

# The Sonoma County Folk Society

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**Hay members, we're  
asking for your help!**



**SONOMA  
COUNTY  
FOLK  
SOCIETY**

The Folk Society is reaching out to our members for some help. We are asking each and any of you to come up with some suggestions on who you think would be possible sponsors for the next folk and

bluegrass festival. We are also hoping to find ongoing advertisers for the FolkNotes newsletter as well. The contributors could be businesses or individuals who you know that have an interest in this music or who have a history of contributing to non-profit groups for tax purposes.

We want to keep on bringing you the best quality events and better support for the music that we all care so much about. So, PLEASE give this some serious consideration and help your Folk Society to become better funded. Yep, we need the bucks so, let's ALL get together on this one.

Please contact Mark Hogan at 829-8012 or Steve DeLap at 542-3798.

The Sonoma County Folk Society  
thanks you very much.



## CHIPFEST 08

- Saturday October 11th at 8pm
- Weischmann Hall
- 460 Eddie Lane, Sebastopol

FEATURING: Sherry Jones, The Mighty Chiplings, Westside, Don Coffin\*, Ted Dutcher & Ellen Silver, Sara Winge & friends, Mayne Smith\*, Riggy Rackin, Chips Off the Old Block, Under the Radar.

If you would like to purchase tickets for this event before they go on sale to the general public, you must call Kevin (824-1858) to let him know how many you want & you must send him a check (made out to Kevin Russell) ASAP. Also, please note the new location. Only a hundred seats will be sold (this is a smaller venue than New College).

Tickets, \$15, (\$13 for SoCoFoSo members)

\* some performances are subject to change



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**Notes from our  
President,  
Steve DeLap**

**OUR ESTEEMED  
PRESIDENT,  
STEVE DELAP  
IS AWAY THIS MONTH.  
HIS ENDURING  
COLUMN WILL  
RETURN IN THE  
NEXT ISSUE OF  
FOLKNOTES.**

**EarleFest**

- **A Celebration of Americana Music**
- **Saturday, September 27th.**
- **A benefit for the Earle Baum Center on Occidental Road in Santa Rosa.**

**FEATURING**

Chris Hillman & Herb Pedersen

The Otis Taylor Band

Corinne West and the Posse

Blue & Lonesome

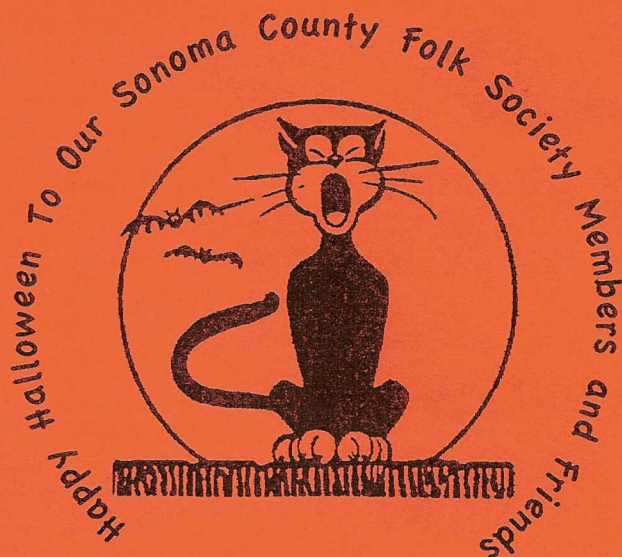
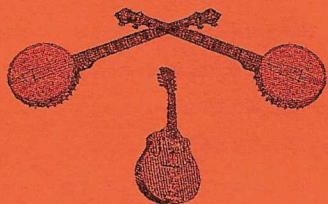
For details, [www.earlefest.com](http://www.earlefest.com)

or contact Christina Brenner

(707) 795-2882

(707) 364-1816 mobile

[christina@thebrenner.com](mailto:christina@thebrenner.com)



**Ukulele Undercurrents**

I started my interest in playing music with the ukulele. I had a bohemian uncle who lived in the City and broke out his uke whenever we visited there. I've recently wanted to begin playing again and thought this column would be a good place to spread and gather local uke gossip.

Young players are pushing the definition of uke technique and creating a renewed interest in the instrument. Most local music stores are stocking ukuleles and clubs are forming around the Bay Area. The most active of the clubs is the Ukulele Club of Santa Cruz, meeting every third Thursday of the month in Santa Cruz. A bit of a drive, but worth it if you're in the area. There are also uke sightings at the Moose Hall in Petaluma, along with open mic opportunities.

I'm hoping to continue my investigation and relay my findings on to you.

Please feel free to e-mail me at [gmscmtn@sonic.net](mailto:gmscmtn@sonic.net) if you have any bits of interest to share.

Ukulele Undercurrents

Gary Sugiyama



**Links:**

[www.gryphonstrings.com](http://www.gryphonstrings.com), Gryphon Strings, Palo Alto

[www.gspguitar.com](http://www.gspguitar.com), Guitar Solo, San Francisco

[www.talltoadmusic.com](http://www.talltoadmusic.com), Tall Toad Music, Petaluma

[www.om28.com](http://www.om28.com), Eric Schoenberg, Music, Tiburon

[www.zonemusic.com](http://www.zonemusic.com), Zone Music, Cotati

[www.ukuleleclub.com](http://www.ukuleleclub.com), Ukulele club of Santa Cruz



## ONE-BODY

**by Gor Yaswen**  
**-(to the folkdancers)**

Why make these circles  
of humans holding hands,  
and move to musics  
not our own?  
What beckons us to  
emulate other Times  
in places we never knew?  
Why in modern land  
do we, these ancient moves?  
Why reach across seas,  
and stretch thru Time  
to find other Ages  
where these dances were?  
Do we find heart-food  
there, we haven't here  
(nor even words for)?  
What draws us lock  
our separate selves  
to this group-self  
that moves together  
to this togetherness thought  
of musics our bodies do?  
In this, our one-body,  
we make primal shapes  
of snakes and spirals,  
circles and blooms.  
In this, our one-body,  
we gesture geometries  
of the very Earth.  
In this, our one-body,  
we do what bodies remember  
from Times minds forgot.  
Could it be Ancient Ones  
hid rites of older wisdoms  
here where overlords  
would not notice,  
and folk fallen void  
of belief in rituals  
would feel called to them  
anyway?



