

The Cotton Patch



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Rag!



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ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5308 Buffalo Speedway

Houston, TX 77005

SECOND SUNDAY CONCERTS *Presents*



George Ensle

During the 60's Houston Folk Music scene George was sharing stories, songs, and stages with Townes Van Zandt, Guy Clark and Billy Joe Shaver. And after more than five decades he still maintains the essence of that folk tradition, the story song. George has released 15 albums in the US and Europe and was inducted into the Houston Folk Music Archives, the Corpus Christi Songwriters Hall of Fame, and the South Austin Pop Culture Museum. He's been awarded government grants to serve as Artist in the Schools in economically disadvantaged school districts and published two books of his students' work. His song, "Build A Bridge" was adopted by the Build a Bridge Foundation for Healing through the Arts, and included on the "Music to Life" CD.

Five songs he wrote with children at the Hill Country Youth Ranch for abused and abandoned children were included on their "Brand New Start" CD. He created PortraitSongs, a custom songwriting service, and partnered with Swan Songs to write songs honouring the life stories of those on hospice. His songs have been featured in movies, and his own Movie-In-Song, "Small Town Sundown," includes poetry and songs he's performed as a one man song-play. His songwriting has won numerous competitions.

~<https://georgeensle.com/home>

Singer-Songwriter Susan Elliot will open!

Award-winning vocalist, songwriter, producer, and voice teacher, she made her debut as a solo artist at the historic Anderson Fair in the spring of 2017, but is hardly a newcomer to the Texas music scene. For more than three decades, she and her late husband and creative partner, Joe Romano, were a fixture in the Houston jazz community as the duo Mood Indigo, and delighted audiences across the region, performing their original songs for children as The Non-Toxic Band. When Joe was diagnosed with cancer in 2015, Susan found an emotional and creative outlet in songwriting. Harmonically complex, intimate and lyrical, her songs paint a portrait of the human condition, weaving narratives that are both deeply personal and universally resonant.

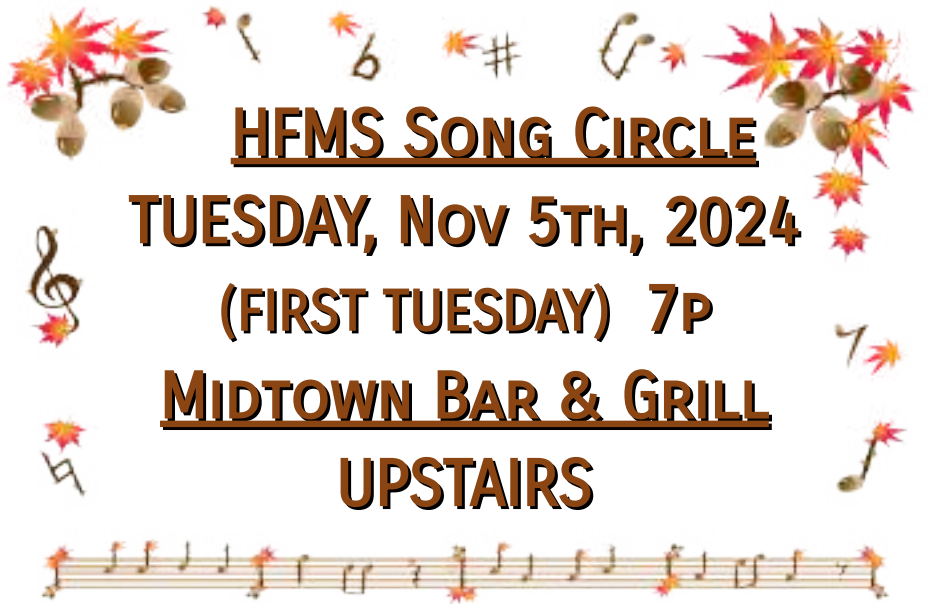
~<https://www.facebook.com/SusanElliotMusic>



Susan Elliot

SECOND SUNDAY CONCERT IS PRESENTED BY THE HOUSTON FOLKLORE AND MUSIC SOCIETY, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE PROMOTION OF SINGER-SONGWRITERS WORKING IN THE FOLK MUSIC TRADITIONS. TICKETS ARE \$20 PER PERSON - SOLD AT THE DOOR. CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE (MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT). **STUDENTS GET IN FREE WITH STUDENT ID!** CONCERTS ARE HELD AT **ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN**. VISIT OUR WEBSITE, WWW.HOUSTONFOLKMUSIC.ORG OR CONTACT **JIM GILL** AT JIM@SAHOUSTON.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

