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**The Claire Lynch Band,
Saturday October 22nd,
Sebastopol Community Center Annex
450 Morris St Sebastopol
Doors open 7:30, concert 8:00
Claire and her band play truly
some of the finest bluegrass there
is, check out her bio, awards and
music at www.clairelynch.com/**

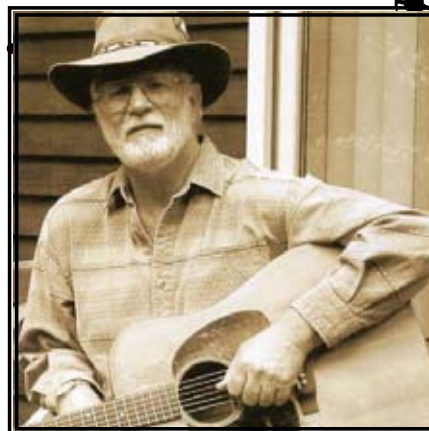
Tickets \$20.00 advance, \$22.00 at the door

SoCoFoSo members; \$18.00 advance, \$20.00 at the door

(Ticket purchase locations to be announced soon, please check
www.socofoso.com regularly for updates)

Call 707-542-3798 for details

Many thanks to Kevin Russell for setting up this
great concert for the Folk Society.



**Bill Staines is coming back
to Sebastopol.**

**Friday October 7th,
Subud Hall**

**234 Hutchins Ave Sebastopol
The Sonoma County Folk Society
proudly presents another fine
concert with one of the country's
finest troubadours.**

Tickets \$20.00, \$18.00 for SoCoFoSo members

Doors open at 7:00 pm, concert 7:30

For details and tickets, call 707-542-3798

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Notes from our President, Steve DeLap

There are a few new CD's that have come to our attention. The first is a wonderful collection of mostly Scottish songs created by Napa Valley wine maker and Contra-Dance caller Celia Ramsay. It is called "Songs of My Father's People" and we find out therein that Celia sings beautifully. Her musical arrangements, from the likes of Steve Baughman, Maureen Brennan, Patrice Haan and Shira Kammen provide just enough support to set off Celia's vocal abilities in just the right way. The cover design by Kim Hughes is really striking as well. I think this is on CD Baby, but, of course, the best way to get it is to catch Celia singing or calling somewhere. Second best is her Website, www.celiaramsay.com

Another CD worth checking out is "Five Gears" by a group called "Syncopaths". Though not strictly local, many members of this band, notably Ryan McKasson and Christa Burch are alumni of Alasdair Fraser's Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling Camp. There are lots of great energetic Celtic songs and tunes as well as some thoughtful pieces on this work. It's available on itunes though, of course, it's better to buy the real thing from the band and get the artwork and notes on the cover. There is also a website, www.syncopaths.com

Both these CD's have good, well-written notes as well.

While you're at it, check out "Angels in the Kitchen" a new CD by the Sonoma County group Tone Bent. Great song-writing and really nice arrangements featuring a number of local musicians.

**Go hear some live music!
Better yet go make some live music yourself.**



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Local Concerts!

From Janet Dove



Sonoma County continues to offer a wonderful variety of acoustic music! In the last 2 months, I personally have enjoyed attending several events, including Kevin Russell's presentation of Bill Evans and Bill Amateek... what an entertaining evening! These guys were not jamming; it was clear that they had worked together for many days to produce flawless music on a stand-up bass and a banjo. This high-quality music came out in a wide variety of genres, and was very entertaining—sheer talent. Kevin's next great show on July 16th will feature The Gonzalo Bergara Quartet--elegant gypsy jazz in the D'Jango style.

More recently, I attended Laurie Schaffer's Studio E presentation of Fred Koller. While his name might not be familiar to you, the songs he has written definitely would be, for example, Angel Eyes, Goin' Gone, Pretty Painted Ladies and so many others too numerous to list here. Koller has written and co-written numerous familiar songs, and he managed to give many of them to us that evening, as the sun was setting in the apple orchards surrounding the acoustically-perfect venue. It was a great evening. Upcoming Studio E shows will feature Zoe Muth, Sam Baker, Girlyman, Slaid Cleaves, Audrey Auld and Tom Russell!

