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Folklore and Music Society

Next SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT
will be Saturday, September 11
presenting John Flynn

Meanwhile find folk and acoustic music this summer at other local venues and house concerts!

Second Saturday Concert is presented by the **Houston Folklore and Music Society**, a Refreshments are available. Tickets are sold at the door - adults \$18, senior citizens (65) \$14, and children under 12 free with adults. Concerts are held the second Saturdays of each month in the West University Community Center at 6104 Auden. Phone Paul Cooper at 713-204-1207 (cell) for more concert information, or visit our website at: www.houstonfolkmusic.org

Upcoming Second Saturday Concerts:

September 11, 2018: John Flynn

October, 2018: Bill and Kate Isles

November 2108: Mustard's Retreat

Directions to 4427 Warwick Drive, Sugar Land, 77479

From Southwest Freeway:

Exit onto University (just past the Sweetwater exit, going southwest)

Follow University through one traffic light (U. Houston--SL) bending to the right, to the Sugar Land Memorial Park.

Turn left on Commonwealth Avenue at the 2nd traffic light.

Stay on Commonwealth past Commonwealth Elementary School.

Turn right on Warwick Drive (just past Trent).

We are the last house on the left in the second block--big pecan tree on the corner.

Park anywhere on the street that's not blocking a driveway.

From Highway 6 (going northwest):

Turn left on University (at the HEB on the left)

Follow University bending to the right.

Turn left on Commonwealth, just past the overhead power lines.

Stay on Commonwealth, bending to the right.

Turn left on Warwick Drive (just past the tennis & swim club on Knightsbridge)

We are the last house on the left in the second block--big pecan tree on the corner.

Park anywhere on the street that's not blocking a driveway.

Phone: 832-282-3101



It is always fun to host a Pickin' Party at your home, church hall, community center, etc. You provide the space drinks, plates and utensils. You can invite other members to help you co-host, to share the fun (and the effort). Please contact Carolyn Davis at carolynadavis@aol.com to volunteer to host in the future.



LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

*** **June's Monday Song Circle** met at the JCC on June 4.

A small group of pickers and singers enjoyed good music and friendship at the June Song Circle. It was a great opportunity to share songs, stories and music related news. With only a few musicians in the circle, we each had a chance to play more songs than usual. We were having such a good time, no-one remembered to take any photos!

*** **June's Pickin' Party** was generously hosted (again) by Terry and Bill Pinkston. Good friends and good music and stories filled Terry and Bill's lovely home once more.



In addition to the playing of guitars, mandolins, octave mandolin, and mountain dulcimer, Terri provided percussion with her "Dancing Dan Limberjack Jig Doll" again, and Bill played his ocarina. (See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocarina> to learn more learn about this ancient instrument.)





Thank you, Terry and Bill, for welcoming us into your home once again!

*** Featured Song

THE BIG FOOL SAID TO PUSH ON

I heard this song before I knew it was by Pete Seeger. It could be taken as “political.” Or not. I took it as a pretty cool piece of music, and a good cautionary tale, and still do. You can hear Pete perform this song at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXnJVkEX8O4>, or on the Audio Archive page of the HFMS website at [http://houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS Audio Archive.html](http://houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html).

WAIST DEEP IN THE BIG MUDDY

Pete Seeger

Am

It was back in 1942.

E7 Am

I was a member of a good platoon.

We were on maneuvers in Lou'siana

Dm E7

One night by the light of the moon.

Am

The Captain told us to ford a river.

Dm E7

That's how it all begun.

Am F

We were knee deep in the Big Muddy,

Am E7 Am

And the big fool said to push on.

The Sergeant said, "Sir, are you sure
This is the best way back to the base?"

"Sergeant, go on, I've forded this river
About a mile above this place.

It'll be a little soggy, but just keep sloggin'.

We'll soon be on dry ground."

We were waist deep in the Big Muddy,

And the big fool said to push on.