UP NEXT~



HFMS SONG CIRCLE

TUESDAY, Nov 5TH, 2024

(FIRST TUESDAY) 7P

MIDTOWN BAR & GRILL

UPSTAIRS



**Next Pickin' Party -
Sunday, Nov 17, 2024**

GARY'S PLACE

518 FAIR OAK DRIVE - STAFFORD TX

2pm snack* and socialize

3pm pick - n - play

***bring anything you like!**

November Pickin' Party Featured Artist – [Kris Kristofferson!!!](#)

SECOND SUNDAY CONCERTS

Dec 2024 - Holiday Concert



Jan 2025 - [John Flynn](#)

Feb 2025 - [Jack Motley](#)

Mar 2025 - [Ryan Biter](#)

Apr 2025 - [Dana Cooper](#)

May 2025 - [Daniel Neihoff](#)

DRINK SOME OF THAT MOGEN DAVID WINE So, what would be a good song to write about with Halloween approaching? Lightnin' Hopkins' Black Cat Blues, of course. We haven't featured a real old-time Texas blues in this space before. The magical guitar technique of Texas legends like Lightnin', Mance Lipscomb and Blind Lemon Jefferson might cause us to shy away from some of this music. But the 12-bar blues is actually a very accessible musical form. You don't have to play like Lightnin'. Just keep beating out the rhythm with your thumb, and you will do fine. You can hear Lightnin' do Black Cat Blues [here](#), or on the [HFMS Audio Archive](#). As a bonus track, listen to HFMS member John Lomax III talk about Lightnin', Townes Van Zandt, and the Houston Folklore Society [here](#). John's father managed Lightnin' for ten years, and was a founder of our organization in 1951.

(Spoken:)

This is the black cat told that white cat let's go across town and clown
The white cat told the black cat to sit his black self down, and I just left like this

E

The black cat told the white cat stay where you can be

E7

He said I believe you're trying to cheat poor me and then

A7

E

Kept on going across town...

B7

A7

E

B7

Poor white wouldn't even drink some of that ole' Mogen David wine

(Instrumental break -- strum through one verse like this:)

E /// E /// E /// E7 ///

A7 /// A7 /// E /// E ///

B7 /// A7 /// E /// B7 ///

E /// E /// E /// E7 ///

Alright

A7 /// A7 /// E /// E ///

B7 /// A7 /// E /// B7 ///

E E ///

Long time

E

E7

Just go ahead on and drink that Mogen David wine...

A7 /// A7 /// E /// E ///

B7 /// A7 /// E /// B7 ///

(Another Instrumental Break)

E

E

E

That black cat got worried, you know he got up again and danced

E7

A7

E

The white cat told the black cat sit down, said you look like you've got ants in your pants

B7

Black cat he can't get a word in

A7

E

B7

And he sat down and he said gimme a little bottle of that Thunderbird



<https://creator.nightcafe.studio/creation/4A3IEIOAw2utTW8LayoW>

E
Both of 'em are drinking wine
E E E7
One drinking Mogen David and the other drinking Thunderbird

A7
They got drunk and they began to stagger home together
E B7
Black cat looked to the white cat and said ain't we together, and he said, yeah.
E
Black cat told the white cat I believe you're feeling a clown
E E7
White cat told the black cat you better sit your black self down
A7
Because it ain't no time for clowning and carrying on like that.
E B7
that was that white cat.



Image from
[A Story about Race - "Black Cat Blues"](#)
by Lightnin' Hopkins



E
Black cat told the white cat he said you know we've been together and the white cat said yeah
A E
He said it don't make sense for us to get mad at one another and he said no
E
He said but you doing something I really don't like and he said what is it?
E
He said just because you'se the black cat
A E
The black cat told the white cat said I'm doing it because I'm in town
B7 E
Since I had the biggest privilege now you've got the privilege sit your white self down

WANTED

NEW BOARD MEMBER – ALIVE!

HFMS IS SEEKING SOMEONE WHO IS PASSIONATE ABOUT CARRYING ON THE TRADITION AND HISTORY OF FOLK MUSIC FOR FUTURED GENERATIONS!

REWARD: THE SATISFACTION OF BEING PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF, THE JOY OF WORKING WITH A GREAT GROUP OF FOLKS YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON WITH!

DUTIES: ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS, PROVIDE VALUABLE INPUT, ENCOURAGE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS!

ALSO WANTED – NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

EDIT THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER DISTRIBUTION VIA BULK EMAIL – POSSIBLE WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA DUTIES.

IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT OUR PREZ:
NEELY ATKINSON NEELYATK@GMAIL.COM

it's OK to
ASK for HELP

Saena's Big Move!

Due to rising rent and other circumstances our newsletter editor is moving her mobile home out of Houston – and raising funds for the big move!

Please give if you can and share!!!

