

February 2005

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WINTER FOLK!

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WINTERGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MUCH MORE!

WinterFolk! A Benefit for the Coconino Center for the Arts

Saturday, February 26, 2005

5:00-7:00pm Young Jammers No-Host Social

7:00-9:00pm WinterFolk Performances



The Coconino Center for the Arts at 2300 N. Fort Valley Road

Planning continues for an engaging evening of entertainment near the end of this year's Winterfest activities. WinterFolk will be an evening of music that will unite the efforts of the Northern Arizona Celtic Heritage Society (NACHS) and the Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music (FFOTM) to benefit the Coconino Center for the Arts. We're working on a possibility of adding dance to the night's festivities as well.

Traditionally FFOTM has produced a fund-raiser for the Center each winter. This year we thought it would be a good idea to string together the music so dear to the members of each of the non-profit organizations for the pleasure of all.

We will be honored by the presence of three of Flagstaff's most enjoyable bands that will do their best to weave together a story of traditional music with Celtic roots that will leave us all just a bit smarter about the connections between the music we love. Second Harvest, the Knockabouts, and the Tatters will grace us with the best of Celtic, bluegrass and otherwise traditional music. Come support their collective efforts to in turn support the Center.

Part of the connections to be made during the evening

will also be with the Young Jammers program, a FFOTM-sponsored activity that brings music and musicianship into the lives of our youngest locals, ages 8 through 17. From 5:00-7:00 there will be a no-host social introducing you to what Young Jammers has accomplished in 2004 and where they're headed in the new year. During this social there will be drinks of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic variety as a prelude to the evening's concert. As with the tickets you purchase the proceeds are all going to the Center.

To paraphrase Bing Crosby in the classic film, *White Christmas*, '...no one associated with the show stands to make anything from this. We're doing only for the best Center for the Arts in the best little town in Arizona...the Coconino Center for the Arts.' Proceeds from refreshment sales will profit the Center. Volunteers will give of their time to produce the event. The bands are contributing their efforts to benefit the Center and keep the publicity wheels turning for their bands.

So, mark your calendars now for that Saturday evening. Remember the venue is limited in size to just over 200 seats. Admission will be:

Adults - \$10/General - \$8/Members

Students - \$8/General - \$6/Members

Children (12 and under) - \$6/General - \$4/Members

Better yet, call now to reserve one or more of these valuable tickets. Contact Christina Boyd at either (928) 522-9269 or 4clarity@infomagic.net. She'll be happy to reserve a ticket for you. There are no reserved seats at the Center auditorium. Please encourage your friends and family to join us that evening. A grand time will be had by all!

Michael Satterwhite





Martin Hayes & Dennis Cahill

February 12, 2005
Cline Library Auditorium
8:00pm

It has been four years since Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill have performed in Flagstaff. They were last here on St. Patrick's Day in 2001, as the opening act for Liam O'Flynn in Ardrey Auditorium. There they performed to a sell-out crowd and received a standing ovation. They are finally coming back to Flagstaff to perform during Winterfest at the Cline Library Auditorium on the NAU campus. In case you weren't able to see Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill the last time they performed, here is some helpful information to let you know just what kind of treat you are in for when you see them in concert.

Irish fiddle virtuoso Martin Hayes and American guitarist Dennis Cahill possess a rare musical kinship, ranking them among the most memorable partnerships of our era. Together they have garnered international renown for taking traditional music to the very edge of the genre. Listeners are held spell-bound with the ever-intensifying, fiery performances. The duo is opening the doors of traditional Irish music and releasing its pure, distilled beauty, incorporating sensibilities from the worlds of classical, blues, and jazz.

Martin Hayes has been an All-Ireland fiddle champion six times over and has taken home a National Entertainment Award (an Irish Grammy so to speak). Martin plays in the slow, lyrical style of his native East County Clare. Dennis Cahill, a native of Chicago, is a master guitarist, versed as well in classical, blues, and rock as he is in traditional music. His innovative accompaniment is acknowledged as being a major breakthrough for guitar in the Irish tradition. In addition to performing with Hayes, Cahill has also worked with Liz Carroll, Eileen Ivers, and Kevin Burke, as well as being a regular at Chicago's session scene, with musicians such as Lawrence Nugent, Liz Knowles, and Kieran O'Hare.

The musical rapport between Martin and Dennis is so strong that it is often said they appear to be playing one instrument. While Martin pursues a melody, Dennis explores the harmony and rhythms within the tunes. He seems to intuitively know Martin's next move, consistently matching it with astonishing skill and grace. Their live performances weave tunes that stretch up to thirty minutes long, in what Hayes describes as "a three-way conversation between the two of us and the music." Martin and Dennis work off each other like two jazz masters, exploring the tunes, spinning medleys that expand and contract with intensity. Their last release in 1999, *Live in Seattle*, captures this incredible chemistry between the two masters of Irish music.