The Sergeant said, "Sir, with all this equipment,
No man will be able to swim."
"Sergeant, don't be a Nervous Nelly,"
The Captain said to him.
"All we need is a little determination.
Men, follow me. I'll lead on."
We were neck deep in the Big Muddy,
And the big fool said to push on.

All at once the moon clouded over.
We heard a gurglin' cry
A few seconds later the Captain's helmet
Was all that floated by.
The Sergeant said, "Turn around, men.
I'm in charge from now on."
And we just made it out of the Big Muddy
With the Captain dead and gone.

We stripped and dived and found his body
Stuck in the old quicksand.
I guess he didn't know that the water was deeper
Than the place he'd once before been.
Another stream had joined the Big Muddy
About a half mile from where we'd gone.
We were lucky to escape from the Big Muddy
When the big fool said to push on.

Now I'm not going to point any moral —
I'll leave that for yourself.
Maybe you're still walking, you're still
talking,
You'd like to keep your health.
But every time I read the papers,
That old feeling comes on,
We're waist deep in the Big Muddy
And the big fool says to push on.

Waist deep in the Big Muddy,
The big fool says to push on.

Waist deep in the Big Muddy,
The big fool says to push on.
Waist deep, neck deep,
Soon a tall man is over his head.
We're waist deep in the Big Muddy,
And the big fool says to push on.

THE WAY WE WERE - Arnold Wesley Liles

by Andrew Longo



When I joined the folklore society in 1987, the members included folk musicians, story tellers, and listeners. There was a retired school teacher; I recall her name as Hazel. She would bring posters with postcards affixed. The postcards would be gathered according to a common theme. It was through one of Hazel's presentation , that I learned of the good witch "Befana" who visits Italian children at Christmas time in much the same manner as Santa Claus. Among the storytellers was a very memorable one, Wesley Liles. His obit linked [here](#) will give you some details of his life.

Wesley had a droll sense of humor. He would tell stories that would appear at the onset as humorous anecdotes from his recent experiences. However, they would soon morph into tall tales that ended in droll conclusions accompanied by a toothy smile from Wesley. At his memorial service there were speakers that I can easily recall. One was a childhood friend of Wesley's son. He recounted fond memories of sharing canoe trips with the Liles family and of Wesley's stories from that time. The other memorable story was recounted by Wesley's daughter. One should understand that Wesley suffered mini strokes as his health was ebbing. At times, he would lose his orientation. When his wife and children would come for a visit in the hospital, his wife would always ask, "Wesley, do you know who I am?". Thus on one occasion, Wesley asked his daughter to remain as the family left his hospital room. He then told his daughter, he was growing concerned about her mother, and he stated with a toothy grin, "she does not know who she is!" His daughter knew that part of Wesley was indomitable.

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT “NOT FOR PROFIT” VENUES

Chuck Cannon with Kyra Ciel opening. Sunday, July 8, 5:00 PM, at Fulshear House Concerts. Reservations: <https://www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org>

Robby Hecht and Caroline Spence, Saturday, July 14, 7:00 PM, at Barnes House Concert. Reservations: Contact Deanna and Bill 281-444-1003 or 713-417-7842 or ildeann@swbell.net

The above venues provide opportunities for artists to perform for appreciative audiences, and all profits go to the artists. Thank you for supporting these endeavors.

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UPCOMING FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS ACROSS TEXAS AND BEYOND

WILLIE NELSON'S 4TH OF JULY PICNIC

featuring

Willie Nelson & Family • Sturgill Simpson • The Head and The Heart • Ryan Bingham • Edie Brickell & New Bohemians • Margo Price • Jamestown Revival • The Wild Feathers • Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real • Asleep at the Wheel • Particle Kid • Gene Watson • Johnny Bush • David Allan Coe • Ray Wylie Hubbard • Billy Joe Shaver • Folk Uke • Raelyn Nelson Band • ...and more!