As many of you know, the rental market in Houston has priced me right out of the mobile home park where I currently live. I'm on a fixed income due to many health struggles and disabilities/pain conditions and so on. I've done my best to manage and be as independent as possible through it all, but there are times when one has to trouble good friends and family with their assistance. I am one of those lucky people to have so many of you! ♥

Click the link for more info and to donate



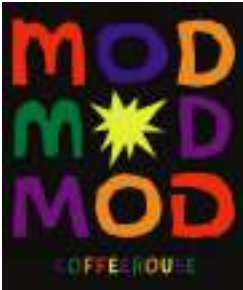
LOCAL FOLKIN’! COMMUNITY FOLK MUSIC CALENDARS, VENUES AND OTHER CONCERT RESOURCES IN AND AROUND THE HOUSTON METRO AREA

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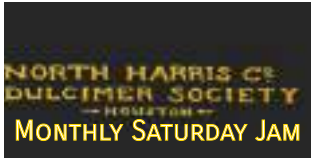
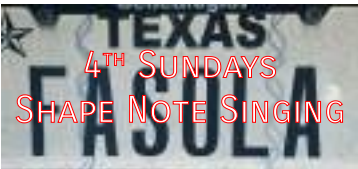
- ♪ Search by Genre or Your Favorite Band!
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- ♪ Get email updates



LIVE MUSIC VENUES



Get Your Jam On!



Luka BBQ Steakhouse
Tuesdays 7:00 to 9:00

Wednesdays 6:00 to 8:00PM

Wednesdays 12:30 & Monthly Jams

Twinkle Your Toes!



Mondays & Tuesdays
Scottish Country Dance
Register here!



European Dance Guild
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6-8pm



Mondays & Fridays
Check for locations!



Select
Saturdays & Sundays
Check for times!

For The Kids



*****LOCAL EVENTS*****

EVENT IMAGES ARE LIVE LINKS!



Saturday Nov. 11 & Sunday Nov. 12 10AM-4PM

Each Fall since 1981, Armand Bayou Nature Center visitors step back in time at the ABNC Fall Festival. Enjoy live music, food, games, wagon rides and more!

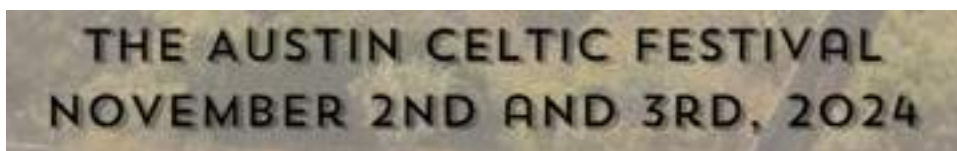


Sat, Nov 23 at 9 AM
CyFair Nutcracker Market - Making Spirits
Bright Holiday Extravaganza
8877 Barker Cypress Rd



17 Farmers Markets to Explore in Houston
From fresh produce, eggs, and prepared meals to pet goods and supplies, shop 'til you drop at these bountiful markets

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



BROOKLYN FOLK FESTIVAL

NOV 8-10, 2024

South State 48

NEW DATES – November
8-11, 2024

Veteran's Day Weekend –
3 days of 24x7 jamming,
workshops, live shows.

Carlsbad by the Sea
Hotel, Carlsbad, CA

**Three Days of Concerts, Open Stages,
Workshops, and Jamming!**

Fri. Nov. 8–Sun. Nov.10

Crowne Plaza Mpls West Hotel, Plymouth MN

Tickets at minnesotabluegrass.org

Augusta Irish Retreat 2024

November 14-17, 2024

Location: Blackwater Falls State Park

2024 HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR INTERNATIONAL

Friday, November 22 - Sunday, November 24

State Fair Park Exposition Center • 8200 West Greenfield Avenue • West Allis, Wisconsin 53214



[NOV 2024 FESTIVAL CALENDAR](#)



Saturday, Nov 23, 2024
10am – 7pm

Texas Camp 2024

Nov. 28, 2024 – Dec. 1, 2024

Four days of international folk dancing and music!

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS & TOURS



UK Folk Festivals – The Big List
Nov 2024

**November
11-17, 2024.**



GALWAYTRADFEST.IE
@GALWAYTRADFEST

**North Tyneside
Ukulele Festival 2024**
Friday 8th - Sunday 10th November



Oban Winter Festival 2024
15th -24th November 2024

The 30th William Kennedy Piping Festival, an international festival of mainly bagpipe-based traditional music, takes place in Armagh on 14-17 November 2024.

**EDINBURGH'S WINTER
FESTIVAL**

Edinburgh's Winter Festival is the home of Christmas and Hogmanay celebrations in Edinburgh!