This concert is presented by Living Traditions Presentations and sponsored by NAU Preparatory Suzuki Strings and Northern Arizona Celtic Heritage Society. Tickets are \$19 each with a \$2 discount to members of NACHS, NAIF, FFOTM, NAU Prep School, and students with id. Tickets are available from NAU Central Ticketing, Ticketmaster, Arizona Music Pro, Jitters Coffee, and Cedar Music. ALL tickets are \$22 at the door.

For more information, call 522-7052, 600-1365, or email livingtraditionspresentations@yahoo.com. To contact NAU ticketing, call 523-5661.

FFOTM Dance Organizers Looking For Dance Angels

Have you ever thought about what it takes to put on a regular monthly contra dance event? There's the hiring and scheduling of callers, bands and halls, making and distributing of posters and fliers, getting the word out about the event through public service announcements, storing and care of supplies and equipment, and organizing of volunteers.... to name just some of the tasks. Many wings make light work, and we'd love your help!!

You are invited to join us at our regular Dance Angel potlucks!! All interested members of the dance community are encouraged to fluff their wings! We get together to discuss, plan and organize the monthly FFOTM dances at these fun and festive potluck get togethers. Everyone is invited to come share ideas and join the flock.

We meet on the Thursday evenings just after the even month FFOTM dances... February 10, April 7, June 9, etc, from 5:30 - 6:45. The meetings are at the home of Deb Comly and Mike Reddig at 1457 Meade Lane. Band rehearsal follows at 7:00 and everyone is invited to stay for that (there are always enough percussion instruments and accordions to go around....) Call 774-5936 to learn more.

FFOTM To Host Big Winterfest Contradance: Dancers, Snacks and Volunteers Needed!!!

It's time for one of the biggest dances of the year—the February Flagstaff Winterfest Contra Dance. This February 5th dance is our regular first Saturday FFOTM Contra Dance, but because it is advertised as one of Flagstaff's Winterfest activities we usually get a larger than usual turn out! And who knows what kind of crowd we'll get this year—there's actually snow in Flagstaff!! Many of us see this as a fine time to highlight our Flagstaff dance community. Our FFOTM band, Just Desserts will play for this dance and local callers Kari Usher and Deb Comly will teach and prompt the dancers. We'd like to encourage all dancers, old and new to come out in support of this dance. Let's show new and visiting dancers some great Flagstaff hospitality!

Maybe you remember some of the Winterfest Dances at Marshall School in years past... there were throngs of people, dancers heating up the hall, lively music and a festive snack table LOADED with home made treats and goodies!! We'd like to revisit those scenes at Ashurst Hall on February 5th... and invite ALL FFOTM members to contribute goodies for our upcoming Winterfest Contra Dance. You don't need to be a dancer to help make this FFOTM event a big success; bring some goodies to the dance and sit and visit a while, or make arrangements to drop off a contribution in advance with a dancer you know. We'd like to invite all dancers to bring a festive snack, come early to help set up and/or plan to stay late to load equipment in cars and put back chairs. Why not bring a friend who's never danced before? And while you are there why not offer to sit out one dance take a turn as greeter at the front table? Questions on how you can contribute? Call Deb at 774-5936 or email debmike@npgcable.com. Let's make this another memorable Flagstaff Winterfest Contra Dance!!

E Muzeki Brings Greek Bouzouki, Gypsy Violin, Flamenco Guitar and Celtic Fiddle to Arizona



Jenny O'Connor and Mark Varelas of E Muzeki will perform at Future Studios

Through several centuries and from many cultures, E Muzeki (pronounced ee moo 'zee kee) gathers traditional folk melodies to create an intoxicating repertoire of rare and beautiful world music. Greek bouzouki, Gypsy violin, Flamenco guitar and Celtic fiddle all play a part in E Muzeki's engaging repertoire that they will present on Friday, February 25th at Future Studios Performance Hall in Sedona.

Drawing from these traditions while not being bound by them, the group has developed a unique and captivating style. Having such varied influences, E Muzeki satisfies an audience that is equally diverse. The energetic, driving rhythms and exotic melodies draw listeners of all ages and from every walk of life.

E Muzeki brings fresh emotion to aged musical tradition by using a creative approach to arrangement and instrumentation. Mark Varelas plays Greek bouzouki, penny whistle, steel string and Flamenco guitars. Jenny O'Connor plays Gypsy violin, steel string guitar, and Celtic fiddle. The two trade off on lead and intricately interact to present a diverse selection of enchanting sounds and textures.

Their recent release *Mavra Matia* is a rare collection of ancient and traditional melodies from Celtic, European, and Middle Eastern countries. They are performed with energy and emotion on Greek bouzouki, violin, penny whistle, and acoustic guitar. E Muzeki has performed at a number of eclectic festivals and events including the Texas Folklife Festival, Scarborough Faire, and Renaissance Festivals around the country.

