



Folk Talk

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Annual Meeting and Elections

Saturday, May 14, 6:00 pm
All Saints' Episcopal Church

The annual meeting of Three Rivers Folklife Society will be held on Saturday, May 14, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball, in Richland. With the worst of covid apparently behind us and masks and vaccination proof not required for most public events, we are pleased to announce our first pot luck dinner in well over two years. Bring something you can share with others. We'll provide utensils, coffee and tea, and maybe some soft drinks as well. (Please no alcoholic beverages.)

We have a modest amount of business to transact including presentation of candidates for board positions, the opportunity to take nominations from the floor, and then election of officers. We will also be voting on revisions to our Bylaws (they haven't been updated in over 25 years). There will be a brief financial report and an opportunity to discuss what the next year has in store for us. Details on the business aspect of the meeting will be mailed on April 29 to members of record as of April 25.

Finally, after all the business is taken care of, we'll enjoy a concert and sing-along with Curlew's Call, featuring Mark Iler and Jess McKeegan, beginning about 7:30. All this is at no charge to 3RFS members. Not a member? It's never too late to join. You can do it right now online at our website or even in person just prior to the Annual Meeting. Here's your chance for a free concert and reduced admission at member rates to future 3RFS concerts. General admission is \$14 for non-members.

Curlew's Call Concert

Curlew's Call will do a free-to-members concert on Saturday May 14th starting when the business meeting is over. They are a Celtic and maritime band from Olympia, WA who play rollicking songs and tunes at Irish pubs, music festivals, nautical events and singalongs. Mark Iler and Jessie McKeegan are often joined by Irish fiddler Annie Henry, but Annie will not be with them this time. Mark and Jess are well known to Three Rivers folks as they have played at Tumbleweed for many years, at concerts, and also with Hank Cramer and the Constellation Crew. Mark plays guitar, tenor guitar and harmonica and is a songwriter as well as a great singer with a vast repertoire. Jessie sings and plays Irish flutes and penny whistle, and also guitar and mandolin. When they are not doing Irish and nautical material they are also a pop rock and Trop rock band with percussionist Julie Bennet known as Humor and Heart. They may do a few songs from that repertoire as well as Mark's originals, but for this concert they will concentrate on their Celtic and nautical material. Expect lots of singalongs and shanty style participation because this concert takes the place of our Sea Song Singalong this month.

Tumbleweed Preparations Roll Along!

The 2022 Tumbleweed is shaping up to be a full-on return to the festival we all know and love, with added goodness!

Labor Day weekend seems like a long way away, but it is rushing towards us more quickly than you'd think! We're submerged in the flow though and keeping up with

preparations.

The performer application deadline was April 20th, and as usual there was a veritable avalanche of applications on that day (and a little beyond), but that answered our worries about having fewer than normal applications to select from. We now have over 100 performers' applications for the live festival, and at least 36 who currently want to participate in the virtual element (either by itself or in combination with a live performance) although we could use more dance groups and ethnic performers. We also have about 30 entries for the songwriting contest, which will enter the preliminary judging process very soon.

Our Friday Night New Horizon concert is being coordinated by Jude Noah with the assistance of CA Hurst this year. Vendor applications are starting to come in and officially due August 1st, and we'd love to have all of you encourage your favorite artists and crafters and portable food vendors to [apply](#).

Our greatest need this summer is to round up volunteers to do all the nitty gritty volunteer jobs that are needed the weekend of the festival. We still don't have a Volunteer Coordinator. In past years we have used Sign-up Genius for online volunteer sign-up but this year we will be using Volunteer Tri-Cities. There is also a [volunteer application](#) on the 3rfs.org web site and you can send that application to Micki Perry by e-mail or snail mail or bring it to the Annual Meeting, the Yard Sale or other 3RFS gatherings during the summer.

Everyone can do their part to spread the word that this year's Tumbleweed will be live in Howard Amon Park. We need folks to hand out posters and put up yard signs at the beginning of August. If you still have a sign, be sure to put it up in August. Also be sure to like Tumbleweed Music Festival on

Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and subscribe to our [Tumbleweed Music Festival Channel on You Tube](#) where you will find performances from Virtual Tumbleweed in 2020 and 2021 added every day.

