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SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT NEWS

No Second Saturday Concert in December, as we take our annual holiday break. Concerts resume Jan 14, with Albert and Gage returning to our stage for another powerful performance.

Second Saturday Concert is presented by the Houston Folklore and Music Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of folklore and acoustic music. Refreshments are available for purchase. Tickets are sold at the door - adults \$15, senior citizens (65) \$11, and children under 12 free with adults. All profits go to the performers. Concerts are held the second Saturdays of each month (January through May and September through November) in the West University Community Center 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:
Jan 14, 2017: Albert and Gage			
Feb 11, 2017: Brother Sun			
Mar 11, 2017: Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin			
April 8, 2017: Horizon Ridge AND Across the Water			
May 13, 2017: Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson, AND Karen Mahl & Will Taylor.			

HFMS DECEMBER EVENTS

*****HFMS December Song Circle**

Our monthly Song Circle, will be on Monday, Dec 5 at 7:30 PM, at the Jewish Community Center at 5601 South Braeswood Blvd 77096. Guests are welcome.

*****HFMS Board of Directors Meeting**

HFMS Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, Dec 8 at 7:30 PM at Gayle Fallon's home. Contact Gayle at 281-468-2569 or gayle2415@aol.com for location information.

*****December Pickin' Party**

The HFMS December Pickin' Party will be hosted by The Traveling Murphys on Sunday, December 18 from 2 to 6PM in Brookside Village, Tx. We will be serving old fashioned pot roast, so bring a side dish or desert for the pot luck at 2PM. Pickin' and singing in the song circle will be from 3 to 6 PM. Guests and kids are welcome!

The address is 13011 Wilke Road, Brookside Village, 77581 (near Pearland), located just south of the Sam Houston Tollroad,

- From the west: exit Mykawa and turn right onto Mykawa Rd headed south. Turn right onto Brookside Drive, left onto Wilke Road, two story home on the left.

- From the east: from the Sam Houston Tollroad exit Pearland Parkway, turn left. Take the first right on the roundabout, McHard Road. Turn right onto Mykawa, left onto Brookside Drive, left onto Wilke Road

Call Darcy 281-804-1336 for more info

LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

*** **November's Second Saturday Concerts** featured Stephanie Bettman and Luke Halpin on November 12. This engaging duo from Colorado mesmerized us with powerful voices accompanied by masterful performance of guitar and fiddle, along with beautiful harmonies and songs that touched the heart.



*** November Pickin' Party

Bob and Gay Pangle hosted our **Pickin' Party** on Sunday, November 20. Remember, our monthly pickin' parties were the brainchild of Bob Pangle. He began them almost 30 years ago, and for the first couple of years, Bob and



Gay hosted these parties in their home **every month**. **Thank you, Bob and Gay!** What a beautiful tradition.

Eric Johnson and Andy Longo were among the members who have played at our Pickin' Parties since those earliest gatherings in the Pangle home in the 1980's.

HFMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ELECTION

We have one director position open this year (in a 7-member board) and we have one nominee, Neely Atkinson. We will have a brief election at our December 5 meeting – we can promise that it will be quick and that there will be no campaigning! Current continuing board members are Carl Brainerd, Gayle Fallon, Andy Longo, Rick Wilson, Paul Cooper, and Carolyn Davis. Many thanks to board members Steve Baltzel and Debra Baltzel, who have continued to finish their terms even after their relocation to Kansas.

THE BLUES AS AN IDEAL

— Andrew Longo

When I went to school, an example of the cursive alphabet was posted around the classroom wall above the black boards. We were reminded by our teachers to seek these ideals in our penmanship, and not to use their handwriting as our example. And so it was for those rock and roll artist inspired by the bluesmen. In a number of blues tutorials on youTube, it is mentioned that you do not need an expensive instrument to play the blues. A basic acoustic will give the sound so characteristic of the acoustic blues artist. In an interview, Keith Richards explains how the Rolling Stones would asked for strange microphone placements to get the sound of the early blues recordings. This would cause much consternation to the audio engineers well schooled in recording technology.

When the Rolling Stones first visited the USA, they were dismayed to learn that the blues artist with whom they were so familiar were not well known. In 1964, the Stones made a recording of "Little Red Rooster", a cover of a tune made popular by Chester Burnett, aka Howlin' Wolf. The Stones were told it would be a disaster for them to release this on a single. It went to number one after one week. Consequently, when the Rolling Stones made a appearance on the American TV program, "Shindig" in May 1965, they requested Howlin' Wolf be added to the list of performers. It was a boon for Howlin' Wolf's career. A few years later, as the folk music peaked across the country, many of the blues artist were featured in music festivals and at long last enjoyed some of the benefits of fame however fleeting. It brings to mind, the words of Thom Schuyler, in his song, "Sixteenth Avenue" ... And after years of being (a nobody) nothing/They're all looking right at you / And for a while they'll go in style On 16th avenue.

