
THE COTTON PATCH RAG

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SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT

November 9, 2019 7:30 p.m.

West University Community Building at 6104 Auden

Bryan Bowers



As a child, Bryan would tag along with the field workers and gandy dancers around Petersburg, Virginia. There he learned to sing the old call-and-answer songs of work and life. He recalls, "The music I heard while working in the fields was mesmerizing. And I'd see the gandy Dancers coming down the tracks, setting the rails and getting their ties straight. You've heard that song, 'Whup Boys, Can't you line 'em? Was the call the leader would sing. Chack a lack was the bounce-back of the hammer after falling on the pin. I just thought that music was something that everyone did. It was years later that I realized what I'd been raised around."

Shortly after dropping out of Randolph Macon College three hours short of earning a degree in Spanish in the 1960s, Bryan took up the guitar and, shortly thereafter, the autoharp. "I ran into a guy that played several instruments and could get the harp in good tune. He played without any fingerpicks, just with his fingernails. He had a real sprightly style on it. It was the first time I'd heard someone play it in good tune and play it well. It opened my eyes and ears. I went out and got one the next day."

After recording many CDs and playing with just about everybody who is anybody in old-time music, Bryan was inducted in 1993 into the Autoharp Hall of Fame, along with Maybelle and Sara Carter and Kilby Snow. He has recently teamed up with Danny Knicely and Geoff Goodhue to form the Bryan Bowers Band, whose first Cd, ***Woodland Dream***, is available at <https://yhst-1309885141442.stores.yahoo.net/prpacdbrboba.html>

Second Saturday Concert is presented by the **Houston Folklore/Music Society**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of folklore and folk/acoustic music. Coffee, water, cookies and sandwiches are available for purchase. Tickets are sold at the door - adults \$18, senior citizens (65) and students \$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 (intersection of Auden. and Rice Blvd.) Phone Paul Cooper at 713-204-1207 (cell) for more concert information. Visit our website at: www.houstonfolkmusic.org

UPCOMING SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

January 11, 2020: Ben Bedford

February 15, 2020 TBA

March 14, 2020 TBA

April 11, 2020: Small Potatoes

DAVIS TO PRODUCE SECOND SATURDAY

Beginning with our January 11 concert, (Ben Bedford from Illinois returns), Carolyn Davis will serve as Vice President and Producer of our concerts. A longtime board member and current President, Carolyn has also been producer of her own series, ***Carolyn's Cottonwood Concerts***, and is a decades-long regular attender at **Kerrville, Woodyfest, Winfield** and other major festivals. She knows how to find the talent and how to book 'em.

November 9, 2019 will be the last concert of Paul Cooper's ten-year hitch as producer. He will continue as a board member and Treasurer.

Thanks to all of you for your faithful support and attendance at Second Saturday. Carolyn and your board are committed to continuing to bring you great shows by great artists, and we look forward to seeing you there.



OTHER UPCOMING HFMS NOVEMBER EVENTS

*****HFMS MEETING/SONG CIRCLE—November 4, 7:30PM**

Our monthly song circle meeting is **Monday, November 4** 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.

*****November PICKIN' PARTY — November 17, 2:00PM**

The next Pickin' Party is from 2:00-6:00 PM, **Sunday, November 17** at JP Hops House, sponsored by Bob Felder. 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. Hops House will

have alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Bob will reimburse Hops House for soft drinks and water. 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>.

*****FUTURE PICKIN' PARTIES:** JP Hops House has kindly offered, and is now our regular venue for our Pickin' Parties. Bob Felder has generously volunteered to cover the cost of non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased by attendees. Any members who would like to host a Pickin' Party at their home or other venue is encouraged to do so. Just contact Carolyn Davis, carolynadavis@aol.com at least one month prior to the Pickin' Party.



LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS***

*****The October Song Circle / Meeting** at the Jewish Community Center was a delightful gathering of players with lots of songs.





Another Monday evening of fun and interesting musical sharing.

*****The October Pickin' Party** was at the home of Carolyn Davis on the Brazos River in Fort Bend County. Good friends. Good food. Good music!





