



Delaware Friends of Folk

December 2005 Newsletter

Free Holiday Open Mic Coffeehouse Dec. 17

This month's coffee house is our annual Christmas Holiday open mic get-together. The host for the evening is Rick Hudson. Rick has been a regular player at just about everything we do--from the coffee house to the Festival to volunteer and benefit events. He is a multi-instrumentalist, being more than competent on the guitar, claw-hammer banjo, fiddle, harmonica, and autoharp. He has a deep knowledge and abiding respect for what's called "old-time" music. Much of it is rooted in the sunny South and Appalachian Mountains and has been the wellspring for so much of the rest of American music. We're glad Rick is returning to host our Christmas open mic.

Rick will open the evening at 7:30 with a few songs and then will introduce the first "volunteer" of the evening for their 15 minutes of fame. At recent open mics, we've had so many folks wanting to play that we re-wrote the schedule and gave everyone 15 minutes instead of the traditional 20. By doing that we are able to accommodate three more acts, and that's what it's all about. So if you plan to play, get there early to sign up and have your best 15 minutes ready to go. Christmas music is welcomed and encouraged, but not a necessity. After 10 or so acts give it their all, Rick will wrap up the evening with a few more tunes and send us out into the chill of a December night.

This is a great time to thank all of those who have helped out at the coffee house this year. Deloy Moore and Mike Hastings have brought you the best sound around, with occasional help from Tad Jones and Paul Gumerman. The coffee and gate crews have been Jan & Kelly Crumpley, Zeke & Mary Zeller, Rachael and Rebecca Shields, Clarence Brackin, Beth Fizell, Kae Mason, Cathy Evans, Luann Taylor, Pauline Gonzalez-Deihl, and Lonnie Field. All have all helped out at one time or another.

Rick and Tish Schuman and my wife Mel have helped move furniture and otherwise get the room ready each month. Thanks to this whole crew. The coffee house just wouldn't happen without their willing hands.

So the good times start to happen Saturday evening, December 17, 2005, beginning at 7:30 in The Underground in the basement of the duPont College Center at Wesley College in Dover. The traditional price of admission for this coffee house is some sort of chocolate, cookies, cake, munchies, chocolate, or whatever seems like a good chocolate thing to share with folks at this time of the year. We'll have plenty of cool drinks, tea, hot chocolate, and Kelly's fresh coffee available. Come to play or come to listen or to eat some chocolate. It's the only thing like it in Dover.

—John Kidd, President of Delaware Friends of Folk

We want to know what you think!

We've put a survey on the web to get opinions about this year's Delmarva Folk Festival, so we can make next year's festival even better. Go to the web site at <http://www.delfolk.org/surveyForm.php>. Everyone who submits a survey will be put into a drawing to win a free coffeehouse admission for 2 people for a coffeehouse of their choice in 2006. Even if you didn't attend the Festival, we'd like you to participate – we want to know why you didn't attend, and any suggestions you can give us for next year. Thanks!

Upcoming Coffeehouses

Coffeehouses are held at the Underground at Wesley College, 120 N. State St., Dover. Very reasonably prices soft drinks, coffee, tea and snacks are available for sale, and the music starts at 7:30pm.

Of course, we're always looking for volunteers to help us out: set-up, clean-up, and sales.

Date	Performers	Price *
Dec. 17	Open Mic – host Rick Hudson	FREE
Jan 21	Ronny Cox – famous actor and folk musician	\$12 / \$15
Feb 18	Open Mic	\$3 / \$5
Mar. 18	Tim Harrison – Canadian Folk singer/songwriter	\$5 / \$7
Apr. 15	Travis Wetzel duo (w/Frank Whalen)	\$5 / \$7
May 20	Vickie Russell	\$5 / \$7

*Pricing is for Members / Non Members. Half price for ages 13-18; Free for Wesley students and children 12 and under.



Ronny Cox, actor from movies like *Deliverance*, *Beverly Hills Cop*, and *Total Recall*, will headline the January Coffeehouse on 1/21. Reserve your seat early by pre-paying at the delfolk.org web-site!