Autoharpist Bryan Bowers played at the Occidental Center for the Arts recently, and piqued local interest in some alternate musical styles. SoCoFoSo's own Carey Dubbert has come out with a really nice new C.D., and he will be performing at the same location soon. He is an expert autoharp and hammered dulcimer player and will make it well worth your drive to Occidental.

The bottom line is: You will NOT be disappointed if you follow the leads of the Occidental Center for the Arts, Studio E concert offerings, and, of course, anything Kevin Russell has to offer. Great talent is visiting Sonoma County, and the shows are real gifts. You can trust these events to be very entertaining.

Sonoma County Folk Society sponsored upcoming events:

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

October 7th, Friday Bill Staines in concert,
Subud Hall, Sebastopol, CA 7:30 pm

October 22nd, Saturday The Claire Lynch Band,
Sebastopol Community Center Annex 8:00 pm

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

For details and updates, go to socofofo.com or
phone 707-542-3798

Kevin Russell presents..

The Gonzalo Bergara Quartet
Elegant gypsy jazz by this artist
many herald as
“the new Django”.

Saturday July 16th 8:00pm, doors at 7:30
The Sebastopol Community Center Annex
450 Morris St., Sebastopol

Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door
information/reservations: Kevin Russell @ 707-824-1858 or
krussellmft@aol.com

Tickets also available at The Last Record Store
(1899 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa) after July 1st.

Website Help Wanted

**Do you have website
improvement skills?**

The Sonoma County Folk Society would like some help with adding a couple of features to our website, and with making it more flexible for featuring one-time events. We want the site to be more useful to all of you! This could be a one-time “job” OR we’d love to have you help on a regular basis.

Contact Steve DeLap, 707-542-3798 if you are willing to spend a little time on this project. Thank you!

Aqus Cafe,

Review of a jam venue

From Steve H

The Aquas Cafe at 189 H Street in Petaluma has a bluegrass / country / folk flavored jam hosted by John Murphy on the 4th Wednesday of the month between 7:00 & 9:00 pm.

I attended the jam last month and was pleasantly surprised by the Cafe itself. The jam was good fun and John does a fine job of running it, making everyone welcome no matter what level you are at.

Aqus has healthy food and an atmosphere that welcomes the entire family. The staff are friendly and very interested in making the experience fun.

Aqus hosts other nightly events throughout the month including Celtic, improv comedy, open mic and west coast singer / songwriter. So it’s well worth checking their calendar, www.aquascafe.com 707-778-6060





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**THE NEXT SoCoFoSo
PICKIN' POTLUCK
is Sunday July 31st**

**SUBUD HALL
234 HUTCHINS AVE,
SEBASTOPOL**

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

For details call: 542-3798

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



**Blue & Lonesome
aka Ed Neff & Friends**

Bluegrass with some of the Bay Area's finest musicians:
Ed Neff on mandolin, Paul Shelasky on fiddle,
Mike Wilhoyte on guitar, Larry Cohea on banjo
and Jeff King on bass.

Thursdays, 6:30 - 10:00 pm

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



Thursday July 21 7:30pm

HAPA

Harlow's Restaurant & Nightclub

2708 J Street, Sacramento CA 916-441-4693

Like the Hawaiian Islands themselves, HAPA's Pan-Polynesian music is an amalgam of influences ranging from ancient genealogical chants to the strummed ballads of Portuguese fisherman, Spanish cowboys, and the inspired melodies and harmonies of the traditional church choirs of the early missionaries. Add to this a dose of American acoustic folk/rock, and you have what is described as the "most exciting and beautiful contemporary Hawaiian music the world knows!" - Maui Times

Friday July 22 7pm

Da Puna Bruddahs

Legends at Bennett Valley Golf Club Santa Rosa



August 26-28

4th Annual E Ho'omau Ukulele and Slack Key Workshop and Retreat Westerbecke Ranch, Sonoma, CA

<http://www.hoomaukulele.com>

Our 2011 Ukulele instruction will feature Kimo Hussey and special guest instructors Steven Espaniola and Hiram Bell. We will be offering Slack Key (ki ho'alu) with Patrick Landeza. Lei Hulu (feather lei) will be instructed by Herman Kekoa Mossman Tachera and Kumu Analu Akao of Halau Hula 'O Kupukalau'ie'ie will be sharing his aloha with Hawaiian culture related sessions such as Hula, Hawaiian language and Oli (chant).