*** Featured Song

Paul Cooper

HOW CAN A YOUNG MAN STAY AT HOME

This is a great jamming tune, and the verses can go on forever. Any of the dozens of verses to "Shady Grove" will fit, among others. You can hear a nice rendition of this song by the Dublin group *We Banjo 3* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihxwAM3wEyQ>,, or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html.

DOWN THE RIVER UNCLE JOE

C **G** **D**
It's eighteen pounds of meat a week, and whiskey for to sell
C **G** **D**
How can a young man stay at home when the pretty girls look so well?

CHORUS:

D **G** **D** **G**
Down the river I go Uncle Joe, down the river I go.
D **G** **D** **G**
Down the river I go Uncle Joe, down the river I go.

CHORUS

C **G** **D**
I'm goin' up on that mountain top, gonna give my horn a blow
C **G** **D**
Thought I heard that pretty gal say, "Down the river I'll go..."

CHORUS

C **G** **D**
Wish I had a needle and thread, as fine as I could sew
C **G** **D**
I'd sew that pretty girl to my side and down the river I'd go.

C **G** **D**
I wish I had a banjo string, all made of golden twine --
C **G** **D**
And ev'ry time I played on it, I'd wish that girl was mine.

CHORUS

*** Review

By Eric Johnson

Sometime back, I reviewed a book about Luckenbach and its imagineer, Hondo Crouch, by his daughter, Becky Crouch Patterson. However, even though I knew of the earlier book, "Hondo My Father," I never had read it. I finished the book, and it is a biographical masterpiece about Hondo's life and times, and how Luckenbach was created.

Becky tells of how Hondo, in his youth, became a swimming champion. However, if you really want to know of his prowess, check the back of the book containing a diary which he kept during his youth. I think this diary is worth the whole book by itself.

Besides being a raconteur and imagineer, he also sang rancheras, accompanying himself on the guitar. I wish I could find some videos of his playing, but I don't think they're available to the general public. Maybe Becky has some, but here again, I'm not sure.

His most famous recitation was "Luckenbach Moon," but he also did one on the Luckenbach sun as well. I don't think the latter was recorded, but I could be wrong.

I was most impressed by Hondo's agricultural genius. He knew how to work the land well.

He said, "Things that seem simple, aren't--when you look at them close up." I think that pretty well sums up Hondo Crouch's personality. He was one-of-a-kind, and we won't see his kind again. !Viva Luckenbach! !Viva Hondo!



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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

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT “NOT FOR PROFIT” VENUES

- Courtney Patton , November 2 at Fulshear House Concerts. Reservations and information: www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org or (713) 417-2904
- Yvonne Perea (of hONEYhoUSE), November 3 at 3:00 at Nancy Brand’s House Concert. Reservations and information: nancyjbrand@yahoo.com or 832-276-7683

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
around Texas**



**weekends
October 5 through December 1**

<https://www.texrenfest.com>

Austin Celtic Festival

NOVEMBER 2 AND 3, 2019



www.austincelticfestival.com



Save The Date!
January 3-5, 2020

Annual Acoustic Music Retreat
 Presented by North Harris County Dulcimer Society
www.houstondulcimer.com

Returning To:
Sam Houston State University
 Huntsville, Texas

Details will follow later this year



*****LOCAL CALENDAR FOR November 2019*****

Compiled by Carolyn Davis

Confirm with venue for details and updates.

<<HFMS EVENTS>>

Monday, 11/4 _____

- HFMS Meeting/Song Circle (7:30PM to 9:45PM)
 JCC, Houston www.houstonfolkmusic.org

- HFMS Pickin' Party (2:00PM to 6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/#pknpty>.