Tickets are: Adults: \$14 Advance; \$17 Day of Show. \$2 Discount for FFOTM members. Doors open 7 p.m.; show starts 7:30 p.m. Reduced youth prices and college student discounts. Future Studios is located at 30 Hozoni Drive, in West Sedona, behind the Sedona Boys and Girls Club. For more information or tickets call (928) 282-9139.

Wintergrass Bluegrass & Acoustic Music Festival

February 24-27, 2005

Sheraton Tacoma Hotel & Bicentennial Pavilion and First Baptist Church - Tacoma, WA

Acoustic Sound presents the 12th Annual Wintergrass Bluegrass and Acoustic Music Festival in Tacoma, WA, February 22-27 at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel and First Baptist Church. This year's lineup reflects an emphasis on innovative artists who have shaped the way bluegrass and acoustic music is played, composed and delivered. Linda Ronstadt returns to her traditional bluegrass roots and joins her close friends Maria Muldaur and Laurie Lewis for a special engagement on Sunday, February 27th. Known as The BlueBirds, Linda, Maria and Laurie agreed to join Wintergrass and have not arranged for other performances across the country. Returning artists include David Grisman, Peter Rowan, Tony Rice and The Seldom Scene. Among the 161 performers who are joining the festival this year, Wintergrass also welcomes Rhonda Vincent & The Rage, J.D. Crowe and the New South, Mountain Heart, Reeltime Travelers, The Lynn Morris Band, Old School Freight Train, King Wilkie, The Grascals, The Wilders, The Berck-Pearce Band, The Canotes, The Carl Frobee Band, Cross-eyed Rosie, DownTown Mountain Boys, Leah Larson Band, Misty River, Pupville, Skyline, String Helix, Super Lucky Cats and Tiller's Folly.

Similar to last year, this year's line up of 30 bands will bring people together from at least 5 countries and 28 states to listen to award winning musicians like Linda Ronstadt and David Grisman, or 2004 Grammy nominee, Rhonda Vincent, who, was nominated for Bluegrass Album of the Year. Wintergrass has always been a showcase for regional and local award winning talent. From Vancouver, BC to Eugene, Oregon, Wintergrass will celebrate the resurgence of bluegrass music with such bands as The Berck-Pearce Band, Tilly's Folley, Misty River and Leah Larson Band.

Festival goers will also be able to participate in the Wintergrass Academy prior to the music festival, or 50 workshops that will be available during the festival. Come evening, people can dance to their favorite bands on Friday and Saturday night. When bluegrass fans are not attending a concert, there are over 25 vendors and musical artisans who will be trading and selling their ware.

Wintergrass is about people. It's about the 5,000 people who come to play, listen, or dance to traditional music. It's about the 300 loyal and devoted volunteers who return each year to make it happen. It is about the City of Tacoma supporting the Arts and Humanities of its town. It's about friendship.

For more information see the <http://www.wintergrass.com/> web site.



Local Events

February 5 7:30-11:00pm FFOTM Monthly Contra Dance at Ashurst Hall on the NAU campus. FFOTM's own Just Desserts provides the great music with Callers Deb Comly and Kari Usher! Come on out and join us for a fun evening of dancing! Donation \$5.00 for FFOTM members, \$6.00 for non-members. "Rissa Pass" honored for Arizona first-time contra dancers. 7:30 pre-dance lesson, 8:00-11:00 dance. Contact Laura at 526-6757 for more info.

February 5 6:00-11:00pm 2nd Annual Wing Ding at the Coconino Center for the Arts, 2300 N. Fort Valley Rd. A benefit for the Whale Foundation, supporting members of the Grand Canyon river guiding community. Food, beverages, a silent auction, and music in the gallery, followed by a live auction and entertainment by Julie Sullivan and Friends and the Mars Hillbillies in the auditorium. A dinner donation will be requested and a cash bar is available. Admission is free. Call 773-0773 for more information.

February 12 8:00pm Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill in concert at the NAU Cline Library Auditorium. The Living Traditions Presentations and NAU Preparatory Suzuki Strings bring a wonderful evening of Irish music. This duo of fiddle and guitar are two of the finest Irish musicians in the world today. Tickets \$19 advance, \$22 at the door, with discounts for members of NACHS, NAIF, FFOTM, NAU Prep School and students, are available at the NAU Central Ticket office in the Central Union or call 928-523-5661. For more info call 522-7052, or 600-1365.

February 13 2-4:00pm Burnett Family Bluegrass Band at Bookman's. Come on out and see why these folks took first place at the 2004 Telluride Bluegrass Festival! Bookman's Used Books is located at 1520 S. Riordan Ranch Rd. Call 928-774-0005 for more info or visit www.bookmans.com. Visit the band at www.burnettfamily-bluegrass.com.

