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The Second Golden Old Time Campout is back again!

August 20, 21, 22



The Second Golden Old Time Campout is just a few weeks away. August 20th thru the 22nd, the event will once again be held at the Mendocino County Fairgrounds in Boonville California. Here is a little information about what to expect. It is brought to you by the California Bluegrass Association and the Sonoma County Folk Society along with the Berkeley Old Time Music Convention. This event is primarily about Old Time Music and it's different from anything else the CBA or the SoCoFoSo does. You won't find a stage, a sound system or an audience area with a sea of lawn chairs. What you will find is a large contingent of folks camped out and playing Old Time Music.

Based loosely on events held on the East Coast such as Clifftop and Galax, the aim is to provide an opportunity for people interested in Old Time to meet and enjoy what they like most, playing music. While there will again be workshops on Saturday afternoon and a square dance on Saturday night, jamming is the order of the day and night. Something different from last year, there will be Old Time Music at Lauren's restaurant across the street from the fairgrounds offices Friday and Saturday night.

The Mendocino County Fairgrounds is located on Highway 128. Boonville is approximately half way between Cloverdale and the coast. The property is fairly large so there are plenty of places to camp. However please observe the signs indicating where camping is prohibited. Please no pets except service dogs. Concessions will be at a minimum though you can find most everything you need within walking distance in town.

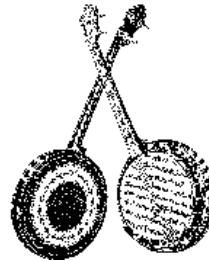
Tickets may be obtained at www.cbaontheweb.org (click on "Our Events"), or by sending a check or money order and a self-addressed stamped envelope to GOTCO c/o Mark Hogan, 3980 Monika Ct., Sebastopol, CA 95472. Tickets are \$50 for two nights of camping. If you would like to stay Sunday night you would make arrangements with the fairgrounds camp host.

For further details call 707-829-8012, or email to hogiemoon@comcast.net.

Hope to see you there!



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Notes from our President, Steve DeLap

The Prez is away this month, he will return in our next issue.

Do you want to advertise in FolkNotes?

The Sonoma County Folk Society Board of Directors is very pleased to have Shubb, The Last Record Store and Jackalope Records advertising in our 2010 FolkNotes newsletters. If you are interested in promoting your business here, current rates are unbelievably low. For example, a business card sized ad is only \$30/year, and is inserted into all 6 issues! You can also opt for a one-time quarter-page ad for \$25, or a half-page (either vertical or horizontal) for \$50. For details, contact Steve Hogle at steves32@sonic.net



To our members...

We know that many of you members would like to become more involved with the running of the "Society". This includes having input on activities and events and helping to produce our concerts! In particular we currently need volunteers to assist in the mailings and PR, and possibly organizing more house concerts and Pick & Sing gatherings. This is your chance to get involved, get to know what's happening (in advance) and offer suggestions to make the Sonoma County Folk Society even better. You can contact the SoCoFoSo to get information on how to get involved, in your own way! All members are welcome at board meetings, so feel free to contact Steve DeLap at 542-3798 to find out when and where the next meeting will be. Please exercise your membership and let us hear from you soon!



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Sonoma County Folk Society sponsored upcoming events

- July 23 Singers' Circle (info: 829-0883)
 - August 20-21-22 Golden Old Time Music Campout in Boonville!
 - August 27 Singers' Circle? (info: 829-0883)
 - August 29 Pickin' Potluck at Subud Hall, Sebastopol
 - Sept 24 Singers Circle? (info: 829-0883)
 - October 8 Bill Staines in concert at Subud Hall
 - October 22 Singers' Circle? (info: 829-0883)
 - October 31 Pickin' Potluck at Subud Hall
- For more information, go to www.socofoso.com



Slow Jamming anyone?

Is there a slow jam opportunity in the Santa Rosa to Healdsburg area? Bluegrass, folk music...

Why don't we start one!

Hook up with others who would like to get together bi-weekly on let's say, Wednesday nights.

Let's increase our skills, enjoy some good music and each others' company!

Please feel free to contact Steve Hogle, steves32@sonic.net so we can put this together. Details as to when, where and content are wide open for discussion!

Remember, the music never stops, so why should we?



FOLK NOTES

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How Was the Festival?

by Janet Dove

In the days since I returned home from the annual Kate Wolf Memorial Music Festival, I have answered the question, "How was the festival?" many times. My answer: it was once again an exciting line-up of top-notch performers. The shows on the "Music Meadow Main Stage" were all great. The performers, the sound crew, those responsible for scheduling this year's talent, and even the audience took their parts in the festival very seriously, and made it all happen. The evening performances were all first rate, and we enjoyed an entire weekend of A-list music!

