Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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526 E 52 nd St. (52nd & Central), Indianapolis	
1:00 – 2:00 Board Meeting	
Slow Jam Session	
2:00 – 3:00 Performance Hour	
3:00 – 4:00 Band practice	
4:00-5:00 Sharing Circle	



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A Message from our President

By Ruth Slates

I cannot believe that it's October already! I want to take a moment to let you know how much I've enjoyed being your President for the past two years. However, in November, we will be electing officers for the 2013-year, and I look forward to serving on the Board as Past President.

We need your talents; if you'd like to be part of the Board of Directors, please be sure to let someone on the board know before or at the October meeting. For those of you who know me, this will come as no surprise; I will begin drafting committee members at the October meeting (not showing up will not give you immunity to the draft) so that we can conduct the election at the November 2012 meeting.

Please consider volunteering for either the Nominating Committee, or serving on the Board. We have so many talented members who can contribute their time to serving on the Board. The Society needs new ideas. Please consider using your time and talents to promote the Society.

If you can't make one of those commitments, we'll be relying on you to continue to support us by coming to meetings, attending gigs and volunteering for our projects. Some of you who have never served as an officer are the ones we rely on to get us through the year. Thanks to everyone for doing all that they can do to help!

Also, in November we will be presenting a Ruth Reneau's Pop Bottle workshop! It was a hit at this year's Eagle Creek Folk Fest. See details in the newsletter about that!



Elections are coming in November!

The Treasurer's Report By George McCord

Please welcome Terri Inveiss and Ieva Johnson to the Society. Be sure to introduce yourself, and make them feel welcome.

Account status for September 2012 as of this writing (prior to reconciliation):

\$ 3739.57 =>checking balance (a little more than last month).

\$ 2708.39 => savings balance (essentially the same as last month).

\$ -145.50 =>less in the treasury than last year at the same time.

\$ -368.22 => operating loss this calendar year to date.

\$ 5121.91 =>annual expenses over the past rolling year.

\$ -923.79 => operating loss over the past rolling year compared to the previous year.

Based on the past rolling year's experience, we have sufficient funds on hand to cover a little more than 15 and three-fourths month's worth of expenses.

Membership Status: We had 2 new memberships, 5 renewals, 0 reinstatements, and lost 1 member in September 2012. Individual memberships stand at 118 compared with 108 a year ago.

Membership Dues: Annual individual membership dues remain at just \$20/year. The immediate family, living at the same address, of an individual member may be included in a family membership. If your membership is due or past due, please send a check to CIFM&MDS, P.O. Box 1503, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1503, or catch me at the next meeting. I'm always happy to take your money.

Songbooks: The Main Songbook is available to all members in good standing for \$25 each. Copies of the Main Songbook with Mountain Dulcimer Tabbing by Lew Mastin are available for \$35 each. Fiddle tunes are included in the Main Songbook, but a special "Fiddlers Edition" is also available as a separate supplement for \$5

each. See me at the meeting if you are in need of any of these songbooks.

Thanks to Jean Vance for assisting members with treasury services at the September meeting. Her help is appreciated.

It is a pleasure and privilege to serve you and our Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society.

Happy Harpers Happenings By Christine Reneau

Once again, the October treats for the CIFM&MDS are courtesy of the Happy Harpers. Enjoy! And psssst -- let's all be sure to give Karen Sechrist an early Happy Birthday wish. A little birdie says that she will become 75 years young in November.

Meanwhile, the leaves are turning and it is a great time for a little autumn road trip for the Happy Harpers. So... over the river and through the woods (and lots of Indiana fields) we go. On Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 PM the Happy Harpers will be meeting at the rural home of Janis Lewman who lives at 133 W US Highway 52 near Fountaintown. Janis can be reached at JLwmn@Hughes.net or (317) 861-6972 for directions. Everyone is always welcome.

Dulcimer New From LewBy Lew Mastin

The Dulcimer Only Group meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Robin Run Village. Robin Run is at 5354 West 62nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268, just East of Zionsville Road. Meetings are held in the community room at the main building.

Join us to learn new songs, enhance your skill level and just enjoy playing the Mountain Dulcimer. We welcome all Mountain Dulcimer players. Meetings start at 7 P. M.

Dave's Downbeat

By Dave Slates Music Coordinator

It's October; time to think about next year's board. The Society needs volunteers for the nominating committee; to find members for next year's board and to present them at the November meeting. As an added incentive to becoming a Nominating Committee member, committee members cannot be nominated to the board!

This year has been full of some great gigs, and the Big Band has stepped up to the challenge, playing better than ever. The income from these gigs has allowed the Society to continue in our outreach to the Indiana musical community. That being said, we can't rest on our laurels (or anything else); we need to pull out the Christmas music and blow the dust off for the Dec 3rd gig at Mooresville Library at noon. We will use part of the Big Band rehearsal time at the upcoming meeting to run through them. Be sure to bring your copies of our holiday music.

See you at the meeting. Keep on playin'.

Here, There, and Everywhere Music being made this month.

Saturday Oct. 20, 9-Noon; *Slates Family Band* plays at the Broad Ripple Farmers Market,

Sat Oct 27 - 3:15-4:45 pm - Gypsy Moon Ball (contra dance) - *Hoosier Hill Boys*; Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ , 416 E. North St , Indianapolis, \$20 for Saturday entitles you to a full day/night of dancing, music and fun http://www.indycontra.org/?page_id=1471

Sat Oct 27 - 8:00-11:00 pm; Upland Indy Tasting Room - *New Augusta Bluegrass Band* http://uplandbeer.com/eat-n-drink/indy-tasting-room/

Indianapolis Ukulele Fans; Meet-up the first Monday of the month 10:00am, Sam Ash in Castleton. Also the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. Bring a few tunes!

See you at the meeting!

Eagle Creek Folk Festival Pictures
By Dave Wensits

My photos are available from this year's ECFF. Hope you enjoy them. Just click on the link: http://www.flickr.com/photos/29471731@. <

Indy Folk Series new season

Hello Indiana! Bishop~Davidson is very excited to be coming back to Indiana during the season of falling leaves - and even MORE excited to be performing at the fabulous Indy Folk Series!

Saturday, Oct 20, 7-9:00pm Indy Folk Series Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis 615 West 43rd Street Tickets \$10 (age 12 and under free) www.indyfolkseries.org

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2012 Meeting Themes



October

Western

November

Thanksgiving

December

Annual Holiday Party

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2nd Saturday at 12:30pm, 4th Wednesday at 6:30pm Older shows stream on our website.

Ted Yoder House Concert

Ted Yoder, National Hammer Dulcimer Champion, will perform in a house concert on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at 7pm. The concert will be held at the lavish Seest Sound Stage. Door fee is \$5; ages 16 and younger get in free.

Please RSVP, if you plan to attend: sberry@myninestar.net.
Address/directions will be given with RSVP.



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