
THE COTTON PATCH RAG

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



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SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

Resume in September

with

Thad Beckman

September 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Future Second Saturday Concerts:

Sept 9, 2017: Thad Beckman

Oct 14, 2017: Bryan Bowers

Nov 11, 2017: Byrd and Street

Jan 13, 2018: Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr.

UPCOMING HFMS JULY EVENTS

***HFMS July Song Circle

Our monthly song circle is **Monday, July 3**, from 7:30 to 10:00PM, at, the Jewish Community Center at 5601 South Braeswood Blvd 77096. Guests are welcome!

***July Pickin' Party

The next Pickin' Party is from 2-6 PM, Sunday, July 16 at the home of Terry and Bill Pinkston, 4014 Essex Lane, Houston. Yes, Terry and Bill have graciously offered to host another Pickin' Party in their lovely home!

Terry will provide a main dish, soft drinks, plates, utensils, etc. Bring a side dish or dessert for the pot luck, which is from 2 to 3 PM. Song circle will be from 3 to 6 PM. (Terry thoughtfully informs us that pets (dog and cats) live inside her house, but will not be present in the main living areas during the pickin' party.) Guests are welcome.

DIRECTIONS TO 4014 Essex Lane.

Terry and Bill's home is near Central Market, Highland Village Apple Store & Williams Sonoma. It is literally half way between the Westheimer/Weslayan and Alabama/Weslayan intersections (and 1 ½ blocks to the west) for reference purposes.

Access from the West Loop: take Westheimer exit, head east (toward town), cross the RR tracks and turn right either on Suffolk (which is easy to miss) or Drexel (stoplight/Apple Store is a good landmark). Proceed down Drexel to 2nd street, turn right on Essex Ln. Or, if on Suffolk, turn left on Essex Ln.

Access from I59/I69 (Southwest Frwy): take Weslayan exit, head north (toward Edwards Theater). Can turn left at either the Alabama light or take the 2nd median break past Alabama (Essex Ln). If on Alabama, go to stop sign, turn right on Drexel, and turn left on 2nd street (Essex Ln). If on Essex Ln, proceed to stop sign, then go straight ½ block more.

Call Terry's cell phone, 713-501-9752 if you need help with directions.

It is great fun to bring friends and music into your home. If you would like to host a Pickin' Party in the future, please contact Carolyn at carolynadavis@aol.com

LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

*** **June Monday Song Circle** was another lovely gathering of music loving friends with a variety of solos and sing-a-longs.

*** **June Pickin' Party**



Terry and Bill Pinkston hosted the June Pickin' Party in their lovely home. Musicians and appreciative listeners gathered to enjoy Bill's delicious brisket, along with the pot luck assortment of side dishes and deserts.

It was lovely to meet new friends - - -



and see and hear our old friends - - -



and enjoy spontaneous musical collaboration.



It was another wonderful gathering, continuing the timeless tradition of sharing friendship, music and food.

FEATURED SONG - -

NEITHER WIND NOR RAIN CARE FOR BRAVERY

This tune will be familiar to most of us. IRA rebel Bobby Sands was a fan of Gordon Lightfoot, and composed this song to the tune of "Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" while in an English prison. Musically, I like this song better than Lightfoot's because the short but powerful chorus provides a break from the repetitive melody of the verses. For the music track, I've chosen a self-posted video by "Sheena" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oE1CmgqYaOU> because she shows us how to do a fine solo rendition with guitar (which is how most of us would be doing it), and you can see exactly what she is doing on guitar. She is playing in Am Capo IV. This track is also posted on the Audio Archive page of the HFMS website at http://houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html.

BACK HOME IN DERRY

*Lyrics by Bobby Sands
Melody by Gordon Lightfoot*

Am **Em** **G** **D** **Am**
In 1803 we sailed out to sea, out from the sweet town of Derry.
Am **Em**
For Australia bound if we didn't all drown
Em G D Am
And the marks of our fetters we carried.
Am **Em**
In our rusty iron chains we cried for our weans,
Em G D Am
Our good women we left in sorrow.
Am **Em**
As the mainsails unfurled, our curses we hurled
Em G D Am
On the English and thoughts of tomorrow.

