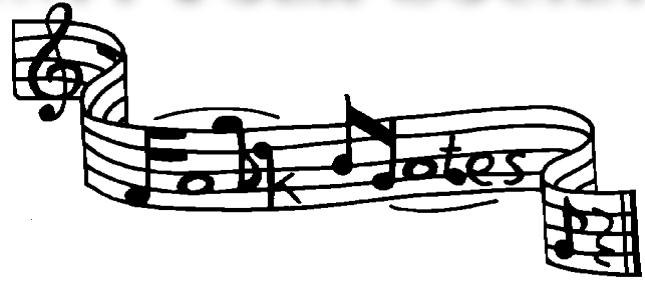


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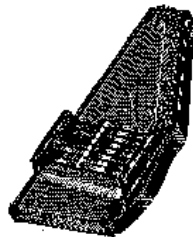
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## Music festival season is upon us!

### The 2011 California Autoharp Gathering



May 20 - 21

St. Nicholas Ranch, Dunlap CA

The California Autoharp Gathering may be the "Biggest Little Festival in the World." Combine the absolutely beautiful setting of St. Nicholas Ranch, the finest autoharp performers, great teachers and good food and magic appears. For a few days, participants put aside their busy and complicated lives to focus on the joy and spirit of the arts and music, especially autoharp. The festival is set up so there are opportunities for interaction among the performers and workshop leaders and the festival attendees. Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill or background in music.

This year's lineup has over 30 performers including Bryan Bowers, Ron Wall, Karen Mueller, Kenny Hall, Evo Bluestein, Charles Whitmer, Ivan Stiles, Carey Dubbert, The Canote Brothers, and Drew Smith.

There is RV space, camping, and some rooms as well as somewhat local motels. It's a wonderfully relaxed setting for playing and listening to music centered around the autoharp.

For details, visit the California Autoharp Gathering website at <http://www.calautoharp.com>. There are lots of pictures from previous festivals, audio clips of performances and a full listing of this year's performers and workshops.

Bill Staines is coming back  
to Sonoma County!  
On Friday October 7th,

The Sonoma County Folk Society  
will proudly present another  
fine concert with one of the  
country's finest troubadours.



Stay tuned for details  
This is once again, one show you  
won't want to miss!



#### FOLK NOTES

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**Notes from our  
President,  
Steve DeLap**

### Odds & Ends

It seems like everything went right with our Bluegrass & Folk Festival in March. The Performers were great, the sound was excellent, lots of people showed up and the food was really good. It was all around wonderful and we're planning on doing that again next year. (Saturday, March 10th, 2012, in case you were wondering.)

Here's a little follow-up on our last newsletter's public media rant. The bill to defund public media did indeed pass the House, but was stopped in the Senate.... this time. This funding is such a small part of the overall budget we can't help but think there is political motivation. I guess that's obvious. This process appears to work by a chipping away at the target bit by bit. Conservative types will be back next time and the time after to try to make their case. As boring as it might be to constantly pay attention to their efforts, and protest when needed, it is what is needed to deal with the situation. Check in often with [www.170millionamericans.org](http://www.170millionamericans.org) and talk, particularly to younger folks, about the situation. They often don't realize what they may lose.

Check out "Angels in the Kitchen," a new CD by the Sonoma County group Tone Bent. Great songwriting and really nice arrangements featuring a number of local musicians.

### Sonoma County Folk Society sponsored upcoming events:

May 29, Sunday Pickin' Potluck SUBUD Hall, Sebastopol, 1:00-5:00

July 31 Sunday Pickin' Potluck, SUBUD Hall, Sebastopol, 1:00-5:00

October 7th, Friday Bill Staines in concert, DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

October 30 Sunday Pickin' Potluck, SUBUD Hall, Sebastopol, CA 1:00-5:00

For details and updates, go to [socofofo.com](http://socofofo.com) or phone 707-542-3798

### Steve Seskin, Liz Longley and Caleb Hawley present "Singers in the Round"

Friday, June 10th, 7:30pm at the United Methodist Church, 410 D Street, Petaluma CA

Tix, \$20. Call Barbara at 707-781-3272 or email [barbara.arhon@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.arhon@gmail.com)

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For tickets: available at the gate or  
[www.fathersdayfestival.com](http://www.fathersdayfestival.com) or call 209-483-4311

## A CD Review,

### “Loango” by Nell Robinson

This is Nell's first CD and it has everything one could hope for in CD number one. Great performers generally have, in some form, a perfectionist state of mind and when they make a first CD, they throw everything they can muster at it. Nell has certainly done that with “Loango”. Great songs, everything from the self-written “If Tears Could Heal” to the cover of Hazel Dicken's “Scraps From Your Table” as well as great musicians including Laurie Lewis and Tom Rosum, Kathy Kallick, John Reischman and Trisha Gagnon of the Jaybirds, even such favorites as Todd Phillips and Joe Craven (who can be heard on “Misty Moonlight” playing Ukulele, Coconut Monkey Butt, Trash Can Brushes, cassette holders and Triangle, typical Joe Craven). As an added bonus, the CD includes two tracks of Nell's DeZurik Sisters cover band The Henriettas, with introduction by Tony Marcus. What could be better? This CD goes into the permanent collection along with CDs by Chris Brashier, Ann and Pete Sibley and the Mark Schatz produced “Fiddle Puppet Dancers”.



