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Sonoma County Bluegrass & Folk Festival ~ March 8



The 14th annual SCB&FF promises to be filled with a variety of great music, workshops and jamming. The festival will be held Saturday, March 8th at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center main building and Youth Annex, which offers plenty of space to jam indoors and out. Delicious food and beverages available onsite! Doors open at noon; music runs from 1pm til 9pm.

The lineup for the festival is as follows:

Spark and Whisper – Indie Folk
<http://www.sparkandwhisper.com/>

The Hot Frittatas – Italian and Sicilian traditional music
<http://www.hotfrittatas.com/>

Front Country – Progressive Bluegrass
<http://frontcountry.bandcamp.com/>

The Mike Justis Band – Folk, Blues and Americana
<http://mikejustismusic.com/>

Rita Hosking – Americana and Bluegrass
<http://www.ritahosking.com/>

High Country – Traditional Bluegrass
<http://highcountrybluegrass.com/>

Missy Raines & The New Hip – Americana
<http://missyraines.com/>

Tickets are available in January at People's Music (122 N Main St, Sebastopol 823-7664) and Last Record Store (1899 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa 525-1963) or online at <http://www.cbaontheweb.org/tickets/eventList.aspx> for a small service charge. Current Folk Society members get a substantial discount: \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Be sure to get your tickets early to receive the best deal! For details, contact Mark or Colleen Hogan at 707-829-8012 or hogiemoon@comcast.net.

Cloverdale Old Time Fiddle Festival April 5th, 2014

Save the Date!

The Cloverdale Old Time Fiddle Festival has been moved to SATURDAY April 5th this year. It will be a one day event with bands, jamming, workshops and the usual fiddle contest with guitar and mandolin divisions as well. Camping is available at the Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds Friday and Saturday nights, so come early to camp and jam! For more information, see the website at www.cloverdalefiddles.com or contact Mark Hogan at 707-829-8012 or hogiemoon@comcast.net.



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Memories of Early Sonoma County Folk Festivals



It would be fun to have members share their memories of some past folk festivals we've had here in Sonoma County. We invite you to share your recollections of memorable music, moments or experiences for mention in an upcoming FolkNotes article. You can be anonymous or let us use your name.

The Sonoma County Folk Society produced several weekend festivals at the "Luther Burbank Center", which is now the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts. What good times do you remember? Please tell us about some groups whose music you particularly liked, OR talk about all the activities that were available for children, OR tell about some good jams you found.

Maybe you even remember gathering at a festival at Santa Rosa Junior College, or out at O'Connell's Grove! What music stands out in your mind? What was the experience like? Share with us, and you will surely bring back precious memories for many other local folkies!

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"Smoke Dawson at Caffe Lena"



by Bill Amatneek

Powerhouse Books has just published Jocelyn Arems' delicious and richly-illustrated book, Caffe Lena, about the legendary coffeehouse and folk music venue in Saratoga Springs, New York. The caffe was everything a coffee house should be: a warm and welcoming meeting house redolent of freshly brewed java, and a home to great acoustic music. Lena, a generous, loving person, made her musicians feel like honored guests.

Many folkies of the 60s and beyond played there. Lena famously gave Dylan his first out-of-town paying gig. I was fortunate to play the caffe in the late '60s with Frank Wakefield and his band, which featured fiddler Smoke Dawson.

Frank would usually give Smoke a solo spot in the second set. On one particular evening, Smoke's solo playing was uncharacteristically off. It bumped along for a minute, but then the hum of the sound system changed abruptly and an old man's voice came through the speakers: "All right. That's enough. Get off now."

Everyone heard it, and everyone was drop-jawed. There was only one mic in the house, and Smoke's fiddle was on it. Unmistakably, someone else's voice had come through an altered sound system.

Smoke stopped playing instantly, leaned into the mic, mumbled "Okay," and shuffled off the stage. As he passed by me in the wings, I said, "What was that?"

"That was my guide," Smoke said. "I always do whatever he tells me to do."

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Bill Amatneek's book, Acoustic Stories: Pickin' for the Prez and Other Unamplified Tales, was reviewed in the November/December, 2013, FolkNotes, and can be found at VineyardsPress.com and Amazon.



SoCoFoSo Outreach!

Have you noticed that our folk society usually sells refreshments and has a membership sign-up table at many of the small concerts in the area? We make a few bucks from the concession, but, more importantly, we make friends in the community. We are advertising our very existence to those who don't know about us, as well as making it easy for current members to renew their memberships and to say hello. If you are interested in volunteering in lieu of paying to see shows once in a while, email Janet at jandove@comcast.net to sign up as a volunteer.