At the mouth of the Foyle, bid farewell to the soil
As down below decks we were dying.
O'Doherty screamed, woken out of a dream, by a vision of bold Robert dying.
The sun burned cruel as we dished out the gruel,
Dan O'Connor was down with a fever.
Sixty rebels today bound for Botany Bay, how many will meet their Receiver?

C G Am G Am
CHORUS: O – oh... I wish I was back home in Derry.
C G Am G Am
O – oh... I wish I was back home in Derry.

I cursed them to hell as her bow fought the swell,
Our ship danced like a moth in the firelight.
White horses rode high as the devil passed by, taking souls to Hades by twilight.
Five weeks out to sea, we were now forty-three –
We buried our comrades each morning.
In our own slime we were lost in a time, of endless night without dawning.

CHORUS

Van Diemen's land is a hell for a man, to end out his whole life in slavery.
Where the climate is raw and the gun makes the law,
Neither wind nor rain care for bravery.
Twenty years have gone by, I've ended my bond
My comrades' ghosts walk behind me.
A rebel I came – I'm still the same: on the cold winter's night you will find me.

CHORUS

A VERY SAD GOODBYE



Last year we bid farewell to our friends, HFMS members, and dedicated HFMS Board of Director members, Steve and Debra Baltzell, when they moved to Kansas City. In June, we received the devastating news that Steve passed away on June 15 after a brief illness. Steve was an active member of HFMS for many years. He and his wife, Debra hosted many Pickin' Parties at their home, and served on the Board of Directors. His warm heart and dedication to causes he believed in, as well as his wonderful music, are greatly missed.

At the June Pickin' Party, the announcement of Steve's passing resulted in the heartfelt singing of "He Was a Friend of Mine", and we closed the event with "May the Circle Be Unbroken" in Steve's honor.

John A. Lomax, Jr.

by Eric Johnson

I never met John, but I did see him in Baytown once at Lee College where he performed with Lightnin' Hopkins. At the time, I did not know the existence of the Houston Folklore Society. While the audience was more responsive to Lightnin' (Baytown was not a cultural mecca at the time), I was nevertheless impressed with John's performance.

The Lomax family has now issued a CD of John which was taped in Houston at 1969 at 6428 Vanderbilt. I'm assuming that this was John's home address, but I'm really not sure. It was mastered in Nashville some years later.

The songs are mostly traditional in nature, ranging from "Git Along, Little Dogies" and "Bring Me a Little Water Sylvie." "Ain't No More Cane on This Brazos," "Hallelujah, I'm A Bum," and "No More Shall I Work in the Factory" reflect the pain of labor, and even celebrate the joy of not having to work for a living.

Some of the tunes contain a short spoken introduction, such as "The Grey Goose, " "Frankie and Albert," and "Roosters Crow at Midnight." John even treats us to some contemporary personages as Bobby Kennedy and Aimee McPherson.

"Buffalo Skinners" and "The Alamo Song" are sung with great gusto. John had a booming baritone voice, and these two selections demonstrate his talent, even though he was not formally trained.

I highly recommend this CD if you want to learn about the legacy of one of the founders of the Folklore Society. *It is both enjoyable and educational. There will never be another John A. Lomax, Jr.*

A Few Highlights From the 2017 Kerrville Folk Festival

by Carolyn Davis

Words cannot adequately describe the incredible experience of the Kerrville Folk Festival, so below are some captioned photos (and a very amateur video) of a FEW of the special moments.

Walter's amazing 2017 Sand Sculpture by the Threadgill Theater.





Blues Project with Susie Vinnick, Roy Book Binder and Rev. Robert B. Jones. (Rev. Jones will be our Second Saturday performer in January 2018.)

Shake Russell entertained us with his first "Country Rap" song, and warns us of what you get when you combine country with rap - - - cr...



Tom Paxton returned to the Kerrville stage after many years' absence!

