



The Cotton Patch Rag!



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the Houston Folklore and Music Society



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April 8, 2023 7:30p SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

presents



Houston based singer/song-writers and instrumentalists Tom Tranchilla & Buddy Allen perform a variety of country, folk, Americana, ragtime, and blues - both originals and covers. Tom specializes in finger-style 6 & 12-string acoustic guitars and vocals and “string-wizard” Buddy Allen specializes in guitar, mandolin, fiddle, guitar, banjo (just about everything with strings), as well as vocals. In their 19-year music partnership, Tom & Buddy have released 2 guitar duet CDs/albums: Acoustic Spontaneity and Acoustic Audio-Dacity,

receiving rave reviews from My Texas Music, Stave Magazine and we here at Houston Folklore and Music Society. <https://www.reverbnation.com/tomtranchilla>

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 or contact [Paul Cooper](#) or [Neely Atkinson](#) for more information.

UP NEXT -

May – Brian Kalinec

Sept – David Starr

HFMS SONG CIRCLE AT MIDTOWN BAR & GRILL!



TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2023

7:00P

FROM OUR PREZ!

An article in the Portland Folk Music Society Newsletter, Local Lore, on the problems facing folk music societies.

HFMS is mentioned.

ANNOUNCING THE RETURN OF SUNDAY PICKIN' PARTIES!

Each time memorializing a different honoree!

We'll kick-off Sunday, May 21st, 2023

At the home of Gary Lust

518 Fair Oak Drive - Stafford TX 77477

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

with the first ever

Remembering Guy Clark Pickin' Party

Visiting starts at 2pm

(snacks and beverages provided by our host)

Pickin' starts at 3p

(sing anything you like, but preferred first round commemorates Guy Clark)

Feel free to contribute to the snacks and beverages! RSVP's welcome:

gary4career@hotmail.com

INSTRUMENTS OF WAR

by Andy Longo

During the American Civil War, there was the production of cigar box string instruments made by the soldiers. This tradition continued on through to World War I. The image below shows samples of the type of instruments that were crafted.

While these instruments are remarkable for their ingenuity and the condition under which they were constructed by men in combat, there are some examples of excellent violins constructed by prisoners of war during World War II. The first example is that of made by Clair Cline a U. S. Air Corps B-24 pilot who was shot



down over occupied Holland and sent to Stalag Luft I prison in Germany. His basic materials were slats from the camp beds and excess glue scraped from the crude furniture in the camp. His story has been dramatized in a 2017 movie, "Instrument of War".



Violin Built by Clair Cline

There was also a German prisoner sent to a POW camp in Essex, England who completed a violin. While, I do not have his story, there is a [video here](#) of it being played after it had gone through a restoration.



APRIL FEATURED SONG

by Paul Cooper

I THINK I'M GOING TO MOVE OUT TO THE COUNTRY

Here is a very timely song by one of April's Second Saturday artists, Tom Tranchilla (see first page). Tom says, "This song was written in the spring, while observing all my neighbors digging out of the winter freeze, replacing dead plants/vegetation, preparing their lawns with all the essentials, including mulch and weed & feed, in anticipation of the soon-to-be announced spring "lawn of the month" competition, with added tongue-and-cheek humor, of course." You can hear this song on Tom's excellent CD, *THAT TRAIN*, or here on the [HFMS Audio Archive page](#).

WEED AND FEED

By Tom Tranchilla

C F
I get a little itching in the spring time
C G
The pollen is flying through the air
C F
The chick and dollar weed are eatin' me alive
C G C
This old lawn's in need of some care

C F
The neighbors are a cuttin' and a groomin'
C G
The lawns will all soon be clones
C F
The pine-bark mulch, stacked in piles
C G C
For the gardens of the Smiths and Jones

Chorus C G
Weed & feed, weed & feed
C F
Will someone please tell me how I'll survive
C G C
If I don't get my weed & feed

It seems my lawn is once again a growin'
Though I've had a break in recent months
But the springtime rains a causin' everything to grow
And the weatherman's bringing more fronts



Pulling weeds by hand is getting nowhere
There's got to be a better way to go
If I don't get a bag of weed and feed real soon
I'll hire the neighborhood kid to mow

Chorus

I think I'm going to move out to the country
In the middle of the woods I'll be
No more fussin' of hangin' with the Jones, no more weed & feed