## Don't Miss This One!

**- Russ Barenberg  
and Bryan Sutton**



**Two of the finest acoustic guitarists around!**

**- Friday, October 17th, 8:00 p.m.  
Petaluma Church Concerts at  
First Church of Christ Scientist  
522 B Street, Petaluma, CA**

Grammy Award nominee Russ Barenberg is largely known for his 12 year collaboration with Jerry Douglas and Edgar Meyer which yielded the 1993 album "Skip, Hop & Wobble" as well as material on several other recordings. This past winter he was nominated for a 2008 Grammy Award for best country instrumental performance for the song "Little Monk" off his most recent release "When At Last." Barenberg has also played on the soundtracks for several Ken Burns films, including "The Civil War," "The Brooklyn Bridge," "The Shakers," and "Huey Long."

Bryan Sutton is one of the most high-profile acoustic guitarists in bluegrass and country music these days, a first-call Nashville session player whose jaw-dropping technique, deep background in tradition, and fluency in multiple styles have landed him important gigs with Ricky Skaggs, Jerry Douglas, Earl Scruggs, the Dixie Chicks and Béla Fleck.

Tickets: \$20 door / \$18 advance, online only through [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

For details, [www.petalumachurchconcerts.com](http://www.petalumachurchconcerts.com)

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## **KRCB Channel 22 does it again!**

### **- Another great music series**

Song of the Mountain showcases the best talents in bluegrass and old-time music from the heart of the region where it all began! Live concerts are held monthly at the Lincoln Theatre in Marion, Virginia with many shows videotaped for the award winning Television Series which can be seen on KRCB 22 and other PBS affiliates throughout the country.

Bands who have performed on the show this year alone have been; Tom T. Hall, Steep Canyon Rangers, Randy Waller and the Country Gentlemen, Pine Mountain Railroad, Larry Cordle and Lonesome Standard Time, and Audie Blaylock and Redline to mention only a few of a great list.

I highly recommended following this program if you like bluegrass music!

The show airs at 10:00pm on Saturdays, following Austin City Limit at 9:00.  
Steve Hogle

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## **And yet another good JAM!**

Our good friend Betty Nudelman has let me know that their fun jam has been going on for over 25 years. This sounds like a good time and a great group to support!

East Bay Fiddlin' and Pickin' Potlucks.

Schedule: Sundays, 12-5pm, 50¢ donation covers paper goods, printing and more.

For more details, <http://pickinpotlucks.com/>

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## **The 142 Throckmorton Theatre**

### **- 142 Throckmorton Ave Mill Valley**

Features a variety of entertainment this September. Besides Mark Pitta's comedy night every Tuesday you can see George Kuo, Martin Pahinui and Aaron Mahi on the 4th, Maria Muldaur & The Free Radicals on the 6th, Cyril Pahinui on the 17th, Los Pingous on the 20th and Catie Ryan on the 27th.

For details on this great place, Telephone 415-383-9600.

## **- The Freight & Salvage Coffee House, 1111 Addison St Berkeley CA**

September:

19th, Steve Seskin, Allen Shamblin and Chuck Jones

26th, Lucy Kaplansky and Nina Gerber

October:

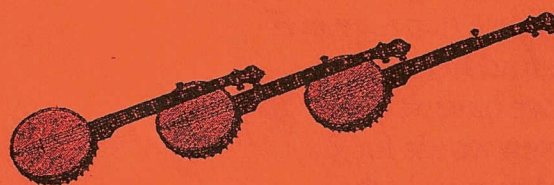
3rd, Norton Buffalo and Roy Rogers

6th, Bill Stains

17th-18th, Eliza Gilkyson

31st, Riley and Maloney

For details, 510-548-1761 or [www.freightandsalvage.org](http://www.freightandsalvage.org)



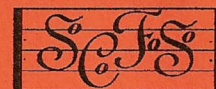
## **Other Upcoming events...**

**The Sonoma County Folk Society will be working in partnership with the California Bluegrass Association to present the first strictly Old Time Music campout.**



**- It will be held at the Russian River Sportsmans Club and the adjacent Russian River Rodeo Association grounds in Duncans Mills, California. This event will be held August 21-23, 2009.**

**- Look for more information on this event in future issues of this newsletter.**





## 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

### • 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 Laura and Jack Benge. Call 707-824-1960 for details. Bring acoustic instruments and your favorite Gospel songs to sing.



### • 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

### - Singer's Circle...

♦ Meets 4th Friday of each month. 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



## Sonoma County Folk Society

## Membership Application

Fill out and return with annual dues of: - ☐ \$10.00 Individual - ☐ \$15.00 Family Make checks payable to SoCoFoSo.

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

(Please print)

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

comments:

Contributions to the Sonoma County Folk Society are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.



## On the Air KRCB:



**-Our own PBS 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" NOW** on Monday evenings 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Old n' new twang, Country, Americana and Roots Music... with Bill Bowker

## Lessons • Lessons • Lessons

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

♦ **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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