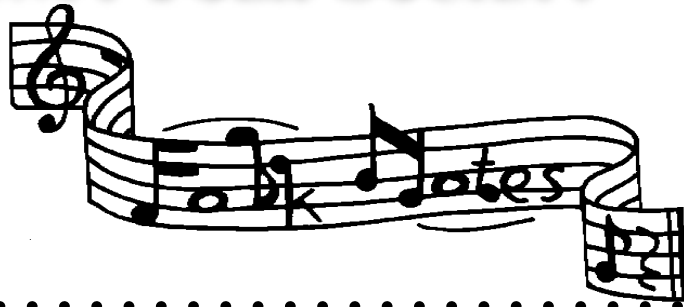


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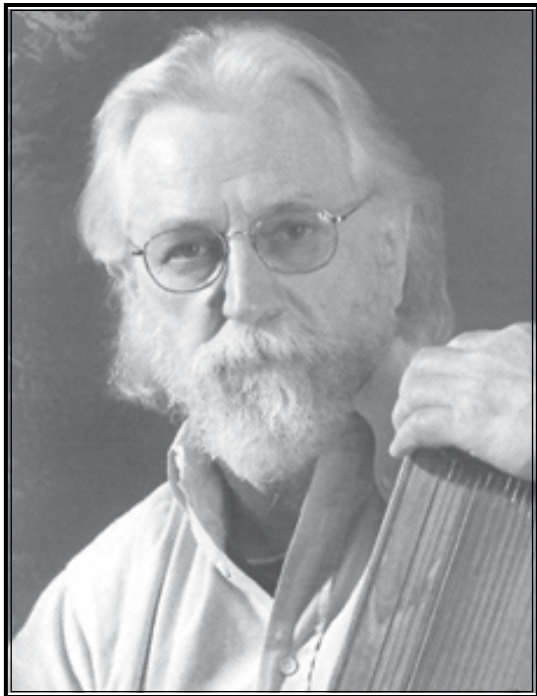
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The Summer Event & Festival Issue

It's time to make plans for all of the great music!



Bryan Bowers,
Autoharp master
singer-songwriter/storyteller

In his only Bay Area appearance!

Friday, May 8th, 8 p.m.

**Subud Hall,
234 Hutchins Avenue
Sebastopol**

\$15 general admission
\$13 SCFS members

Bryan Bowers autoharp workshop

A separate event, prior to concert,
5:30 to 6:30
\$15 general admission
\$13 SCFS members
For details, call Carey Dubbert 707-874-3848

The Golden Old Time Camp Out

A brand new undertaking initiated this year by the Sonoma County Folk Society, the California Bluegrass Association and the SF Bluegrass and Old-time Festival.. The event will feature three days of camping, workshops, jamming and a Saturday night square dance, ALL DEDICATED SOLELY TO OLD TIME MUSIC.

August 21 - 23, 2009
Mendocino County Fairgrounds
14480 Hwy 128
Boonville CA
For further details, contact:
Mark Hogan
707-829-8012
hogiemoon@comcast.net
www.socofoso.com or www.cbaontheweb.org
Stay tuned for further developments on this great event!



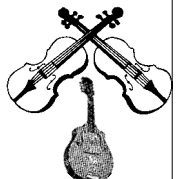
PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDARS!

**THE NEXT PICKIN'
POTLUCK IS
SUNDAY MAY 31ST.**

**SUBUD HALL
234 HUTCHINS AVE,
SEBASTOPOL**

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

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





Notes from our President, Steve DeLap

It's been an interesting couple of months since the last Folknotes. We enjoyed our very successful Sonoma County Folk and Bluegrass Festival on March 14th insuring continuation of this great event in the future and, for the first time, we were able to broadcast portions of it live on KRCB-FM, during their Saturday afternoon folk and acoustic music show "Our Roots are Showing". We're looking forward to continuing with that again in the future.

As we hoped and planned, this Festival is becoming more and more of a community event and for that we have not only our own Folk Society members (see Janet Dove's article elsewhere in this newsletter) but the following folks and businesses as well, Anne Merrifield, Larry & Micheala Heiman, Chuck & Jeanne Polling, Ray Edlund, Layne & Michelle Bowen, Jamison Hollister, Esther & Steve House. We should give a special thanks to Scott Armstrong from Chateau St. Jean for donating the wine and to Lagunitas for the beer. A big thanks to those who supported this festival through program ads and sponsorships as well. Harmony Farm Supply & Nursery, The Thin Man String Company, Tall Toad Music, People's Music, Shubb Capos, Sebastopol Hardware Center, KRCB-FM and Backdoor Disc! Thanks also goes to those businesses who took on advanced ticket sales, including People's Music, The Last Record Store and Backdoor Disc as well as to KRSH-FM, for their help with publicity.