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234 HUTCHINS AVE,  
SEBASTOPOL**

**1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

**For details call: 542-3798**

**MUCH PICKIN'  
MUCH POTLUCKIN'  
MUCH FUN!**



**CBA Summer Music Camp,  
June 12-15 in Grass Valley, CA**

This camp is for players of bluegrass and oldtime music, and takes place at the same location as, and just prior to, the Father's Day Bluegrass Festival ([www.cbaontheweb.org](http://www.cbaontheweb.org)). Instrumental classes, a variety of elective classes, dancing, staff and student concerts, lots of jamming. Staff this year includes Alice Gerrard, the Foghorn Trio, Bob Carlin and the John Hartford String Band, Wayne Erbsen, and many more. Space may still be available in some instrumental classes, especially dobro and bass, and possibly banjo and fiddle. Tuition is \$300, meals and camping are optional add-ons, scholarships are available, especially for kids and young adults. **For more information, check out [www.cbamusiccamp.org](http://www.cbamusiccamp.org), call 415-663-1342, or e-mail [info@cbamusiccamp.org](mailto:info@cbamusiccamp.org).**

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**Occidental Center for the Arts  
Presents:  
An Afternoon with Bryan Bowers,  
Sunday May 29, 4:00 pm**



4008 Bohemian Hwy at Graton Road, Occidental, CA  
More information: [occidentalcenterforthearts.com](http://occidentalcenterforthearts.com)  
\$15 admission, reservations advised - call 874-9392 or  
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What an honor to present celebrated storyteller and singer-songwriter, autoharp extraordinaire Bryan Bowers. He combines instrumental virtuosity with a dynamic personality (in a 6'4" frame) that can be wild and zany, or warmly reverential. Born and raised in Yorktown, Virginia with deep roots in traditional music, Bowers is widely regarded as the leading virtuoso on the autoharp, re-defining this instrument for new generations of folk/bluegrass/country performers.

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The Sonoma County Folk Society and FolkNotes is here to help publicize the events, jams, music and dance classes and get togethers for and by our members.

Heck, you are welcome to write an article or a review of an event you recently attended! Contact me at [steves32@sonic.net](mailto:steves32@sonic.net) so we can get it in print. Email with your phone number and I will call for details.

## Acoustic Music Jams :

**it's always fun to make your own music!**

• **THE REDWOOD CAFE**

8240 Old Redwood Hwy, Cotati

◇ The Celtic Sessions, led by Janette Duncan and Roxanne Oliva Second Sunday of the month from 4 to 6 pm.

For details call: 585-3138

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16280 Main, Guerneville

◇ Slow Celtic Sessions

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• **COFFEE CATZ**

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For details call 935-0660

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◇ The 4th Wednesday of every month,

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www.nbcds.org or email: info@nbcds.org

• **APPLE TREE MORRIS**

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### Pick'n Potluck Favorite Recipes

#### Asian Slaw with Peanut Dressing

1 small head cabbage (1 1/2 pounds) trimmed, cored and quartered - or buy pre-shredded cabbage mix - 8 cups

2 cups shredded carrots

1-2 cups finely chopped red bell pepper

1 cup chopped scallions

2-3 stalks of thinly sliced celery (not called for in original recipe but I added this)

1 loosely packed cup fresh cilantro leaves plus a few cilantro sprigs for garnish

6 tablespoons rice wine vinegar

1/3 cup creamy peanut butter

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

3 tablespoons Asian sesame oil

3 tablespoons soy sauce

3 tablespoons light brown sugar

1 piece (2 inches) fresh ginger, peeled and grated (about 2 TB) or use ground ginger

2 large cloves garlic, crushed in garlic press

1 cup or more lightly salted dry roast peanuts

1. Rinse & drain cabbage, then shred and put in large mixing bowl. Add the rest of the vegetables and stir to combine. Refrigerate the cabbage mixture. (It will keep overnight if you're making ahead.)

2. Combine the rice vinegar, oils, peanut butter, soy sauce, brown sugar, ginger and garlic in smaller mixing bowl and use whisk or hand mixer to combine. Pour the dressing over the vegetable mixture and stir to combine. (dressing can be added up to 6 hours ahead of time if you're making ahead.)

3. Right before serving, stir in about 1/2 cup of peanuts, then transfer to a serving bowl. Sprinkle top of salad with the remaining peanuts and a few sprigs of cilantro for garnish.



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◇ Tuesdays: 10:00 to Midnight

• **Crossing Borders**, World music

◇ Thursdays: 8:00 to 10:00 PM

• **Freight Train Boogie**, hosted by Bill Frater, Roots, Country, Folk, Blues, Rock etc.

◇ Saturdays: Noon to 1:00 PM

• **Thistle and Shamrock**, Celtic music

◇ Saturdays 1:00 to 5:00 PM

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