The next night, Tom Paxton sat on Jim and Beverly Noble's RV deck and traded songs with Jack Williams and Daniel Boling, while a few of us listened and sang along. You never know what treasures you will find in the Kerrvill Festival campgrounds.



And fabulous song circles abound throughout the campground into the wee hours of the morning. One of the best is CAMP NASHBILL.



UPCOMING FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS IN TEXAS AND BEYOND



Woody Sez, The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie

devised by David M. Lutken with Nick Corley and Darcie Deaville, Helen Jean Russell and Andy Teirstein

July 26 - September 03 2017

Regional Premiere

Legendary singer-songwriter Woody Guthrie transformed folk music into a powerful vehicle for political expression with hits like “This Land is Your Land,” “Bound for Glory” and “The Ballad of Tom Joad.” In this thrilling new musical, Guthrie’s timeless songs reveal this iconic artist’s bold vision for the America he deeply loved. <http://stagestheatre.com/shows/#woody-sez>

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The 20th annual **Woody Guthrie Folk Festival**, celebrating the work and life of Woody Guthrie (and his 105th birthday) on July 12-16 in Okemah, OK (Woody’s birthplace). Performers include **Arlo Guthrie**, Ellis Paul, SONiA, Kevin and Dustin Welch, Joel Rafael, Radoslav Lorkovic, the Burns Sisters, and many, many more.



Arlo Guthrie

see <http://www.woodyfest.com>

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Kerrville Fall Music Festival performers include Thad Beckman, Bob Livingston, The Honey Dewdrops, Sam Baker & more! September 1-3. <http://www.kerrville-music.com>

*****CALENDAR FOR JULY 2017*****

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

<<HFMS EVENTS>>

Guests are welcome at all HFMS events!

- Monday, 7/3 _____
HFMS Song Circle, (7:30PM), Jewish Community Center at 5601 South Braeswood Blvd 77096.

Sunday, 7/16 _____

- HFMS Pickin' Party, (2PM), At home of Terry and Bill Pinkston, Houston

<<<EVENTS AROUND TOWN>>>

Saturday, 7/1 _____

- Bobby Whitlock & Coco Carmel (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- Gal Holiday (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson (9:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Sunday, 7/2 _____

- Open Mic. (6:00PM) JP Hops House. 2317 S. Hwy 6. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 7/3 _____

- Open mic (6:30PM) Mucky Duck

Tuesday, 7/4 _____

- CELEBRATE JULY 4 SAFELY!!!

Wednesday, 7/5 _____

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen (7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 7/6 _____

- Seth Walker (7:00PM). Mucky Duck.

- Christina Cavazos & Jane Ellen Bryant (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open Mic (7:00-9:00PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. 111 South Friendswood Drive (FM518) Friendswood, TX. 281-648-1707
- Tom Foti (6:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com/index.html>
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 7/7 _____

- Bluegrass Solution (7:00PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Brandon Rhyder (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Allison Iraheta and Halo Circus (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Fahl and Folk (6:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com/index.html>

Saturday, 7/8 _____

- Lisa Morales with Tom Tranchilla and Buddy Allen opening (7:30PM) Millbend Coffee House. <http://millbend.org/index.htm>
- Terri Hendrx (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Allison Iraheta and Halo Circus (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Seth Walker. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- Cypress Creek Bluegrass (5:30PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Bob Yoh and Mike Darnell (9:00PM) JP Hops House.. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson (8:30PM) The Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com/events.html>

Sunday, 7/9 _____

- Houston Songwriters Association Meeting (2:00PM)
- Open Mic. (6:00PM) JP Hops House. 2317 S. Hwy 6. 281-496-0623. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Bruce Robinson with Grace Pettis opening (4:30PM) Fulshear House Concerts. <https://www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org>

Monday 7/10

- Open mic (6:30PM) Mucky Duck

Tuesday, 7/11

- Gilbert and Sullivan sneak preview (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Carson McHone. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Wednesday, 7/12