Make coffee, sell cookies, sign up members, enjoy free music. What a deal!



SCB&FF Band Spotlight: Spark & Whisper

Spark and Whisper is an indie-folk band led by singer/songwriters Vely Appleton (vocals, acoustic/electric/slide guitars) and Anita Sandwina (vocals, guitar, mandolin). They will be making their second appearance at the annual Sonoma County Bluegrass & Folk Festival in 2014.

Based in Northern California, Appleton & Sandwina have been performing for live audiences for more than 20 years. In Spark & Whisper, they delve into the rich territory of the modern American experience—our daily encounters and travails with technology, tradition, love, money, and the natural world. Spark & Whisper shares their intimate life experience, communicates their search for soulful purpose, inspires honest exchange with their audiences, and brings their musical vision to the stage with energy and delight.

Appleton and Sandwina first crossed paths at the Strawberry Music Festival in 2003. After playing together casually for a few years, they founded the critically acclaimed “Three At Last”, a folk trio which released two CD’s (“Three At Last”, and “Live From The Freight & Salvage”), garnered stellar local and national reviews, and thrilled audiences on both coasts.

When Three At Last disbanded in 2010, Sandwina and Appleton culled their best material and further evolved it into the toe-tapping, spirit-lifting stew-pot of fresh, modern folk that is Spark and Whisper. Backed by the consummate & funky musicianship of Paul Eastburn on upright bass and Scott Johnson on drums, the band cooks in groovy and surprising ways; Johnson and Eastburn (along with Appleton) were the rhythm section for the seminal 90’s SF Brazilian Funk band, Nobody From Ipanema. These guys are not afraid to boogie, and that soul adds spirit to Sandwina’s and Appleton’s acoustic-based originals.

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Pick'n Pot Luck recipe Chocolate “No bake” Oatmeal Chews



from Colleen Hogan

These are quick and easy drop cookies you can make without even heating the oven. They’re kind of a cross between a cookie and candy...rich and chewy. Enjoy!

- 1 cube butter or margarine (1/2 cup)
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 1/2 cups oats

powdered sugar or candy sprinkles (optional)
Melt butter in medium saucepan on stove top. Add cocoa powder, sugar and milk. Whisk until smooth, then bring to a rolling boil. Boil 30 seconds, then immediately remove from heat. Mix in oats and let cool slightly. Drop by rounded teaspoonful on wax paper and cool completely. Top with candy sprinkles and/or powdered sugar (optional.)



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CROOKED TUNES Fiddle Workshop January 19th in Sebastopol



On Sunday January 19th, CSOTFA District 10 will host a fiddle workshop focused on crooked tunes. What the heck is a "crooked tune" anyways? A crooked tune is one that is in 4/4 or 2/4 time but has either fewer than the 16 or 32 measures (typical of a common fiddle tune), or more than 16 or 32 measures. These tunes are not good for dances but are great fun to play!

Chris Carney will be the Workshop Instructor. Chris has been playing old time and Celtic style fiddle for more than 35 years. He works and teaches music at People's Music in Sebastopol. Chris appeared in the movie "The Howling" (as the fiddle player in the band in the beach scene), was the fiddle and mandolin player in the band The Acme String Ensemble for the 20 years of their existence and now plays occasionally with The Lonesome Holler String Band.

The workshop runs from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, with a jam immediately following. The cost is \$25 general, \$20 for CSOTFA District 10 members. Net proceeds go to support the District's Youth Scholarship Program.

For more information and to reserve a seat, contact Colleen_Hogan@comcast.net / (707) 829-8012. Workshop is limited to 15 people.

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**Notes from our
President,
Steve DeLap**

**A Review: Phil Ochs Song Night
by Steve DeLap**

I guess this comes about in most, if not all, kinds of music: that magical happening where everything just comes together. You are relaxed and open to having an experience of music that's soul-moving and all-around wonderful.

Folk music, I believe, adds an intimate nature to the music and its performance. The instruments are usually acoustic, even though they may be miked. The performers are generally up close and reachable, and the songs are often heart-warming and personal. We hear stories about triumphs and trials, loves lost and gained, injustices and misunderstandings. And, especially, the songs are usually known and sing-able by most of the audience.