3RFS-Tumbleweed Benefit Yard Sale

Friday-Saturday, June 10-11

Time to clean out the basement and donate unwanted items to the 3RFS-Tumbleweed Benefit Yard Sale. The event will be Friday and Saturday, June 10-11, in the back yard of President Gene Carbaugh's home. We're hoping for a great turnout. A major feature will be sale of Dan Maher's vinyl LPs (also known as "record albums"). Dan has graciously donated over 1,500 (yes, you read that right) mostly folk music LPs to 3RFS for this benefit. Some very familiar names, some not so familiar, and some even extremely rare. All at bargain prices. We hope to have musical instruments and books available, and maybe some crafts and assorted household items. Do you have something to contribute to the sale? Contact Gene at 946-0504 or

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president@3rfs.org to offer items or services. Special bonus: Dan Maher is planning on being present. He'll be happy to autograph your purchase and maybe even provide some entertainment during the sale.

Hosts Wanted

With the return of the Tumbleweed festival to being live in Howard Amon Park, we once again are looking for people who would be willing to host a performer (or performers) in their homes during the festival weekend. This may include transport to and from the park. If you would like to have a performer or two all to yourself for a while, please drop us a line at tumbleweedchair@gmail.com, and we'll get you set up.

Contra Dancing!

Saturday, May 7, 7:00 pm
Lighthouse Church

Our April 2nd dance marked our return to contra dancing and, for the 33 dancers that attended, it was pure joy! To be together again, remembering the figures and working to make the dance flow...delightful. Contraversatile, the Yakima band for the evening, sounded great. Susan Dankovich, our originally scheduled caller from Spokane became ill the Friday morning before the dance, but we're happy to report, is feeling better and will be calling for our May dance. David Gloor from Walla Walla called for us with only 24 hours' notice and we had a great time dancing the dances he called for us! This dance had a vaccine or negative Covid test required, and masks were optional. We sent a follow up email to request folks let us know of any symptoms or illnesses contracted after the dance and am happy to report, we were not notified of any issues.

We look forward to dancing together again on Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 pm at the Lighthouse Church Gymnasium, 1007 Wright Avenue, Richland. Our band for the evening will be our local band, One More Tune, with Susan Dankovich calling. Our online registration worked great, and you can purchase your tickets to the dance at the

link found at www.3rfs.org/contra.htm
This dance will be held with no Covid restrictions. Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer will be available. As with any event, we ask folks that have any symptoms of illness remain home.

Calling All Callers! We are in the planning stages of a Contra Dance Callers Workshop to be held on Saturday, June 4th, from 1 - 4:30 pm, location to be determined. More information will be posted to our webpage at the link above as things firm up. Anyone interested in learning this skill are welcome to attend. There will be no cost to participants. Contact Gretchen or Terri, at 3riverscontradance@gmail.com for more information and to register.

See you on the dance floor!

A Nyckelharpa? What's that?

Friday, May 20, 7:00 pm
All Saints' Episcopal Church

An entertaining program of music and comedy will be presented by a woman calling herself Viktoria Borgessen. Viktoria will introduce us to her fascinating instrument, a nyckelharpa. It is a traditional Swedish stringed instrument. Currently there are fewer than 500 nyckelharpa in the United States. While playing some Scandinavian folk tunes, she'll relate the history and mechanics of the 16-stringed instrument played with a bow. Occasionally she may digress by telling stories and anecdotes. Any similarity to the late Danish performer, Victor Borge, is purely intentional! Viktoria, also known as Marilyn McGriff, is a historian and Scandinavian immigration enthusiast, now living in Minneapolis. She plays regularly with the Twin Cities Nyckelharpalag. Performing in that group and making appearances as Viktoria allow her to celebrate Scandinavian heritage and maintain folk music traditions.

Marilyn has been a prolific writer of historical articles and books about the region where she grew up just north of the Twin Cities. In compiling those serious works, she began gathering tales of the area, and many of them have found their way into her first novel. The book, "Caught in the Lye" is an east

central Minnesota history mystery that revolves around an apparent homicide at a lutefisk processing plant. The ensuing investigation leads readers on a romp through "lutefisk country." Copies of the book will be available at the program.

