



# The Cotton Patch Rag!



**Official Newsletter of  
the Houston Folklore and Music Society**



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# December Fundraiser Success!



Wow! It was a full house and a fantastic evening of talent gracing the stage for our first ever HFMS Benefit! Thanks to all of you for your generosity! Because of you we will be able to continue what we love to do – bring more great folk music talent your way in the coming year! Special thanks to our performers and to everyone that worked in front and behind the scenes to make this event happen!



We're looking forward to bringing you many exciting shows with new performers and fresh ideas! Wishing all of you the happiest and brightest New Year!



## January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:30p SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS Presents



KIMBERLY  
M'CARVER

Born Kimberly Sowell in Dallas, Texas, and raised in Mesquite, Texas, Kimberly M'Carver has been singing and dancing since childhood. She was a music voice major in Dallas and UT Austin, while dancing professionally in fashion shows. She also received degrees in anthropology and veterinary science.

After moving to Houston from Austin, M'Carver fronted cover bands. She started writing songs in 1987, performing at songwriter open mics.

A homemade tape of her songs

was sent to Rounder Records, and they *liked 'em so much* that they came to Houston to see a live performance and offered her a recording contract on the spot.

M'Carver's two Rounder releases (1990 & 1994), *Breathe the Moonlight* and *Inherited Road*, drew rave reviews, nominations, and charted on the Americana chart. She's been nominated by the Houston Press Music Awards for Songwriter of the Year & Best Acoustic/Folk numerous times for over a decade, as well as critic's pick for Best Female Vocalist.

M'Carver co-produced her third cd of original songs (2001), *Cross the Danger Line*, which included many award winning musicians and songwriters, and stellar reviews followed. Her fourth CD, *Hard Waltz*, charted #23 on the Roots Music Report Texas Roots Airplay list, made the Top 50 Folk Nationally Roots Music Report list, charted on Radio Free Americana, and charted in the Top 20 on Freeform American Roots Chart (FAR). She's made TV appearances and toured internationally.

~<https://kimberlymcarver.com>

SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT IS PRESENTED BY THE HOUSTON FOLKLORE AND MUSIC SOCIETY, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF FOLKLORE AND FOLK MUSIC. TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. ADULTS: \$18, SENIOR CITIZENS (65+): \$14, AND CHILDREN (UNDER 12): FREE (MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT). HOT AND COLD DRINKS, AS WELL AS LIGHT SNACKS ARE AVAILABLE. CONCERTS ARE HELD AT 7:30P IN THE [WEST UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY BUILDING](#). VISIT OUR WEBSITE, [WWW.HOUSTONFOLKMUSIC.ORG](http://WWW.HOUSTONFOLKMUSIC.ORG) OR CONTACT [JIM GILL](#) OR [NEELY ATKINSON](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION.



UP NEXT ~



**SUNDAY, January 21, 2024**

**Remembering *Jean Ritchie* PICKIN' PARTY!**

At the home of your host Gary Lust! Co-hosts for this event Bob S & Saena

518 Fair Oak Drive - Stafford TX 77477

<https://goo.gl/maps/V2QeqKCYtoc4R7Wo8>

Visiting starts at 2pm (snacks and beverages provided by our host)

Pickin' starts at 3p (sing anything you like; preferred 1<sup>st</sup> round *Jean Ritchie* songs)

Feel free to contribute to snacks and beverages!

*Jean Ritchie* [was] ... Perhaps the most important singer, interpreter, and proponent of Appalachian traditions since Bascom Lamar Lunsford (1882-1973), she had been part of the American folksong revival for about seventy years. Her life story is well known, partly through her autobiographical songbook *Singing Family of the Cumberlands* (1955) and her many other writings... Her family's great storehouse of songs, stories, games, and other traditions, which they performed as part of their daily lives, was responsible for *Jean's* personal repertoire of mountain folklife. By her reckoning, the most prolific keeper of songs in the family was the man she knew as "Uncle Jason" (actually her father's first cousin), but her parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins all sang and played mountain music.