Chorus (optional ending)

April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAR 26	MAR 27	MAR 28	MAR 29	MAR 30	MAR 31	1
	<u>BLUEGRASS JAM 6P</u> CYPRESS, TEXAS <u>OPEN MIC 6P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE</u> 7:30P THE WOODLANDS <u>HTOWN INT'L FOLK DANCE</u> INTRODUCTORY DANCE	<u>SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE</u> 7:30P HOUSTON HEIGHTS	<u>UKELELE JAM 12:30P</u> MENDENHALL CMTY CNTR <u>IRISH SESSION 7:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK	<u>MIKE DARNELL 6:30P</u> & <u>CELIA QUINN</u> KOJAK'S <u>MICHAEL HEARNE 8P</u> DOSEY DOE – B, BBQ & WB THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS	<u>LISA MORALES 8P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON, TEXAS <u>HTOWN INT'L FOLK DANCE</u> 7:30P REQUEST DANCING FIRST LUTHERAN	 <u>KYLE COMER -</u> <u>JOHN VIDOVIC 8P</u> VILLAGE BOOKS THE WOODLANDS, TX
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<u>ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</u> 2:30P DAUNTLESS DANCE	<u>BLUEGRASS JAM 6P</u> CYPRESS, TEXAS <u>OPEN MIC 6P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE</u> 7:30P THE WOODLANDS <u>HTOWN INT'L FOLK DANCE</u> INTRODUCTORY DANCE	<u>HFMS SONG CIRCLE 7P</u> MIDTOWN BAR & GRILL <u>OPEN MIC 7P</u> DOSEY DOE- B, BBQ & WB THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS <u>SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE</u> 7:30P HOUSTON HEIGHTS	<u>UKELELE JAM 12:30P</u> MENDENHALL CMTY CNTR <u>BASIC UKE 6P</u> SPRING CREEK BBQ <u>PAT BYRNE WITH</u> <u>JAIMEE HARRIS 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK	  	GOOD FRIDAY <u>DAWN & HAWKES 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>HTOWN INT'L FOLK DANCE</u> 7:30P REQUEST DANCING FIRST LUTHERAN	<u>TOM TRANCHILLA &</u> <u>BUDDY ALLEN 7:30P</u> HFMS 2 ND SATURDAY <u>BUDDY MONDLOCK 7P</u> MILLBEND COFFEE HSE THE WOODLANDS, TX <u>GABE WOOTTON &</u> <u>GREG SCHROEDER 8P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON, TEXAS <u>SHAKE RUSSELL 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>CONTRA DANCE 7:30P</u> DAUNTLESS DANCE
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
 <u>CHRIS LIVELY 12:30P</u> THE RUSTIC – PO <u>TOM FOTI 4P</u> THE RUSTIC – DT	<u>BLUEGRASS JAM 6P</u> CYPRESS, TEXAS <u>OPEN MIC 6P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE</u> 7:30P THE WOODLANDS <u>HTOWN INT'L FOLK DANCE</u> INTRODUCTORY DANCE	<u>SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE</u> 7:30P HOUSTON HEIGHTS	<u>UKELELE JAM 12:30P</u> MENDENHALL CMTY CNTR <u>IRISH SESSION 7:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK	<u>NARISSA BOND, RYAN COLE,</u> & <u>TED MILLER 6:30P</u> KOJAK'S <u>OPEN MIC 8P</u> GREEN OAKS TAVERN HUMBLE, TEXAS <u>EARLY EUROPEAN DANCE 7P</u> MENDENHALL CMTY CNTR <u>WOODSTOCK TRIBUTE 8P</u> MAINSTREET CROSSING TOMBALL, TEXAS <u>DANA COOPER 8P</u> DOSEY DOE – B, BBQ & WB THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS	<u>CHARLES WESLEY GODWIN 8P</u> WHITE OAK MUSIC HALL <u>BUDDY MONDLOCK &</u> <u>MIKE LINDAUR 8:30P</u> ANDERSON FAIR <u>HTOWN INT'L FOLK DANCE</u> 7:30P REQUEST DANCING FIRST LUTHERAN	<u>NHC DULCIMER JAM 2P</u> ADVENT LUTHERAN <u>RANDY LEWIS BROWN 7P</u> JOHNSON HOUSE CNCRTS
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<u>ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</u> 2:30P DAUNTLESS DANCE <u>DANA COOPER 7P</u> COWBOY SURFER	<u>BLUEGRASS JAM 6P</u> CYPRESS, TEXAS <u>OPEN MIC 6P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE</u> 7:30P THE WOODLANDS <u>HTOWN INT'L FOLK DANCE</u> INTRODUCTORY DANCE	 <u>ALL LEVEL UKE 6P</u> HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS <u>OPEN MIC 7P</u> DOSEY DOE – B, BBQ & WB THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS <u>SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE</u> 7:30P HOUSTON HEIGHTS	<u>UKELELE JAM 12:30P</u> MENDENHALL CMTY CNTR <u>IRISH SESSION 7:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK	<u>OPEN MIC 8P</u> GREEN OAKS TAVERN HUMBLE, TEXAS	<u>DANA COOPER 8P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON, TEXAS <u>HTOWN INT'L FOLK DANCE</u> 7:30P REQUEST DANCING FIRST LUTHERAN	 <u>BLUEGRASS JAM 1P</u> KLEB WOODS NTR CNTR <u>CONTRA DANCE 7:30P</u> DAUNTLESS DANCE
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PLEASE CHECK LINKS FOR DETAILS, CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS.
CALENDAR EVENTS MAY INCLUDE GENRES OTHER THAN FOLK MUSIC.