<http://www.circuitoftheamericas.com/willie-nelsons-4th-of-july-picnic-presented-by-budweiser-1>



Celebrating the life, spirit and music of Woody Guthrie, in his birthplace,
Okemah Oklahoma!

<https://www.woodyfest.com/>



**The 47th Annual
Walnut Valley Festival**

September 12-16, 2018

Winfield, Kansas

<https://wvfest.com>

The Walnut Valley Festival, referred to as “Picker’s Paradise”, features four simultaneous stages of performers from across America and around the world, as well as national and international championship competitions, including International Finger Style Guitar, International Autoharp, National Hammer Dulcimer, National Mountain Dulcimer, and more.

*****CALENDAR FOR JULY 2018*****

Compiled by Carolyn Davis
Confirm with venue for details and updates.

<<HFMS EVENTS>>

Monday, 7/2_____

- **HFMS Song Circle**, (7:30 PM), Jewish Community Center, 5601 South Braeswood Boulevard, Houston.
www.houstonfolkmusic.org

Sunday, 7/22_____

- **Picking Party** (2:00 - 6:00 PM). Home of Michael and Cassie Crouch, Sugar Land, TX
www.houstonfolkmusic.org

<<<EVENTS AROUND TOWN>>>

Sunday, 7/1_____

- Open Mic. (6:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Dawn and Dupree / Georgia Parker. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Monday, 7/2_____

- HFMS Song Circle, www.houstonfolkmusic.org
- Open mic (6:30 PM) Mucky Duck, <http://mctgonigels.com>

Tuesday, 7/3_____

- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. <http://www.houstonrscds.org>
- Mary Sarah and The Soul (7:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mctgonigels.com>

Wednesday, 7/4_____

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 7/5_____

- Mulligan Brothers (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Songwriters Showcase - Sergio Trevino - Tom & Haley Lynch - Adam Bricks. (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mctgonigels.com>
- Hank Woji & Rick Anthony (7:30PM) Americana Houston. <http://www.theamericanahouston.com>
- Open Mic Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 7/6_____

- Harris Goes West Tour - Jaimee Harris - Christine Cavalos (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck
- Nathan Quick (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mctgonigels.com>
- Constant Billy (6:00 PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- Bluegrass Solution (7:00 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Mando & Company (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Morgan Ashley (8:30 PM) Americana Houston. <http://www.theamericanahouston.com>

- Gabe Wootton / Shad Blair / James Steinle Michael O'Neal. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 7/7

- Sisters Morales (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Rosie Flores (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Jack Williams (7:30PM) Millbend Coffee House. <http://millbend.org>
- Beezlebubba Band (9:00 PM). JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Tunasin. (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- The Ross Brothers Revue (8:30PM) Americana Houston. <http://www.theamericanahouston.com>
- Harris Goes West —Jaimee Harris, Christina Cavazos, Lindsay Foote. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 7/8

- Houston Songwriter Association Meeting (2:00PM) JP Hops House
- Open Mic. (6:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Chuck Cannon with Kyra Ciel. Fulshear House Concerts <https://www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org>

Monday, 7/9

- Open mic (6:30 PM) Mucky Duck, <http://mcgonigels.com>

Tuesday, 7/10

- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. <http://www.houstonrscds.org>
- Johnny Irion & Mike Stinson (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Wednesday, 7/11

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Open Mic Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 7/12

- Gilbert & Sullivan Sneak Preview (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Open Mic (7:00 PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. Friendswood, TX. <https://www.friends-uncorked.com>
- Ray Wylie Hubbard. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 7/13

- Slaid Cleaves (7 & 9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Lonestar Bluegrass Band (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Texas Songwriter Showcase (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Ray Wylie Hubbard. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 7/14

