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February 2012

## TIME TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE FESTIVAL IN MARCH

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### **Sarasota Folk Club Sponsored Events**

- **Sailing Squadron Concert**, January 30, Monday, Sarasota, STEVE GILLETTE & CINDY MANGSEN performing at the Sarasota Folk Club concert at the Sailing Squadron, 1717 Ken Thompson Pkwy. Open Mic 7:15, concert 8:30. \$6 or more donation requested. Info: Jean 941.377.9256 or cell - 941.320.4774 or [jvhewitt2@verizon.net](mailto:jvhewitt2@verizon.net). For song samples go to: <http://compassrosemusic.com>
  - **Sailing Squadron Concert**, February 27, Monday, Sarasota, GEOFF KAUFMAN performing at the Sarasota Folk Club concert at the Sailing Squadron, 1717 Ken Thompson Pkwy. Open Mic 7:15, concert 8:30. \$6 or more donation requested. Info: Jean 941.377.9256 or cell - 941.320.4774 or [jvhewitt2@verizon.net](mailto:jvhewitt2@verizon.net). For song samples go to <http://geoffkaufman.com/>
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### **President's Message**

*Hello Fellow Folkies,*

*Happy New Year to you all! It's time to start thinking about our March Folk Festival. We've got a great line-up of artists and are starting to get vendor applications. We are still waiting to hear about our 501©3 status from the IRS. It is simply a matter of time before all your sponsorship donations will be tax deductible. And we are looking for sponsors (information on the website), <http://www.sarasotafolkfestival.org>, as well as the usual line-up of volunteer needed for staging the Festival. Our list of volunteer needs are up on the website and you simply have to choose your job and time slots and let Lu Winberg know via email and she will put your name in the schedule. We've got the website up dated and hopefully, as you are reading this, our online ticket sales are up and operating. We have a new flyer that includes the line-up of artists on the Sailing Squadron concert series as well as the info for the March Festival and they can be picked up at our monthly concerts. See you around the music!*

*Mindy Lou*

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### **Deadline**

By the 20th of each month, please send comments or non-calendar news to Lu Winberg, [luwinberg@sarafolk.org](mailto:luwinberg@sarafolk.org). Send local events (**Bradenton to Punta Gorda**) to be included in the Folk Club website calendar and the Newsletter calendar to Mindy Simmons, [thechirp@verizon.net](mailto:thechirp@verizon.net). Send your state-wide events to [news@foff.org](mailto:news@foff.org) for the FOFF calendar. Before sending your event, please go to [www.sarafolk.org](http://www.sarafolk.org) to see the required format and to make sure your event is not already listed. Just before we do the Newsletter, we also go to the state Friends of Florida Folk website, [www.foff.org](http://www.foff.org), and capture our local events, just to make sure we've got everything.

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## **Local Performer Listing**

If you would like to be listed on the Sarasota Folk Club website, Local Performers, please send your name or band name, city, website, email, telephone and a brief description (25 words or less) of your music that will encourage the viewer to go to your web site, to Barbara at [beebow123@gmail.com](mailto:beebow123@gmail.com).

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## **Folk Club Membership**

The Folk Club nearly 800 folk enthusiasts on our membership list. Membership is free and members receive a link to our e-newsletter at the end of each month. We thank Anne Bishop for maintaining the membership list and Peter Burkard for contacting members whose emails have bounced.

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## **Upcoming Area Folk Performances** from [www.sarafolk.org/folkeventsdate.htm](http://www.sarafolk.org/folkeventsdate.htm)

To see Area Recurring Events including jams, go to [www.sarafolk.org/recurring.htm](http://www.sarafolk.org/recurring.htm)

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### **January 2012**

January 27, Friday, Venice, BRUCE & the BOOMERS (Bruce Brunette, Carolyn Dunn, Rory Dubin) performing at the Venice Gazebo in Centennial Park, Venice Ave., Free!! 7pm, bring a chair.

