



The Cotton Patch Rag!



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HFMS SONG CIRCLE

TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH (SECOND TUESDAY)

MIDTOWN BAR & GRILL

UPSTAIRS

7:00P



SUNDAY, June 18th, 2023

Remembering Gordon Lightfoot PICKIN' PARTY!

At the home of Gary Lust
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, but preferred first round
commemorates Gordon Lightfoot)

Feel free to contribute to the snacks and beverages!
RSVP's encouraged: gary4career@hotmail.com



SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

Summer Break – June, July, August

Sept – David Starr

IN MEMORIAM: JOHN NOVA LOMAX

We lost an important member of the Houston music and literary community May 22. John Nova Lomax, son of our member John Lomax III and grandson of HFMS founder John Lomax Jr., was a prolific and gifted writer, focused mainly on the worlds of music, culture and sports around Houston and all of Texas. His work appeared in *Texas Monthly*, *Houstanian*, and *Texas Highways*, and he wrote for twelve years for the *Houston Press*. John Nova was 53 years old.

John Nova and his family attended one of our pickin parties at Carolyn Davis's home on the banks of the Brazos along with his father, John Lomax III when the elder Lomax was in town for a program at Rice sponsored by the Houston Folk Music Archive at Fondren Library. John Nova was a friend of HFMS, and had mentioned us favorably in his writings. For an excellent longer article on John Nova's life and accomplishments by Margaret Dowling of the *Houston Press*, go [here](#).



I Woke Up to AI

by Andy Longo et al

In a telephone conversation, my brother in law used the phrase “living in hope and dying despair”. When I heard that, I told him he could be a major blues artist of Ponchatoula, LA. Alas, he does aspire to that. Fortunately (depending on your opinion), there is the ChatGPT app on [openai.com](#) and several other such systems available. So I ventured forth with a test run.

I asked for a blues song to be written in the style of Skip James [[Nehemiah Curtis "Skip" James](#) (June 9, 1902 – October 3, 1969)] based on the theme “living in hope and dying in despair”. It put out 4 verses with a chorus and outgo. I have included a sample of the verses. I also ran test with adding verses to some songs that I like so that I would know how to sing along with them. You may have some fun with this if you have not already tried to do so.

Claude's Lament (an AI composition)



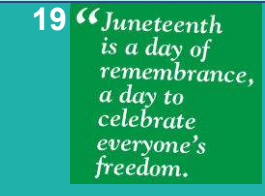

I woke up this morning, with a heavy hearted soul,
Feelin' down and weary, like I'm stuck in a deep, dark hole.
Livin' in hope, but dyin' in despair,
Life's been unkind, don't seem fair.

CHORUS: Oh, I'm livin' in hope, but dyin' in despair,
Feelin' lost and broken, like life ain't playin' fair.
Tryin' to find my way, in this world so cold,
Livin' in hope, but the road's gettin' old.

I've seen my share of struggles, faced many a storm,
Fought through the battles, tried to keep my form.
But sometimes it feels like I'm runnin' on empty,
Livin' in hope, but the pain is plenty.

OUTGO: So I'll keep on goin', with my eyes on the light,
Livin' in hope, and holdin' on tight.
For in the midst of darkness, a spark can still ignite,
And with hope in my heart, I'll keep on fightin' the night.