The Folk Society has taken on another project during the last three months. We were fortunate enough to be chosen by a group of students in a Santa Rosa Junior College Web design class to have our Website worked over, updated and remade to our expectations (kind of an "Extreme Makeover, Web Edition"). This class takes on website design for local non-profits with the intent of preparing the students for dealing with "real-world" clients. Our student group should be ready for anything after dealing with a cranky bunch of old folkies. So many thanks go to Nichelle, Rebecca, Amy and Ana for hanging in with us and designing a gorgeous website with picture galleries, archives, calendars, tune players and video links. The site is soon to be beta-tested and we plan to go on-line with it toward the end of May.

In other happenings, we spent some time with a group called "In Harmony's Way" in early April. They have had a CD out of all acapella singing, by that name for 2 years now. They get together the first Wednesday of the month somewhere in the East Bay (Check the Website, www.inharmonysway.com) to find out how it all works.

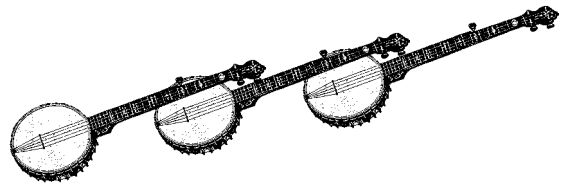
We also crossed paths with a group called Women Making Music headed up by singer-songwriter Judy Fjell with able assistance from Nancy Shimmel. To say these women make beautiful music together does not do them justice.

One of our favorite singer-composer-performers, Allegra Broughton, has found a spot to share her favorite music with the world. Every other Wednesday night she shares the alternating host duties with Doug Jayne on KRCB FM's Wednesday night "Connections" show, 8 to 10 p.m. They both sound really good....and so does the music!

Word just came in that some more of our favorite people have teamed up and formed a band called "Backstory". Making this great music are Sarah Winge and Michael Harmon, with occasional input from Paul Shelasky on fiddle, Paul Knight on bass, and Rick Cutler on drums. We expect lots'a good things to come.

Our next Pickin' Potluck is coming up May 29th at Subud Hall. It's time we did something special at one of these gatherings, so if you have any ideas about that, let us know (socofoso@yahoo.com).

We'll be thinking too, many thanks. **Steve DeLap**



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Father's Day

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FEATURING:

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THE GRASCALS

JUNIOR SISK and RAMBLER'S CHOICE
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Ukulele Undercurrents

Gary Sugiyama



An Evening with Bill Tapia-

“Having purchased his first instrument at age 7 from one of Hawai’i’s original ukulele makers, Tapia represents the last living link to the earliest days of Hawaiian music as we know it today. Tapia is the only musician on the planet who can say these words: “Here’s a song I performed in World War I...” when he’s introducing the unique version of “Stars and Stripes Forever” he came up with in 1918 at the age of 10.”

Lots more info on Bill Tapia at <http://www.billtapia.com>

NOW... Put this on your calendar

October 11.2009

Wine Country Ukulele Festival

Various locations in Napa TBA

For details, <http://fleajumpers.wordpress.com/>

Even though I got no money...

Recently I managed a visit to relatives in Honolulu. Had a great time that included running around to music shops, swap meets and a factory tour of the Kamaka factory, led by Fred Sr. Time well spent if only to be surrounded by hundreds of Kamaka ukes, old and new.

Kamaka Hawaii
550 South Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Factory Tours:

A free guided tour of the Kamaka factory is given every Tuesday - Friday at 10:30 am for family-sized groups. Large groups (more than 10) and school-supervised groups must schedule special tours in advance by calling (808) 531-3165. The tour usually lasts about 30 minutes

Ukulele LINKS

Northern California Ukulele Festival info and upcoming concerts

Berkeley Ukulele Club

www.ukemaker.com

DaSilva Ukulele Co.,

<http://www.ukemaker.com/ukeclub/>

Petaluke

<http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/Petaluke/>

Santa Cruz Ukulele Club

www.ukuleleclub.com



SoCoFoSo

Volunteer Opportunities!