Annual Meeting and Board Elections

We will have our annual membership meeting on December 10, 2005, at W.T. Smithers in downtown Dover.

The major planned business is the election of four folks to our Board of Directors. At least three of them will be new, as current Board members Rick Hudson, Kae Mason, and Mike Nielsen are taking leave of their spots. Being a Board member means different things to different members.

It really involves a commitment of time to attend Board meetings (currently the 1st Wednesday of each month), time to lead other Board projects, and the application of whatever handy talents you happen to have. But it's always stretching and being stretched, rewarding and being rewarded.

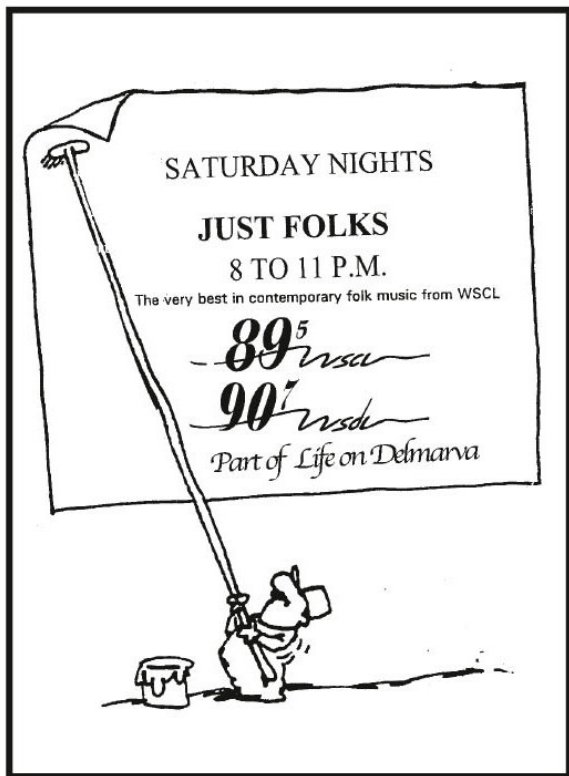
Nominations can be submitted to the Board Secretary, Jan Crumpley jan@flutecake.com until December 8, or nominations can be made from the floor during the meeting. Early nominations will be on the printed ballot but nominations at the meeting will be write-ins only. And only 2005 members of Delaware Friends of Folk are eligible to vote or to be elected to the Board of Directors.

The other meeting activities will include giving you a copy of my annual report, the "State of the Onion", so-to-speak. Then we can talk about most anything that any member feels like bringing up, as old or new business.

The meetings are usually less than an hour, even if we do go off on the usual tangents. After the meeting, we'll have some Smithers buffet stuff and then sit down and play a few songs for a bit. So plan to come by for some important business, high noon, December 10, at Smithers.

—John Kidd, President of Delaware Friends of Folk

John Kalb - One of our partners in the arts:



Looking for Festival Performer Nominations!

Believe it or not, the 15th Annual Delmarva Folk Festival is right around the corner, relatively speaking. The date will be October 7, 2006, and it's time to start working on the performer line-up, which is one of the first of many, many tasks. There is a form posted on the web site that potential performers should fill out along with a CD or DVD demo. The submissions are due absolutely not later than January 15th, and the line-up should be announced March 15, 2006. Check out the form here:

<http://www.delfolk.org/contactForm.html> or call 302-659-3855 for more info.

Membership Renewals

Membership prices haven't changed in many years – still a bargain at \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family membership. New this year are ways for you to help our organization with an end-of-year charitable contribution. We've created several levels of member Sponsorship that we hope you'll consider so that we can continue to expand the important work we do in helping bring the arts and music to Central Delaware.

A membership renewal form has been included as the last page of this Newsletter. If you prefer to send your membership payment by check, just print that last page and send it in with your payment.

You can also go on-line to the shopping page and renew your membership and/or make a contribution to the organization.

Folks who join with a Charitable Contribution will be acknowledged in the newsletter, as well as in the Program for next year's 15th Annual Delmarva Folk Festival.