Along with familiar festival favorites such as Greg Brown, Rosalie Sorrels and The Waifs, we got to hear Charlie Musselwhite, Po' Girl, Greg Brown and Robert Earl Keen – and that was just Friday evening! On Saturday evening, after music from Carrie Rodriguez and Poor Man's Whiskey, we enjoyed Linda Tillery & the Cultural Heritage Choir, The Waifs and Little Feat! Sunday's line-up took the cake. We heard Rosalie Sorrels and John McCutcheon in the morning, Hot Buttered Rum, Baka Beyond in the afternoon, and David Grisman Bluegrass Experience, Steve Earle and Ani DiFranco in the evening. Unbelievable line-up! All the music I've mentioned was on the main stage. The other three festival stages brought us even more musicians. In my opinion, this year's festival lived up to its reputation for both quality and value.

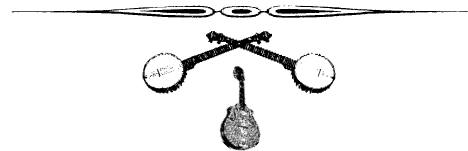
Surprises this weekend included the excellent performance from Poor Man's Whiskey. Their music was hot, it was fast, it was tight, and it brought out dancers en masse in the late evening! Baka Beyond was also very well received, as political, social and cultural concerns were woven into the music and the spirit of the group. Steve Earle brought a collective happiness to the crowd as he spoke of his new life, WITH wife and child, and WITHOUT drugs and booze. His songs were great, he looked well and sounded really fine! Blame Sally was popular, as was David Francey, a great storyteller and singer, and who developed a whole new fan base in Northern California while in Laytonville. This man of very modest demeanor was truly shocked to find so many fans waiting to buy his CD's, to have them autographed and to speak with him. He played twice during the festival, but his CD's had sold out just a few minutes after the first performance.



At the Kate Wolf Festival, the bands appeal to a wide variety of audience members. Those who come for straight acoustic folk can find it; those who want to dance to rockin' fast music can find their bands; those who want to go back to classic groups like Little Feat, David Grisman and Charlie Musselwhite also find what they want. Incidentally, Charlie did a moving tribute to the late Norton Buffalo, confirming the great respect he held for the man.

My personal favorite performer of the weekend, without contest, was Ani DiFranco. This was the first time I saw her live, and I was, and am, totally impressed. How can she do so much with just guitar, her voice and help from her ultra-talented bass player, Todd Sickafoose? Yes, Ani is truly "fiercely independent." There is no performer I know of like her, and I have no idea how her songs could be performed by anyone other than Ani herself. Over half the songs she performed were brand new, but we enjoyed every one of these as much as we did her established ones.

Remember, this is personal opinion; you may not agree with me on my festival comments, but this was my 2010 Kate Wolf Festival experience. The camping was good, the weather was nice, and the music was awesome. Many thanks to Cloud Moss, Bob and Danny the festival producers.



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Upcoming events...

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDARS!

THE NEXT SoCoFoSo PICKIN' POTLUCK is Sunday August 29th

**SUBUD HALL
234 HUTCHINS AVE,
SEBASTOPOL**

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

For details call: 542-3798

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Bluegrass with some of the Bay Area's finest musicians:
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and Jeff King on bass.



Thursdays, 6:30 - 10:00 pm

Willowbrook Ale House, 3600 Petaluma Blvd. North
Petaluma 707-775-4232

Aug. 6-8: DEAD ON THE CREEK

-Willits www.deadonthecreek.com

Peter Rowan Bluegrass Band, John Reischman & The
Jaybirds, Deadwood Revival, Poor Man's Whiskey, Melvin
Seals & JGB, Wake The Dead, ...

Aug. 13-15: GOOD OLD FASHIONED BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL -

Bolado Park www.scbs.org/events/gof/

Tres Piños (7 miles south of Hollister Hwy 25)
27 Strings, Abbott Family, Alhambra Valley Band, Bare-
foot Nellies, Belle Monroe & Her Brewglass Boys, Califor-
nia Borderline, Common Cents, Courthouse Ramblers,
Dark Hollow, David Thom Band, Faux Renwah, Highway
One, Houston Jones, Jeanie & Chuck's Country Roundup,
JEDD Brothers, Nell Robinson & Red Level, OMGG,
Pearly Blue, Rogue River, Savannah Blue, Shades of Blue,
Sidesaddle & Co., Still Searchin', Wranglers.



Join the SoCoFoSo?

see page 5!

Ukulele Undercurrents...

-Gary Sugiyama



Lots of Hawai'ian Hoale Hula Halau ukin' goin' on in the area. In addition to those below, events are scheduled between our issue deadlines so be sure to check our links for upcoming events. The Petalukes hosted a well-attended workshop by Jim DeVille in June. After a lengthy article about them in the Marin IJ, The Ukulele Friends Ohana kanikapilæd (is that a real word?) at the Marin County Fair on July 2nd.



Save the Dates:

The 16th Annual San Francisco Aloha Festival

Saturday & Sunday, August 7 & 8, 2010, 10am - 5pm

San Francisco Presidio Main Post/Parade Grounds

The Pacific Islanders of the San Francisco Bay Area offer their talents in music and dance during this FREE ADMISSION, two-day festival of arts held during the first full week-end of every August. Entertainment highlights include Pacific Islander music as well as Polynesian dance. The festival will also feature arts & crafts vendors, island cuisine, educational exhibits and workshops, and an 'Ohana Korner with simple games for the kids! This is an alcohol-free event.

