b>	Tumbleweed Festival Vendor Applications Due		
<b>6</b>	First Friday Folkie Free-For All	7:30 PM Fri	Micki Perry's Kennewick
<b>9</b>	3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM Mon	Gene Carbaugh's Richland
<b>14</b>	2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM Sat	Round Table Pizza Richland
<b>17</b>	2018Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM Tues	Gene Carbaugh's Richland
<b>27</b>	Contra Dance!	7:00 PM Fri	HAPO Stage Richland

CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco  
Gene Carbaugh's = 803 Birch St., Richland  
Memorial Park = Corner of N. 14th and W. Shoshone, Pasco (South of Edgar Brown)  
Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick  
Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland

For information, call 509 947-6735