For more about her colorful life and her immense contribution to the preservation of folk music please visit ~<https://blogs.loc.gov/folklife/2015/06/jean-ritchie-1922-2015/>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOSTING A PICKIN' PARTY**  
**IN YOUR OWN HOME, OR TO CO-HOST AT GARY'S, JUST GIVE**  
**HIM A HOLLER AT GARY4CAREER@HOTMAIL.COM**

## SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

Feb 2024 - Shanna In A Dress

Mar 2024 - Wylde Accord

Apr 2024 - Buddy Mondlock

May 2024 - Sarah Pierce

June thru Aug 2024 - **SUMMER BREAK!** 🚢

Sep 2024 - Helene Cronin

Oct 2024 - Scott Sean White

Nov 2024 - TBA

Dec 2024 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HFMS Holiday Benefit!



# JANUARY FEATURED SONG

by Paul Cooper

## THAT AGGRAVATING BEAUTY

This song is frequently attributed to A. P Carter, and indeed the Carter Family's recording of it made it well-known for the first time, but the song is much older than that. It was recorded twice by others prior to the Carter family, and was published in Wehrman's Universal Songster in 1887. Pa Carter had a very high voice, and this recording of him singing it <https://youtu.be/38wyzTfdTe8?si=v7GN8ZSYnYKmEade> is in G-sharp, so you would have to capo at the sixth fret to play along. You can also hear it on the HFMS Audio Archive page at [http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS\\_Audio\\_Archive.html](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html).

### Lulu Walls

### Traditional

C F C  
One evening getting dark, we first met at the park  
C G  
Just sitting by the fountain all alone.  
C F C  
I lifted up my hat, and then began to chat;  
C G C  
She said she'd 'low me to see her at her home.

### CHORUS:

F C  
Such a star I've never seen, she's as pretty as a queen –  
C G  
Perfect as an angel from above.  
C F C  
I'd live happy all my life if she'd just be my wife.  
C G C  
Oh, that aggravating beauty Lulu Walls.