February 13 8:00pm Ladysmith Black Mambazo at the Orpheum Theater in downtown Flagstaff. It is Ladysmith Black Mambazo who have come to represent the traditional culture of South Africa. They are regarded as South Africa's cultural emissaries at home and around the world. 15 W Aspen St, (928) 556-1580 Doors open at 7:00pm. Show at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$25.00 advance, \$28.00 day of show. Visit www.greenhouseproductions.net for ticket purchase information or www.mambazo.com for more information.

February 15 6:30pm Peter Rowan and Tony Rice Quartet at the Orpheum Theater. Early Show!! Doors open at 6:00. Second Harvest opens the show at 6:30. Peter Rowan and Tony Rice take the stage at 7:15. \$20 advanced/\$23 day of show. All ages. Visit www.orpheumpresents.com for more info.

February 17 7:30pm Hapa at the Orpheum Theater. Hawaii's traditional music and dance comes to Flagstaff! Hapa's music is an amalgam of influences ranging from ancient Polynesian rhythms and genealogical chants to the strummed ballads of Portuguese fisherman, Spanish cowboys, and the inspired melodies and harmonies of the traditional church choirs of the early missionaries. Add to this a dose of American acoustic folk/rock, and you have what has been described as the "most exciting and beautiful contemporary Hawaiian music the world knows!"... (Maui Times). Doors open at 7:00. Show at 7:30. \$15

General Admission/\$20 Reserved (first 10 rows) and \$10 with NAU Student ID. All Ages. Learn more at <http://www.hapa.com> or visit www.orpheumpresents.com.

February 18 7:30-10:00pm A Cowboy Campfire at the Zane Grey Ballroom in the Weatherford Hotel, downtown Flagstaff. This annual event features Bill Vernieu and Tony Norris, our favorite cowboy musicians, poets, and storytellers, who gather around the the fire for an evening of old time western entertainment and humor. Seating is limited so don't miss out on this one! Tickets are \$12 general and \$10 for children and FFOTM members. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact (928) 526-6684 or (928) 523-3001.

February 18 8:00pm Richie Havens at the Orpheum Theater. Richie Havens is gifted with one of the most recognizable voices in popular music. For over three decades, Richie has used his music to convey messages of brotherhood and personal freedom. In 2003, The National Music Council awarded Richie the American Eagle Award for his place as part of America's musical heritage, and for providing "a rare and inspiring voice of eloquence, integrity and social responsibility." Visit www.greenhouseproductions.net.

February 18 3:00pm Kelvin Mockingbird at Bookmans Used Books. This master of Native American flutes is one half of the Grammy-nominated duo, Burning Sky. Don't miss this one! Visit www.bookmans.com for more info.

February 19 2-4:00pm Dom Flemons at Bookmans Used Books. "He is Flagstaff's wild man of folk." -Bookmans. You will be entertained! Visit www.bookmans.com for info.

February 25 3:00pm Joseph Langham & Wild Billy Kneebone at Bookmans Used Books. This core duo from Each Others' Legend plays inspired songs of love and respect. Always a treat! Visit www.bookmans.com for info.

February 25 7:30pm E Muzeki (pronounced ee moo 'zee kee) at Future Studios. See article this issue. Through several centuries and from many cultures, E Muzeki gathers traditional folk melodies to create a varied repertoire of rare and beautiful world music. Come see this amazing act! <http://www.emuzeki.com/>. Adults: \$14 Advance, \$17 day of show. \$2 Discount for FFOTM members. Reduced prices for youth 17 & under: \$4, \$3, \$2. College students with ID receive \$3 off adult ticket prices. Doors open 7:00 P.M. Show starts 7:30pm. Future Studios, 30 Hozoni Drive, Sedona. www.globalchangemusic.org. (928) 282-9139.

February 26 5-10pm WinterFolk - Annual Fundraiser for the Coconino Center for the Arts. From 5-7:00pm enjoy a no-host social and watch the Young Jammers' monthly workshop, a very inspiring musical experience! From 7-10:00pm the concert will feature three bands: a bluegrass band - Second Harvest, a Celtic/traditional band - The Thumb Beauties from Prescott, AZ, and a purely Celtic band - The Knockabouts. These bands are volunteering their talents so all proceeds can go to Flagstaff Cultural Partners which manages the beautiful Coconino Center for the Arts. Tickets are available at the door and are \$10 adults, \$8 students, \$6 for children 12 and under. (\$2 discount for FFOTM and NACHS members). For more info call (928) 522-9269 or email 4clarity@infomagic.net. Presented by Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music and Northern

Arizona Celtic Heritage Society.

