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Heritage Festival at Sacajawea Park

Friday-Sunday, 23-25 September

Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts and Music Association will once again present Heritage Days at Sacajawea State Park. The purpose of Heritage Days is to teach and re-enact the life and skills of the early American explorers, the Native American cultures they found along the way, and lives of the early settlers.

Heritage Days runs Friday through Sunday. Friday is dedicated to school children. Saturday and Sunday the event continues, with Lewis & Clark re-enactors, members of the Umatilla, Yakama, and Wanapum Nations, mountain man encampments, and others who enjoy sharing their skills and lore about what life was like two centuries ago. Traditional music is another popular feature of the festival.

Heritage Days is held at Sacajawea State Park, near Pasco. There is no admission charge, but a \$10 park access fee is charged for these days. For more

info, including a schedule of entertainment, go to www.sacajaweaheritage-days.org If you would like to help organize the event, call (509) 492-1555 and talk to Reade Obearn.

A Note From the Tumbleweed Committee
 "We apologize, but our tracking system hit a snag and we cannot identify some of you that contributed to the Festival as donors these past three months. The snag is being fixed but not in time to acknowledge all of you in the Festival program. Please send an e-mail to festival@3rfs.org if you contributed to the festival so we can thank you in next month's newsletter and at the festival. Thank you. See you at the Festival."



Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

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2011 Tumbleweed Music Festival Is Here!

Friday-Sunday, 2-4 September

The 15th Annual Tumbleweed Music Festival will be held in Howard Amon Park in Richland and the Richland Community Center. There are 4 outdoor stages, an indoor dance stage, plus an open mic stage. The music at Tumbleweed runs the gamut of acoustic genres: blues, bluegrass, traditional, contemporary, ethnic, nautical, country, old-time and "alternative." There will be plenty of dancing, from contra to Cajun to Chinese, and also plenty of regional arts, crafts and food!

This year Tumbleweed has expanded to include a special youth-produced, free Friday night concert. Throughout the weekend there will be nearly 100 different acts you can hear for free. A Saturday evening concert and Sunday night contra dance are the only ticketed events, and they have affordable ticket prices of \$8 general admission/\$5 seniors and teens. Read more

about all these events on page 2.

Tumbleweed is a participatory experience. An open mic stage, hosted by our friends at Victory Music, offers anyone at the festival an opportunity to sign up for a performance slot. Free workshops provide hands-on learning for all sorts of instruments and dance forms, and peer sharing on topics of interest like songwriting and promotion. Spontaneous jams occur all over the festival grounds. The popular "band scramble" provides a challenge to perform in a serendipitous band drawn from a hat, with one hour to come up with 2 songs and then perform them on stage!

Tumbleweed Music Festival is a volunteer-run event, funded by donations and grants. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of many, Three Rivers Folklife Society's Tumbleweed Music Festival has been rolling for 15 years! Spread the word.

Tumbleweed Youth Night

6:30 - 9:30 PM Friday, 2 September

We're branching out! This year, for the first time ever, "Youth Night" will kick off the festival. Young performers will play acoustic, folk, jazz/funk/pop, and alternative/indie rock. This special night is organized in collaboration with "Catalyst: InCiting Change through Creativity," a local non-profit group dedicated to helping young people find and develop their areas of creativity.

6:30 - 6:55 - Aundria Murdoch & Lee Perez

7:00 - 7:30 - Dear Doris

7:35 - 8:05 - StaticBox

8:10 - 8:30 - Kristen Carpenter

8:35 - 8:55 - Man of the Hour

9:00 - 9:30 - Silver Dollar Circus

You will find these performers on the Fingernail Stage in Howard Amon Park, Richland.

Tom Lewis Brings Sailing Songs to 3RFS

Saturday, 17 September, 7:30 PM

Tom Lewis, nautical singer, now comfortably located on dry land in British Columbia, Canada, is a 24-year veteran of Her Majesty's Royal Naval diesel submarines. His songs cover a wide range of nautical topics, from life on board H.M. ships, through the loneliness and lure of the sea, to traditional shanties and classic nautical poetry, set to his own, and others' melodies. Tom is the only ex-sailor in North America dealing with the traditions and lore of The Age of Sail, making

them come alive, demonstrating their transition to the present day and explaining their current relevance. Combine this with a warm, "colourful" character and a rich, compelling voice and you have a show full of musical, historical and social significance engaging every attendee, capturing the imagination and interest of children and adults alike.

The Canadian Society for Traditional Music acknowledges Tom as "North America's finest exponent of contemporary nautical songs." Tom's wry humor, button accordion, ukulele,

booming voice, and unique experience of more than 40 years bridges the sea-going and folk-singing communities.

Tom Lewis will perform 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 at Bookworm stores and Octopus' Garden and are \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members receive a \$3 discount

Jami Cooper: New at the Coffeehouse

Friday, 9 September, 7:30 PM

Welcome a new Coffeehouse season with a young, local singer/songwriter. Jami Cooper grew up here in the Tri-Cities. She and her guitar are winning fans around the region.

The Coffeehouse will start with an open mic. -- come early to sign up. You'll find us at All Saints' Episcopal Church, located at 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland (drive around to the lower parking lot in the back). Suggested donation at the door is \$8 general/\$6 senior and students. For more information, call Alan Page at 943-5662.

Tumbleweed Saturday Concert

Saturday, 7:00 PM, 3 September

Bluegrass, contemporary folk, and nautical music will fill the North Stage on Saturday night. The winner of our songwriting contest will also perform the winning song.

Spokane's Molly and Tenbrooks play energetic and playful bluegrass music. Taking their name from a traditional old-time song, award-winning band members are Kelly Bogan (Tenbrooks) banjo and dobro, Dannie Lynn Plummer (Molly) guitar, Dan Gore, mandolin, and Mark Harding on bass.