Toronto Public Library Digital Archive

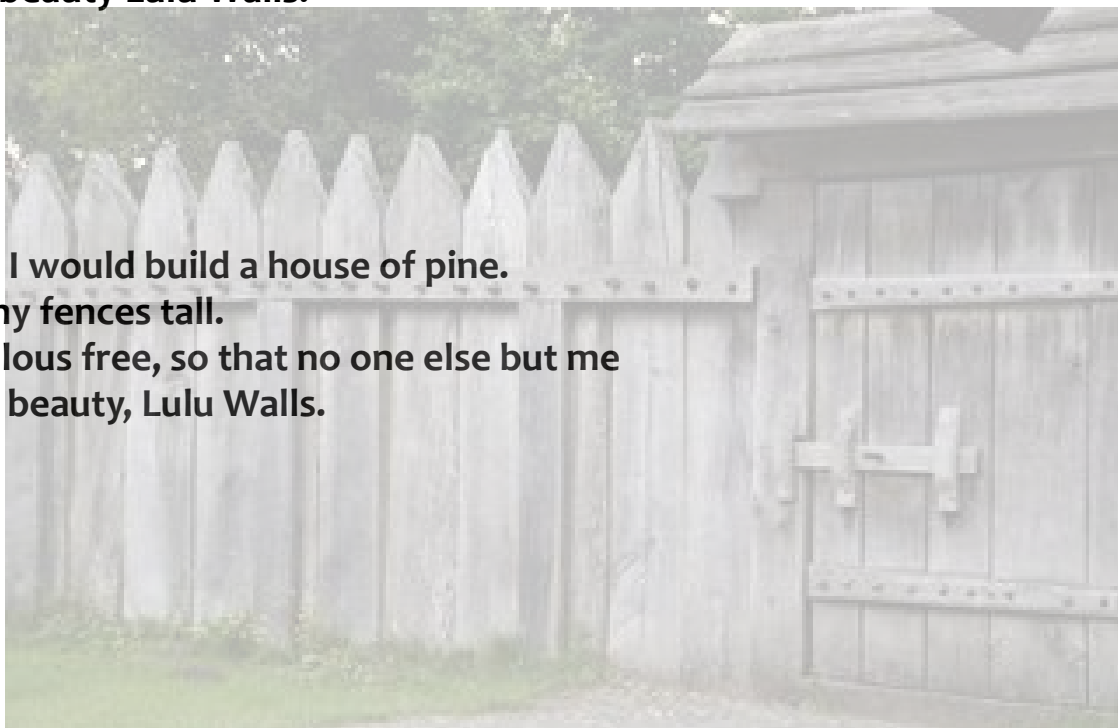
### CHORUS

One evening getting late, I met her at the gate  
I asked her if she'd wed me in the fall.  
She only turned away, and nothing would she say.  
Oh, that aggravating beauty Lulu Walls.

### CHORUS

If she'd be only mine, I would build a house of pine.  
And around it, so many fences tall.  
It would make me jealous free, so that no one else but me  
Could gaze upon that beauty, Lulu Walls.

