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# THE COTTON PATCH RAG

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



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**Next SECOND SATURDAY  
CONCERT will be  
Saturday, September 14**

*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 nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of folklore and acoustic/folk music. Homemade 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 Building at 6104 Auden. Phone Paul Cooper at 713-204-1207 (cell) for more concert information, or visit our website at: [www.houstonfolkmusic.org](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org)

OTHER UPCOMING HFMS June EVENTS

### \*\*\*HFMS MEETING/SONG CIRCLE—July 1, 7:30PM

Our monthly song circle meeting is **Monday, July 1** from 7:30 to 9:50PM at the Jewish Community Center. The JCC is located at 5601 South Braeswood Boulevard, Houston, TX 77096-3999. Ask the front desk for the room number of the Houston Folklore and Music Society meeting.

Meetings consist of a "song circle", allowing each attendee an opportunity to share a song, story, announcement, or other item which he or she may wish to share with the group. Non-performers are just as welcome as performers. After all, musicians, singers, and storytellers all need an audience.

### \*\*\*JULY PICKIN' PARTY — July 21

The next Pickin' Party is from 2:00-6:00 PM, **Sunday, July 21**, hosted, once again, by Bob Felder at **J.P. Hops House**. Bob will provide non-alcoholic drinks, water, plates, utensils, etc. Hops House will have alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Bring a dish (meat, side or desert) for the pot luck meal, which is from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. The song circle will be from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Guests are always welcome at our Pickin' Parties! Bring food to share, as well as an instrument, voice and/or ear.

Hops House is at 2317 Highway 6 South, Houston, in the shopping center with Shipley's Donuts, on the east side of Hwy 6 just north of Westheimer.

Phone: J.P. Hops House 281-496-0623

See: <http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/#pknpty>.



It's 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](mailto:carolynadavis@aol.com) to volunteer to host in the near future.



## LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS\*\*\*

\*\*\***The June Song Circle / Meeting** at the Jewish Community Center was enjoyed by a small, loyal group of pickers, singers and story tellers. A few regulars were absent, but the musicians and story teller carried on!



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\*\*\***The June Pickin' Party** was hosted by Tom Yeager and Sara Draper at their very special, century-old home, also known as the home of the renown Songbird Sanctuary house concert series. Songs, stories, laughs and sunshine filled the lovely old house throughout this very special afternoon.











Thank you, Tom and Sara, for hosting such a wonderful afternoon!



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### \*\*\* Featured Song

Paul Cooper

### ‘TIS NATURE’S NEED; ‘TIS GOD’S DECREE

The leaders of the Abolitionist movement set up anti-slavery singing circles and wrote special songs for them, generally set to the tune of old hymns. The best of them was this “Abolitionists Hymn” set to the familiar “Old Hundredth.”, which was published in the Genevan Psalter in 1551. John Pierpont wrote the lyrics as a poem in 1842. If you have ever accompanied a hymn singalong, you will know that many hymn tunes change chords just about every beat. This one is no exception, so don’t take it too fast. I have simplified the chords somewhat from the nice rendition by Stephen Griffith that can be found on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72yrWCaoiY8>. It is also on the HFMS Audio Archive page at [http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS\\_Audio\\_Archive.html](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html).



## THE ABOLITIONIST HYMN

**G D Em D G D G**

We ask not that the slave should lie

**G D Em C G D**

As lies his master at his ease,

**G D G D G C D Em**

Beneath a silken can - o - py,

**D G Em Am G D G**

Or in the shade of blooming trees.

We mourn not that the man should toil.

‘Tis Nature’s need, ‘tis God’s decree.

But let the hand that tills the soil

Be like the wind that fans it, free.

We ask not ‘eye for eye’—that all,

Who forge the chain and ply the whip,

Should feel their torture—that the thrall

Should wield the scourge of mastership

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"Uncle Sam"

By Eric Johnson

"I'm in love, I'm in love with a beautiful girl, that's what the matter with me.."

His interpretation of "Lovesick Blues" was the best song of his repertoire. However, he not only sang country music, but also blues, rock, and traditional folk music, as well.

His name was Sam Sadler, but for reasons I never understood, his musical nickname was Uncle Sam. He bore no physical resemblance to the great mythological figure of the United States Army, because he was tall, dark, and handsome, with mellow black eyes, and teeth as white as marble, although somewhat crooked.