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mai 28 <u>Blaggards 5p</u> <u>Haak Winery</u> <u>Santa Fe, Texas</u>	Mai 29  <u>Bluegrass Jam 6p</u> <u>Cypress, Texas</u> <u>Scottish Country Dance</u> <u>7:30p The Woodlands</u> <u>Htown Int'l Folk Dance</u> <u>Introductory Dance</u>	Mai 30 <u>Bluegrass Jam 7p</u> <u>Luka's BBQ & Steak</u> <u>Scottish Country Dance</u> <u>7:30p Houston Heights</u>	Mai 31 <u>Ukelele Jam 12:30p</u> <u>Mendenhall Cmty Cntr</u> <u>Irish Session 7:30p</u> <u>Mucky Duck</u> <u>Maria's Magical Music</u> <u>Adventure! 2p</u> <u>Metro Dance Center</u>	1 <u>Slaid Cleaves 8p</u> <u>Main Street Crossing</u> <u>Tomball, Texas</u> <u>Ryem The Duo 6p</u> <u>The Rustic - PO</u> <u>The Renfrees 6:30p</u> <u>& Pam Grisham</u> <u>Kojak's</u> <u>Songwriter Concert</u> <u>Anderson Fair 7:30p</u> <u>Mucky Duck 33rd</u> <u>Birthday! 7p</u> <u>with Pat Byrne</u> <u>Mucky Duck</u>	2 <u>The Renfrees 5:30p</u> <u>by Johnson Studio</u> <u>UU Fellowship Galveston</u> <u>Galveston, Texas</u> <u>KPFT Fundraiser 7:30p</u> <u>with Grant Peoples</u> <u>Anderson Fair</u> <u>Homegrown Songwriters</u> <u>8p Red Brick Tavern</u> <u>Conroe, Texas</u> <u>Htown Int'l Folk Dance</u> <u>7:30P Request Dancing</u> <u>First Lutheran</u>	3 <u>Gary Burgess 6:30p</u> <u>EQ Heights</u> <u>James McMurtry 7p</u> <u>and 9:30p</u> <u>Mucky Duck</u>
4 <u>English Country Dance</u> <u>2:45p Dauntless Dance</u> <u>Ordinary Elephant 3p</u> <u>Old Quarter Acoustic</u> <u>Galveston, Texas</u>	5 <u>Bluegrass Jam 6p</u> <u>Cypress, Texas</u> <u>Htown Int'l Folk Dance</u> <u>Introductory Dance</u>	6 <u>Basic Uke 6p</u> <u>Spring Creek BBQ</u> <u>Open Mic 7p</u> <u>Dosey Doe - b, bbq & wb</u> <u>Ordinary Elephant</u> <u>7p Mucky Duck</u> <u>Bluegrass Jam 7p</u> <u>Luka's BBQ & Steak</u>	7 <u>Ukelele Jam 12:30p</u> <u>Mendenhall Cmty Cntr</u> <u>HFMS Song Circle 7p</u> <u>Midtown Bar & Grill</u>	8 <u>Matt Szlachetka & Sarah Aili 9:30p</u> <u>Mucky Duck</u> <u>Ferrin & Delaney</u> <u>& Mary Hammer</u> <u>6:30p Kojak's</u> <u>Early European Dance 7p</u> <u>Mendenhall Cmty Cntr</u>	9 <u>Bluegrass Knight Out</u> <u>4p pre-show Jam</u> <u>6:30p Cypress, Texas</u> <u>Curtis McMurtry</u> <u>7:30p Anderson Fair</u> <u>Guy Forsyth 9:30p</u> <u>Mucky Duck</u> <u>Htown Int'l Folk Dance</u> <u>7:30P Request Dancing</u> <u>First Lutheran</u>	10 <u>Shanna In A Dress 7p</u> <u>Millbend Coffee Hse</u> <u>The Woodlands, Tx</u> <u>Contra Dance 7:30p</u> <u>Dauntless Dance</u>
11 <u>Callers Collective 2:30p</u> <u>2:30p callers@hatds.org</u> <u>Matt Harlan 7p</u> <u>Cowboy Surfer</u>	12 <u>Bluegrass Jam 6p</u> <u>Cypress, Texas</u> <u>Htown Int'l Folk Dance</u> <u>Introductory Dance</u>	13 <u>Bluegrass Jam 7p</u> <u>Luka's BBQ & Steak</u>	14 Flag Day <u>Ukelele Jam 12:30p</u> <u>Mendenhall Cmty Cntr</u>	15 <u>Paul Boedeker</u> <u>6:30p Kojak's</u>	16 <u>Shake Russell & Anthony Klonaris</u> <u>7:30p Anderson Fair</u> <u>Htown Int'l Folk Dance</u> <u>7:30P Request Dancing</u> <u>First Lutheran</u>	17 <u>Revels Houston Auditions</u> <u>10a Children</u> <u>11a Adults</u> <u>St Luke's Methodist</u> <u>Choir Room</u> <u>NHC Dulcimer Jam 2p</u> <u>Advent Lutheran</u> <u>Cheryl Caywood 6p</u> <u>Mod Coffee House</u> <u>Galveston, Texas</u> <u>Lisa Morales 7p</u> <u>Mucky Duck</u>
18  <u>Grateful Dead for Kids</u> <u>12p Last Concert Cafe</u> <u>HFMS Pickin' Party</u> <u>2p pre-party social</u> <u>3p Email Gary</u> <u>English Country Dance</u> <u>2:45p Dauntless Dance</u>	19  <u>Bluegrass Jam 6p</u> <u>Cypress, Texas</u> <u>Htown Int'l Folk Dance</u> <u>Introductory Dance</u>	20 <u>Bluegrass Jam 7p</u> <u>Luka's BBQ & Steak</u> <u>Uke Jam 6p</u> <u>Huntsville, Texas</u> <u>Open Mic 7:30p</u> <u>Dosey Doe - b, bbq & wb</u> <u>Grown-Up Storytime</u> <u>8p Continental Club</u>	21  <u>Ukelele Jam 12:30p</u> <u>Mendenhall Cmty Cntr</u> <u>Beat Root Revival</u> <u>8p Main Street xing</u> <u>Tomball, Texas</u>	22 <u>Songwriter Showcase</u> <u>6:30p Kojak's</u> <u>World Music Jam 7p</u> <u>Hope Episcopal</u> <u>Early European Dance 7p</u> <u>Mendenhall Cmty Cntr</u>	23 <u>Htown Int'l Folk Dance</u> <u>7:30P Request Dancing</u> <u>First Lutheran</u>	24 <u>Bluegrass Jam 1p</u> <u>Kleb Woods Ntr Cntr</u> <u>Hayes Carll 7pm</u> <u>& Late Show 9:30p</u> <u>Mucky Duck</u>
25 <u>Classical Guitar Jam</u> <u>2p @ Ecclesia</u>	26 <u>Bluegrass Jam 6p</u> <u>Cypress, Texas</u> <u>Htown Int'l Folk Dance</u> <u>Introductory Dance</u>	27 <u>Bluegrass Jam 7p</u> <u>Luka's BBQ & Steak</u>	28 <u>Ukelele Jam 12:30p</u> <u>Mendenhall Cmty Cntr</u> <u>Eli Lev 7p</u> <u>Red Brick Tavern</u> <u>Conroe, Texas</u>	29 <u>Runaway Revival</u> <u>6:30p Kojak's</u> <u>Mermaid Junction 9p</u> <u>Shoeshine Charley's</u>	30 <u>Shake Russell 7p</u> <u>Mucky Duck</u> <u>Htown Int'l Folk Dance</u> <u>7:30P Request Dancing</u> <u>First Lutheran</u>	Jul 01 <u>Gary Burgess 6:30p</u> <u>EQ Heights</u>