Sol-Land Lodge, Three Rivers Folklife Society, and the International Folk Dancers will present this program on May 20th, 2022 at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Avenue, Richland at 7 PM. Bring your own chairs as it will be an outdoor program. There is no charge, but there will be donation baskets available for donations to the Sons of Norway scholarship fund.

SSSS Shifts Port for May

Our Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong, normally held at Round Table Pizza in Richland, has been re-routed to the Annual Meeting at All Saints Episcopal Church. There were some scheduling factors that had to be considered to accommodate the required annual meeting, so we're combining the SSSS with the annual meeting. Come join the pot luck dinner at 6:00, stay for the business meeting at 7:00, and then enjoy the Curlew's Call concert at 7:30. Curlew's Call has promised there will be plenty of opportunities for nautical singalongs during their concert.

Farewell to a Friend

The Three Rivers FolkLife community was saddened to hear of the passing of local *Legends of Country* radio host Ed Dailey. In addition to his show, Ed touched many lives in the Tri-Cities music community from mentoring the students he taught at the Radio Broadcasting and Production class at the Tri-Tech Skills Center to those he encouraged and uplifted as an ordained minister. For us at Three Rivers FolkLife, we are grateful for the support and encouragement he gave to our organization over the years. He was a long-time supporter of the Tumbleweed Music Festival - occasionally stepping in as a stage MC, frequently promoting the festival on his radio program, and encouraging his young students to step up and run the Open Mic Stage. This opportunity both benefitted his students

Local Folk Events

May

6	FFFFFA	7:00 pm Fri	Micki Perry's, Kennewick
7	3RFS Contra Dance	7:00 pm Sat	Lighthouse Church, Richland
9	3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 pm Mon	Gene Carbaugh's, Richland
11	Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 pm Wed	Micki Perry's, Kennewick
13	Jude Noah	6:30/8 pm Fri	Princess Theatre, Prosser
14	3RFS Annual Meeting w/ Curlew's Call	6 pm Sat 7:30 pm	All Saints', Richland
20	Marilyn McKiff Nyckelharpa Concert w/ Sons of Norway & Int'l Folk Dancers	7:00 pm Fri	All Saints' backyard Richland
21	Chainsaw! and the Fine Particulates Badger Mountain Dry Band	5-6 PM Sat 6-8 PM	The Emerald, Richland
26	Songweavers' Pickin' Circle	7:00 pm Thur	Paper Street Brewing, Pasco
27-30	Northwest Folklife Festival	Fri-Mon	Seattle Center

June

3	FFFFFA	7:00 pm Fri	Micki Perry's, Kennewick
4	Contra Callers Workshop	1:30 pm Sat	TBA
4	3RFS Contra Dance	7:00 pm Sat	Lighthouse Church Richland
10-11	Used Folkie Stuff Yard Sale	Fri & Sat	Gene Carbaugh's Richland
10-12	Sacajawea Bluegrass & Dutch Oven Rendevous Camp & Jam	Fri-Sun	Sacajawea State Park
11	SSSSS	6:00 pm Sat	Round Table Pizza, Richland
13	3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 pm Mon	Gene Carbaugh's, Richland
15	Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 pm Wed	Micki Perry's Kennewick
18	Prosser Scottish Festival	Sat	Prosser Wine Park
23	Songweavers' Pickin' Circle	7:00 pm Thur	Paper Street Brewing, Pasco

July

1	FFFFFA	7:00 pm Fri	Micki Perry's, Kennewick
2	3RFS Contra Dance	7:00 pm Sat	Lighthouse Church Richland
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29-30	Art in the Park	Fri-Sat	Howard Amon Park, Richland

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
 Gene Carbaugh's = 803 Birch Ave., Richland
 Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick
 Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland
 Lighthouse Church = 1007 Wright Ave, Richland

as they received real world festival operational experience and brought youthful energy and perspectives to the

festival. This is a legacy that will live on. Our hearts go out to his wife, LaJay, and family.

Yes!

I want to help 3RFS and the Tumbleweed Music Festival Roll on!

I would like to contribute at this level:

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Please keep my gift anonymous (Donor names will be listed in next year's program unless you indicate you wish to remain anonymous.)

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