January 27, Friday, Lakewood Ranch, BILL & KATE ISLES in a Thompson house concert. 7:30 pm; doors open: 7 pm. \$15 donation. BYOB & appetizer to share. Reservations & directions: 941.388.8018 or [tlakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:tlakewood2@gmail.com). <http://www.halfamind.com>

January 28, Saturday, Sarasota, BILL & KATE ISLES in a Carlson house concert. 6:30 pm; doors open: 6 pm. \$20 donation. Light refreshments. BYOB & chair. Reservations & directions: 941.343.9242 or [grace@carlsonstudio.org](mailto:grace@carlsonstudio.org). <http://www.halfamind.com>

January 28, Saturday, Palmetto, MYAKKA at Kojak's Ribhouse, 1631 8th Ave W. (U.S. Rt. 41 Business) 7-10 pm. [www.myakkamusic.com](http://www.myakkamusic.com)

January 29, Sunday, Sarasota, BRUCE WALLACE, w/MINDY SIMMONS, CD Release, at the Unity Coffeehouse Series, 3023 Proctor Rd. Reception: 6 – 7 pm. Concert: 7pm. \$10. Info: Venue: 941.955.3301 or Mindy: [thechirp@verizon.net](mailto:thechirp@verizon.net), Bruce Bathtub Wallace or Mindy Simmons.

January 30, Monday, Sarasota, JIM GROMKO, folk singer, guitarist performs traditional and contemporary folk songs in the thatched roof pavilion at O'Leary's Tiki Bar & Grill; every Monday from 12 to 3:30 p.m. at 5 Bayfront Dr., 941.953.7505, O'Leary's Tiki Bar.

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January 30, Monday, Sarasota, BILL SCHUSTIK at the Angry Pickle Pub & Grill (prev. Irish Rover), 6518 Gateway Ave. 6:30 - 10 pm. Venue: 941.487.8983. <http://billschustik.com/>

January 31, Tuesday, Palmetto, Florida Folk Night, Kojak's Rib House, 1631 8th Ave W. 7-10 pm; hosted by 88.5 FM WMNF's Pete Gallagher and Florida singer-songwriter Pat Barmore. Open mic, followed by featured performer SANDY ATKINSON. Info: 941.729.8986 or Kojak's in Palmetto.

## **February 2012**

February 2, Thursday, Sarasota, FLORIDA MOUNTAIN BOYS at JR's Old Packinghouse Cafe, 987 S Packinghouse Rd. 7-10 pm. Info: 941.371.9358 or <http://www.oldpackinghouse.net>.  
<http://floridamountainboys.com>

February 3, Friday, Sarasota, BILL & KATE ISLES in a Hice house concert. 7:30 pm; doors open: 6:30 pm. \$20 donation. BYOB, light refreshments provided. Reservations & directions: 941.224.1076 or [hice.1@osu.edu](mailto:hice.1@osu.edu) or [chris.hice72@gmail.com](mailto:chris.hice72@gmail.com). <http://www.halfamind.com>

February 3 - 5, Fri - Sun, Sarasota, 1st Annual Myakka River Rendezvous Living history reenactment of life in the pre-1840s), at the Crowley Museum & Nature Center, 16405 Myakka Rd. 9 am – 4 pm. Adults: \$8; children & seniors: \$5; military & preschool: free. Info: 941.322.1000 or <http://www.crowleymuseumnaturectr.org>

February 4, Saturday, Osprey, Oscar Scherer State Park is hosting the annual Florida Scrub-Jay Festival!! There will be tram tours of the scrub-jay habitat, guided nature walks, educational, a panel discussion about Scrub-Jays in Florida, music and arts and crafts for children. Environmental groups will have exhibits on topics of interest. 9:00am - 5:00pm, admission is FREE and food will be available for purchase. Music will be provided by DUNN DUO 10am-11am, AUSTIN TRUAX as SILVERTIP 11am-noon, The BONTRAGER GIRLS 2:30pm-3:15pm, and BRADLEY & BRETT ANDERSON 2pm-2:45pm, DUNN DUO with SILVERTIP 3:15pm-4pm.  
[www.floridastateparks.org/oscarscherer](http://www.floridastateparks.org/oscarscherer), [www.reverbnation.com/austintruax](http://www.reverbnation.com/austintruax),  
[www.reverbnation.com/dunnduo](http://www.reverbnation.com/dunnduo)

