



The Cotton Patch Rag!



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HFMS SONG CIRCLE

TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH (SECOND TUESDAY)

MIDTOWN BAR & GRILL

UPSTAIRS

7:00P



SUNDAY, June 18th, 2023

Remembering Gordon Lightfoot PICKIN' PARTY!

At the home of Gary Lust
518 Fair Oak Drive - Stafford TX 77477
<https://goo.gl/maps/V2QeqKCYtoc4R7Wo8>

Visiting starts at 2pm
(snacks and beverages provided by our host)

Pickin' starts at 3p
(sing anything you like, but preferred first round
commemorates Gordon Lightfoot)

Feel free to contribute to the snacks and beverages!
RSVP's encouraged: gary4career@hotmail.com



SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

Summer Break – June, July, August

Sept – David Starr

IN MEMORIAM: JOHN NOVA LOMAX

We lost an important member of the Houston music and literary community May 22. John Nova Lomax, son of our member John Lomax III and grandson of HFMS founder John Lomax Jr., was a prolific and gifted writer, focused mainly on the worlds of music, culture and sports around Houston and all of Texas. His work appeared in *Texas Monthly*, *Houstanian*, and *Texas Highways*, and he wrote for twelve years for the *Houston Press*. John Nova was 53 years old.

John Nova and his family attended one of our pickin parties at Carolyn Davis's home on the banks of the Brazos along with his father, John Lomax III when the elder Lomax was in town for a program at Rice sponsored by the Houston Folk Music Archive at Fondren Library. John Nova was a friend of HFMS, and had mentioned us favorably in his writings. For an excellent longer article on John Nova's life and accomplishments by Margaret Dowling of the *Houston Press*, go [here](#).



I Woke Up to AI

by Andy Longo et al

In a telephone conversation, my brother in law used the phrase “living in hope and dying despair”. When I heard that, I told him he could be a major blues artist of Ponchatoula, LA. Alas, he does aspire to that. Fortunately (depending on your opinion), there is the ChatGPT app on openai.com and several other such systems available. So I ventured forth with a test run.

I asked for a blues song to be written in the style of Skip James [[Nehemiah Curtis "Skip" James](#) (June 9, 1902 – October 3, 1969)] based on the theme “living in hope and dying in despair”. It put out 4 verses with a chorus and outgo. I have included a sample of the verses. I also ran test with adding verses to some songs that I like so that I would know how to sing along with them. You may have some fun with this if you have not already tried to do so.

Claude's Lament (an AI composition)

I woke up this morning, with a heavy hearted soul,
Feelin' down and weary, like I'm stuck in a deep, dark hole.
Livin' in hope, but dyin' in despair,
Life's been unkind, don't seem fair.

CHORUS: Oh, I'm livin' in hope, but dyin' in despair,
Feelin' lost and broken, like life ain't playin' fair.
Tryin' to find my way, in this world so cold,
Livin' in hope, but the road's gettin' old.

I've seen my share of struggles, faced many a storm,
Fought through the battles, tried to keep my form.
But sometimes it feels like I'm runnin' on empty,
Livin' in hope, but the pain is plenty.

OUTGO: So I'll keep on goin', with my eyes on the light,
Livin' in hope, and holdin' on tight.
For in the midst of darkness, a spark can still ignite,
And with hope in my heart, I'll keep on fightin' the night.

GOODBYE FAIR LADIES

I first heard the Kingston Trio's spirited recording of this song in 1962 – the year I graduated from high school. I was already well on my way to being a hard-core folkie. Away Rio is a traditional capstan shanty – dating to the 1860s or before. The “Rio Grande” of this song is almost certainly not the river of southwestern North America, but rather the province Rio Grande do Sul of southern Brazil. You can hear a traditional rendering of the song [here](#), or on the [HFMS Audio Archive](#). Every version I have heard has different verses, or the lyrics in a different order.

