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Micki's Sinfully Simple Graham Toffee Treats

Need a quick cookie for holiday get togethers or gift giving? Here is the oft-requested recipe for Micki Perry's Graham Toffee Treats:
2 cubes butter or 1 cube butter and 1 cube margarine (not spread!)
1/2 cup sugar (white or brown)
Graham crackers (I usually use cinnamon graham)
About 1/3 cup chopped nuts (whatever kind you have on hand)
Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Melt 2 cubes of butter (or margarine) in small saucepan on the stove.
Add 1/2 cup of sugar and dissolve in butter. Bring mixture to a boil and boil for 3 minutes.
While butter is melting line a cookie sheet that has edges with foil. Cut graham crackers into quarters. (You may want to use a serrated knife to get clean edges.) Line crackers up side by side to fill the pan.
Chop nuts finely and set aside.

After the butter and sugar mixture has boiled for 3 minutes, pour over the crackers so they all are saturated. Sprinkle on chopped nuts. Place in 350 degree oven for about 5 minutes until bubbly. Take out and place in a cool place or on the counter. They will set up in about 10 minutes and then you break them apart and serve. It's that simple and there is only about 10 minutes of work involved!
Happy tasty Holidays!



Folk Talk

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See Hank Cramer and Friends at Battelle

Saturday, 1 December 7:30 PM

Hank Cramer is one of the best-loved folksingers in the American West. He is widely known for his booming bass voice, smooth picking on a vintage flat-top guitar, and his wry sense of humor. He has a repertoire of over a thousand modern and traditional songs, spanning the genres of Celtic, Appalachian, maritime, cowboy, and plain old folk music. He is more than simply a performer, however. He is an historian and educator who weaves music and history into presentations that bring to life the rich story of America's westward movement, and give his audiences insight into the "folk process" by which traditional songs evolve and change to describe new events.

Hank was born in North Carolina. His father was an Army "Green Beret," his mother an elementary school teacher. Hank's father, Captain Harry G. Cramer, was killed in Vietnam in 1957, the first American soldier lost in that conflict. Hank's mother never remarried, but raised her three chil-

dren as a "single mom." Hank inherited a gift of music from his father, and by high school was a prominent performer in glee club, choir, and school musicals. He earned a history degree at the University of Arizona, paying his way by working nights and weekends as a radio dee-jay and coffeehouse folksinger.

After graduation, Hank pursued a unique life journey involving adventure, hardship, travel, and public service. He has been an underground miner, an Army officer and paratrooper, a 9-1-1 emergency communicator, a deepwater sailor, and a wrangler for a high-country outfitter. These life experiences make Hank's songs ring with the special authenticity of someone who has "been there and done that." A fulltime touring musician for over ten years, Hank now has twenty CDs and several movie soundtracks and music videos to his credit.

While he performs a regular concert series like most musicians, Hank is strongly drawn to performances in educational settings, which enable him to delve into his dual loves of history

and music. Hank has performed for the National Historic Oregon Trail Center for thirteen years. For Elder-Hostel, he has taught "Northwest History In Story & Song" three times a year for over a decade. Other long-term clients include Humanities Washington; Buffalo Bill Historic Center (Cody, WY); the High Desert Museum (Bend, OR); the National Maritime Historic Park (San Francisco); the Maritime Museum of British Columbia; the USS Constellation (Baltimore); Grays Harbor Historic Seaport (Aberdeen, WA); and the Tall Ships Challenge Series (Pacific Coast and Great Lakes). He founded and directs two specialized music education programs: Sea Shanty Camp and Cowboy Song & Poetry Camp. Hank has also performed for veterans' groups and events around the country.

Hank adds a personal invitation to folks in Three Rivers Folklife Society country to attend his concert. "On the Internet the other day, someone said they'd 'been to a Hank Cramer concert -- which is really like spending
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Coffeehouse Presents Winters & Skalstad

Friday, 14 December, 7:30 PM

Come celebrate the season at Three Rivers Folklife Society's December Coffeehouse featuring local acoustic duo Winters & Skalstad.

Mike Skalstad is an independent singer/songwriter who has composed three original CDs. He is also an accomplished vocalist as well as a guitarist and harmonica player. Joe Winters

has created three individual CDs and is one of the area's most highly regarded musicians, excelling in many styles of guitar picking.

Combining their talents as a duo, Winters and Skalstad create an extraordinarily fresh and entertaining performance. Come and enjoy some of their many original songs as well as their creative cover of many folk, folk rock, country, and rock classics.

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

Cramer (cont.)

an evening with an old friend.' I'm glad they put it that way, because that's how it feels to me. Some of my oldest and firmest friendships are with people in Three Rivers Folklife, and I look forward to spending the evening of December 1st with them, sharing songs and stories. I've got some new songs from the new CD, "My Side Of The Mountains." But I also look forward to rolling out older tunes from my days with the Ferryboats, The Rounders, and The Cutters as well. Mark Iler and Michelle Cameron will be joining in with voices, tenor guitar, and cello. So come on down, and spend an evening with old friends."

Hank, Mark, and Michelle will perform at Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland. Tickets are \$11 for general admission and \$9 for 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.

First Night Tri-Cities

Monday, 31 December

First Night Tri-Cities invites you, your family, and friends to attend an alcohol-free night celebrating the arts and the passage of one year to the next. Nowhere else in the Tri-Cities will you be able to celebrate New Year's Eve with your entire family -- no matter what their age -- enjoying such a wide variety of visual and performing arts that is affordable and accessible to all. You can savor live music of all kinds, get a kick out of a hypnotist, have your children participate in Kid Zone activities, check out the lively teen music venue, hear exciting main stage acts, and then gather for the excitement of a spectacular fireworks display. With over 10 venues running simultaneously, it's the best value you'll find anywhere in the Mid-Columbia.