While you're at it, you can pre-reserve your seats for the Ronny Cox Coffeehouse to be held January 21st. We came extremely close to a sell out when we hosted Garnet Rogers during the November coffeehouse. This show could get sold out, so reserve your seat as soon as possible.

Delmarva Folk Calendar

The complete calendar is at <http://www.delfolk.org/calendar.html>

When	What	Where	More What
Dec 11, 1-5pm	Ken Cox	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$5 member, \$7 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
Dec 11, 3pm	Celtic Holiday Celebration featuring Maggie Sansone	Prince Theatre, 210 High St., Chestertown, MD	Maggie Sansone & friends, traditional carols & songs. \$12 general, \$10 seniors & students. call 410-810-2060
Dec 13, 7:30pm	Teada with special guest Cathie Ryan,	Grace U.M. Church, Wilmington. 9th and West streets	plus piper(s) and dancers, in "Irish Christmas in America," \$25 reserved, \$28 at door. Presented by Green Willow Folk Club -- 798-4811, www.greenwillow.org
Dec 18, 7pm & 8pm	Brandywine Celtic Harp Orchestra	Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA	Performances are included in the regular Gardens admission of \$12 adults, \$6 ages 16 20, \$2 ages 6 15, free under age 6
Dec 31, 8pm	Erica Wheeler, w/ George & Ossi opening	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	Observant, passionate, and funny songwriter Erica Wheeler does New Years Eve at Cooldog. Bring a covered dish. \$20 adults, \$12 kids 10-18 and active military. RSVP 302-659-3855 or houseconcerts@cooldogconcerts.com
Jan 1, 1-5pm	The Soulful Landscape: a Creativity workshop for Writers	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	A great way to start off the year. \$50 per person, or \$45 with the concert the prior night, \$45 for Friends of Folk members. See more info at Erica's website.
Jan 8, 1-5pm	Valerie Smith	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$12 member, \$15 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
Jan 14, 7pm	Bill Staines	Second Story Live! Coffeehouse, Denton, Md	All coffeehouses start at 7 p.m. w/cameo performances by local artists; featured artist at 7:30 p.m. , upstairs mtg room, Caroline County Central Library \$8 adults, \$4 children.
Jan 28, 7pm	Christina River Steel Band	Schwartz Center for the Arts, State St., Dover	Caribbean steel drums and vocals. Free. Part of the In Harmony series.
Jan 28 & 29, 1pm & 3pm	John Flynn, Children's performances	Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA	Performances are included in the regular Gardens admission of \$12 adults, \$6 ages 16 20, \$2 ages 6 15, free under age 6.
Feb 1, 8pm	Natalie MacMaster	Grand Opera House, Wilmington, DE	Juno award winning (the Canadian Grammy) Celtic Fiddler... tickets \$25.50-\$29.50. See http://grandopera.org/events/?id=52 or call 302-652-5577 for more info.
Feb 4, 8pm	Al Petteway & Amy White	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	\$15 adults, \$10 kids 10-18 and active military. RSVP 302-659-3855 or houseconcerts@cooldogconcerts.com
Feb 12, 1-5pm	The Timmons Family	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$8 member, \$10 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
Feb 18, 7pm	This is Lea	Second Story Live! Coffeehouse, Denton, Md	All coffeehouses start at 7 p.m. with cameo performances by local artists; featured artist begins as 7:30 p.m. ,