Thank you for supporting live music!



PRESENTING SINGERS AND
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THE GRANDDADDY OF
LIVE MUSIC VENUES



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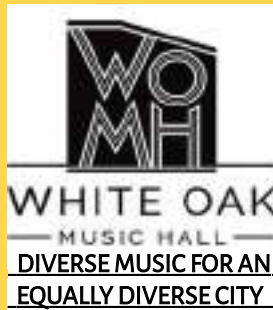


Downtown and Uptown
(Post Oak) locations!



THE PREMIER SPOT FOR
UP-CLOSE CONCERTS

THE LIVEST MUSIC
IN TEXAS



HOSTING LIVE ACOUSTIC MUSIC
IN THE WOODLANDS
SINCE 1992

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



Folk Life Festival

KATY ISD

Featuring
North Harris County
DULCIMER SOCIETY

Kenneth D. Welch Outdoor Learning Center
37th Annual Folk Life Festival
Saturday, April 1, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.





conroecrossroads

April 13-16, 2023

Four days of live music featuring
40 shows at venues throughout Conroe!

photos in the
wildflowers,
kite flying,
prairie seed ball making,
bluegrass music,
food trucks,
bird watching,
insect sweep
netting...

Coastal
Prairie Conservancy



SPRING FESTIVAL

on the Katy Prairie Preserve

Join the Coastal Prairie Conservancy
for a day of FREE family fun in nature!

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

2023 Texas SandFest

April 14-16 | Rain or
Shine Port Aransas

RAWHIDE TRAIL HOUSE
CONCERTS

Music
THE VOICE OF THE SOUL

HTX
Market

EAT. SHOP. ❤️ DO GOOD.



FOUNDERS DAY: EVENT SNAP SHOT

APRIL 15TH | 4:30PM-9:30PM



EVENT DESCRIPTION:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JERSEY VILLAGE! This event will be themed as a Carnival/Festival that will provide games, rides, activities, entertainment, food and fireworks. The goal of this event is to harness the passion our residents have for Jersey Village and channel that passion into a grand birthday celebration.

BREAKDOWN OF ACTIVITIES:

- Food & Beverage
- Carnival Games
- Amusement Rides
- Cake Walk
- Bingo
- Chili Cook-off
- DJ
- Prizes
- FIREWORKS
- AND MUCH MORE...