There are two examples of Keith Richards doing an homage to Robert Johnson and Rev. Gary Davis. Check out: [Robert Johnson Blues Style](#) and [Rev. Gary Davis Cocaine Blues](#)

FEATURED SONG - -

WHEN EVERYBODY'S HOME

I wrote this song in the winter of 1995. Someone asked if I could post it in the *Rag*, so here it is. 1995 was a time when my kids were pretty much grown and had left the nest to seek their fortunes, but from time to time would show up back at the nest, still in a pre-fortune condition. But that Christmas everybody was home. You can hear this song on the Audio Archive page of the HFMS website at http://houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html.

IT ONLY SEEMS LIKE CHRISTMAS

Words and Music by Paul Cooper

G D G Bm
Pictures in the album, trinkets on the tree,
C D G Em Am D
Ev'ry piece of Christmas has memories for me.
G D G C B7
Candles in the window for those with far to come
C D G Em Am D G
It only seems like Christmas when ev'ry body's home.

Baking all the cookies, hanging up the lights
Wrapping all the presents, settling the same old fights
Opening cards and letters from old friends that we've known
It only seems like Christmas when ev'rybody's home.

E flat F B flat
The bells toll the message
E flat F Gm
On the wind, to those who roam
E flat D Gm
It's time to come together
A D
Christmas is at home

C D G Bm
When the last present's opened, when the last carol's sung
C D G Em Am D
The holly's off the mantle, where the stockings hung –
C D G C B7
Will each of us remember, in any place we live
C D G Em Am D
A family gives each other the best we have to give.

C D G C B7
 As our lives pass like pictures, of times we've lived and grown
 C D G Em Am D G
 We'll all remember Christmas, when ev'rybody's home ---
 C D G Em Am D G
 We'll all remember Christmas, when ev'rybody's home.

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SPECIAL DECEMBER EVENTS (Not-for-profit venues)

SONGBIRD SANCTUARY presents *Across the Water* December 17 for what has become an annual holiday concert. At 6 PM there will be an optional home-cooked potluck dinner. The concert will begin at 7 PM (Please - late seating is disruptive) Reservations are required. *Across The Water* is Steve Goodchild, Paul Cooper, and Bob Lahmeyer, three pro-level but part- time musicians who for a few years treated Houston regularly to sold-out concerts of their innovative arrangements of traditional and modern folk songs, their own personal heartfelt songs and compositions, and the beautiful harmonies that are their hallmark. In the hearts of our local folk community, our trio-next-door phenomenon *Across the Water* did, indeed, reach the Houston big- time, and with their repeat invitations to the Chester Folk Festival in England, we're all proud to call them an international sensation.

Reservations are required. For more info call 713-524-6545 (before 11 PM) or email music@songbirdsanctuary.org. Songbird Sanctuary Concerts are hosted by Tom Yeager and Sara Draper. Location: 117 Stratford St. Houston, Texas 77006 (at N.E. corner of Helena, in Montrose) There will probably be a song circle after the concert. (You can stash your guitar/mandolin under the dining room table during the meal and concert.)

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT features Ed Miller, with Jill Chambless and Scooter Muse on Sunday, December 11. Potluck at 2:30 PM and concert at 3:00 PM in the Spring Branch/West Houston area. Ed Miller, hailed as "one of the finest singers to come out of the Scottish Folksong Revival" and as "one of Scotland's best singing exports" will be accompanied by Jill Chambless (vocals, flute, whistles) and Scooter Muse (guitar). The \$20 donation goes to the musicians. Space is limited so please RSVP as soon as possible! RSVP alidavidow@gmail.com

UNITUNES: David Only performs on Saturday evening, December . For details, see <http://www.unitunes.org/upcomingconcerts.html>

SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY EVENTS

CAROLYN'S COTTONWOOD CONCERT presents Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson, along with Tom Tranchilla and Buddy Allen, Saturday, January 7 at 2:30PM. Contact carolynscottonwoodconcert@aol.com .

THE HOUSTON ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY hosts the annual Burns Ceilidh on Saturday evening, January 25. www.houstonrscds.org

*****CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2016*****

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

<<HFMS EVENTS>>

Guests are welcome at all HFMS events!

Monday, 12/5 _____

- HFMS Song Circle, 7:30PM, at the Jewish Community Center at 5601 South Braeswood Blvd 77096.