March 5 1:00-4:00pm Contemporary Singing Workshop - taught by Gabriel of Sedona, founder of the nonprofit, independent record label Global Change Music. Learn to develop your own personal style of vocal expression. Longer courses available: 6-month session, 1-year course (2 sessions each 6-months), full 3-year program. Various instructors in voice training, theory, piano, guitar for accompaniment. \$75 if preregistered by February 15, 2005 or \$125 if after February 15, 2005. Future Studios in Sedona, 30 Hozoni Drive. For more information call (928) 282-9139 or visit www.globalchangemusic.org.

March 18 7:30pm Juan L. Sánchez Ensemble. Music without frontiers for a world without frontiers. This charismatic modern-day troubadour has transcended his Spanish roots to create a unique musical universe where Arabic and Sephardic melodies co-exist with gypsy rumbas, and sensual bossanovas are adorned with lush Latin jazz arrangements. "The Juan L. Sánchez ensemble embodies the real essence of the Nueva Canción and the New Folk movement of today. Music of spirit and truth for the people of the world with great songwriting, rich vocals and musical arrangements and an endless supply of passion." -Keith Greeninger, Kerrville Folk Festival winner. Visit www.juanl-sanchez.com. Adults: \$13 Advance, \$16 day of show. Reduced prices for youth 17 & under: \$4, \$3, \$2. College students with I.D. receive \$3 off adult ticket prices. Doors open 7:00pm. Show starts 7:30 P.M. Future Studios, 30 Hozoni Drive, Sedona. www.globalchangemusic.org. (928) 282-9139.

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Regional Events

February 11-13 5th Annual Bullhead-Laughlin Colorado River Bluegrass Festival at the river. Featuring J.D. Crow, David Parmley & Continental Divide, Mountain Heart, Cherry Holmes Family, Lost and Found, Rarely Herd, Cliff Wagoner & old#7, Colorado River Boys, Just for Fun, and Stone Creek. Daily workshops, craft and food booths and lots of fun for the family! Camping available. For info and directions email dog@citlink.net or visit www.coloradoriverbluegrass-festival.com/

February 18-20 The 2005 Pioneer Bluegrass Festival at Pioneer Living History Village featuring The Chapman's, The Martin Family, High Plains Tradition, Igor's Jazz Cowboys, Flint Hill Special, The Lampkins Family, Mazatzal, Foxfire Bluegrass, Just 'N Time, Bost Family Traditions, The Southwest Ramblers, Burnett Family Bluegrass. Fun for the family with jam sessions, workshops, OPEN MIC on Friday and much more. Admission: At the gate: Adults \$15.00 - Children 6 to 15 years of age \$5.00. Three day passes paid for in advance and for adults only \$40. Passes at the gate are \$45. Camping: dry spaces will be available February 14-

21 at \$5/day with paid admission to the festival. Deadline for reservations is FEB 1, 2005! Dogs allowed in camping ONLY and must be leashed at all times. Advanced passes: \$100 include admission for two adults, two children and three days camping. Limited seating so bring your own lawnchairs. Proceeds from this event will help to fund the Pioneer Living History Village, a non-profit educational facility. Contact Patti Butchino at pattiski@aol.com or www.pioneer-arizona.com. Location: 3901 W. Pioneer Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85086 (Take exit 225, one mile north of Carefree Highway in I-17.)

February 18 8pm David Wilcox at the Elks Opera House in Prescott, AZ. Tickets \$20 at <http://www.acousticmusic-arizona.com/concertseries.htm>. Presented by Acoustic Music Arizona.

Sat Feb 19 Cottonwood Contra Dance at the Cottonwood Civic Center, 805 N. Main Street in Old Town Cottonwood. Dances are preceded by a potluck from 5:30 - 6:30, with pre-dance lesson at 6:30 and dance from 7:00 - 10:00. Call Deb at 928 774 5936 for more info or email deb-mike@npgcable.com.

February 19 7:30pm David Wilcox at the Queen Creek Performing Arts Center in Queen Creek, AZ. Tickets \$20 purchase online at http://www.qcpac.com/events_wayout.html or call QCPA Box Office at (480) 987-5964. Presented by Acoustic Music Arizona.

February 25-27 First Annual Bluegrass Festival at Rice Ranch, Quartzsite, AZ. Featuring Lost Highway, Southwest Ramblers, Flinthill Special, New Family Tradition, Cedar Hills, and Bluegrass Gospel Express. \$10/day or \$25/weekend, camping available. For information, email Bill Bogan at billbo@cybertrails.com or call at 928-925-3344 cell/928-632-5639 office or visit: www.traditionalbluegrass.us/quartzite/

March 4 7:30-10:30pm Folk Happens! Contra Dance with band Loose Ends and fine caller to be announced. Held at the Grace Sparkes Activity Center (Old Armory) 824 E. Gurley. (new dancers are encouraged to arrive at 7:30 for instruction) Visit <http://sharlot.org/madness/index.shtml> for more info and monthly dances.

