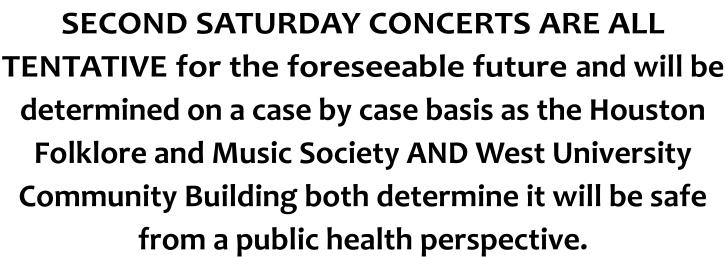
THE COTTON PATCH RAG

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Second Saturday Concert is presented by the **Houston Folklore and Music Society**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of folklore and folk/acoustic music. Concerts are held in the <u>West University Community Building</u> at 6104 Auden (intersection of Auden and Rice Blvd). Contact Carolyn Davis (281-240-9797) or <u>carolynadavis@aol.com</u> for more concert information. Visit our website at: houstonfolkmusic.org.

March 13, 2021: CANCELED

April 10, 2021: Anne Hills - CANCELED

May 8, 2021: C. Daniel Boling - PENDING

September 11, 2021: Paul Sachs

October 9, 2021: To Be Announced

November 13, 2021: Roy Book Binder

OTHER HFMS EVENTS

***MARCH HFMS MEETING/SONG CIRCLE — CANCELED

Our monthly song circle meeting at the Jewish Community Center is canceled for public health reasons.

***MARCH PICKIN' PARTY — CANCELED

Watch our web site, http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/#pknpty and emails for updates.

STAY HEALTHY AND OUT OF HARM'S WAY!!!



DEAR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSTON FOLKLORE & MUSIC SOCIETY

From March 2020 onward, the COVID19 virus has caused a cessation of our usual society activities, which include; monthly song circles, picking parties, and the production of the Second Saturday Concert series. Because of this, the board would like to grant an **extension to the expiration dates of your memberships by ten months**. We understand many of you have been supporting individual artists via contributions to their online performances; we know how much they must appreciate your kind efforts! If you have the ability and wish to contribute to the HFMS, you would also have our deepest appreciation! For online donations please go to houstonfolkmusic.org OR contact Paul Cooper, Treasurer at 713-204-1207 or pcooper1@peoplepc.com.



Please help Support Houston Folklore and Music Society

HFMS IS TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE ON SMILE.AMAZON.COM. WE ARE WORKING TO GET THIS RESOLVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE! Amazon shoppers can help support HFMS in our mission to continue promoting folk and acoustic music (and similar folklore traditions) in the greater Houston area. Doing so allows us to continue bringing excellent performers to Houston for Second Saturday Concerts. You can help at no cost to you when you make purchases from Amazon. Simply go to smile.amazon.com, sign into your Amazon account and select "Houston Folklore and Music Society" as your charitable organization.

After that, go to <u>smile.amazon.com</u> each time you shop and Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% of the amount of your purchase to HFMS. Every little bit helps! Please send this information to everyone you know who might be willing to support our organization in this way. It only 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 as a charitable donation. Contact Paul Cooper, Treasurer at 713-204-1207 or pcooper1@peoplepc.com.

WHILE YOU'RE SHOPPING...

Brrrr! The temps are dropping in the Texas Hill Country, but we've got a great solution! These cozy KFF apparel items just dropped in our merch store!

https://www.kerrvillefolkfestival.org/mercantile-shop





I recently chanced to view a low-budget campy sci-fi movie which demonstrated the important benefits of music. In the movie, general Tritus was sent to earth with a virus to be used to exterminate earthlings so his people, living on the doomed planet, Hondo, could come and repopulate the earth. Alas, his space ship crashed as it arrived on earth and he had to go to a big-box store for supplies. Within the store he heard music for the first time, and he was overwhelmed. General Tritus goes on to buy various musical instruments gains and proficiency as a banjo player. He is also assimilated into earth culture.

It turns out this is a parable for all of us earthlings.

Music can provide many benefits to the individual and make positive changes to the brain chemistry. One need not be a player of an instrument. The benefits are achieved by those who listen and learn the melodies. It turns out there are benefits simply by anticipating a phrase to come and then hearing it. For those shade-tree and formally trained music makers, there is the cross brain chemistry and neural networking benefits that come from using both hands in one objective. Aside from using both hands, there is the process involved in committing to memory lyrics and melodies. This requires the music perceived by the left side of the brain storing it to the right side of the brain.