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!

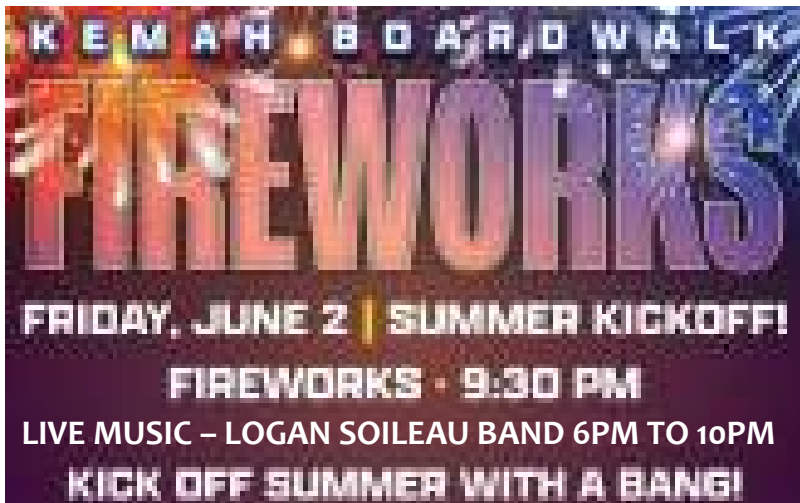
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June 2-4, 2023

FRIDAY 10-4 SATURDAY 10-4 SUNDAY 11-4



KEMAH BOARDWALK
FIREWORKS
FRIDAY, JUNE 2 | SUMMER KICKOFF!
FIREWORKS · 9:30 PM
LIVE MUSIC – LOGAN SOILEAU BAND 6PM TO 10PM
KICK OFF SUMMER WITH A BANG!



GULF COAST
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Miller Outdoor Theater
The Legend of the Lunar Festival



📅 Tuesday, June 6, 2023
 11:00 am (1h)

Miller Outdoor Theater
The Legend of the Lantern Festival



📅 Wednesday, June 7, 2023
 11:00 am (1h)

Summer Vibe Artisan Market

WHEN	WHERE
June 11th 12pm to 5pm	Megaton Brewery Kingwood, TX

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June 12-17, 2023

HOUSTON CLASSICAL GUITAR FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION



St. Philip Presbyterian Church
 4807 San Felipe Street
 Houston, TX 77056

Love to Sing, Dance and Act? Audition for
The Christmas Revels: An Appalachian-American
Celebration of the Winter Solstice



Saturday, June 17th, 2023 10am adults - 11am children
St Luke's Methodist Church - Choir Room

 **DISCOVERY GREEN**

International Day of Yoga
June 21, 2023

6:00 PM 9:00 PM

EMPIRE State
JAZZ FESTIVAL



Saturday, June 24, 2023

 **DISCOVERY GREEN**

12:00PM - 10:00PM | TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: WWW.EMPIRESTATEJAZZFEST.COM