Edinburgh's Christmas this year runs for six weeks from the 15 Nov 2024 to 4 Jan 2025



**Christmas
in Tivoli**
Copenhagen
15 NOVEMBER til 5 JANUARY

THE TRIP TO



**BIRMINGHAM
TRADFEST**

2024

21ST-24TH NOVEMBER

Phillip Island and Bass Coast Ukulele Festival 2024

When: Saturday 30 November (all day)
Where: Berninneit, Cowes

Burning the Clocks Festival 2024
December 21 Brighton UK

WOODFORD FOLK FESTIVAL
Queensland, Australia
27 Dec 24 - 1 Jan 25

COMMUNITY ACTION

DONATE TO US!



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 your support

March 15th, 2024 by **susan Cabral**, Organizer

I guess ive put this off as long as i can. Im sitting here frozen. Ive been trying not to think about this for 2 weeks now. Change is scary. But im out of options. .. Emmits will not be able to make enough money to cover the yearly licenses this year. The last day we can legally serve alcohol will be May 31st.

I would like to put together some kind of fundraiser-but thats a lot of work for everyone. Im so thankful for all the people who have donated their time and money already. I dont feel right asking for help again... plus, im already over-doing it myself. (I just had a PET-scan that showed activity in a lymph node after my blood markers shot up, so i really need to be focused on my health.)

I hope to have a big 12 Year Anniversary/Closing Party on Memorial weekend, but aside from that, i hope we can just overbook and get a chance to listen to all the wonderful bands we can possibly squeeze in in the next 2 months.

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped us keep the music alive this last year. Emmits wouldn't be open today without you. And I know i wouldn't have made it through chemo without you. I will continue to work on the other music projects that we have started this year, and i will keep looking for other options-but as it stands, we have until the end of May.

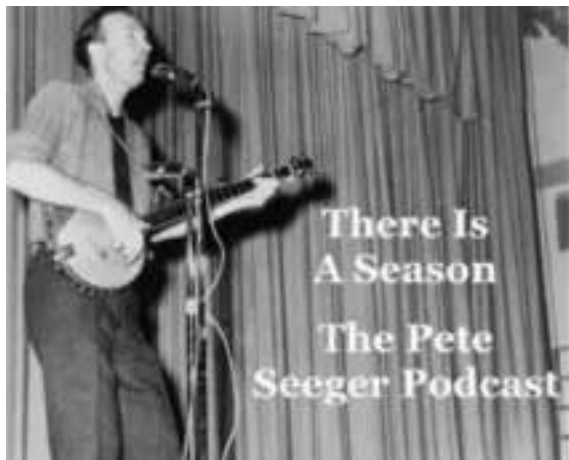
Thanks for taking this journey with me over the last year. **PLEASE DONATE TO HELP HER IF YOU CAN, [CLICK HERE!](#)**

JUST FOLKIN' AROUND

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



Of American Origin
A Blog by John Lomax III



THE DULD SOD VIRTUAL TRADITIONAL IRISH SESSION ON ZOOM



PMFF 2nd-Saturday Virtual Chantey Sing
Feb 10, 2024 - Jan 11, 2025 - 12 Times

[Odd Sundays English Dance Party](#)
[Society of Greater Washington - Dances](#)

[Folklore](#)

[Greenwich Village Concerts](#)

[Any Sunday Songwriters - concerts](#)

[Folklore Society of Greater Washington Online Concert Series](#)

[Google Map](#) of [Old Time Jams](#), [Festivals](#), [Fiddle Contests](#), [Irish Sessions](#), and [Contra Dance Bands](#) in the US and Around the World! *confirm local listings*

**JOIN US, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
OR BUY THEM A GIFT MEMBERSHIP!**

Started in June 1951, Houston Folklore and Music Society (HFMS) is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the preservation of folk music (*from the German word Volksmusik meaning “people’s music”*), and promotion of singer-songwriters working in the folk music traditions. In 1980, HFMS started hosting concerts and 100% of concert proceeds have gone to the artists! We are a 100% volunteer organization presenting: traditional folk 🎵 bluegrass 🎵 country music 🎵 old time 🎵 blues 🎵 acoustic jazz 🎵 other Americana/Roots music 🎵 European and Celtic folk 🎵 Mexican and South American, and the list goes on... You never know who will turn up at a [Second Sunday Concert!](#)

Members receive our monthly digital newsletter, *The Cotton Patch Rag* (*with extensive local resources and worldwide events*) and the satisfaction of supporting and promoting live music in the greater Houston area. **Dues are \$20 (one email address) individual membership, and \$35 (two email addresses) joint membership.**

Join us online at [Online Memberships](#). Or if your preference is snail mail, 🐌 this form can be printed and mailed with a check payable to Houston Folklore and Music Society, P O Box 16013, Sugar Land, TX 77496.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Re-Joining

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

NAME(s):

STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE (wk)

E-MAIL (1):

E-MAIL (2):

Enclosed is ☐ \$20 Annual Dues ☐ \$35 Annual Dues

Thank you!

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