Some benefits of music are simple and direct. Consider Alzheimer patients who are institutionalized. For them, they are in an unfamiliar place surrounded by unfamiliar people. This can be most overwhelming even when care is done well. The hearing of a familiar melody can do much to give them a sense of place and contribute to their well being. It provides a familiarity in otherwise very strange surroundings.

It is good to know that listening to music is such a positive experience and is gluten and sugar free!



When the editor of the CPR, Cehlena Solus, asked me to write an article about this instrument maker, Jim Morris, I said agreed. I read the article about him that appeared in the Oldtime Central newsletter. Through the magic of the wonderful technology available to all of us, I submit this link which includes a well written story and video: Profile of Jim Morris, instrument maker

I hope you enjoy the article as I have. As a shade tree musician and wannabe instrument maker, I am qualified to prattle onward with my observations.

It turns out there is a wonderful tradition and long history of instrument makers who used whatever materials were available to them. For example, it was discovered that the Neanderthal bone flute was designed to play in the pentatonic scale. In



other words, it would be able to play an arrangement of Amazing Grace, a melody written in the pentatonic (5 note) scale.



Blind Willie Johnson learned to play on an instrument given to him by his father, a single string diddley bow. Later, his song *Dark Was the Night, Cold was the Ground*, went out into the galaxy on the Voyager spacecraft.

Jimmy Driftwood, who wrote, *Tennessee Stud* and *Battle of New Orleans*, was a history teacher for many years. He made a guitar from a scrap fence wood.



One of our past HFMS presidents, Lane Goldsmith, made a guitar from wood reclaimed from a chest of drawers.



Working with one's hands can be very rewarding in itself. In the making of an instrument, there is the anticipation of how it will sound. Sometimes, one is disappointed and other times, one can be surprised and pleased. There is also the experience that comes

to pass when one's progress is stymied by lack of knowledge and experience only to have a solution present itself in some unexpected moment.

In the event, that you may be infected by the desire to build a musical instrument there is help out in the online world at several levels. There is <u>C B Gitty</u> and <u>MGB Guitars</u> for entry level builders. <u>Amazon</u> will offer parts such as tuning keys, bridges, pickups and such. <u>Steward MacDonald</u> has high level components and kits available along with paint kits to achieve sun-burst finishes. You can make a diddley bow with a soda can, a broom stick and a couple of screws. There is no limit in simplicity or sophistication.

<u>Tom Chapin</u> has a wonderful song, <u>Music Made by Hand</u>, (at 10:05 on the <u>video</u>) about family and the passing down of musical traditions, that have meaning on an even deeper level dating back to the times of Neanderthal society.



A song about cold weather seemed to be in order. This traditional ballad about Lord John Franklin's ill-fated expedition in 1845 to find a Northwest Passage around the pole is one of my favorites. There were a great many recordings on YouTube to choose from – some by big "names" like Sinead O'Connor and Pentangle. I liked this version by Andy Toman, which you can hear at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqGpU33j4AA, or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS Audio Archive.html. As with all traditional songs, you'll find the wording varies from version to version as much as the musicians performing them.

Lady Franklin's Lament for her Husband

The Oxford Book of Sea Songs, Roy Palmer "The text given here, which was originally printed in 1853 or '54, entered oral tradition in England, Ireland, Scotland and North America..."

Was homeward bound one night on the deep

Em A

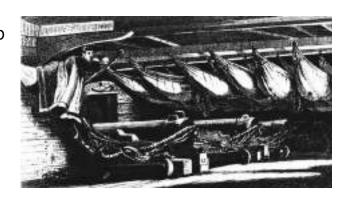
Slung in my hammock, I fell asleep

D G D

I dreamed a dream which I thought was true

D A G D

Concerning Franklin and his gallant crew



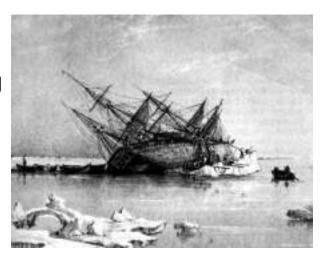


To find a passage around the Pole
Where tempests wave and wild thunders roll
Is more than mortal man can do
With hearts undaunted and courage true

In cruel hardship they have vainly strove
Their ships on mountains of ice were drove
At Baffin's Bay where the whalefish blows
The fate of Franklin nobody knows