### CHORUS





# January 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DEC 31 <i>Happy New Year</i> NYE IN IRELAND 4:30P MUCKY DUCK SHAKE RUSSELL 7:30P ANDERSON FAIR ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 2:45P DAUNTLESS DANCE	1 BLUEGRASS JAM 6P CYPRESS, TEXAS TOWNES VAN ZANDT ANNUAL WAKE 5P OLD QUARTER-GALVESTON SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE 7:30P THE WOODLANDS	2 HFMS SONG CIRCLE 7P MIDTOWN BAR & GRILL  OPEN MIC 6:30P DOSEY DOE-B,BBQ & WB BLUEGRASS JAM 7P LUKAS – CLEAR LAKE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE 7:30 MCC – HOUSTON	3 UKELELE JAM 12:30P MENDENHALL CMTY CNTR BLUEGRASS JAM 5:30 BUFFALO GRILLE  IRISH SESSION 7:30P MUCKY DUCK	4 RAQUEL LINDEMANN 6:30P KOJAK’S JOHN FULLBRIGHT 7P MUCKY DUCK  ALEJANDRO ESCOVEDO 8P OLD QUARTER-GALVESTON  PAT BYRNE 9:30P MUCKY DUCK	5 ALEJANDRO ESCOVEDO 7P MUCKY DUCK HOMEGROWN SONGWRITERS 8P RED BRICK-CONROE NHCDS RETREAT SUGARLAND, TEXAS PAT BYRNE 9:30P MUCKY DUCK REQUEST FOLK DANCE 7:30P FIRST LUTHERAN	6 JES SCHNEIDER 4P RUSTIC-DT  NHCDS RETREAT SUGARLAND, TEXAS  SHAKE RUSSELL 8:30P OLD QUARTER-GALVESTON
7   ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 2:45P DAUNTLESS DANCE  TOPHOUSE 7:30P OLD QUARTER-GALVESTON	8 OPEN MIC 6P MUCKY DUCK  BLUEGRASS JAM 6P CYPRESS, TEXAS SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE 7:30P THE WOODLANDS INTRODUCTORY FOLK DANCE 7:30P ODDFELLOWS HALL	9 AMANDA PASCALI 7P MUCKY DUCK BLUEGRASS JAM 7P LUKAS – CLEAR LAKE  SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE 7:30 MCC – HOUSTON	10 UKELELE JAM 12:30P MENDENHALL CMTY CNTR  BLUEGRASS JAM 5:30 BUFFALO GRILLE  IRISH SESSION 7:30P MUCKY DUCK	11 DAVE BECKER BAND 6:30P KOJAK’S  SONGWRITER SHOW 7P RED BRICK – CONROE DAVY KNOWLES & PEPPINO D'AGOSTINO 8:30P DOSEY DOE-TBB SCA EARLY DANCE 6P MENDENHALL CMTY CNTR	12 BEAT ROOT REVIVAL 7P MUCKY DUCK  BLUEGRASS KNIGHT OUT 4P JAM, 6P CONCERT CYPRESS, TEXAS REQUEST FOLK DANCE 7:30P FIRST LUTHERAN	13 KIMBERLY M'CARVER 7:30P HFMS SEC SAT
14	15 "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." - Martin Luther King, Jr. BLUEGRASS JAM 6P CYPRESS, TEXAS OPEN MIC 6P MUCKY DUCK  SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE 7:30P THE WOODLANDS INTRODUCTORY FOLK DANCE 7:30P ODDFELLOWS HALL	16 UKE JAM 6P HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS   BLUEGRASS JAM 7P LUKAS – CLEAR LAKE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE 7:30 MCC – HOUSTON	17 UKELELE JAM 12:30P MENDENHALL CMTY CNTR  BLUEGRASS JAM 5:30 BUFFALO GRILLE  IRISH SESSION 7:30P MUCKY DUCK	18 GEORGE ENSLE 6:30P KOJAK’S  SONGWRITER SHOW 7P RED BRICK – CONROE  TOMMY PRINE 7P WHITE OAK MUSIC HALL  LIBBY KOCH 8P OLD QUARTER-GALVESTON	19 DAWN & HAWKES 7P MUCKY DUCK LISA MORALES 8P OLD QUARTER-GALVESTON  REQUEST FOLK DANCE 7:30P FIRST LUTHERAN	20 NHC DULCIMER JAM 2P ADVENT LUTHERAN SAM ROBBINS 7P GALVESTON FOLK FAMILY UU FELLOWSHIP  BRIAN KALINEC 9:30P MUCKY DUCK FAIS DO DO 6:30P EQ HEIGHTS DAMN QUAILS 8P GOODE CO ARMADILLO PALACE
21 HFMS PICKIN' PARTY 2P PRE-PARTY SOCIAL 3P EMAIL GARY	22 BLUEGRASS JAM 6P CYPRESS, TEXAS   SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE 7:30P THE WOODLANDS INTRODUCTORY FOLK DANCE 7:30P ODDFELLOWS HALL	23 BAIZAN & KLEIN 7P MUCKY DUCK BLUEGRASS JAM 7P LUKAS – CLEAR LAKE  SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE 7:30 MCC – HOUSTON	24 UKELELE JAM 12:30P MENDENHALL CMTY CNTR BLUEGRASS JAM 5:30 BUFFALO GRILLE  IRISH SESSION 7:30P MUCKY DUCK	25 BOB SCHNEIDER 7P & 9:30P MUCKY DUCK WORLD MUSIC JAM 7P HOPE EPISCOPAL JUDY COLLINS 8P MAIN ST XING-TOMBALL SCA EARLY DANCE 6P MENDENHALL CMTY CNTR	26 TREMOLOCO 9P SHOESHINE CHARLEY’S ADAM & CHRIS CARROLL OLD QUARTER-GALVESTON REQUEST FOLK DANCE 7:30P FIRST LUTHERAN	27 BLUEGRASS JAM 1P KLEB WOODS NTR CNTR  JAMES MCMURTRY & BETTY SOO 9P CONTINENTAL CLUB  CONTRA DANCE 7:30P DAUNTLESS DANCE
28 SACRED HARP SINGING 2P FIRST LUTHERAN	29 BLUEGRASS JAM 6P CYPRESS, TEXAS SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE 7:30P THE WOODLANDS INTRODUCTORY FOLK DANCE 7:30P ODDFELLOWS HALL	30 BLUEGRASS JAM 7P LUKAS – CLEAR LAKE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE 7:30 MCC – HOUSTON	31 UKELELE JAM 12:30P MENDENHALL CMTY CNTR BLUEGRASS JAM 5:30 BUFFALO GRILLE  IRISH SESSION 7:30P MUCKY DUCK	Feb 01 THE STALLINGS 7P MUCKY DUCK  GEORGE ENSLE 8P DOSEY DOE-B,BBQ & WB  YOUNG DUBLINERS 8P MAIN ST XING-TOMBALL	Feb 02 WINTERSMEDIA.NET Groundhog Day WARREN HOOD 7P MUCKY DUCK HOMEGROWN SONGWRITERS 8P RED BRICK-CONROE REQUEST FOLK DANCE 7:30P FIRST LUTHERAN	Feb 03