March 4-6 9:30am Bluegrass on the River at "La Paz County Park", 7350 Riverside Dr, Parker, Arizona, 85344. Featuring: The multi-award winning Illryd Time Out, The U. S. Navy Bluegrass Band Country Current, The James King Band, The Bluegrass Brothers, Blue Moon Rising, DooDoo Wah, Lost Highway, The Lampkins Family and more and much more! Three full days of wonderful music with excellent camping along the beautiful Colorado River. Many activities planned including band workshops, classic car show, RV show, great raffles and much more. This is a premier southwest festival to be sure to attend. (209) 785-4693, email: roaddog@caltel.com, or visit: <http://www.landspromotions.com>.

Flagstaff Folk Festival & Trappings of the American West Help FFOTM Plan 2005 Event!



The 4th Annual Flagstaff Folk Festival will be held June 11th and 12th at the Coconino Center for the Arts. This year's event again will be held in collaboration with the 16th Annual Trappings of the American West Exhibition & Festival. The Dry Creek Arts Fellowship is delving into a cross-cultural endeavor in this year's show, exploring the shared heritage of Western American, Hawaiian and Mexican cowboys with The Paniolo Project. Paniolos are Hawaiian cowboys who inherited and learned their horse and cattle skills and knowledge from Spanish American vaqueros. With this in mind, perhaps this year's Folk Festival can reflect some of the multi-cultural elements that will be displayed within the Trappings Exhibition.

In past years, Ken Ralston has led the charge as far as organizational efforts were concerned. Alas, Ken has moved. So, we need to pull together as a team to build on the success of prior festivals. With the installation of a new board, new ideas should come easily. The basic, multi-stage, 2-day format seems to be a solid plan and works well with the Center's geographic layout. However, questions to be addressed include: artist notification and recruit-

ment, stage assignments, sound systems, volunteer duties and food service.

Trappings of the American West opens May 27th and runs through June 19th at the Coconino Center for the Arts, 2 miles north of downtown Flagstaff on Fort Valley Road or Highway 180, the route to the Grand Canyon. Ninety artists from 14 Western states, Hawaii and Canada will participate in this juried, invitational exhibition. Approximately 350 pieces of artwork will be available for sale. Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music has brought a new dimension of family oriented music to the show through the Folk Festival. Let's continue this tradition and work toward another fun event the weekend of June 11th and 12th.

Check the FFOTM web site for information about the festival and contact information for the board members working to organize the festival.

Ongoing Events

Every Tuesday night – 8:00 pm:

The Mars Hillbillies play bluegrass and old-time music at the Wine Loft in downtown Flagstaff.

Every Thursday – 12:00 noon:

Lunchtime Bluegrass Jam in the lobby of Old Towne Shops. Call Christina Hargis Wednesdays (day before) at 714-1134 (evenings) or 556-2182 (days). All are welcome!

Every Thursday – 7:00 pm:

FFOTM Just Desserts contra dance band rehearsal. Open to anyone who wants to play or listen to contra dance tunes. Any instrument and playing ability is welcome. Rehearsal starts at 7:30 PM at the home of Deb Comly and Mike Reddig, 1457 W. Meade (off Fort Valley Rd. near Dan's Pizza). For more information call (928) 774-5936.

Every first Tuesday – 6:00-9:00 pm:

FFOTM jam session at the Coconino Center for the Arts.

Every Tuesday, Friday & Saturday night -

7:00 pm: The Collins Irish Band plays at Collins Irish Pub in downtown Flagstaff.

Every second Friday – 7:00-9:00 pm: -

FFOTM jam session at Bookman's Used Books. For information, email Susan Billingsley at gors@bml.com.

Every last Friday – 7:30 pm:

UU Coffee House Night at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, located at 510 N. Leroux Flagstaff, AZ. Call Mark Alexander 527-4759 for more information. No events in November or December due to holidays.

Every first Saturday – 7:30 pm:

FFOTM Contra Dance at Ashurst Hall on the NAU campus. Come on out for the 7:30 pre-dance lesson. For more information call Laura at 526-6757 or email her at: laurashearin@hotmail.com

Every Sunday night – 9:00 pm:

Second Harvest at Charly's in downtown Flagstaff.

Radio Programs

Saturday Folk hosted by Barry Harrison.

Four-hour show, Saturday mornings 6-10 am on KVNA AM 600. A wide range of folk, blues, Celtic and bluegrass. FFOTM folk music and bluegrass update with Bill Vernieu at 9:20 am. Call Barry at 774-1740.

Thistle and Shamrock, National Public

Radio's Celtic music show, hosted by Fiona Richie. Saturday evenings at 8 pm on KNAU, 88.7/91.7 FM. 523-2334.

Celtic Connection, featuring music from

the evolving traditions of Ireland, Scotland, North America, and beyond. Saturday evenings on KNAU, FM 88.7/91.7 FM. 523-2334.