For since that time a hundred years are past
And many a keen and a bitter blast
Blows o'er the grave where the poor seamen fell
Whose dreadful sufferings no tongue can tell

These sad forebodings they give me pain
For the long lost Franklin across the main
Likewise the fate of so many before
Who have left their homes to return no more





FROM THE EDITOR

Just when you though it couldn't get worse! HAH!!! First the threat to our democracy with a scene from our Capitol unfolding like news from another country and then Snowpocalypse 2021!!! Who would have seen it coming? We had such optimism with new vaccines, a new administration, and a new year offering what we hoped was a chance for a fresh start! Instead it seems we've been dealt blow after blow. But through all of this we have learned that we are still pioneers at heart. That necessity really does lead us to become inventive, to check on our neighbors and loved ones, to share humor and thoughts and ideas. At heart the drive for survival and community remains strong! If you know of anyone in need don't hesitate to use the email below to reach out. If we can't help, we will find someone who can!

If you know of any local or virtual events coming up that you'd like to share, or if you have an article you think may be of interest to the folk music community, please email **Cehlena**: Celtic.Music@aol.com and be sure to include **LOCAL EVENTS** (or **CPR Article**) in the subject line; we'll do our best to include it in the next issue.

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

Tristan Scroggins
<u>Bluegrass Mandolin Workshops</u>

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

6:30 PM CST – 9:30 PM CST





From now until 6 pm CT on March 5th, you can amplify the future of folk and traditional arts practitioners by supporting Texas Folklife's Big Squeeze and Stories from Deep in the Heart programs during Amplify Austin.



NTIF Sets Sail on the Virtual Ocean with Music and More!



SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021 2PM – 9PM CST

Following a day of seminars, workshops and jams, the Crankie Cabaret will feature a variety of beautiful Crankies (including YOURS if you submit one!) in a Facebook Watch Party. Afterwards, stick around for some kickass old time dance music!

Mountain Dulcimer Music Fest



Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association Sunday, March 7, 2021 FREE! — Monthly Virtual Jam

1:00 - 2:00 PT - Slow Jam



If you're a beginner or learning a new instrument, join the slow jam. Then stay and play along with the up-tempo group.

2:00 – 4:00 PT– Up-tempo Jam Experienced musicians join in for some old time, bluegrass, rags and reels or a Cajun two-step! All traditional acoustic genres are welcome!



Sat, March 13, 2021 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM CST Historic Downtown McKinney, TX 75069

5K Run, Beer Sip & Stroll, Social distanced, live Irish music throughout the day, outdoor vendor market, St. Paddy's dog costume contests, Irish cuisine, a St Patrick's Day photo-booth and more!

Click Here For Tix



Come study 5-string banjo online with some of today's best players and teachers. MARCH 13-14, 2021. Four levels of serious instruction. Clawhammer AND bluegrass banjo styles, some instruction in old-time fingerpicking. Old-time fiddle, bluegrass guitar AND – new this year – bluegrass mandolin!

http://www.suwanneebanjocamp.com/

"STORIES FOR CREATIVE FORCES, YOUR STORY, YOUR VOICE!" WORKSHOP SERIES





Thursdays 7:00 PM-8:30 PM from April 15-May 13, 2021

A FREE FIVE-WEEK FOLKLORE, STORYTELLING, AND AUDIO PRODUCTION WORKSHOP SERIES FOR MILITARY VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

Note: For the safety of workshop participants and instructors, this program will be conducted remotely

Texas Folklife Presents: "Stories for Creative Forces, Your Story, Your Voice!"

The upcoming Stories for Creative Forces workshops series is designed to help our veterans, retirees, active-duty service members, and their adult family members express their stories and folklore (customs and traditions). All participants will gain fundamental instruction and experience in constructing and telling a compelling story, interviewing techniques, audio recording, and production. The workshop series will be informative, fun, and connecting. At the conclusion of the series, each attendee will have had an opportunity to walk away with a completed "Your Story, Your Voice!" project.



SCAN ME TO SIGN UP

Scan the QR code to the right to sign up?

Questions? Contact Debards Peyton, Creative Forces Riagram Coordinator at preative forces etexastalkide, arg. or by calling her directly as (SIZ) 292-7594 or the Texas Policite attack at (SIZ) 441-9253. View texasfolkide.org for more information.