AWAY, RIO

Traditional

D A D
 O say, were you ever in Rio Grande? Away, Rio!
 G D A D
 It's there that the river runs down golden strand;
 A D
 And we're bound for the Rio Grande

CHORUS

G D G D
 And away... Rio! Away... Rio!
 G D A Bm
 So fare you well, my pretty young girl
 D A D
 We're bound for the Rio Grande!

Oh, Galveston town is no place for me! Away Rio!
 So I'll pack up me sea chest and go back to sea!
 And we're... **CHORUS**

We'll man the good capstan and run her around. Away Rio!
 We'll haul up the anchor from out in the sound.
 And we're... **CHORUS**

The anchor is weighed and the sails they are set. Away Rio!
 The girls that we're leavin' we'll never forget.
 And we're... **CHORUS**

So goodbye fair ladies we know in this town. Away Rio!
 We've left you enough to buy a silk gown.
 And we're... **CHORUS**

Our ship went a-sailin' out over the bar. Away Rio!
 We've pointed her bow to the Southern Star.
 And we're... **CHORUS**



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

Vintage Market Days®
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 "HAPPINESS IS..."
 vintage • vintage-inspired • architectural salvage
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Walker County Fairgrounds
 3925 SH 30
 Huntsville, TX 77340
 June 2-4, 2023

FRIDAY 10-4 SATURDAY 10-4 SUNDAY 11-4

KEMAH BOARDWALK
FIREWORKS
 FRIDAY, JUNE 2 | SUMMER KICKOFF!
 FIREWORKS • 9:30 PM
 LIVE MUSIC – LOGAN SOILEAU BAND 6PM TO 10PM
 KICK OFF SUMMER WITH A BANG!

GULF COAST
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JUNE 2 - 4, 2023
 UNIVERSITY OF
 ST. THOMAS, HOUSTON


A Gathering of Traditional Irish musicians & fans
 Classes, presentations, sessions, & a concert!

ACCORDION KING/ & QUEENS
 CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF
 MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE

JUNE 3RD, 2023 • 7PM - 10PM MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE

June HTX
 Market's
 EAT. SHOP. ♥ DO GOOD.

Miller Outdoor Theater
The Legend of the Lunar Festival



📅 Tuesday, June 6, 2023
 11:00 am (1h)

Miller Outdoor Theater
The Legend of the Lantern Festival



📅 Wednesday, June 7, 2023
 11:00 am (1h)

Summer Vibe Artisan Market

	WHEN	WHERE
	June 11th 12pm to 5pm	Megaton Brewery Kingwood, TX

houston



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80+ local artisans • tasty craft brews • live music • food

June 12-17, 2023


HOUSTON CLASSICAL GUITAR FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION

St. Philip Presbyterian Church
 4807 San Felipe Street
 Houston, TX 77056

**Love to Sing, Dance and Act? Audition for
The Christmas Revels: An Appalachian-American
Celebration of the Winter Solstice**



Saturday, June 17th, 2023 10am adults - 11am children
St Luke's Methodist Church - Choir Room



**International Day of
Yoga**

June 21, 2023

6:00 PM 9:00 PM



**EMPIRE State
JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Saturday, June 24, 2023



12:00PM - 10:00PM | TICKETS AVAIL AT: WWW.EMPIRESTATEJAZZFEST.COM

SAT JUNE 24

**CARIBBEAN
CRAFT
MARKET™**

4PM-9PM





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

Kickoff Jam
JUNE 2-4, 2023
 El Rancho Mañana Campground and Riding Stables,
 Richmond, MN
 A CAMPING AND JAMMING WEEKEND

Mad Robin
 Sonoma County, CA
 June 3, 2023
Ball



f S Folklore Society of
g W Greater Washington
 Glen Echo Park, MD
 June 3rd - 4th, 12 PM - 7:00 PM