February 4, Saturday, Sarasota, PATCHOULI, house concert at Mindy Simmons'. Reception: 6 - 7 pm; concert: 7 pm. Reservations & advance payments required. Call Mindy: 941.371.1433.  
<http://www.mindsimmons.com> <http://www.patchouli.net/>

February 4, Saturday, Sarasota, Sarasota County Highland Games & Celtic Festival, w/Albannach, Rathkeltair, Druid Roots, Jacobites Pipe Band, at Roberts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd. 9 am – 8 pm. Info: <http://sarasotahighlandgames.com/>. <http://www.albannachmusic.com/>  
<http://www.rathkeltair.com/> <http://www.druidroots.com/> <http://www.jacobitesband.com/>

February 6, Monday, Sarasota, BILL SCHUSTIK at the Angry Pickle Pub & Grill (prev. Irish Rover), 6518 Gateway Ave. 6:30 - 10 pm. Venue: 941.487.8983. <http://billschustik.com/>

February 6, Monday, Sarasota, DON STIFFE, from Co Galway, at the Hewitt's, 1625 Vereda Verde. 8 pm. \$15. Info: Jean: 941.377.9256 or [jvhewitt2@verizon.net](mailto:jvhewitt2@verizon.net). Reservations not necessary; just show up. <http://www.myspace.com/donstiffe> to hear song samples

February 6, Monday, Sarasota, JIM GROMKO, folk singer, guitarist performs traditional and contemporary folk songs in the thatched roof pavilion at O'Leary's Tiki Bar & Grill; every Monday from 12 to 3:30 p.m. at 5 Bayfront Dr., 941.953.7505, O'Leary's Tiki Bar.

February 7, Tuesday, Palmetto, Florida Folk Night, Kojak's Rib House, 1631 8th Ave W. 7-10 pm; hosted by 88.5 FM WMNF's Pete Gallagher and Florida singer-songwriter Pat Barmore. Open mic, followed by featured performer DOUG SPEARS. Info: 941.729.8986 or Kojak's in Palmetto

February 10, Friday, Punta Gorda, PATCHOULI, Center Stage at Fisherman's Village. 5 - 9 pm. Venue: <http://www.fishville.com/>. <http://www.patchouli.net/>

February 10, Friday, Bradenton, Manatee UU Share-a-Dish Fellowship evening with The HOT POCKETS!! Mindy sings with her HOT POCKET sisters, Annie Murphy and Lisa Bohn. FUN, FUN, FUN!! Pot Luck dinner starts at 6pm. Concert begins at 7pm this is a FREE event (love offerings will be graciously accepted). The Manatee UU church is located at 322 15th Street West in Bradenton. 34205. <http://www.mindysimmons.com>

February 10, Friday, Sarasota, BEN PRESTAGE at the Moon Over Myakka concert, Myakka Rivr State Park, 13208 SR 72 (9 miles east of I-75). 7 pm. \$10 (members \$8); includes park entrance fee. Tickets sold day of the concert. Info: Lisa 941.373.7839 or Ranger station 941.361.6511 or <http://www.floridastateparks.org/myakkariver/Events.cfm> <http://www.benprestaje.net>