And still from the last issue:

E Hoomau'Ukulele and Slack Key Workshop 2010

will feature the 'Ukulele instruction of Kimo Hussey and Tim Dang, New this year we will be offering Slack Key (ki ho'alu) with Keoki Kahumoku. Lei Hulu (feather lei) will be instructed by Herman Kekoa Mossman Tachera and Liko Puha will be sharing his aloha with Hawaiian culture related sessions such as Hula, Hawaiian language and Oli (chant).

The 3 day and 2 night workshop/retreat will be held at the beautiful Westerbeke Ranch in Sonoma Valley Wine Country **September 3rd - 5th 2010**. Cost is \$600 for 'Ukulele, Slack Key or Feather Lei Workshops: includes all fees and materials gourmet meals, shared accommodations, and all extra activities. Companion rate: \$500 includes all except 'Ukulele, Slack Key and Feather Lei workshop sessions. Rate without accommodations (if you choose to stay off-site): \$450.

www.hoomauukulele.com/

2010 Wine Country 'Ukulele Festival

September 11 & 12 at Beringer Vineyard, with the fabulous luau, again, on Saturday night at Flora Springs. We've got lots of surprises in store and there will be a whole bunch of new things to see and try, so be sure to save the dates.

www.winecountryukefest.com

Still lots to look forward to, Keep Ukein'



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

• **MAIN ST. STATION RESTAURANT**

16280 Main, Guerneville
 ◇Slow Celtic Sessions
 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7 to 9 PM,
 For details call: 869-0501

• **COFFEE CATZ**

6761 Sebastopol Ave, Sebastopol,
 On Hwy 12 at the Train Station, east end of town.
 Check it out every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 pm.
 Everyone is welcome at this CBA hosted event!
 Mark Hogan is a great host.
 ◇Old-time, bluegrass, old country.

For more information, contact Mark Hogan at:
 hoghiemoo@comcast.net or call 829-8012

• **MURPHY'S IRISH PUB**

464 First St Sonoma
 ◇First Sunday of the month, celtic jam
 For details call 935-0660

• **GOSPEL MUSIC JAM**

◇Bluegrass & Old Time Music
 The 4th Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 pm. Sebastopol Christian Church, the corner of Bodega Avenue and Jewell Street across from fire station and Ives Park. Hosted by Mike Davitz, mikedavitz@comcast.net or (707) 527-9637

• **PETALUMA MOOSE SLO JAM**

◇Thursday nights at the Petaluma Moose Lodge, (except the fourth Thursday) 7:00 to 9:00
 All skill levels welcome, all instruments welcome
 We'll keep it slow and focus on songs that everybody can play along with, no matter what skill level you're at.
 For info and details: 707 364 1532,
 email albertfarrens@msn.com



Singer's Circle...

◇Meets 4th Friday of most months. For information call Dennis Drury at 829-0883

Dance Dance Dance...

• **DANCE AWAY**

◇Contra and English dancing every weekend! Live music, lessons and callers. For detailed info contact: NBCDS Dance Line (707) 527-9794 or www.nbcds.org or email: info@nbcds.org

• **APPLE TREE MORRIS**

◇Weekly in Sebastopol. Information: 829-3478 or kalia@sbcglobal.net



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On the Air KRCB:

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Great programs, some of particular interest to folkies...

◇ Mondays: 8:00 to 10:00 PM

• **Your Average Abalone**, hosted by Johnny Bazzano, 1st and 3rd.

• **The Fiddling Zone**, hosted by Gus Garelick, Old Time fiddling, Bluegrass, Cajun, Swing, Klezmer and more 2nd and 4th.

◇ 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

• **Our Roots Are Showing**, hosted by (*alternating hosts*) Robin Pressman and Steve DeLap. Folk, Acoustic, Singer-songwriter, Blues, Bluegrass



On the Air KRSH:

95.9FM

◇ **"Krush Uncorked"** Sundays 8-11 AM. Singer-songwriter acoustic and unplugged music with Bob Sala

◇ **"Krush Americana"** Monday evenings 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Old n' new twang, Country, Americana and Roots Music with Bill Bowker

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◇ Fiddle Lessons: Contra and Square dance styles, Celtic, Scandia and other International styles by ear and reading with music theory, Janette Duncan 707-570-2745

◇ Lessons in guitar, old time banjo, piano and beginning accordion. With Ingrid Noyes, in Marshall, on the shores of Tomales Bay. For details: 415-663-1342 or e-mail ingrid10@sonic.net

◇ Kay Eskenazi loves to teach guitar, Folk, Blues, Jazz, Bossa Nova, Fingerstyle, Celtic and Classical styles. 707/869-9642 service@WomensHeartsAndHands.com

◇ Music lessons at your location: note reading, theory, piano instruction for all ages. Laurie 707-869-9230

◇ Steve Wharton teaches Bluegrass: banjo, Old Time banjo, Dulcimer, and Autoharp 707-887-2518.

◇ Learn to play Polish fiddle Nanette Fynan 707-569-0565

◇ Play the String Bass: lessons in Sebastopol Bill Amatneek 707-824-8084



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