His voice was incredibly beautiful--rich, thick, vibrant, and above all, purely emotional, no matter what he sang. His instrumental ability was even better--his mandolin emitted sounds as sweet as wedding bells. His guitar style was energetic, but disciplined and elegant as well,

His paradox was that in spite of his talent, at times, he did not like to sing in public: "I don't like to play for rowdy, noisy people! They're brutes, and sometimes they make me nauseous! I don't understand why anybody would want to play for them!"

Sam was not a snob, but a performer of great artistic integrity. Unfortunately, he met a tragic end when he fell asleep at his steering wheel, and crashed over a bridge. However, at times, I still have visions of him when in our song we continue united by the same musical search for love.:

"And I'm lonesome,  
I got the lovesick blues..."



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## Help Support Houston Folklore and Music Society

**HELP SUPPORT HFMS AT NO EXPENSE TO YOURSELF!** Amazon shoppers can help support HFMS in the mission to continue to promote folk and acoustic music and similar folklore traditions in the greater Houston area. Please help Houston Folklore and Music Society continue to bring excellent performers to Houston for our Second Saturday Concerts. You can help at no cost if you ever make purchases from Amazon. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), sign into your Amazon account and select "Houston Folklore and Music Society" as your charitable organization. After that, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) each time you shop at Amazon, and Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% of the amount of your purchase to HFMS. Every little bit helps! These funds will help us continue the long tradition of HFMS activities, particularly Second Saturday Concerts. Please send this information to anyone you know who might help support our organization in this way. It just takes a minute and will help us continue the HFMS tradition.

**AND/OR**

**CONSIDER A GIFT TO HFMS. MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION!!** HFMS is a 501(c)3 organization. Your contribution to support our organization can be claimed a charitable donation. Contact Paul Cooper, Treasurer at 713-204-1207 or [pcooper1@peoplepc.com](mailto:pcooper1@peoplepc.com)

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## UPCOMING CONCERTS AT “NOT FOR PROFIT” VENUES

**Sophia Johnson** July 14, 4:30PM at Fulshear House Concerts. Reservations and information: [www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org](http://www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org) or (713) 417-2904

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

*Thank you for supporting live music!*

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## UPCOMING FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS

**Woody Fest—July 10 to 14, 2019**  
**Okemah, Oklahoma**

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



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# **48<sup>th</sup> Walnut Valley Festival**

## **National Flat-Picking Championships**

### **September 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 2019**

### **Winfield, KS**

<https://www.wvfest.com>

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## **Kerrville Folk Festival Welcome Home Fest — October 11 - 13, 2019**

**WELCOME HOME FEST**  
2019

Presented by the Kerrville Folk Festival Foundation

Quiet Valley Ranch    ☀    October 11-13, 2019

Featuring Folk and contemporary Americana singer-songwriters

Held at the Threadgill Stage

Less than 1,000 tickets will be issued so don't wait to buy

[KERRVILLEFOLKFESTIVAL.ORG/WELCOMEHOMEFEST](http://KERRVILLEFOLKFESTIVAL.ORG/WELCOMEHOMEFEST) (coming soon!)

[www.kerrvillefolkfestival.org/welcomehomefest](http://www.kerrvillefolkfestival.org/welcomehomefest)

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\*\*\*\*\*CALENDAR FOR July 2019\*\*\*\*\*

Compiled by Carolyn Davis

Confirm with venue for details and updates.

**<<HFMS EVENTS>>**

Monday, 7/1 \_\_\_\_\_

- HFMS Meeting/Song Circle (7:30PM) JCC, 5601 S Braeswood Blvd, Houston [www.houstonfolkmusic.org](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org)

Sunday, 7/21 \_\_\_\_\_

- HFMS Pickin' Party, (2:00PM to 6:00PM) Bob Felder hosts at J.P. Hops House, 2317 Highway 6 S, Houston. [www.houstonfolkmusic.org](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org)

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**<<<EVENTS AROUND TOWN>>>**

Monday, 7/1 \_\_\_\_\_

- Open Mic (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

- Wake the Zine—El Lago/Dollie Barnes/ Robert Kuhn.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Tuesday, 7/2 \_\_\_\_\_