Thursday, 12/8

- HFMS Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 PM

Sunday, 12/18 _____

- HFMS Pickin' Party, 2PM, Hosted by the Traveling Murphies Pot Luck at 2:00PM, Pickin' 3:00PM to 6:00PM

<<<EVENTS AROUND TOWN>>>

Thursday, 12/01 _____

- Songwriters in the Round. Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson host Sarah Peacock and Giulia Milanta (Doors open 7:30, music 8:40). Anderson Fair. 2007 Grant St.
- Radney Foster (7 PM) Mucky Duck

- Josh Alan (9:30PM) Mucky Duck
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston.

Friday, 12/02 _____

- Tish Hinajosa (Doors open 7:30, music 8:45) Anderson Fair 2007 Grant St
- Bluegrass Solution (6:30PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Roberto Olea from Santiago, Chile (9PM) JP Hops House <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Ian Moore (7 PM and 9:30 PM) Mucky Duck.

Saturday, 12/03 _____

- Constant Billy (6:30PM) EQ Heights, 1030 Heights Blvd, Houston (713) 434-6923.
- David Olney(7:30PM) Unitunes <http://www.unitunes.org>
- Susan Gibson (Doors open 7:30, music 8:45) Anderson Fair 2007 Grant St
- Radney Foster (7PM). Mucky Duck.
- South Austin Moonlighters 9:30PM). Mucky Duck
- Tunasin (5:30PM) Hickory Hollow Heights

- Moe Hansum (9PM) JP Hops House
<http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Sunday, 12/04 _____

- HSA Meeting (2PM) JP Hops House
2317 S. Hwy 6. 281-496-0623
- Open Mic. (6 PM) JP Hops House

Monday, 12/05 _____

- Open mic (6:30PM) Mucky Duck
- Cypress Creek Bluegrass, Hickory Hollow-Heights Blvd. (5:30 PM)
- Scottish Country Dance Class (7:30PM) South County Community Center, 2235 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, TX, see <http://www.houstonrscds.org>
- HFMS Song Circle, 7:30PM, at the Jewish Community Center at 5601 South Braeswood Blvd 77096

Tuesday, 12/06 _____

- Scottish Country Dance Class (7:30PM) at Immanuel Lutheran Church gymnasium in the Heights, see <http://www.houstonrscds.org>
- "Noise For Toys" featuring performances by Kimberly MCarver, Libby Koch, Jack Saunders, Mystery Loves Company, Market Junction, Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson. Admission is one new unwrapped toy for child aged 1-12. (7:30PM) Mucky Duck

Wednesday, 12/07 _____

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen JP Hops House 2317 S. Hwy 6. 281-496-0623
- Bluegrass Jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)

- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston.

Thursday, 12/08 _____

- Songwriters in the Round. Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson host Jeremy O'Bannon and J. Michael Laferty (Doors open 7:30, music 8:40). Anderson Fair. 2007 Grant St.
- Bruce Robison & Kelly Willis (7 & 9:30 pm) Mucky Duck.
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston.

Friday, 12/09 _____

- Jeff Black (Doors open 7:30, music 8:45) Anderson Fair 2007 Grant St
- Bruce Robison & Kelly Willis. Mucky Duck. Sold Out
- Lonestar Bluegrass Band (7PM) Hickory Hollow, Heights Blvd.
- Texas Songwriter Showcase (9PM) JP Hops House, 2317 S. Hwy 6. 281-496-0623.

Saturday, 12/10 _____

- Shake Russell (7:30 pm) Millbend Coffeehouse (The Woodlands) www.millbend.org
- Partice Park. Anderson Fair. (Doors open 7:30, music 8:45). 2007 Grant St.
- James McMurtry (7PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck.
- Larry Sepulvado & No Holds Barred Band (9 PM) JP Hops House, 2317 S. Hwy 6. 281-496-0623.
- Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson in concert with featured visual artist Dennis Earl Fehr (8 PM) Creative Heights presents. Suggested Donation \$20. <https://www.facebook.com/VisionaryHeights/>

- Cypress Creek Bluegrass (5:30PM) Hickory Hollow, Heights Blvd.

Sunday, 12/11

- Houston Songwriters Association Christmas Party ... (2PM) JP Hops House <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Open Mic. (6 PM) JP Hops House 2317 S. Hwy 6. 281-496-0623

Monday, 12/12

- Open mike (6:30PM) Mucky Duck
- NSAI Meeting JP Hops House <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Bay Area Bluegrass Association jam (7PM) Fuddruckers (Nasa Road 1)

Tuesday, 12/13

- Trish & Darin's Holiday Show (7 PM) Mucky Duck

Wednesday, 12/14

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen JP Hops House 2317 S. Hwy 6.
- Bluegrass Jam (6:30PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston.

Thursday, 12/15

- Songwriters in the Round. Ken Gaines & Anderson Fair host The Mighty Orq and Keeton Coffman. (Doors open 7:30, music 8:40). 2007 Grant
- Christmas Sing-a-long SOLD OUT. Mucky Duck.
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston.