Virtual New England Folk Festival 2021
APR 23 AT 3 PM CDT – APR 25 AT 6 PM CDT
Join us for traditional music, dance, and
craft! The program will consist of multiple
tracks of live concert, play-along, and dancealong events, plus a collection of videos.
Watch for updates here

https://www.neffa.org/ and here https://fb.me/e/q670QIOk0



JUST FOLKING AROUND



Online lessons with Handmade Music School teachers are available via Skype or another platform. Contact:

andrew@handmademusicschool.com

For a variety of workshops available online: https://handmademusicschool.com/events/

Join an Irish Fiddle Session

Partake in a wide variety of virtual song and dance!

Golden Link Folk Singing Society Virtual Sing Arounds

Country Dance & Song Society

San Francisco Folk Music Club Community Calendar

Join an online Open Jam to keep the boredom away!
Old time and other genres!

Join a Virtual Folk Dance from any number of countries

Folk Arts Center Of New England

Z Judith's Virtual Folk Dance Calendar

Royal Scottish Dance Society Global Dance Listings

North Bay Country Dance Saturday Evening Waltz Parties on Zoom

See an extensive list of folk and acoustic virtual concert links

Folk Alliance Internation Live Stream Concerts - March Calendar

Golden Link Folk Singing Society Concerts

Google Map of Old Time Jams, Festivals, Fiddle Contests, Irish Sessions, and Contra Dance Bands in the US and Around the World! (confirm local listings)



Virtual Dream Café

Community. Communion between audience and performers. Cyclical energy. Inspiration, anticipation, spontaneity; SHARED transcendent moments. Things we sorely miss! The VDC attempts to recreate this atmosphere, until live music venues are able to reopen.

https://www.facebook.com/VirtualDreamCafe



OTHER FESTIVALS



We would love for YOU to participate by contributing a ceilidh act, whether that be reciting a poem, playing music, singing a song, performing a dance, etc. Ceilidh acts should be no more than 5 minutes long. Upload your video online to

a cloud storage space and send us the link so that we can download it and compile the acts into one ceilidh video! <u>Details Here!</u>

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021 AT 9 AM – 7 PM AND SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021 AT 11 AM – 6 PM San Antonio Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival 2021



LOCAL FOLK MUSIC VENUES



https://www.doseydoetickets.com/barn

The Mucky Duck is having live shows again! And streaming some on YouTube and Facebook!

https://www.mcgonigels.com/#shows





IS BACK!!! Limited in house seating will be available for upcoming shows **AND live streaming** http://andersonfair.net/

OPEN FOR LIMITED CAPACITY SHOWS, ALL CDC GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED. MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER AND MOVE AROUND THE VENUE. PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING WHEN WAITING TO GET INTO THE OLD QUARTER.

http://oldguarteracousticcafe.com/





CLOSED FOR NOW - JP Hops House

Houston's Premier Brew Pub and Music Venue https://www.jphopshouse.com/ Ready and waiting for county permission!

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

These outdoor markets have safety procedures in place to keep everyone safe and healthy, so please mask up. Come out to say, "Hi" and support our artisans, small EAT. SHOP. . DO GOOD. businesses, and non-profits each week. March Calendar



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

11 AM – 11 PM

15th Annual Houston Irish Stew

Cook-off and Music Festival

to help raise funding for the

Houston St. Patrick's Parade. We
bring together Irish Food, local
food, Vendors, Friends, Family,

Music from Irish roots to modern.



SEE YOU OCTOBER 9 & 10TH AT OUR DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL!
Watch for information:
www.bayoucityartfestival.com





Virtual dances by HIFD/AIFD are planned every Friday.

Doors open at 7:15. Dancing from 7:30 to 9:30



CLASS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY CURRENTLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm Virtual Scottish Country dance class!