A CELEBRATION OF
WOMEN
 JUNE 4-11, 2023



Boston Early Music Festival
 PAUL O'DETTE & STEPHEN STUBBS, Artistic Directors
 KATHLEEN FAY, Executive Director
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Friday, June 9, 2023 INTERNATIONAL
Folk Fest
 MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE
 FEATURING DANCE GROUPS FROM: UNITED STATES, POLAND, MEXICO, AND FRANCE

SCISSORTAIL TRADITIONAL DANCE SOCIETY
 PRESENTS
**FLAMINGO
 FLING**
 CONTRA DANCE WEEKEND
 JUNE 9-11, 2023
 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
 INTERNATIONAL DANCE STUDIO
 DIANE SILVER, CALLER
 STOMP ROCKET, BAND




CONNECTICUT SEA MUSIC FESTIVAL
 June 9-12 2023 - Essex, CT



Redwood Music Camp

Traditional music workshops
in the Santa Cruz Mountains
Saturday, June 10th – Sunday, June 11th
Celtic • Canadian
Swedish • Americana

Hey Days
Bay Area Country Dance Society
English Dance and Music Week
June 11-18, 2023

JUNE 14-17 2023
GRASS VALLEY, CA

CBA YOUTH ACADEMY

FIDDLE, GUITAR, MANDOLIN, BANJO, BASS & VOCALS!
FEATURING NORTH COUNTRY BLUE

California Bluegrass Association

FATHER'S DAY 48TH ANNUAL
BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

JUNE 15-18, 2023
NEVADA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
GRASS VALLEY, CA
FATHERSDAYFESTIVAL.COM

PENN-MAR IRISH Festival

Saturday, June 17, 2023
Markets at Shrewsbury
Glen Rock, PA



the delayed 16th Annual
Faultline Frolic
Santa Rosa's Urban
Contra Dance Weekend
June 17-19, 2022

From Women's Hearts and Hands Guitar Camp

June 23 – 26, 2023

Mendocino Coast

BACDS

Family Week

Monte Toyon - Aptos, California

June 25th to July 1st, 2023

Dancing
Music and Song
Crafts
Storytelling
Community

International Sessions at Pinewoods Camp

2023 Schedule

As of January 17, the Weekend is full, we have started a waitlist. Spaces are still available for FolkDays.

Both Sessions: Thursday, June 22 - Thursday, June 29

Weekend Session Only: Thursday, June 22 - Monday, June 26

FolkDays Session Only: Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29



Songwriting Workshop w/ Tom Paxton - June 30th - July 2nd, 2023

\$650.00

Songwriting Workshop with Tom Paxton, Jackson Emmer, and C. Daniel Boling.

WHERE: Glenwood Springs, Colorado.



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS & TOURS



DANUBE BUDAPEST
CARNIVAL
INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL
JUNE 9-17, 2023



15th - 18th June 2023
Hopton Court
Nr. Cleobury Mortimer
Shropshire

63RD. INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL - ŠIBENIK 2023.
CROATIA
📅 24th. June - 8. July 2023.



Warwick FOLK FESTIVAL
27 - 30 JULY 2023



Summer School 2023
📍 ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND 16 Jul - 13 Aug

COMMUNITY ACTION

gofundme remembering
John Nova Lomax

“...the incredibly gifted writer about music and Texas life, who made it his practice to talk with people no matter their backgrounds, who absorbed local history and wrote about it with authority, who had a never-ending sense of curiosity, died too soon on the morning of Monday, May 22, 2023.”

gofundme Mission Selia!

Selia Qynn, acoustic folk-jazz musician at Prima Pasta and owner of Habitat House, fell off a ladder and broke both feet. Please help defray the cost of her lost income and help pay for the upkeep of the Habitat garden and animals while she is unable to. Any amount is appreciated.



Only six months away!
HHGA Games & Festival
October 14th, 2023

Houston Highland Games Association Needs Your Help:

Plans are in process for our upcoming annual Houston Highland Games on Oct 14th, 2023, at [Humble Civic Center Arena](#) in Humble, Texas. We would love to have you involved in our planning in any way that is possible for you. **We need volunteers and sponsors/donations desperately** to be able to pull this all together. We want to continue to promote our Scottish culture with athletic games, Clans, Celtic music, Scottish dancers, Bagpipe bands, vendors, and cultural food.