Under Western Skies, a radio program

about Western music and cowboy poetry, hosted by Peter Bruce every Sunday morning at 7 am on 92.9 KAFF FM and AM 930 Country Classics. For more information contact Peter at 773-1346.

Fiddle and Guitar Workshop

Living Traditions Presentations and NAU Preparatory Suzuki Strings will be hosting a fiddle and guitar workshop with Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill. The workshops will take place on Sunday, February 13, 2005 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. This is a great opportunity to improve your skills in Irish fiddle or guitar and to work with two masters in the genre.

Tickets are \$30 for just the workshop. If you attend the concert, workshop tickets are only \$25 with proof of concert ticket purchase. These tickets can only be purchased from Living Traditions Presentations. Contact Kari or Ron Barton at 600-1365 or 522-7052 to purchase your ticket. Space is limited, so reserve your place or take your chances of getting in at the door. Be sure to bring a tape recorder and your instrument. If you have any questions regarding your level of playing, please ask Ron or Kari. The workshop location will be in the NAU School of Music, building 37. The room will be posted and announced.

Membership Update - Bill Vernieu

We had one new and twenty-five renewing memberships last month, bringing our total membership to 257. Welcome to our new members! Please take the time to check your mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership; you can use the form below or look for the letter inside. Thanks to those supporting Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music by keeping their membership up to date. If you want more information about Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music, you can always contact me at 525-3001 or e-mail to bv4@mindspring.com.

Renewing Members

William Austin
Jeff and Evangeline Banfill
Ron and Sharon Barton
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Cottonwood Contra Dance is Alive and Well

by Deb Comly

Are you one of those dancers who just can't get enough of a good thing...?? One dance a month just not making it for you? Why not consider coming to Cottonwood on the third Saturday and joining us at the Cottonwood Contra Dance? The newly refinished floor, expanded stage and handy kitchen facility make it the perfect place for a dance, in addition to easy access to the neighboring communities of Sedona, Prescott, Flagstaff and Phoenix. The early time for the dance (potluck beginning at 5:30, dance from 7:00 - 10:00) makes it possible for traveling dancers to be home before turning into pumpkins! In addition, the Verde Valley had a great climate, even when it's yucky elsewhere with numerous possibilities for day time activities before a dance. We love this friendly dance, and want to invite you to come and join us!

Contra dancing began in Cottonwood in 1998 after a group of Flagstaff and Prescott dancers in search of wood floors discovered the Cottonwood Civic Center. Located in old town Cottonwood, I think this historic building has one of the finest dance floors in Arizona! The first year, two special dances were held there with Ralph Sweet and the Privy Tippers, and Susan Michaels and the new young Buzzards (remember those?). After that, seeing the potential for a new good thing, LaDonna

Lee started the current third Saturday series. After getting it off the ground she handed it over to Mike and me, who continue to keep the tradition going from our Flagstaff home.

Over the years we have adopted a philosophy that aspires to build a strong dance community. Each month our potluck brings dancers, musicians and callers together for camaraderie and friendship. Our policy has been to host an open band for each dance and we now have a strong, dedicated group of musicians who travel from Flagstaff and Prescott to provide fantastic, driving tunes for every dance. Keeping in this spirit, the caller's microphone is always available for established or aspiring callers who have a desire to participate.

The Cottonwood Civic Center is located at 805 N. Main Street in Old Town Cottonwood. We currently dance on third Saturdays, September through April. Please consider joining us on February 19, March 19 and April 16 for the Cottonwood dance!! If you'd like to play music, take a turn at the open mic, and/or car-pool with other dancers let me know. You can reach me in Flagstaff at 774-5936 or email debmike@npgcable.com.

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A Cowboy Campfire Returns to Winterfest - February 18



by Bill Vernieu

Every year about this time, a few of Flagstaff's singing cowboys crawl out from the bunkhouse, tune their instruments, and dust off their favorite poems, songs, and stories for an evening of fine western entertainment at the Zane Grey Ballroom. A Cowboy Campfire, now in its eleventh year, will feature Tony Norris and Bill Vernieu, along with a few surprise guests. We'll miss our long-time pard, Ken Ralston this year, who has moved onto other ranges.

Tony Norris is well known to Flagstaff audiences for his musical and storytelling abilities. Bill Vernieu has been enthralled with the music of the Old West since an early age and has a respectable repertoire of classic cowboy songs and poems. This year's show will consist of Tony and Bill, trading songs and stories of the Old West with some help from some special friends.

The trio will set up camp at the Zane Grey Ballroom, upstairs in the historic Hotel Weatherford, 23 N. Leroux, in downtown Flagstaff, on Friday evening, February 18, 2005 from 7:30-10:00pm. Seats are somewhat limited. Come early to get a good spot. Tickets for A Cowboy Campfire are on sale now at the Hotel Weatherford, Cedar Music, Starrlight Books, and Aradia Books. Tickets are \$12 general admission for adults, \$10 for kids 14 and under, with a \$2 discount for FFOTM members. For more information, call Bill at 525-3001.