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Shake Russell 7p Mucky Duck	Pat Byrne 5p Mucky Duck	Phil Hurley and the Lost Pines 7p Mucky Duck	5 <u>Ulla-The Irish Invasion</u> 7p Mucky Duck <u>Mark May Band</u>	6 <u>Kaitlin Butts</u> 7p Mucky Duck <u>Jamie Richards Band</u>
				Mike & The Moon Pies 8:30p Dosey Doe	8:30p Dosey Doe <u>Kyle Hutton</u>	8:30p Dosey Doe <u>Davin James</u>
				Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson 8:45p Anderson Fair	8:45p Dosey Doe Breakfast, BBQ & Whiskey Bar	8:45p Dosey Doe Breakfast, BBQ & Whiskey Bar
				0.45 p / macison run	Lynn Langham and Doug Gill 8:45p Anderson Fair	Townes Van Zandt Birthday Celebration 11p Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe
7	8 <u>Red Elvises</u> 7p Mucky Duck	9 Shake Russell 7p Mucky Duck	10 Pat Byrne 5p Mucky Duck	11 <u>Paack</u> 7p Mucky Duck	12 <u>Ruby Dice</u> 7p Mucky Duck	13 <u>Sue Foley</u> 7p Mucky Duck
		Charley Crockett Band 8p Dosey Doe	Charley Crockett Band 8p Dosey Doe	<u>Tyler McCollum</u> 8:30p Dosey Doe	<mark>Scotty Alexander,</mark> Holly Tucker & Darrin Morris - "In The Round"	Cas Haley 8:30p Dosey Doe
				Daniel Holmes	8p Dosey Doe	<u>Fallon Franklin</u> 8:45p Dosey Doe
				8:45p Dosey Doe Breakfast, BBQ & Whiskey Bar	<u>Leslie Waugh with</u> Wayne Wilkerson 8:45p Anderson Fair	5.15 p 2532 , 252
					Brandon Rhyder 8:45p Dosey Doe Breakfast, BBQ & Whiskey Bar	
Spring Forward		16 Shake Russell 7p Mucky Duck	ST. PATRICKS, DAY)	18 Darden Smith	19 Two Tons of Steel	20 HRST DAYOF
				7p Mucky Duck	7p Mucky Duck	SPRING
				Sam Riggs - Acoustic 8:30p Dosey Doe	Dana Cooper 8p Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe	NHC Dulcimer Society 2pm Club Meeting
				Will Carter 8:45p Dosey Doe Breakfast, BBQ & Whiskey Bar	Blue Water Highway Band 8:30p Dosey Doe	Monte Warden 7p Mucky Duck
				Sicurius, SSQ & Willskey Sur	Hayden Haddock 8:45p Dosey Doe Breakfast, BBQ & Whiskey Bar	<u>Lisa Morales 8p</u> Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe
					Shake Russell 8:45p Anderson Fair	Cannon Brand 8:30p Dosey Doe
					Chris Beall 9:30p Mucky Duck	Josh Fuller 8:45p Dosey Doe Breakfast, BBQ & Whiskey Bar
21	22	23 Shake Russell 7p Mucky Duck	Pat Byrne 5p Mucky Duck	25 <u>Cari Hutson</u> 7p Mucky Duck	26 <u>John Fullbright</u> 7p Mucky Duck	27 <u>Bluegrass Jam</u> 12p Kleb Woods Nature Cntr
			Wade Bowen with Kyle Hutton "Real Life Real Music" 8p Dosey Doe	Gary Hoey 8:30p Dosey Doe	Crash Test Dummies 8:30p Dosey Doe	Opie Hendrix 7p Mucky Duck
				Chuck Cannon 8:45p Dosey Doe Breakfast, BBQ & Whiskey Bar	Zac Wilkerson 8:45p Dosey Doe Breakfast, BBQ & Whiskey Bar	Billy Hartman/Zach Pack/ Dalton Mills 8p Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe
					<u>Dana Cooper</u> 8:45p Anderson Fair	Jamie Lin Wilson - Duo 8:30p Dosey Doe
20	20	20	24		John Fullbright 9:30p Mucky Duck	<mark>Gary Kyle</mark> 8:45p Dosey Doe Breakfast, BBQ & Whiskey Bar
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1 -000			Mando Saenz with Brother & The Hayes 8p Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe			

DISCLAIMER: Calendar includes all music events from venues that support folk music – events May include other genres. Please check venue or musician websites for show details!

Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe

Thank you for supporting live music!

PLEASE KEEP OUR HISTORIC ORGANIZATION ALIVE DURING THIS PANDEMIC. 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/acoustic music. Activities include the following monthly events: *Second Saturday Concerts*, Monday night song circle/meetings, and Pickin' Parties. 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/acoustic music and other folklore activities in the greater Houston area.

Fill-out, print, and mail this page along with check(s) payable to *Houston Folklore and Music Society*, P.O. Box 542348, Houston, TX 77254, **OR visit our website and join on-line at houstonfolkmusic.org**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ New Membership	☐ Renewal	R	e-Joining	
Is this a new address? Yes	☐ No Too	ay's Date:		
NAME				
STREET				
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E-MAIL:				
☐ Enclosed is \$20 Annual Dues	☐ Enclosed is		additional tax deductible to nonprofit organization.	

Thank you!

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