EMMIT'S PLACE NEEDS YOU

As many of you might have heard, Susan, the operator of Emmit's Place and an avid supporter of live music, was recently diagnosed with cancer. She is focused on the health battle ahead and will be unable to operate the club over the next several months.

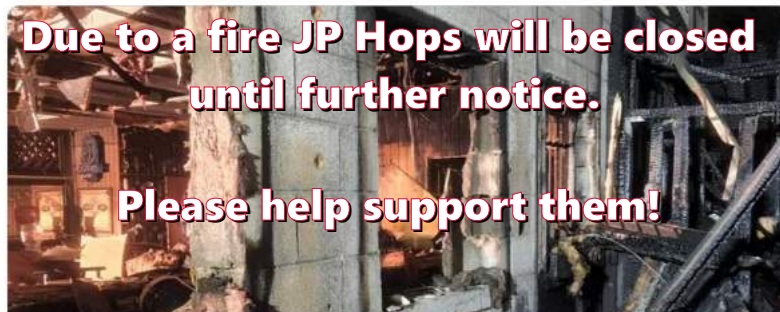
While she has insurance to cover her medical care, Emmit's Place will not be able to support paying the 70+ hours of labor each week that Susan typically worked unpaid. We are requesting donations to help cover these labor costs so we can keep the doors open at Emmit's Place in her absence. Large or small, any donations are greatly appreciated.

To make a donation and read updates from Susan about progress in her health battle, please visit the GoFundMe page at the link below.

[♥ DONATE NOW](#)

Griff's Irish Pub
Houston's Oldest Sports Bar
Due to a fire, Griff's is closed...
Please help support our staff while we rebuild.
EMPLOYEE RELIEF FUND

J P Hops House Fire Fundraiser



AMERICA'S OTHER IRISH - A MUSICAL JOURNEY

This two-hour public television documentary will combine narrative and music performance to recount the little-known but vital role of the people known as the "Scotch-Irish" or "Scots-Irish" in shaping our country's democratic traditions, values and conflicts, with the same proletarian spirit reflected in their music.

SAVE THE MUSIC PARTNERS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE MUSIC PROGRAMS

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[Ould Sod Virtual Traditional Irish Session](#)

[Old Time Jams and Other Genres *Calendar*](#)

[Monthly 'chantey sing' to support the SF Maritime National Park](#)

[Portsmouth Maritime Monthly Chantey Sing](#)

[San Francisco Folk Music Club Community Calendar](#)

[Portland Folk Music Society - singing and playing](#)

[Folk Arts Center Of New England](#)

[Judith's Virtual Folk Dance Calendar](#)

[Royal Scottish Dance Society Global Dance Listings](#)

[Odd Sundays English Dance Party](#)

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[Folklore Society of Greater Washington - Dances](#)

[Folk Alliance Internation Live Stream Concerts Calendar](#)

[Greenwich Village Concerts](#)

[Any Sunday Songwriters - concerts](#)

[Folklore Society of Greater Washington Online Concert Series](#)



 [Google Map](#) [Old Time Jams, Festivals, Fiddle Contests, Irish Sessions, and Contra Dance Bands](#)

**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 music. **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 and acoustic music, and other folklore activities in the greater Houston area.**

Please fill-out, print, and mail this page along with a check payable to Houston Folklore and Music Society, P.O. Box 542348, Houston, TX 77254 , OR [email](mailto:HouFolkMusic@gmail.com) to HouFolkMusic@gmail.com and join on-line at [Online Memberships](#).

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership Renewal Re-Joining

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

NAME

STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE (wk)

E-MAIL:

Enclosed is \$20 Annual Dues

Thank you!

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