Headline performers include Vocal Trash, the Gothard Sisters, and hypnotist/entertainer Jerry Harris. Other

performers include Richland Light Opera, Skweez the Weezle, Bram Brata and OK2BOTAY. Performances for kids include Keith Ramsay, Wiggle Like a Fish, and Big Top the Clown.

First Night takes place at Columbia Basin College in Pasco. Kid Zone hours are 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and the main event runs from 5:30 PM to midnight. Fireworks shows are scheduled for 8:15 PM (children's show) and midnight (main show.) Admission buttons are \$8 in advance at SunMart or \$10 at the event. Children's admission is \$5 (only available at the event.) There is no charge for kids 5 and under. There is plenty of parking and it's all free! For a complete list of performers, schedule, and other information you can call 509 987-5532 or go to <http://www.firstnighttricity.com>

Tumbleweed Needs Planners!

Thursday, 29 November, 7:00 PM

Gene Carbaugh has agreed to be chairman for Tumbleweed 2013 but Tumbleweed is a group effort, with many people making sure all the necessary jobs get done. Some areas that need to be covered include publicity, program, fundraising, vendors, hospitality, grounds/services, volunteers, and info booth. If you are interested in volunteering in a specific area or have ideas for a theme, you can contact Gene at 946-0504 or e-mail him at eugene.carbaugh@moleninc.com

Give the Gift of Membership

Members receive a \$3 discount on concert tickets and \$1 off contra dance admission, and a free concert at our annual meeting so in the long run you save money! More importantly, you are supporting folk music in the Tri-Cities. Memberships are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. It's a great time to join or renew!

December Dances in Walla Walla

3RFS will have no contra dance in December, but if your feet can't wait till January, head on down to Walla Walla. They have two dances with the first on Wednesday, December 5th, at 7:00 PM-9:00 PM, at the Whitman College Reid Center Ballroom on the corner of Park and Boyer Ave. Live music will be performed by the Wednesday Night Band with Howard Ostby, Dan and Barbara Clark calling. All dances are taught to the dancers. Sponsored by Campus Climate Challenge.

The second dance will be an Advanced Contra Dance on Saturday, December 8th, at 7:30 PM at the Unity Church at 810 "C" Street at the Walla Walla Regional Airport. Live music will be provided by Carla Arnold & Friends from La Grande, Oregon, with a cornucopia of callers. Experienced dancers, please. Cost is \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members.

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Deadline for the January newsletter is December 15th.

Out of Town

December

- 5** Walla Walla Contra Dance 7:00 PM Wed., Whitman College Reid Center Ballroom
- 8** Walla Walla Advanced Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat., Unity Church, 810 "C" Street at Walla Walla Regional Airport

Folk Talk Online Needs a Leader

A few years ago Harry Babad started a process for folks to access our Folk Talk newsletter online at our 3RFS web site. E-mail notifications went out as soon as Alan Gibbs, our web master, posted the latest edition of Folk Talk on the web site. This meant that folks who accessed Folk Talk online did not need to get a paper copy in the mail, saving 3RFS postage fees, trees, etc. We currently have about 150 people on the e-mail list but some of them are still getting paper copies. We need a clearer idea of who wants to get only an e-mail notification and not get the paper newsletter. Lynda Carragher is currently doing the notification but sometimes has a problem with Frontier.com because they consider her posts to be spam. We are looking for someone who can take over this important job Lynda is willing to continue until the end of the year. If you would like to know more about what the job entails, please call Lynda at 541 922-4203 or contact her at lyncarr@bmi.net

If you would like to get e-mail notifications about Folk Talk and are not on the e-mail list, contact Lynda. If you are still getting both e-mail and snail mail copies you can let Lynda know or contact Micki Perry at mickiperry@aol.com or Ken Bradley at 614 975-4672, to be removed from the 3RFS mailing list.

Local Folk Events

November

- 29** Tumbleweed 2013 Planning Meeting 7:00 PM -Thurs, RCC

December

- 1** Hank Cramer & Friends Concert 7:30 PM -Sat, Battelle
- 7** First Friday Folkie Free-For-All 7:30 PM -Fri, Micki Perry's Kennewick
- 8** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 10** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Tim Riordan's
- 14** Winters & Skalstad Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints' Richland
- 31** First Night Tri-Cities Columbia Basin College Pasco

January

- 4** First Friday Folkie Free-For-All 7:30 PM -Fri, Micki Perry's Kennewick
- 11** Swing Set Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints' Richland
- 12** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 14** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Tim Riordan's
- 19** 3RFS Concert TBA 7:30 PM Fri CUUC Pasco
- 26** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat Shufflers' Shanty Kennewick

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
 Battelle = Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland
 CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
 Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick
 RCC = Richland Community Center,
 Tim Riordan's = Richland, 948-4814
 Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland
 Shufflers' Shanty = 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick

For information, call 509 528-2215

Beat the Doldrums at SSSSS

Saturday, 8 December, 7:00 PM

In sea lingo, the doldrums are an area in the ocean where the wind seldom blows. In Tri-Cities lingo, the doldrums are what happens between November and February when the low clouds and fog set in and it feels like we never see the sun. You can beat the Tri-Cities doldrums by getting out, gathering with fun-loving

people, and singing at the top of your lungs. Or, if you're more comfortable, sing quietly.

We gather at Round Table Pizza in Richland, on the corner of Torbett and George Washington Way, on the second Saturday of every month. You'll find friends who love to visit and sing sea songs together. No experience necessary, and there's no charge except for the food and beverages.