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jhopshouse.com>
- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com/index.php/live-music>
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 7/13

- Bob Schnieder (7:00 & 9:30PM). Mucky Duck.
- Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open Mic (7:00-9:00PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. 111 South Friendswood Drive (FM518) Friendswood, TX. 281-648-1707
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 7/14

- Texas Songwriters Showcase. Willie B and Annie Benjamin. (9:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jhopshouse.com>
- Lonestar Bluegrass Band (7:00PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Guy Forsyth (7:00 and 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Jessie Dayton. Old Quarter, Galveston <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 7/15

- Slaid Cleaves (7:00 and 9:30PM) Mucky Duck <http://mcgonigels.com>
- The Blenders (5:30PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- The Fowler Brothers (7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jhopshouse.com>
- Guy Forsyth. Old Quarter, Galveston <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- Benefit for Marina Rocks- TC Smythe, Matt Harlan, Mike Roberts. The Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com/events.html>
- N. Harris County Dulcimer Society. Advent Lutheran Church, 5820 Pinemont Dr, Houston

Sunday, 7/16

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

Monday, 7/17

- Open mic (6:30PM) Mucky Duck

Tuesday, 7/18

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

Wednesday, 7/19

- Hard Times Soup & Music Kitchen (7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jhopshouse.com>
- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston.

Thursday, 7/20

- Suzanna Choffel (7:00PM). Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open Mic (7:00-9:00PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. 111 South Friendswood Drive (FM518) Friendswood, TX. 281-648-1707
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- Selia Qynn. The Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com/events.html>

Friday, 7/21

- Butch Morgan (9:00) Hops House. <http://www.jhopshouse.com>
- Rockin' Randy's Variety Show (7:00PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Mike Stinson (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scott H. Biram. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracoustic12cafe.com>

Saturday, 7/22

- Hadden Sayers (7:00PM). Mucky Duck.
- Buenos Diaz (9:30PM). Mucky Duck <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Pat Gavin (5:30PM) Hickory Hollow, Heights
- Julia Lucille/Adam Bricks/Catherine Stroud. Old Quarter. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- Tom Tranchilla and Buddy Allen (9:00) JP Hops House. <http://www.jhopshouse.com>
- Mark Zeus hosts Writers in the Round, The Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com/events.html>

Sunday, 7/23_____

- Open Mic. (6:00PM) JP Hops House. 2317 S. Hwy 6.

Monday, 7/24_____

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

Tuesday, 7/25_____

- Staehely Brothers with Evelyn Rubio (7:30PM) Mucky Duck

Wednesday, 7/26_____

- The Hard Times Soup Kitchen (7:00PM) JP Hops House. 2317 S. Hwy 6. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com/index.php/live-music>
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 7/27_____

- Bonney Bishop (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- Open Mic (7:00-9:00PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. 111 South Friendswood Drive (FM518) Friendswood, TX. 281-648-1707

Friday, 7/28_____

- Sean Rowe (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Grass Roots Trio(7:00PM) Hickory Hollow, Heights. <http://hickoryhollow.com/index.php/live-music>
- Lazurus Nichols (8:00PM) JP Hops House. 2317 S. Hwy 6. 281-496-0623. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Two Tons of Steel. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 7/29_____

- Los Aztecs (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Two Tons of Steel (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- James Sloan Band (5:30PM) Hickory Hollow, Heights Blvd.
- Billy and the Regulators. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- Wylde Meade (6:30 - 8:30PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>

Sunday, 7/30_____

- Open Mic. (6:00PM) JP Hops House. 281-496-0623.

Monday, 7/31_____

- Open mic (6:30PM) Mucky Duck.

EDITOR'S JUNE PICKS

Saturday, July 8, **Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson.** (8:30PM) The American Houston

Saturday, July 15,, **Said Cleaves.**(7:00 & (930PM) Mucky Duck

Saturday, July 22, **Tom Tranchilla and Buddy Allen.** JP Hops House

Saturday, July 29, **Wylde Meade** (6:30PM) EQ Heights

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LIVE MUSIC

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