A recent evening of local live music embodied everything about this music that we love. A look back, a look forward, the history, the hope, the incredible heart connection with new singers and those who've done it all their lives, and those who really listen and value the amazing gifts that are given.

It happened November 14th at Studio E, a Sebastopol venue that's hosted years of great performances. This night was a rare West Coast evening of the late Phil Ochs's songs produced and presented by Sonny Ochs, Phil's sister. Sonny has been creating these evenings at least yearly since 1986 on the East Coast, where she lives.

Performers here included some Phil Ochs night regulars, like Kim and Reggie Harris, as well as West Coast additions Zach Stevenson, an uncanny Phil Ochs look-and-sound-alike, and Aileen Vance.

The format usually has each performer taking turns singing one or two numbers, at least one by Phil and another of their own. It's a folk music love fest powered by Phil's poignant, powerful songs as well as songs by players who appreciate and sometimes emulate his body of work. Information on these concerts is available at Sonny's website, <http://www.sonnyochs.com/>. Plan to go to one if you ever get the chance.



**New shows at the Occidental
Center for the Arts**



Jubilee Klezmer Ensemble

Saturday January 25, 4 pm- Yiddish vocals by Alby Kass. Celebratory Klezmer & Israeli music by masterful players Paul Alexander, clarinet; Phil Lawrence, mandolin; Sonia Tubridy, accordion; Mark Peabody, acoustic bass. \$12/\$10 Seniors & Youth/under 12 free.

Cabaret

Saturday February 8, 8 pm- Three Faces of Eve featuring Andrea Van Dyke, Blythe Klein, and Leah Van Dyke. Three distinctive voices sing the great songs of love and life, accompanied by John Simon, piano and Gary Digman, acoustic bass & guitar. \$15.

Sweet Swing Dance Night!

Saturday February 14, 7 pm- Out of the Blue Band. Love it up swing-style with popular local band at 8 pm. Swing Dance Lesson by Mark & Elizabeth Weiss of Raymond's Bakery at 7 pm, included in admission. \$15. OCA is located at Bohemian Hwy at Graton Rd., Occidental. For details: 707-874-9392; brownpapertickets.com; occidentalcenterforthearts.org. Wheelchair accessible.



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-The Ruminators play for Thursdays Live on KRSH 2:00pm, January 9th, FREE!

-Kevin Russell & friends play for Thursdays Live on KRSH 1:45pm, January 23rd, FREE!

-Kevin Russell CD Release Party at Sebastopol Community Center Annex, Friday January 31st, featuring Jim Hurst, Sam Page, Allegra Broughton, Cori Wood and Russ Gauthier, TIX: TBD

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\$28 advance, \$40 at the door

Additional info@krussellmft@aol.com or 707-824-1858

Other upcoming shows from KRP:

Under the Radar plays at Ruth McGowan's in Cloverdale on Friday
February 7th, from 6:30 -9:30, FREE!

-The Rhythm Rangers play at The Redwood Cafe in Cotati on Satur-
day February 8th, from 9-midnight, \$5 cover.

-The Rhythm Rangers play the Twin Oaks Tavern in Penngrove on
Saturday March 15th from 8:00pm to 10:30pm, FREE!

Ukulele Undercurrents- by Gary Sugiyama



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8:30 sing and play.

Facilitator: Dan Gurney [http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/
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Petalukes

First and third Monday of each month, 7-9 pm,

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Get weekly music list for both classes at the yahoo site [http://
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Print out weekly music, performance song lists, instructional
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iPad (Wi-Fi available at Finley).

Ukestars/Sebastopol

Sing along meets every Friday 10 am-12 noon

the Community Church in Sebastopol, 1000 Gravenstein
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Group book to buy and handouts. Some performances.

Director: Vicki Reno

Uku-Hui/Forestville

New group forming and will meet at 10:30am on Tuesdays at
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• **Mindy's Mix**, hosted by Mindy

◇ Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00 PM

• **Lady Spins the Blues**, hosted by Mary Carroll

◇ Wednesdays: 7:00 to 10:00 PM

• **Connections**, hosted by Doug Jayne and alternating host, Allegra Broughton, Folk, Rock, Blues and Americana

◇ Thursdays: 7:00 to 10:00 PM

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

◇ Monday, 2:00 PM, Tuesday, 11:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 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

◇ Sunday, 11:00 to 1:00 PM

• **New Orleans By the Bay**, hosted by Linda Seabright

◇ Sunday 1:00 to 3:00 PM

• **Crossing Borders**, hosted by Amy Contardi, World music

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◇ "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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