February 11, Saturday, Sarasota, 5th Annual Southwest Florida Heritage Festival at the Crowley Museum&Nature Center, 16405 Myakka Rd. Demonstrations, vendors, music, food. Performers include: MINDY SIMMONS, BENJAMIN DEHART, GREG ALLEN HALL, TURN BACK TIME (James Hawkins, Carolyn Dunn & Jim Dunn), GORDON MCMARTIN, MOUNTAIN DULCIMER CLUB, BRADLEY & BRETT ANDERSON, THE BONTRAGER GIRLS. 9 am - 5 pm. Free. Info: 941.322.1000. <http://crowleyfl.org/> <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=231294760226207>

February 11, Saturday, Sarasota, ERNIE EVANS & THE FLORIDA STATE BLUEGRASS BAND, w/PASSERINE opening, in a WSLR 96.5 FM concert, 525 Kumquat Circle (one block north of Fruitville Rd, between Orange & Lemon Aves). 8 pm. \$8 adv/\$10 door. Info & reservations: 941.894.6469 or <http://www.wslr.org>. <http://floridastatebluegrassband.com/> <http://www.reverbNation.com/passerine>

February 13, Monday, Sarasota, JIM GROMKO, folk singer, guitarist performs traditional and contemporary folk songs in the thatched roof pavilion at O'Leary's Tiki Bar & Grill; every Monday from 12 to 3:30 p.m. at 5 Bayfront Dr., 941.953.7505, O'Leary's Tiki Bar.

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February 14, Tuesday, Palmetto, Florida Folk Night, Kojak's Rib House, 1631 8th Ave W. 7-10 pm; hosted by 88.5 FM WMNF's Pete Gallagher and Florida singer-songwriter Pat Barmore. Open mic, followed by featured performer ANNIE WENZ. Info: 941.729.8986 or Kojak's in Palmetto.

February 17, Friday, Sarasota, ROD MacDONALD, w/MICHAEL MILLER opening, in a WSLR 96.5 FM concert, 525 Kumquat Circle (one block north of Fruitville Rd, between Orange & Lemon Aves). 8 pm. \$10 adv/\$12 door. Info & reservations: 941.894.6469 or <http://www.wslr.org>. <http://www.rodmacdonald.net>

February 18 - 19, Sat - Sun, Cortez, Commercial Fishing Festival, Cortez Village, 4600 124th St W. 10 am – 6 pm. \$2, children under 12: free. Performers include: BRIAN SMALLEY, MANATEE RIVER BLUEGRASS BAND, MAIN HATCH MOTLEY SEA & ST PETE SHANTY SINGERS. Info: <http://cortezvillage.org/FishingFestival.aspx>

February 20, Monday, Sarasota, JIM GROMKO, folk singer, guitarist performs traditional and contemporary folk songs in the thatched roof pavilion at O'Leary's Tiki Bar & Grill; every Monday from 12 to 3:30 p.m. at 5 Bayfront Dr., 941.953.7505, O'Leary's Tiki Bar.

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February 21, Tuesday, Palmetto, Florida Folk Night, Kojak's Rib House, 1631 8th Ave W. 7-10 pm; hosted by 88.5 FM WMNF's Pete Gallagher and Florida singer-songwriter Pat Barmore. Open mic, followed by featured performer CHARLEY GROTH. Info: 941.729.8986 or Kojak's in Palmetto.

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Membership in the Sarasota Folk Club is FREE. If you know anyone who would like to join and get this free newsletter via email every month, please have him or her contact Anne Bishop.

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## **Classified Ads**

- AL FULLER has been teaching music in the Sarasota area for over 15 years. He offers beginner to advanced lessons in any style, on electric or acoustic guitar. He also offers lessons on harmonica, bass guitar, banjo, mandolin and ukulele. Al teaches at his studios and at Fogg's Music in Sarasota. For more information, 941-918-8230, [www.alfuller.net](http://www.alfuller.net) or [alfuller1@verizon.net](mailto:alfuller1@verizon.net).
- ISHMAEL KATZ is offering lessons in guitar, mandolin, bass, banjo, ukulele, dulcimer, music theory, songwriting, beginning voice and harmonica. Ishmael now has a webcam and Skype and can also give music lessons via computer with folks who have the same capability. This means if you live out of town or have any other reason why it would be more convenient to do a lesson by webcam...you can. For more information, 941-366-1423, [ishguitar@yahoo.com](mailto:ishguitar@yahoo.com), [www.ishmaelkatz.com](http://www.ishmaelkatz.com).