Sky in the Road, from Portland, is known for fabulous harmony, award-winning songwriting, and styles ranging from contemporary to Celtic to Gypsy. Rahmana Wiest plays harmonium and Dan Rhiger plays guitar and bouzouki. They have been playing together for 20 years.

Shanghaied on the Willamette, Portland's favorite nautical duo, performs traditional songs "plundered from land and sea." Jonathan Lay plays guitar and bodhran; Gordy Euler plays banjo and mandola.

Tickets are available at the info booth for \$8 general/\$5 teens/seniors.

Tumbleweed Contra Dance

8:00 PM Sunday, 4 September

Dance beneath the stars as we turn the Howard Amon Park tennis courts into a dance hall. House Blend will play the music and Dan Clark will call. House Blend plays Irish, New England, and old-timey tunes. The band includes Carla Arnold on fiddle, Jon St. Hillaire on guitar and banjo, David Arnold on mandolin and guitar, and Larry Smith on whistle and bodhran. Tickets are available at the gate for \$8 general admission and \$5 teens and seniors. You may want to bring a lawn chair, in case you need to rest your crazy feet!

Tumbleweed Songwriting Contest

Our songwriting competition is unusual in that all songs must be written on a theme that changes each year. This year's theme is "Common Threads." A judge listened to all the entries and narrowed the field to 10 finalists and an alternate. The finalists are Karin Blaine, Ruth Buell, Jim Coleman, Mary Hartman & Janet Humphrey, Janet Humphrey, Rob Kneisler, Jeff Knoch, Thaddeus Spae, Tracy Spring, and Pete Tomack. The alternate is Mike Buchman. The finalists perform their songs at 5:00 pm, Saturday, September 5, on the West Stage for a panel of judges. Prizes are given for the top three songs, plus a "people's choice" award, so come and support your favorite songwriter.

You Can Volunteer!

There are still plenty of chances to get involved in your favorite festival. We need folks to help in the kitchen, set up, tear down, sell buttons, T-shirts, and CDs, take tickets, run errands, and more. If you want to help, please call Kim at 375-6139

Thank a Sponsor

It's expensive to put on a music festival, even though our performers and staff are volunteers. We couldn't do it without our co-sponsor, the City of Richland, and support from many generous sponsors. Major backers include Battelle, Ted Brown Music, Precision Sound, Northwest Public Radio, Victory Music, and local businesses who pitch in to sponsor the North Stage. See our festival program for a complete list and support them for their support!

Attend a Workshop!

Many Tumbleweed festival performers offer free music and dance workshops! The 40 workshops include guitar, songwriting, singing techniques, dance, sing-alongs, and more. The workshops are offered Saturday and Sunday of the festival in the Richland Community Center. For a complete schedule of workshops, check our website at 3rfs.org.

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Deadline for the October newsletter is September 15th.

Out of Town

September

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

Be Cool and Buy Festival Gear

Tumbleweed Festival merchandise helps publicize the festival and raises funds. Plus, it's cool stuff! All of these items will be available at the Festival Information booth September 3-4, or call 528-2215 for information.

T-shirts. "Common threads" logo designed by local artist Jenny Rieke. Shirts are available in blue or tan.

TMF ball caps. High-quality, low-profile, twill caps in various colors, featuring our "timeless" logo.

Stickers. 4x6 inch oval, vinyl stickers, suitable for your car or instrument case, with the "timeless" logo.

Buttons. "Tie dyed" look with the 2011 logo! Available from our tireless roaming button-sellers.

Front Row Seat CD. Double CD compilation of performers in 3RFS concerts over the past years. \$15.

Chanteys Live On at SSSSS!

Saturday, 10 September, 7:00 PM

Our Second Saturday Sea Song Sing-along was born 15 years ago, after the first Tumbleweed! We have such a great time singing those chanteys, we do it every month at Round Table Pizza in Richland, on the corner of Torbett and George Washington Way. The singalong begins around 7:00. There's no charge except for the food and beverages. Everyone is welcome!

Local Folk Events

August

25 Tumbleweed Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Thurs Richland Library
27 Tumbleweed Volunteer Orientation 1:00 PM Sat RCC Patio

September

2 Tumbleweed Youth Night Concert 6:30 PM Fri HAP
3 Tumbleweed Music Festival Evening Concert 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM Sat, HAP 7:00 PM
4 Tumbleweed Music Festival Contra Dance 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM Sun, HAP 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM Sun, HAPt 7:00 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
17 Tom Lewis Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC
22 Tumbleweed Follow-Up Meeting 7:00 PM Thurs Richland Library
23-25 Heritage Days Fri-Sun Sacajawea Park, Pasco
25 Tumbleweed Volunteer Appreciation 4:00 PM Sun Micki Perry's

October

7 Ferintosh Concert 7:30 PM Fri CUUC
8 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
10 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Richland Library
14 Bill Staines Coffeehouse 7:00 PM Fri All Saints'
22 Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat Shufflers' Shanty

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
 CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
 HAP = Howard Amon Park, Richland
 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

For information, call 509 528-2215

Volunteers Rule!

Sunday, 25 September 4:00 PM

All Tumbleweed volunteers and sponsors are invited to picnic at the home of Micki Perry, in appreciation for your efforts in making Tumbleweed a success. Food and beverages will be provided. Bring a lawn chair, your family, and instruments for jamming. Call 783-9937 or 528-2215 to RSVP.

Contra Returns in October

Our regular contra dance is extending its vacation. Join us for the first dance of a new season on October 22, at Shufflers' Shanty. Meanwhile, kick up your heels at the Tumbleweed contra dance, September 4 (see article on page 2.)