Dance Schedule and Contacts for Arizona Dances:

Don't hesitate to call ahead to confirm dates and location if in doubt... regular dates do occasionally change due to extenuating circumstances.

PRESCOTT: Folk Happens! Contra Dance - First Friday of each month. Grace Sparks (Prescott) Activity Center (AKA "The Armory"), 824 E Gurley Street. Go to www.sharlot.org/madness, or call Leslie Loomis at (928) 776-8699. Dance is from 7:30-10:30PM, new dancers are encouraged to arrive at 7:30 for the teaching session. Prescott's Folk Happens! also sponsors May Madness Contrafest, this year on May 20-22 featuring George Marshall and Wild Asparagus.

FLAGSTAFF: Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music Contra Dance - First Saturday of each month. Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music Contra Dance is in NAU's Ashurst Hall. Pre-dance lesson from 7:30-8:00PM with dancing from 8:00-11:00. Suggested donation of \$6, \$5 for members. For more info visit www.ffotm.net, or call Laura at (928) 526-6757, or Deb at (928) 774-5936.

PHOENIX: Phoenix Friends of Old Time Music Contra Dance - Second Saturday of each month. Phoenix dances are held at the Kenilworth School, 1210 N. 5th Ave. (near I-10 and 7th Ave.) The pre-dance lesson is at 7:00 with the dance from 7:30 - 10:30pm. \$8, \$6 for members. \$3 for under 18 (includes child-care). Need more info? Call Carl at 602-268-7181, Ron or Linda at (480) 893-3328, go to: members.cox.net/contradance, or email: phoenixcontradancer@cox.net.

COTTONWOOD: AZ We Dance Contra Dance - Third Saturday of each month, September through April. Cottonwood dances are held at the Cottonwood Civic Center (also known as the Clubhouse) 805 N. Main Street in Old Town Cottonwood. From I-17, Exit #287 to Cottonwood on Hwy 260, left on Hwy 89A to the Civic Center. Dances are preceded by a potluck dinner from 5:30-6:30pm at the hall, with a pre-dance lesson from 6:30-7:00pm and dance from 7:00-10:00pm. \$5 per dancer. Call Deb at (928) 774-5936, or email: debmike@npgcable.com to learn more.

TUCSON: Tucson Friends of Traditional Music Contra Dances - First, third and many fifth Saturdays!! First Church United Methodist, 915 E 4th St (between Park and Tyndall, just west of UA campus, parking on West side) \$7, \$6 members, \$5 students with ID. Refresher/introductory session at 7:45, dance from 8:00-11:00pm. To learn more email: contradance@tftm.org, or check out www.tftm.org

WE MAKE HISTORY:

Sponsor historic dances and balls throughout the year, throughout the state. Interested? Visit www.wemakehistory.com for details and photos of balls!!

The Wing Ding - February 5



by Bill Vernieu

Calling the Grand Canyon guiding community - young and old, far and wide! Your presence is requested at the Second Annual WF WingDing!

What's the WingDing? It's a party! A fundraiser! A celebration of the GC river community!

This year's event will be held:

Saturday February 5, 2005

6-11 PM

Coconino Center for the Arts

2300 Ft. Valley Road

Flagstaff, AZ 86001

The inspiration for the WingDing came from our desire to honor the deep connection of love members of the GC river community feel for one another. A while back, we asked ourselves the question: why do we wait for a memorial service - or a meeting on some political issue - to bring us together? Why not create a specific event to celebrate being alive and being members of this amazing community? And we could use the event as an opportunity to showcase our artists' works - and raise some money for our outreach programs like the Kenton Grua Memorial Scholarships, the upcoming Health Fair, the website and our counseling programs!

Well, that was the idea - and the first WingDing, held last February, was so much fun, we're doing it again! There will be a sit down dinner, live music, dancing, a live auction, silent auction, raffle and door prizes. The amazing Martha Clark and Mosey's Mobile Kitchen will cater the affair. We will ask for a dinner donation and there will be a

cash bar, but otherwise - it's free!

Music will be provided throughout the night. There will be various performers playing in the Center for the Arts gallery during the first half of the evening. Following a live auction, the evening will finish out with sets by Julie Sullivan and Friends and the Mars Hillbillies.

So, mark your calendar and plan to be in Flagstaff, February 5 th! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to celebrate our friendships, our talents AND raise money for the Whale Foundation's programs. And as ever, if you'd like to volunteer your time or services, please contact us! Can't wait to see you there!

In loving remembrance of Curtis "Whale" Hansen, the Whale Foundation provides confidential access to mental and physical health care professionals and a network of support services designed to restore, promote and celebrate the well being of the Grand Canyon River Guiding Community.