\$600 for Ukulele, Slack Key or Feather Lei Workshop: includes all fees and materials, all 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. The workshop begins at 10:00 am Friday August 26th and ends Sunday afternoon August 28th. For 2011 we are offering an optional extra day to extend your stay through Monday August 29th for \$150 additional. There will be no scheduled instructional sessions but it includes three meals, accommodations and pure relaxation.

Sept. 9, 10, & 11, 2011

4th Wine Country Ukulele Festival 09/09/2011

www.winecountryukulefest.com

Save the Date!

The fourth annual Wine Country Ukulele Festival With Aaron Keim, Brook Adams, Faith Ako, Gerald Ross, Jim D'Ville, Ken Middleton, Mandalyn May, Li'l Rev, Steven Espaniola, Mike DaSilv, Anne Davison, James Hill and more!



Ukulele Undercurrents...

Summer's here and the luau season begins! Here are doings around the area to hear upcoming ukulele playing and meet some good folks. Keep strumming.

Saturday July 9- 7:00-9:00

George Ah Chin, Linda Green, Gary Sugiyama, Clay Wilson Louie's Coffee (formerly Starbucks)

1791 Marlow Road #8 - Safeway Shopping Center
Santa Rosa, CA 95401 (707) 526-4087

Good time Hawaiian and ukulele music. Maybe some of our hula friends.

Sunday July 10 10am—5pm

57th Annual Chicken Teriyaki BBQ and Bazaar

1200 Gravenstein Highway, South at Elphick • Sebastopol, CA
for details call 823-2252, www.sonic.net/~enmanji/

11 am - Faith Ako and Kumu Shawna Alapa'i and Hula dancers

12 noon -Budo Academy Karate demonstration

1 pm -Sonoma County Taiko

2 pm -DeLeon Judo demonstration

4 pm -Sonoma County Taiko

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

◇ Old Time Jam

Hosted by Janette, Steve and Chris

4th Sunday of the month, 4 to 6 PM. Details, 570-2745

• **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:

hogiemoon@comcast.net or call 829-8012

• **MURPHY'S IRISH PUB**

464 First St Sonoma

◇ First Sunday of the month, 3:30 - 5:30, celtic jam

For details call 935-0660

• **BLUEGRASS AND OLD-TIME JAM**

◇ The 4th Wednesday of every month,

7-9pm at Aqus Café in Petaluma

For info and details: 415-706-1997 or

murphyjohn2008@yahoo.com

• **UKULELE JAM.....**Sunday afternoons--2:00-4:00 PM

Come join us for fun, jamming and singing,....Old Time, Folk, Country and Gospel. All skill levels are welcome.

For details: 707-829-8867 or nastche@sonic.net



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



Pick'n Potluck Favorite Recipes

CORN CASSEROLE

- 1 15-oz can creamed corn
- 1 15-oz can whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 eggs, beaten
- ½ cup melted butter
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 8-oz pkg corn bread mix (Jiffy works)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Mix all ingredients together. Pour into a buttered 9 x 12 inch baking pan. Bake 25-30 minutes. Rich pudding-like texture and utterly to die for!

FOLKS, we encourage you to submit your favorite potluck recipes for consideration in this column!!

Send them to Editor Steve at steves32@sonic.net

Sonoma County Folk Society

Membership Application

Please fill out and mail: - \$10.00 Individual - \$15.00 Family Make checks payable to SoCoFoSo.

2 Year special membership \$17.50 Individual - \$25.00 Family NEW RENEWAL

Mail to: SoCoFoSo, PO Box 9659 Santa Rosa CA 95405

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Membership begins and ends in the month you join or renew.

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Our own NPR Station at 91.1 or 90.9 FM

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

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◇ **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.

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