From your (all-volunteer) SCFS Board of Directors, thank you to all of the following recent festival volunteers: Colleen Arroyo, Mary DeLap, Steve Hogle, Gary Sugiyama, Dennis and Terry Drury, Helen Baum, Betty Nudelman, Steve Wharton, Chris and Kathy Carney, Ted Dutcher and Fuey Herring. To those of you I omitted, e-mail me and I promise to acknowledge you in the next newsletter. Such events cannot and will not happen without the dedicated service of volunteers. Members who donate their time and talent for such SCFS events are rewarded with a good time and (usually) free admission. This is also a good way to make some new Sonoma County friends.

Here is your opening: we are updating our list of potential volunteers, to help out at festivals, house concerts and more. Can you help sell refreshments for an evening, and be treated to the night’s live music? Do you have experience with advertising, promotion, web maintenance, food prep or ?? We will definitely need some of you to “work” at the August Old Time Festival in Boonville, plus we have a couple of smaller events on the horizon.

Please e-mail Janet Dove at janetdove@gmail.com to be on the new list. You are welcome to explain the types of “jobs” you might want to do, or just leave that open and be willing to try out various positions, such as selling refreshments, gate or entry security, “manning” a SCFS membership table, or even helping in the kitchen. We can also use help setting up and cleaning up Subud Hall for our 5th Sunday Pick ‘n Potlucks!

Thank you in advance!

Janet Dove, SCFS Treasurer (and often Secretary)

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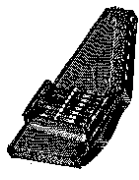
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**Other
Upcoming events...**

**The Mountain Laurel
Autoharp Gathering...**



brings together autoharp enthusiasts from around the world for five days of fine music. This year it will be on June 24-28 at Little Buffalo Family Campgrounds in Newport, Pennsylvania (near Harrisburg). This is the premier of all autoharp festivals.

Now in it's nineteenth year, the gathering features concerts and workshops from some of the folk world's best musicians and they come just because no matter what they're famous for, they also happen to play the autoharp.

The featured performers will be Karen Mueller, Mike Fenton, Charles Whitmer, Bob Lewis, The Red Mountain White Trash featuring Bill Martin, and the 2008 MLAG Autoharp Champion, Craig Harrel.

There are workshops for all levels of players throughout each day, mini-concerts during the day, main evening concerts, and jamming all day and far into the night. On Friday night is the Mountain Laurel Autoharp Contest where the best players from around the world compete for prize autoharps and a chance to play an evening concert the following year. There are comfortable camping sections for tents and for RV's as well as there being motels nearby.

For details: www.mlag.org/

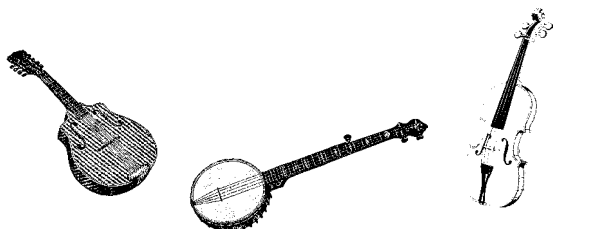
Missy Raines & the New Hip

...creating a fusion of bluegrass virtuosity, jazz-tinged groove and asong-driven sensibility...

Saturday June 13th, 8pm
The Youth Annex Building
425 Morris St., Sebastopol
(next to Sebastopol Community Center)

Missy Raines, superstar bluegrass bassist & seven time recipient of the Bass Player of the Year Award by the International Bluegrass Music Association, brings her band of hot pickers to Sonoma Country

For details and reservations: Kevin @ 707-824-1858 or krussellmft@aol.com



A Back Roads Productions & Cumulus Presents production in association with the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center at beautiful Black Oak Ranch in Laytonville



**Kate Wolf Memorial
Music Festival**

Fri. June 26 – Sun. June 28, 2009

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Main Stage Begins 4:30 pm:	Main Stage Begins 11 am:	Main Stage Begins 11 am:
Blind Boys of Alabama Ruthie Foster Band Chris Smither Rosalie Sorrels & Ramblin' Jack Elliott Joel Rafael	Patty Griffin Dave Alvin & the Guilty Women Railroad Earth Shawn Culvin Riders In The Sky Sherry Austin Band Rita Hensing & Cousin Jack	Emmylou Harris Richard Thompson Mavis Staples Preservation Hall Jazz Band Buddy Miller Girlyman Po' Girl
Revival Tent (Late Night): Work o' the Weavers	Arlo Stage & Revival Tent: Ramblin' Jack Elliott w/Dave Alvin & Chris Smither, Po' Girl, Girlyman, Poot Man's Whiskey, Love Choir, Work o' the Weavers, more...	Arlo Stage & Revival Tent: Rosalie Sorrels, Sherry Austin, Duncan Phillips & friends (Utah's son w/ a tribute "Bums on the Pusch), Rita Hensing & Cousin Jack, Love Choir, more...
Gate Opens: 8:00 am Open Mic: 1:30 - 4:00 pm		
Each Day: Jammin' 101 w/Sid Lewis' Acoustic College, Yoga, Kids' Activities, nightly 'Hobo Jungle' campfire, Sweet Lodge, more...		