Saturday, 11/9 _____

Bryan Bowers (7:30PM) Second Saturday Concert. www.houstonfolkmusic.org

Sunday, 11/17 _____

<<<EVENTS AROUND TOWN>>>

Friday, 11/1

- Shake Russell & Michael Hearne. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Clandestine. 7::00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Piper Jones. (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Hank Woji and Jeff Duncan. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Moses Guest w/ Sarah Grace. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>
- Susan Elliott & Leslie Waugh. Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>

Saturday, 11/2

- Bernice Lewis. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Bill Kirchen (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Beat Root Revival. (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Drorx Brothers. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Wylde Meade (6:30PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- Blue Water Highway & Grady Spencer & the Work. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>
- HATDS Contradance (7:30PM) West U Community Center. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Sunday, 11/3

- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Bernice Lewis. (2:00PM) Anatomy & Physiology of a Song, Master Class. Visionary Heights. <https://visionaryheights.com>

Monday, 11/4

- Open Mic (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- HFMS Meeting/Song Circle (7:30PM to 9:45PM) JCC, www.houstonfolkmusic.org

Tuesday, 11/5

- Igor & The Red Elvises (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Ky Hote and Chris Puente. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

Wednesday, 11/6

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

Thursday, 11/7

- Ken Gains / Wayne Wilkerson. (8:00PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Jeff Plankenhorn & Scrappy Jud Newcomb. (7::00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Tyrone Wells (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Sleater - Kinney. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>
- Songwriter Night 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, 11/8

- The Blue Grass Solution. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Alejandro Escovedo. (7::00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck.
- <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Texas Songwriter Showcase. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Vintage Trouble: Chapter II World Tour The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>
- Jessie Dayton / Mike Stinson. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 11/9

- Ginger Leigh. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Jesse Dayton (7:00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- The Hanshaws. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Alejandro Escovedo. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- Bryan Bowers (7:30PM) Second Saturday Concert. www.houstonfolkmusic.org

Sunday, 11/10

- Houston Songwriter Association Meeting (2:00PM) JP Hops House.
- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 11/11

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

Tuesday, 11/12

- Austin Lounge Lizards (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Wednesday, 11/13

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

Thursday, 11/14

- Libby Koch and Chuck Hawthorne. (8:00PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Roy Book Binder (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- Jeff Joe (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Drive By Truckers. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>
- ShinyRibs (Kevin Russell). <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 11/15

- David Olney. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Kevin Russell (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Colin Gilmore & Nicolette Good (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Tom Tranchilla and Buddy Allen. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Tab Benoit. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>
- Jason Eady & Courtney Paton. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 11/16

- Vince Bell. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Gina Chavez (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

- Rick Shea (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Carl Ray & The Shaky Legs. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Ray Wylie Hubbard. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>
- David Olney. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 11/17

- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- San Fermin. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>

Monday, 11/18

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

Tuesday, 11/19

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

Wednesday, 11/20

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

Thursday, 11/21

- American Dreamer. (8:00PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Ordinary Elephant (7:00PM). Mucky Duck
- John Egan - Mando Saenz - Sean Devine (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Rufus Wainwright. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>
- Songwriter Night.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS English Country Dance (7:15PM) First UU Church. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Friday, 11/22

- Bob Livingston. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Allison Moorer and Mary Gauthier (7:00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

- Jerialice Texas Tunes. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- The Flatlanders. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>
- Sean Devine / Matt Harlan. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 11/23

- Matt the Electrician. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Kinky Friedman (7:00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Andrew Delaney. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Coco Montoya. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>
- Bob Livingston. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS Contradance (7:30PM) West U Community Center. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>
- N. Harris County Dulcimer Society Meeting/Jam (2:00PM) <https://houstondulcimer.com>

Sunday, 11/24

- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Hayes Carll w/ Jade Jackson. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>

Monday, 11/25

- Open Mic (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Big Americana Bluegrass Jam (6:30PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- The Merry Kinksters Tour W/ Kinky Fiedman <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Tuesday, 11/26

- Sam Baker (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Houston Storytellers Guild Story Swap. <http://www.houstonstorytellers.org/calendar-3/>.

Wednesday, 11/27

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

Thursday, 11/28———HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday, 11/29

- Terri Hendrix (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- South Austin Moonlighters (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Band of Heathens w/ Western Youth.. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>
- Gabe Wootton *live recording*. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 11/30

- Slaid Cleaves (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Dee White (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Reckless Kelly w/ Frenchie's Blues Destroyers. The Heights Theater. <https://theheightstheater.com>
- Robert Kuhn. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

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

NAME _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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