Friday, 12/16

- Ordinary Elephant. Anderson Fair (Doors open 7:30, music 8:45). 2007 Grant St.

- Christmas Sing-a-long SOLD OUT. Mucky Duck
- Hogan and Moss (9PM) JP Hops House 2317 S. Hwy 6. 281-496-0623
- Kimberly McCarver (7PM) Hickory Hollow-Heights Blvd.

Saturday, 12/17

- Wylde Meade at Urban Harvest (9 to 11AM) 3000 Richmond (behind the office building)
- Traveler. (Doors open 7:30, music 8:45) Anderson Fair. 2007 Grant St.
- Christmas Sing-a-long Kid's Show (2 PM) Mucky Duck
- Christmas Sing-a-long (7 PM) Mucky Duck
- The Blenders (5:30PM) Hickory Hollow-Heights Blvd.
- Libby Koch and Chuck Hawthorne (9PM) JP Hops House <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- North Harris County Dulcimer Society Annual Christmas meeting & pot luck. Advent Lutheran Church, 5820 Pinemont Drive, Houston, 77092 Lessons 2:00 PM, slow jam 3:00 PM, business meeting 4 PM. Jamming 5-7PM.
- Across the Water at Songbird Sanctuary. 713-524-6545 or music@songbirdsantuary.org

Sunday, 12/18

- HFMS Pickin' Party, 2PM, Hosted by the Traveling Murphies Pot Luck at 2:00PM, Pickin' 3:00PM to 6:00PM

- Ken Gaines hosts a Gatherin' (informal song/poetry circle) at Visionary Heights (1-5 PM). 1331 Nicholson
- Open Mic (6 PM) JP Hops House 2317 S. Hwy 6. 281-496-0623

Monday, 12/19_____

- Houston Celtic and Folk Song Circle. Kelvin Arms (Rice Village) 7:30 PM
- Open Mic(6:30PM}. Mucky Duck.

Tuesday 12/20_____

- Sister C (7:30 PM) Mucky Duck.

Wednesday, 12/21_____

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen JP Hops House 2317 S. Hwy 6. 281-496-0623
- Bluegrass Jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston.

Thursday, 12/22_____

- Carolyn Wonderland & Guy Forsyth (7 and 9:30PM) Mucky Duck

Friday, 12/23_____

- Two Tons of Steel (7 PM); John Evans (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. (8:30PM)
- Bordertown Ramblers (7PM) Hickory Hollow, Heights Blvd.

Saturday, 12/24 - Merry Christmas

Sunday, 12/25 - Merry Christmas

- Christmas Open Mic (6 PM) JP Hops House 2317 S. Hwy 6. 281-496-0623

Monday, 12/26_____

- Constant Billy and Wylde Meade special Boxing Day show!(4PM to 6PM)EQ Heights, 1030 Heights Blvd, Houston,(713) 434-6923.
- Open Mic(6:30PM}. Mucky Duck.

Tuesday, 12/27_____

- Houston Storyteller's Guild, third Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray.
- Cory Morrow (7 & 9:30 pm) Mucky Duck

Wednesday, 12/28_____

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen. JP Hops House 281-496-0623
- Bluegrass Jam (6:30PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston
- Hadden Sayers (7 & 9:30 pm) Mucky Duck

Thursday, 12/29_____

- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston.
- Bob Schneider (7 PM & 9:30 PM) Mucky Duck.

Friday, 12/30_____

- Alejandro Escovedo (7 PM & 9:30 PM) Mucky Duck.

Saturday, 12/31 **New Year's Eve!**

- The Wenches of Wylde Meade at Urban Harvest, (9 to 11AM) 3000 Richmond behind the office building
- New Year's Eve Concert Party at Anderson Fair featuring Matt Harlan & Rachel Jones, Shake Russell, Michael Hearne, & Mike Roberts, and Ken

- Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson. <http://www.andersonfair.net>
- Pat Gavin (5:30PM) Hickory Hollow, Heights Blvd.
 - Jimmy LaFave 7PM) Mucky Duck

EDITOR'S DECEMBER PICKS

Saturday, Dec 3 - Constant Billy celebrates the season at EQ Heights.

Saturday, Dec 17- Across the Water at Songbird Sanctuary

Saturday, Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Concert Party at Anderson Fair

The HOUSTON FOLKLORE AND MUSIC SOCIETY is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of folklore and folk music.

OUR NEXT SONG CIRCLE WILL BE ON MONDAY, December 5 at 7:30 PM. Location: Jewish Community Center at 5601 South Braeswood Blvd 77096. See www.houstonfolkmusic.org

JOIN HOUSTON FOLKLORE AND MUSIC SOCIETY!

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