**PARKFIELD
bluegrass Festival**

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND, May 7-10, 2009



Featuring

The Special Consensus,
John Retschman & The Jaybirds,
Chris Stuart & Backcountry,
Sawmill Road, Kathy Kallick Band,
LeRoy Mack & Bluegrass Gospel Band,
Sidesaddle, Whiskey Chimp,
Bean Creek, Kitchen Help,
Dalton Mountain Gang,
Wild River Ramblers, The Porch Dogs

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Plenty of camping space—RV's & tents in 4 different camping areas. Electric hookups by reservation (order fix soon to get on list).

BBQ's/traded firepits OK. Dogs OK!

Many wonderful festival vendors & The Parkfield Cafe for good eats & great gifts. NEW! RV rentals available—see the website link.

For complete information & ticket orders, please check out our Website:

www.parkfieldbluegrass.com

TICKETS: Adults: \$20-\$92

All 4 days \$90 Gate \$80 Advance
3 consecutive days \$80 Gate \$70 Advance
Single Day: Thu \$20 Fri \$30 Sat \$35 Sun \$25
Seniors (age 60+), Students w/ ID, Military.

Or BMSCC members \$5 off Adult price
Kids & Teens (age 10-19) FREE

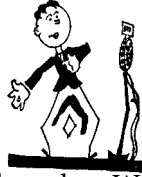
Advance Discount only on 5 & 4-day tickets.
ADVANCE TICKET DEADLINE: April 1, 2009

CAMPING FEE: (per unit: RV, campsite or tent)
4-day, Thurs-Sun \$80 3 consecutive days \$25
Single Night \$10 Fri-Festival Night \$12
Electrical Hookup SURCHARGE: \$25 per unit/tent fee.
Limited City hookups—reserve soon to get on the list!
MAIL ORDER TICKETS: Check payable to
BMSCC, PO Box 352, Geffen Beach, CA 95485
Please include a stamped self-addressed legal size envelope
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Web Orders & Info. @ www.cumuluspresents.com
Tickets By Mail: Back Roads Productions 7350 Fircrest Ave.
Sebastopol, CA 95472 / Enclose SASE
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866-558-4253. Information – 707-829-7067

Acoustic Music Jams :

it's always fun to make your own music!



- **THE BLACK ROSE PUB**

(formally the Rose Pub)

2074 Armory Drive, Santa Rosa.

All JAM SESSIONS are now being conducted on Wednesday nights, starting at 8:00.

◇ French and European jam, first Wednesday

◇ Slow Celtic jam, second Wednesday

◇ Traditional Irish jam, third Wednesday

◇ Old Timey Bluegrass jam, fourth Wednesday

For more details, please call Don Coffin at: 707-995-0658

- **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:

hogiemoon@comcast.net or call 829-8012

- **ACE IN THE HOLE CIDER PUB**

Corner of Hwy 116 at Graton Road.

◇ Open Mic on Monday night, hosted by Steve Wharton

For more information call 829-1223

- **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 for details. Bring acoustic instruments

and your favorite Gospel songs to sing.

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



FREE May shows from Kevin Russell.

The Rhythm Rangers

May 9th, 8:30 PM

The Black Rose

2074 Armory DR, Santa Rosa, California 95401

Cost: FREE!!

Western swing, blues, rock, & country

AND

May 16th, 2:00 PM

Sebastopol Center for the Arts

6780 Depot St, Sebastopol, 95472

Cost: FREE!!

A special event for our local Arts Council

Under the Radar

May 1st, 7:30 PM

Saylor's

2009 Bridgway Blvd., Sausalito,

Cost: FREE!

Acoustic bluegrass/newgrass, swing & blues

Markie Sanders joins on bass.

AND

May 21st, 6:30 PM

Aqus Cafe

189 H St., Petaluma, California

Cost: FREE!!

On the Air KRCB:



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:

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