NOTE: CLASSES MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION OR FEES.  
PLEASE CHECK LINKS FOR DETAILS, CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS.  
CALENDAR EVENTS MAY INCLUDE GENRES OTHER THAN FOLK MUSIC.

Thank you for supporting live music!



Downtown and Uptown  
(Post Oak) locations!



\*\*\*\*\*MORE LOCAL EVENTS\*\*\*\*\*

NHCDS ACOUSTIC MUSIC RETREAT  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024 AT 9:00 AM TO  
**NORTH HARRIS CO  
DULCIMER SOCIETY**  
~ HOUSTON ~  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024 AT 11:00 PM

**MIX - MATCH**  
A MIXED ARTS FESTIVAL  
  
January 13, 2024  
**MATCHHOUSTON.ORG**

*ALL IMAGES ARE LIVE LINKS!*

The  
Surfside  
7th annual  
Food and Art  
Festival  
*Jan 27, 2024*  
**Surfside  
Beach Tx  
11-5 pm**  
*Stahlman Park  
2211 Bluewater*  
**CHILI COOKOFF  
LIVE MUSIC**  


Robert Burns Dinner – Friday, January 20th, 2024

Posted on [December 2, 2023](#) by [meldouglass](#)

To all members and friends of the Houston Highland Games Association:

Sometime during next week, HHGA members should receive an invitation (with details) to attend a **Robert Burns Supper on Friday evening, January 20, 2024**. HHGA is sponsoring this event along with St. Thomas Episcopal High School, Meyerland.

**HTX  
Market**  
EAT. SHOP. ♥ DO GOOD.  
January

THE 113TH CELEBRATION OF  
**MARDI GRAS!**  
**GALVESTON**  
FEBRUARY 2-13, 2024  


**17**  
  
**REGISTRATION FOR COOK TEAMS HAPPENING NOW!**  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024 AT 9:00 AM CST  
**17th Annual Houst Irish Stew Cook-off**  
Tequila B



UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND  
MUSICAL EVENTS around Texas & the US

Kerrville's 2024  
Grassy Hill New Folk Competition  
For Emerging Songwriters  
will open in January 2024.

FAIRE OF CHAMPIONS

Six weekends starting January 6, 2024  
Saturdays 10am – 6pm  
Sundays 10am – 5pm



Scottish Country  
Dance Alliance

presents

A  
Twelfth Night Ball

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**BOSTON CELTIC MUSIC  
FESTIVAL** JANUARY 12  
AND 13, 2024  
BOSTON URBAN CEILIDH