- Johnny Nicholas (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30PM) The Heights. see <http://www.houstonrscds.org/events-2019/4594488076>

Saturday, 7/6 \_\_\_\_\_

- Trudy Lynn (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- South Austin Moonlighters (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Constant Billy Music (6:30PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- Eric Korb W Jeff Morrison Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- Marina Rocks. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Wednesday, 7/3 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sunday, 7/7 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thursday, 7/4—Independence Day—

Monday, 7/8 \_\_\_\_\_

- Open Mic (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Friday, 7/5 \_\_\_\_\_

- John Fullbright (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Annika Chambers (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Tom Tranchilla & Buddy Allen (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- James McMurtry. Main Street Crossing. <http://mainstreetcrossing.com>

Tuesday, 7/9 \_\_\_\_\_

- Austin Lounge Lizards (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30PM) The Heights. see <http://www.houstonrscds.org/events-2019/4594488076>

### Wednesday, 7/10

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen, (7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Jordan Moser / Andrew Graham (Swarming Branch).. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

### Thursday, 7/11

- The Poisies (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Joseph Lamar & Hired Guns (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- Songwriter Open Mic.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS English Country Dance (7:15PM) First UU Church. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

### Friday, 7/12

- Lisa Morales (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Fort Defiance (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Angie Goeke, Charles Bryant (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- Brandon McDermott Band. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

### Saturday, 7/13

- Two Tons of Steel (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Jesse Dayton (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Shake Russell & Michael Hearne. Main Street Crossing. <http://mainstreetcrossing.com>
- Mark Zeus, Jim Gill Trio Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- Kevin Galloway. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS Contradance (7:30PM) West U Community Center. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

### Sunday, 7/14

- Houston Songwriters Association Meeting (2:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- John Evans & Emily Bell. Fulshear House Concerts. [www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org](http://www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org)

### Monday, 7/15

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

### Tuesday, 7/16

- Sawdust Road (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30PM) The Heights. see <http://www.houstonrscds.org/events-2019/4594488076>

### Wednesday, 7/17

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen, (7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Joshua Ray Walker. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

### Thursday, 7/18

- Jamie Lin Wilson (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- Loreta Kovacic (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Songwriter Open Mic.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS English Country Dance (7:15PM) (7:15PM) First UU Church. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

### Friday, 7/19

- Alejandro Escovedo - Solo Acoustic Show (7:00PM) & (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Dale & Waylon / Kevin Anthony and G-Town.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

### Saturday, 7/20

- Wheatfield (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Shelley King (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Wrecks & Janet Bell - Heroin Cave CD Release Show.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

- N. Harris County Dulcimer Society Meeting/Jam (2:00PM) <https://houstondulcimer.com>
- HATDS Contradance (7:30PM) West U Community Center. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

#### Sunday, 7/21

- HFMS Pickin' Party (2:00PM) JP Hops House
- Wylde Meade (6:30PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

#### Monday, 7/22

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

#### Tuesday, 7/23

- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30PM) The Heights. see <http://www.houstonrscds.org/events-2019/4594488076>
- Houston Storytellers Guild June Story Swap (7:00 - 8:30PM) Temple Emanu El 1500 Sunset Boulevard. <http://www.houstonstorytellers.org>

#### Wednesday, 7/24

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

#### Thursday, 7/25

- Ray Wylie Hubbard (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Adam Hood ((9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Sean Walters & Friends (6:30PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- Songwriter Open Mic.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Friday, 7/26

- Texas Johnny Boy - christian Dozler (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

- James Steinle - Juliet McConkey (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Wild Rabbit Salad (6:30PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- Jaimee Harris (Full Band). Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Saturday, 7/27

- Pat Byrne (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- JPecos Hank (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- The Moe Hansum Band. Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- Celia and Ella (6:30PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- Terri Henderix & Lloyd Maines. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Sunday, 7/28

- Song Swap (4:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

#### Monday, 7/29

- Open Mick (6:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Band of Heathens. Scottis. Main Street Crossing. <http://mainstreetcrossing.com>

#### Tuesday, 7/30

- Libby Koch (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30PM) The Heights. see <http://www.houstonrscds.org/events-2019/4594488076>

#### Wednesday, 7/31

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

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Is this a new address? Yes [ ] No [ ] Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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