- Fowler Brothers (8:00 PM). JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Robby Hecht and Caroline Spence (7:00 PM). at Barnes House Concert. Reservations required: Contact Deanna and Bill 281-444-1003 or 713-417-7842 or bildeann@swbell.net
- George Enslie (7:30PM) Millbend Coffee House. <http://millbend.org>
- July B-Day Party w/ John Evans (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://www.theamericanahouston.com>
- Wylde Meade (6:30PM) EQ Heights, <http://eqheights.com>
- The Hanshaws (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Sisters Morales. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 7/15 _____

- Open Mic. (6:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 7/16 _____

- Open mic (6:30 PM) Mucky Duck, <http://mcgonigels.com>

Tuesday, 7/17 _____

- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. <http://www.houstonrscds.org>
- Jason Eady (7:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Wednesday, 7/18 _____

- Hard Times Soup & Music Kitchen (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Hayes Carll. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 7/19 _____

- Hayes Carll (7 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Terry McBride (McBride & the Ride (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open Mic (7:00) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. <https://www.friends-uncorked.com>
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 7/20 _____

- Hamilton Loomis (7 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Hadden Sayers (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck.. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Kimberly C'Carver (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Brenna Haffey (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://www.theamericanahouston.com>
- Shake Russell (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Jesse Dayton / Game Wootton. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 7/21 _____

- Jesse Dayton (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Market Junction (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Greyson Knapp Birthday Party - Hit and Run Band. JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Wylde Meade (6:30 PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- The Blenders (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Ray Cashman / Grifters & Shills / Charles Bryant. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 7/22 _____

- NSAI (4:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Open Mic. (6:00 PM) JP Hops House. 2317 S. Hwy 6. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 7/23 _____

- Open mic (6:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Tuesday, 7/24 _____

- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. <http://www.houstonrscds.org>
- Houston Storytellers Guild Meeting (7:00 - 8:30 PM) Temple Emanuel 1500 Sunset Boulevard. <http://www.houstonstorytellers.org>
- The Belle Sounds (7:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Wednesday, 7/25 _____

- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen with Selia Qynn and Jeff Chambers (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Thursday, 7/26 _____

- Bob Schneider (7:00PM & 9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Darnell and Aspinwall (7:30PM) Americana Houston. <http://www.theamericanahouston.com>
- Open Mic (7:00 PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. Friendswood, TX. <https://www.friends-uncorked.com>
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 7/27 _____

- Kim Richey (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Kevin Galloway (9:30 pm) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Cypress Creek Band (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Brian Kalinec (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- hONEyhouUSE. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 7/28 _____

- Joe Ely (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.

- Mary Sarah (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Jordi Baizan (9:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Mirch Jacobs (8:30PM) Americana Houston. <http://www.theamericanahouston.com>
- Pat Gavin and the Buckaroo Band (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Zak Perry & the Beautiful Things. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 7/29 _____

- Open Mic. (6:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 7/30 _____

- Open mic (6:30 PM) Mucky Duck, <http://mcgonigels.com>

Tuesday, 7/31 _____

- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. <http://www.houstonrscds.org>
- Reina Del Cid (7:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Editor's Picks

Friday, July 6: Constant Billy (6:00 PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>

Friday, July 13: Slaid Cleaves (7 & 9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Friday, July 20: Shake Russell (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Saturday, July 21: Wylde Meade (6:30 PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>

Every Tuesday: Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. <http://www.houstonrscds.org>

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HFMS is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of folklore and folk/acoustic music. Activities include monthly SECOND Saturday CONCERT, monthly Pickin' Parties and monthly Monday night song circle/meeting. Dues are \$15 a year for a membership. Members receive our monthly digital newsletter, The Cotton Patch Rag, and the satisfaction of supporting and promoting live folk/acoustic music and other folklore activities in the greater Houston area. Make checks payable to the Houston Folklore and Music Society and mail to P.O. Box 542348 Houston, TX 77254 , **OR visit our website and pay on-line.** www.houstonfolkmusic.org

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