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## **This 'n That**

- **Folk Club Ongoing Fundraiser. We received a check from THE WOMEN'S EXCHANGE and we want to thank the person or persons who brought items to the Women's Exchange and**

**used our Folk Club account #.** We can all donate items to the Women's Exchange on Orange Ave in Sarasota and the Sarasota Folk Club will receive 65% of the selling price when an item is sold. Mark your items with "Sarasota Folk Club," & the number 42104. Consignments are accepted from 8:30 to 11 am Mon, Wed, & Fri the first three weeks of the month. Call 941-955-7859, Ext 302 for questions or to make other arrangements.

- **MUSICIANS WANTED** to perform at Old Miakka Farmers Market, Crowley Museum & Nature Center on Saturday mornings 9am-2pm for fun – 2 performers or groups each Saturday. If you'd like to perform, contact Debbie 1 or 2 weeks in advance, at 4beesherbs@mindspring.com or 941-322-2446.
- **Sailing Squadron Open Mic.** Due to the overwhelming success, the open mic performers during the Sailing Squadron Concerts will be selected by drawing names from a hat at 7pm that evening.
- **WSLR Radio.** Tune in to WSLR, 96.5 FM, our locally funded radio station [www.wslr.org](http://www.wslr.org). You will especially want to listen to MCs Ishmael Katz & James Hawkins on the 2-hour folk show on Sunday from 11am-1pm; "Our Kind of Folk" with Craig Huegel Mondays from 7-9am, "From the Mountains and Beyond" with Tracy Hostetler every Monday from 3-5pm, and Dr. Nik's "The History of Bluegrass" Wednesdays from 1-3pm. Don't miss them. If you live outside the WSLR broadcast area, please go to [www.wslr.org](http://www.wslr.org) and click on the link to the right for your choice of ways to stream the station. Call 941-355-4540 for the direct line to the programmer for questions or requests. WSLR 96.5 accepts submissions for **Public Service Announcements**, as long as the event is a benefit (no prices for admissions, donations, etc.). Send announcements and artwork listing the event to [psa@wslr.org](mailto:psa@wslr.org) for approval. And remember: the earlier they get it, the more it can be read! **To make a pledge** to WSLR, call 941-894-6469 or Online at [www.wslr.org/php/donorapp.php](http://www.wslr.org/php/donorapp.php). They help support our efforts by announcing our events!!
- **Support Our Local Folk Music Venues!!** [www.sarafolk.org/venues.htm](http://www.sarafolk.org/venues.htm).
- **WMNF Radio.** On WMNF, 88.5 FM you can listen to folk or bluegrass on Saturday mornings from 6 am to 2 pm. All shows are streamed live Online and are also archived so you can listen to an earlier show you might have missed or want to hear again. See [www.WMNF.org](http://www.WMNF.org) for the complete schedule.

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## ***Member Opportunities***

- **Host a House Concert.** Are you interested in hosting a house concert for a local folk artist or a touring performer? If you have room for 20-30 people and a bunch of friends/neighbors you can invite, this is a fun thing to do. The Folk Club provides publicity for events hosted by Club members and we can provide the names of local and touring folk performers. Contact Anne Bishop, [annie3907@verizon.net](mailto:annie3907@verizon.net), for more info.
- **Entertainment Night.** For six years a group of 12 friends have gotten together once a month for a pitch-in dinner and an evening of entertainment provided by local and touring folk performers that they have hired. If this sounds like fun to you and you'd like to start your own Entertainment Night, contact either Anne Bishop or Lu Winberg.

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