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Heritage Festival at Sacajawea Park

Friday-Sunday, 24-26 September

This fall, Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts and Music Association will once again present Heritage Days at Sacajawea State Park. The event began in 2003, produced by the local Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Council to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Voyage of Discovery. MCTAMA took the helm

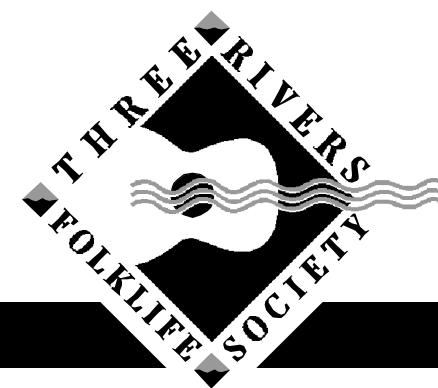
in 2006 and has produced the festival every year since.

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 and letting them see and touch what used to be. In 2009, over 1200 school children visited the site, each child being able to experience several "learning stations." Saturday and Sunday the event continues, with

Lewis & Clark re-enactors, members of the Umatilla, Yakama, and Wanapum Nations, mountain man encampments, and other people who enjoy sharing their skills and knowledge about what life was like nearly two centuries ago. Traditional music is another popular feature of the festival.

Heritage Days is held at Sacajawea State Park, near Pasco, and it's free! For more information, visit the website www.sacajaweaheritagedays.org. If you would like to help organize the event, call 509 492-1555 and talk to Reade Obearn.



Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

September 2010

2010 Tumbleweed Music Festival Is Here!

Saturday-Sunday, 4-5 September

The 14th Annual Tumbleweed Music Festival takes place at Howard Amon Park, in Richland, and at the Richland Community Center. There are four 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, jazz, old-time and "alternative." There will be plenty of dancing during the day, from Middle Eastern to contra to – for the first time at this festival – old-time rock and roll! There are also local and regional arts, crafts and food vendors.

There are nearly 100 different acts at the festival, which is free from 11 AM until 7 PM each day. A Saturday evening concert has an affordable ticket price of \$8 general admission and \$5 for seniors and students.

This year's concert headliners are

Brad Keeler, The Meteors, Tracy Spring, and The Misty Mamas. You can read all about them in the previous issue of Folk Talk.

The Tumbleweed Music Festival 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 on all sorts of instruments and dance forms, and peer sharing on topics of interest like songwriting and promotion. Tumbleweed's performers will offer 40 free music and dance workshops! These include guitar, songwriting, singing techniques, dance, lots of sing-alongs, and more. The workshops are offered Saturday and Sunday in the Community Center. For a complete schedule of workshops, check our website at 3rfs.org.

Spontaneous jams occur all over the festival grounds. The popular

"band scramble" presents a challenge for anyone to perform in a serendipitous band drawn from a hat, with one hour to come up with two songs and then perform them on stage!

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

2010 T-shirts. In neon green, subdued sand, or – back by popular demand – tie dye!

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

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

Buttons. With the 2010 festival logo. Available from our tireless roaming button-sellers.

Front Row Seat CD. Compilation of dozens of performers in 3RFS concert over the past years. \$15.

Kerry Grombacher Cowboys up for 3RFS

Saturday, 18 September, 7:30 PM

Kerry Grombacher has been coming all the way from New Orleans to our Tumbleweed Music Festival for many years, so we're pleased to feature him as the kick-off to our 2010-2011 concert season. Kerry plays guitar and mandolin and writes contemporary folk and western songs, as well as country songs and ballads. He tours extensively, performing regularly at festivals, house concerts, coffee houses and other folk music festivals. He also travels throughout the west appear-

ing at numerous cowboy poetry and music gatherings.

Kerry paints vivid portraits and tells fascinating stories with his contemporary folk and western songs. His latest release, "It Sings in the Hi-line," is a collection of original Western tunes, some with a strong Cajun influence. Kerry's gentle, approachable personality makes his audiences feel right at home whenever they see him.

Opening the concert will be Seattle's Nancy K. Dillon, another Tumbleweed performer. Her music has been described as "folk twang" and her musical sen-

sibility is strongly influenced by her native Oklahoma roots. Cuts from her new CD are climbing the folk and roots charts.

The concert will be held at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., in Pasco. Tickets are \$11 general admission and \$9 for seniors and students if purchased in advance at Bookworm stores and Octopus' Garden. Tickets are \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members receive \$3 off ticket prices.

Coffeehouse Serves Up Tea Company

Friday, 10 September, 7:30 PM

The Blue Ribbon Tea Company is a progressive folk band from Spokane, known for edgy lyrics, true stories, and strong songwriting skills in the American roots music tradition. The gritty, sometimes haunting, vocals give their music an emotional edge you won't easily forget. Bill and Kathy Kostelec make up the core of the BRTC music and perform as a duo, but they are often accompanied in performances and recordings by other talented musicians. They perform in the Spokane area but also take their music on the road to Idaho, Montana, Seattle and Portland.

Bill, lead singer and guitarist, is sometimes referred to as "The Blue Collar PhD." He is a Photography and Religion professor at Gonzaga University but has never forgotten his Illinois factory town roots. His songs in support of workers earned the BRTC an invitation to perform at the 2005 Seattle Folklife Festival's Labor Show.

Kathy, originally from Kentucky, plays mandolin, fiddle, guitar and autoharp. They are currently recording songs for their 5th CD, which will include several of Kathy's originals. Bill and Kathy are founding members of the Spokane Songwriter's organization and actively promote local songwriters and musicians at Brick & Mortar shows. Both are also working photographers and enjoy combining their music travels with photography.