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			upstairs meeting room, Caroline County Central Library \$8 adults, \$4 children.
Feb 25, 2006, 9am - 5pm	Ffynnon	Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA	Longwood Gardens explores The National Holiday of Wales with a Celtic music performance by Ffynnon, a twmpath and clogging demonstration and dance workshop with Sian Frick, and storytelling by Fiona Powell. Included with Gardens admission of \$12 adults, \$6 ages 16 20, \$2 ages 6 15, free under age 6.
Mar 3, 8pm	Cathie Ryan (and her 5 piece band)	Mitchell Hall, U of Del, Newark, DE	Irish Fiddler (302) 831-2204 presented by University of Delaware Performing Arts Series
Mar 11, 7pm	The Cantrells	Second Story Live! Coffeeshouse, Denton, Md	All coffeehouses start at 7 p.m. with cameo performances by local artists; featured artist begins as 7:30 p.m. upstairs meeting room, Caroline County Central Library \$8 adults, \$4 children.
Mar 12, 1-5pm	Dan Paisley & the Southern Grass	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$8 member, \$10 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
Mar 12, 3pm	Robert Hazard, with Nik Everett opening	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	Former Punk Rocker and author of Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" has re-emerged as a folk artist. \$15 adults, \$10 kids 10-18 and active military. RSVP 302-659-3855 or houseconcerts@cooldogconcerts.com
Mar 25, 7pm	Delaware Valley Celtic Harp Orch.	Schwartz Center for the Arts, State St., Dover	Traditional Irish & Scottish music. Free. Part of the In Harmony series.
April 2, 3pm	Tempest	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	Celtic ROCK! \$15 adults, \$10 kids 10-18 and active military. RSVP 302-659-3855 or houseconcerts@cooldogconcerts.com
Apr 9, 1 - 5pm	Appalachian Grass	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$8 member, \$10 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
Apr 22, 7pm	Calmes/Fricke Duo	Dover Public Library, State St, Dover	Classical guitar and marimba. Free. Part of the In Harmony series.
April 30, 3pm	Craig Carothers, with Brian Gundersdorf opening	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	Intelligent and sometimes funny Nashville Songwriter bring his craft to Cooldog. Opening is Brian Gundersdorf of We're About 9. \$15 adults, \$10 kids 10-18 and active military. RSVP 302-659-3855 or houseconcerts@cooldogconcerts.com
May 5, 7pm	David & Ginger Hildebrand	Schwartz Center for the Arts, State St., Dover	Instrumental and vocal music of Colonial Delaware. Free. Part of the In Harmony series.
May 7, 1-5pm	The Carroll County Ramblers	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$8 member, \$10 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
May 28, 3pm	The Kennedys	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	\$15 adults, \$10 kids 10-18 and active military. RSVP 302-659-3855 or houseconcerts@cooldogconcerts.com
June 11, 1-5pm	Blue Daze	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$8 member, \$10 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
July 9, 1-5pm	Mike Dillard	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$8 member, \$10 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info

Delaware Friend of Folk Membership Application – 2006

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Are you a musician? _____ Instrument(s) you play _____

Would you consider volunteering for the organization? _____

check	Type	Includes	Dues
	Individual Membership	Discounted Admission for you at all Friends of Folk events Voting privileges for 1 adult at membership meeting in December	\$10
	Family Membership	Discounted Admission for your family at all Friends of Folk events Voting privileges for up to 2 adults at membership meeting in Dec.	\$15
	Friend of Friends of Folk	Family Membership Dues \$50 Charitable Donation \$35 Value \$15	\$50
	Bronze Supporter of Friends of Folk	Family Membership + 1 ticket to 2006 Delmarva Folk Festival Dues \$100 Charitable Donation \$70 Value \$30	\$100
	Silver Supporter of Friends of Folk	Family Membership + 2 tickets to 2006 Delmarva Folk Festival + 2 admissions to any one 2006 coffeehouse (may pick) Dues \$250 Charitable Donation \$195 Value \$55	\$250
	Gold Supporter of Friends of Folk	Family Membership + 4 tickets to 2006 Delmarva Folk Festival + 2 admissions to <u>all</u> 2006 coffeehouses Dues \$500 Charitable Donation \$370 Value \$130	\$500
#	Ronny Cox Coffeehouse – January 21, 2006		\$
	Member	1 member admission @ \$12	
	Non-Member	1 non-member admission @ \$15	
	Member – student	1 member student admission (ages 13-19) @ \$6	
	Non-Member Student	1 non-member student admission (ages 13-19) @ \$7.50	
	Wesley Student	1 Wesley Student @ \$5	

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