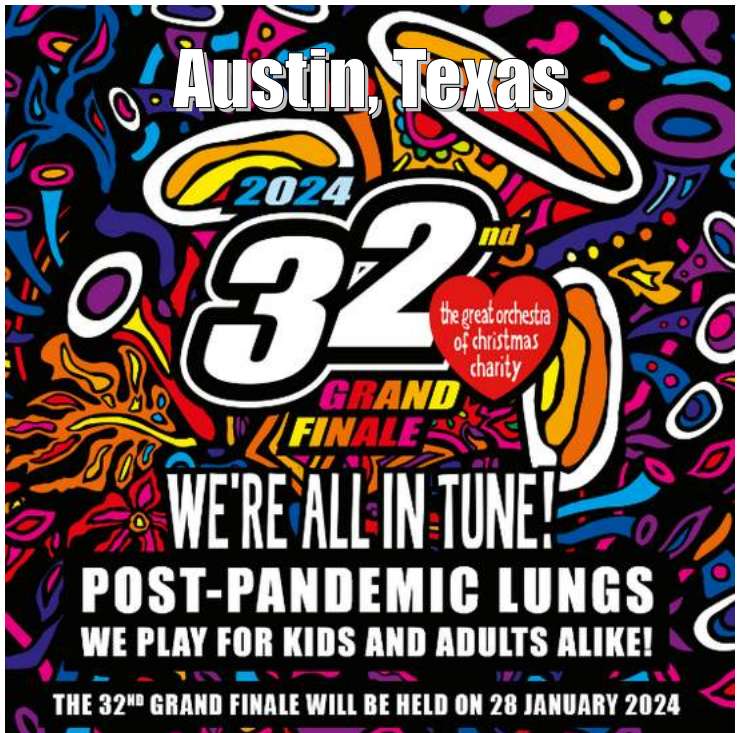
Contra Carnivale

Contra Dance Weekend  
January 12-14, 2024  
San Luis Obispo, California



BROWN COUNTY UKULELE FESTIVAL  
January 19-20th, 2024  
NASHVILLE, INDIANA





February 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm–February 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm EST

Saratoga Springs, NY



4th Annual  
Melodies of Bluegrass Festival





INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS & TOURS



JAN 12 – 14, 2024



PETERBOROUGH, ENGLAND





\*\*\*COMMUNITY ACTION\*\*\*



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**WE ARE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS** of delivering equitable access to music education for millions of students nationwide! Help our music nonprofit continue to serve more communities.



**EMMIT'S PLACE NEEDS YOU**

As many of you might have heard, Susan, the operator of Emmitt's Place and an avid supporter of live music, was recently diagnosed with cancer. She is focused on the health battle ahead and will be unable to operate the club over the next several months.

While she has insurance to cover her medical care, Emmitt's Place will not be able to support paying the 70+ hours of labor each week that Susan typically worked unpaid. We are requesting donations to help cover these labor costs so we can keep the doors open at Emmitt's Place in her absence. Large or small, any donations are greatly appreciated.

To make a donation and read updates from Susan about progress in her health battle, please visit the GoFundMe page at the link below.

♥ DONATE NOW

**Griff's Irish Pub**  
Due to a fire, Griff's is closed...  
Houston's Oldest Sports Bar  
Please help support our staff while we rebuild.  
**EMPLOYEE RELIEF FUND**

**gofundme™ Mission Selia!**

Selia Qynn, acoustic folk-jazz musician at Prima Pasta and owner of Habitat House, fell off a ladder and broke both feet. Please help defray the cost of her lost income and help pay for the upkeep of the Habitat garden and animals while she is unable to. Any amount is appreciated.



# JUST FOLKIN' AROUND

Virtual resources for learnin', partakin', or just listenin'!



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A Blog by John Lomax III



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**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN HOUSTON FOLKLORE AND MUSIC SOCIETY  
OR BUY THEM A GIFT MEMBERSHIP!**

HFMS is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of folklore and folk music. **Dues are \$20 a year for a membership. Members receive our monthly digital newsletter (The Cotton Patch Rag) and the satisfaction of supporting and promoting live folk and acoustic music, and other folklore activities in the greater Houston area.**

**Please fill-out, print, and mail this page along with a check payable to Houston Folklore and Music Society, P.O. Box 542348, Houston, TX 77254 , OR [email](mailto:HouFolkMusic@gmail.com) to [HouFolkMusic@gmail.com](mailto:HouFolkMusic@gmail.com) and join on-line at [Online Memberships](#).**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

☐ New Membership                      ☐ Renewal                      ☐ Re-Joining

Is this a new address?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No                      Today's Date:

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STREET

CITY                       STATE                       ZIP

PHONE                       (wk)

E-MAIL:

☐ Enclosed is \$20 Annual Dues

*Thank you!*

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