The Coffeehouse will begin with an open mic session-- come early to sign up. The Coffeehouse is held at All Saints' Episcopal Church located at 1322 Kimball Ave. in 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.

Lulu Returns for House concert

Saturday, 2 October, 7:30 PM

Micki Perry will host a house concert with Lulu LaFever at the beginning of October. This is part of the erratic "Just Folk House Concert" series.

Lulu LaFever is a singer/songwriter whose original songs meld blues, jazz and swing in a love-infused mixture that is accented by her wit and quirky personality. Years ago she performed at our Three Rivers Folklife Society Coffeehouse under the name Cindy Pearson. You can see Lulu at the 2010 Tumbleweed Music Festival, or check her out at her website:

www.lululafever.com, and then come to hear more at the house concert at Micki's at 1011 S. Dawes, in Kennewick. Admission is \$15, which includes refreshments. Call Micki at 783-9937 for reservations and directions.

You Can Still Get Involved!

There are still plenty of chances to get involved this year in your favorite festival. We need folks to provide a bed to performers, help in the kitchen, move microphones, set up, tear down, sell buttons, T-shirts, CDs, take tickets, run errands, and more. If you want to help, please call Kim at 942-8360.

We Appreciate All You do!

Sunday, 26 September 5:00 PM

All Tumbleweed volunteers and sponsors are invited to picnic on Sunday, September 26, at 5:00 PM at the home of Micki Perry, 1011 S. Dawes, in Kennewick. This picnic is an annual event to thank you for your efforts in making Tumbleweed 2010 a success. Food and beverages will be provided. Call 783-9937 or 528-2215 to RSVP.

In Memoriam: Chuck McCabe

Last spring we were fortunate to hear singer/songwriter Chuck McCabe in concert with BlahBlahWoofWoof colleagues Jay Howlett and Rolf Wyer. Sadly, we have learned that Chuck died recently. The following is taken from the blahblahwoofwoof.com website.

Chuck McCabe passed away peacefully on the evening of Friday, July 23, 2010, in Santa Clara, California. He had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer earlier in the year, and chose to walk through the final stage of his life privately with his wife Cindy, close friends, and Blah Blah Woof Woof musical cohorts at his side. The aggressive nature of this disease made his last days blessedly swift. The outpouring of love from Chuck's fans and the greater folk community around the world has buoyed his family and friends during this time and they are deeply grateful.

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Deadline for the October newsletter is September 15th.

Out of Town

September

- 11** Creativity on the Acoustic Guitar with David Harsh 2 and 7 pm Sat, Performing Arts Center of Wenatchee, 123 N. Wenatchee Ave. 509-663-ARTS
- 18** Walla Walla Contra Dance 7:30 PM, Sat, Unity Church of Peace, 810 "C" Street at Walla Walla Regional 7:30

Contra Dance Resumes

Saturday, 25 September, 7:30 PM

The new contra dance season will have a great start with the band Squirrel Butter. The duo features Charlie Beck on banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and Charmaine Li-Lei Slaven on guitar, ukulele, and percussive buckdancing. Charlie is well versed in jazz and swing, Charmaine's clear, strong singing style is reminiscent of the Carter family. Both share a tendency towards the quirky. During the day, they will be performing at the Heritage Days Festival at Sacajawea Park, and we're thrilled to have them for our contra dance. Our own Cindy Rakowski will be calling the dances.

The venue will be First Lutheran Church, 418 N. Yelm St, Kennewick, at the corner of 395 and Yelm. For driving directions, see the 3RFS web site (www.3rfs.org). All dances will be taught, so no experience or partner is necessary. Bring your friends, family and snacks to share for a great evening of music, dancing, and fun.

Admission at the door is \$8 general/\$6 seniors and teens. Kids under 12 are free. \$1 discount for 3RFS members.

We've booked the entire contra season, so mark your calendars. Dances are at Shuffler's Shanty unless speci-

Local Folk Events

September

- 3** Tumbleweed Music Festival Set-up 5:00 PM Fri HAP
- 4** Tumbleweed Music Festival 11AM Sat HAP
- 5** Tumbleweed Music Festival 11AM Sun HAP
- 10** The Blue Ribbon Tea Company Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 11** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 13** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Richland Library
- 18** Kerry Grombacher Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC
- 24-26** Heritage Days Fri-Sun Sacajawea State Park, Pasco
- 25** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat First Lutheran Kennewick
- 26** Tumbleweed Volunteer Appreciation Picnic 5:00 PM Sun Micki Perry's

October

- 1** First Friday Folkie Free-for-All 7:30 PM Fri Micki Perry's
- 2** Just Folk House Concert with Lulu LaFever 7:30 PM Sat Micki Perry's
- 8** Coffeehouse - Performer TBA 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 9** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 11** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Richland Library
- 16** Tracy Spring & Janis Carper Album Release Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC
- 23** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat Shuffler's Shanty

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
 CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
 First Lutheran = First Lutheran Church, 418 Yelm, Kennewick
 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
 Shuffler's Shanty = 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick

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October 23 with Out of the Wood, caller Cindy Rakowski.
 November 27 with Reade & Friends, caller Marianne Tatom Letts
 January 22 with Contraversitile, caller Cindy Rakowski
 February 26 with Juniper Bush Huggers, caller Silas Minyard
 March 26 with Common Ground, caller Dan Clark
 April 23 with Scatter Creek, caller Mitchell Frey. (First Lutheran)

SSSSS Keeps That Festival Feeling

Saturday, 11 September, 7:00 PM

After hearing great sea chanteys at Tumbleweed, you'll be hankering for more. Come join us each month for our Second Saturday Sea Song Singalongs at Richland's Round Table Pizza on the corner of Torbett and George Washington Way.