APRIL 15TH & 16TH, 2023

CHAPPELL HILL
*Bluebonnet
Festival*

THE OFFICIAL BLUEBONNET FESTIVAL OF TEXAS



APRIL 22, 2023
12 - 5 PM
FREE



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





28th Annual
SA Highland Games &
Celtic Music Festival
April 1st & 2nd
Helotes Festival Grounds

TEXAS 104TH ANNUAL MEETING
FOLKLORE SOCIETY
APRIL 6-8, 2023



April 13-16, 2023 near the SF Bay Area



April 14 – 16, 2023
Dallas, Texas





INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS & TOURS



13th to 16th April 2023

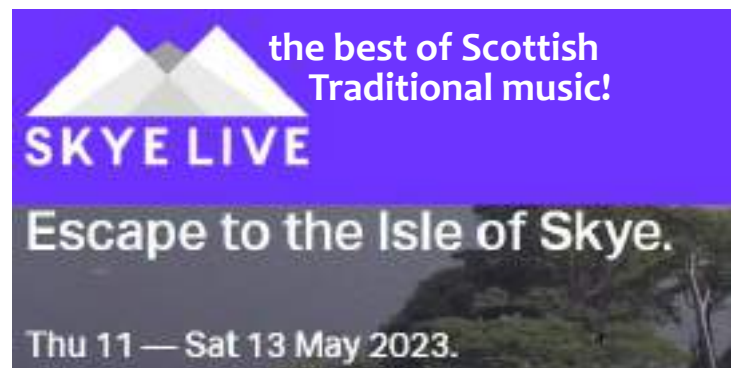
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MUSIC FESTIVAL

Clifden, Connemara, Co. Galway



— EDINBURGH —
TRADFEST

28 APRIL - 8 MAY 2023



*****COMMUNITY ACTION*****



Griff's Irish Pub
Due to a fire, Griff's will be closed until further notice.
Houston's Oldest Sports Bar
Please help support our staff while we rebuild.
EMPLOYEE RELIEF FUND

J P Hops House Fire Fundraiser



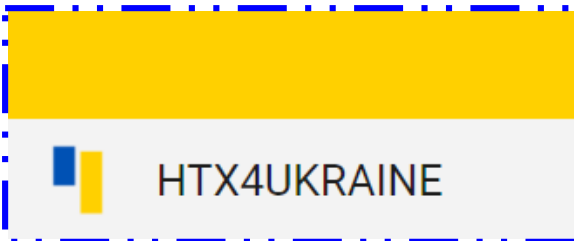
Due to a fire JP Hops will be closed until further notice.
Please help support them!

SAVE THE MUSIC PARTNERS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE MUSIC PROGRAMS



AMERICA'S OTHER IRISH - A MUSICAL JOURNEY

This two-hour public television documentary will combine narrative and music performance to recount the little-known but vital role of the people known as the "Scotch-Irish" or "Scots-Irish" in shaping our country's democratic traditions, values and conflicts, with the same proletarian spirit reflected in their music.



HTX4UKRAINE



TEXAS FOLK LIFE

Little Texas Stories

a crowdsourced project that invites community members, youth, and educators to submit short interviews to be archived and disseminated through Texas Folklife.

Community traditions documented by you!

How You Can Help: Donate to Uvalde, Texas Elementary School Shooting Relief

- On May 24, nineteen students and two adults were killed in a shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. The GoFundMe community is coming together to support all those affected. Our Trust & Safety team will continue to update this hub with more fundraisers as they are verified. Donate to verified Texas elementary school shooting fundraisers below to offer your help.



JUST FOLKIN' AROUND

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



[Exhibits](#) [Collections](#) [Story Map](#)



[Freight & Salvage](#) education events!

[Jan Seides](#) piano, voice or guitar. Children and Adults.



[Ould Sod Virtual Traditional Irish Session](#)
[Old Time Jams and Other Genres *Calendar*](#)
[Steady Speed Irish Sessions](#)

[Monthly 'chanter sing' to support the SF Maritime National Park](#)
[Portsmouth Maritime Monthly Chantey Sing](#)
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[Country Dance & Song Society](#)
[San Francisco Folk Music Club Community Calendar](#)
[Portland Folk Music Society](#) - singing and playing

[Folk Arts Center Of New England](#)
[Judith's Virtual Folk Dance Calendar](#)
[Royal Scottish Dance Society Global Dance Listings](#)
[Odd Sundays English Dance Party](#)
[Folklore Society of Greater Washington - Dances](#)

[Folk Alliance International Live Stream Concerts Calendar](#)
[Greenwich Village Concerts](#)
[Any Sunday Songwriters](#) - concerts
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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 and join on-line at [Online Memberships](#).

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ New Membership

☐ Renewal

☐ Re-Joining

Is this a new address? ☐ Yes

☐ No

Today's Date:

NAME

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

(wk)

E-MAIL:

☐ Enclosed is \$20 Annual Dues

Thank you!

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