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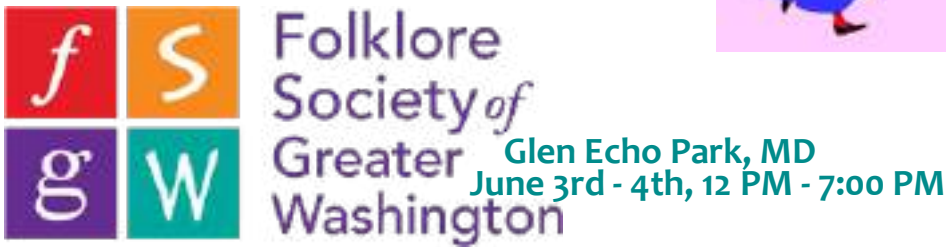
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CONNECTICUT SEA MUSIC FESTIVAL
June 9-12 2023 - Essex, CT



Redwood Music Camp

Traditional music workshops
in the Santa Cruz Mountains
Saturday, June 10th – Sunday, June 11th
Celtic • Canadian
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Hey Days
Bay Area Country Dance Society
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JUNE 14-17 2023
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JUNE 15-18, 2023
NEVADA COUNTY (FRIGGLANDS)
GRASS VALLEY, CA
FATHERSDAYFESTIVAL.COM

PENN-MAR IRISH Festival
Saturday, June 17, 2023
Markets at Shrewsbury
Glen Rock, PA



the delayed 16th Annual
Faultline Frolic
Santa Rosa's Urban
Contra Dance Weekend
June 17-19, 2022

From Women's Hearts and Hands Guitar Camp

June 23 – 26, 2023

Mendocino Coast

BACDS

Family Week

*Monte Toyon - Aptos, California
June 25th to July 1st, 2023*

*Dancing
Music and Song
Crafts
Storytelling
Community*

International Sessions at Pinewoods Camp

2023 Schedule

As of January 17, the Weekend is full, we have started a waitlist. Spaces are still available for FolkDays.

Both Sessions: Thursday, June 22 - Thursday, June 29

Weekend Session Only: Thursday, June 22 - Monday, June 26

FolkDays Session Only: Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29



Songwriting Workshop w/ Tom Paxton - June 30th - July 2nd, 2023

\$650.00

Songwriting Workshop with Tom Paxton, Jackson Emmer, and G. Daniel Bollig.

WHERE: Glenwood Springs, Colorado.



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS & TOURS



DANUBE BUDAPEST
CARNIVAL
INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL
JUNE 9-17, 2023



Beardy Folk FESTIVAL

15th - 18th June 2023

Hopton Court
Nr. Cleobury Mortimer
Shropshire

63RD. INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL - ŠIBENIK 2023.
CROATIA
24th. June - 8. July 2023.



Warwick FOLK FESTIVAL
27 - 30 JULY 2023



Summer School 2023

ST ANDREWS SCOTLAND 18 AUG - 19 AUG

COMMUNITY ACTION

 remembering
John Nova Lomax

“...the incredibly gifted writer about music and Texas life, who made it his practice to talk with people no matter their backgrounds, who absorbed local history and wrote about it with authority, who had a never-ending sense of curiosity, died too soon on the morning of Monday, May 22, 2023.”

 **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.



Only six months away!
HHGA Games & Festival
October 14th, 2023

Houston Highland Games Association Needs Your Help:

Plans are in process for our upcoming annual Houston Highland Games on Oct 14th, 2023, at [Humble Civic Center Arena](#) in Humble, Texas. We would love to have you involved in our planning in any way that is possible for you. **We need volunteers and sponsors/donations desperately** to be able to pull this all together. We want to continue to promote our Scottish culture with athletic games, Clans, Celtic music, Scottish dancers, Bagpipe bands, vendors, and cultural food.

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...
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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.**

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AMERICA'S OTHER IRISH - A MUSICAL JOURNEY

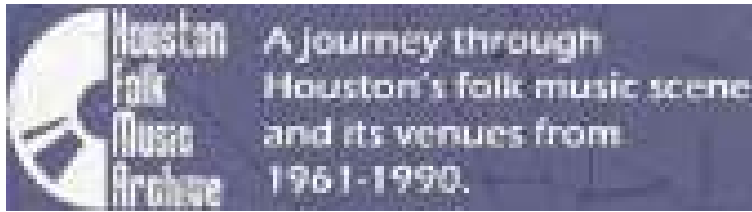
This two-hour public television documentary will combine narrative and music performance to recount the little-known but vital role of the people known as the "Scotch Irish" or "Scott-Irish" in shaping our country's democratic traditions, values and conflicts, with the same proletarian spirit reflected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

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership Renewal Re-Joining

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

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Enclosed is \$20 Annual Dues

Thank you!

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