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# Murphy's Law kicks off Concert Series

By Julie Sullivan

**Murphy's Law**, a 2009 featured regional Pickin' in the Pines band, offers an eclectic mix of bluegrass, swing, old-timey, and original music from a group of highly regarded and exhilarating musicians from the Phoenix region. The creativity and diversity of this band makes for a show that you will not want to miss.

having won the 2002 and 2004 Arizona State Flatpicking Championship, AZ State Banjo Championship in 2003 and the Rockygrass Bluegrass Festival flatpicking contest in 2004.

**Ron Rutowski** (*Fiddle, banjo, vocals*) Ron's playing has delighted audiences for over twenty years in the Phoenix area including a stint with the award-winning, Jeff Dayton Band and an eight year stretch touring internationally with recording star, Glen Campbell.

**Murphy's Law is:**  
**Billy Parker** (*Mandolin, guitar, vocals*) Billy is clearly one of the best and most versatile mandolinists in the Southwest. Billy has a lifetime of experience working in a variety of bands and venues across the U.S., entertaining with acts from Bill Monroe to Faron Young. Billy's versatility keeps him in demand in the studio and on stage performing in bluegrass, Celtic, and Jazz festivals across the U.S.



**Murphy's Law - Saturday, April 11**  
**Doors: 7 pm Show: 7:30 pm**  
**@ Unity Church Hall**  
**\$12 advance \$14 door**

**John Burton** (*Guitar, banjo, vocals*) John hails from Western PA., where he grew up learning banjo and guitar. John is an expert flatpicker

**Dan Meyer** (*String Bass, vocals*) Dan Meyer's creative bass playing rounds out the sound, establishing the framework for the total performance. Dan has played professionally since the mid 70's across the mid-west and now Arizona where he has worked as a bassist, guitarist, and singer in numerous bands, one of which represented the Southwestern United States at the 1998 IBMA International Bluegrass Band contest in Louisville Kentucky.

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Our opening act **Heart Prairie** features local songbirds, Nancy Riccio and Julie Sullivan, with Jeff Shalau on banjo and Billy Parker of Murphy's Law on mandolin.

LuckyGirl Productions is hosting this series at the lovely, 100 seat Unity Church Hall in the Doney

Park region of Flagstaff, behind Second Chance Animal Shelter. Carpooling is encouraged. Refreshments (coffee, tea, sodas and baked goods) will be available. This will be an all ages, alcohol-free series. There are no discounts except for Series Pass: \$45 for all 3 great shows. Tickets are available at Unity of Flagstaff or Arizona Music Pro.

**\*\*\* Upcoming Shows \*\*\***

Friday, May 8

**Headline Bluegrass**

(A featured regional band at Pickin' in the Pines '09—last year's band contest winners!)

Opening Act: Nolan McKelvey & Aaron Tyler

\$14 advance \$16 door

Friday, May 29

**Laurie Lewis & Tom Rozum**

(Pickin' in the Pines '06 and long-time favorites in a rare duet performance.)

Opening Act: Dave McGraw & Ryan Heinsius

\$22 advance \$25 door

For information: [julie@luckygirlproductions.org](mailto:julie@luckygirlproductions.org) or [www.luckygirlproductions.org](http://www.luckygirlproductions.org)

or call: 928.779.1120

[www.unityofflagstaff.org](http://www.unityofflagstaff.org) for directions.

# Membership Update

*By Jude McKenzie*

We had 10 renewing memberships and 11 new in the last month, bringing our total membership to 267. 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 928-556-3161 or e-mail to [mckenzie@npgcable.com](mailto:mckenzie@npgcable.com).

New and Renewing Members

Jesse Anderson  
David & Sharron Benjamin  
Dorothy Boulton & Paul Conn  
David Baumann & Barbara Herber  
Ben Butler  
Peggy Church  
Pat & Mike Dunham

Sheila & Joe Guida  
Pam Hyde & Doug Brozovsky  
Claudia Jurowski  
Amy Kelly  
Dave and Mary McKell  
Ken & Judy Nelson  
Bill Rahr

Grant Smith & Kay Pinto  
Joe Sorren  
Ann & Marlin Spaw  
Sandy & Rick Sunseri  
Bob Vavrick  
Mitchell Walzer  
Mike Williams

# Pete Kartsounes with Brendan MacNaughton

## House Concert May 22 – 7:00 PM

by Sheila Guida

Pete Kartsounes is no stranger to the life of a full time musician. He has spent the past 14 years writing, recording and performing nationally and internationally. He has played in Flagstaff as a former member of Possum Logic. Based out of Boulder, Colorado, Pete's focus is playing festivals and "listening" venues as a soloist and with his own band, *Pete Kartsounes Band*. Pete's latest release, *Out of Nowhere*, a blend of bluegrass, jazz, folk and blues, is getting rave reviews and national exposure. For more on Pete's music visit his website at [petekmusic.com](http://petekmusic.com).



money to support organizations that offer support for families with childhood illnesses. Hiking the entire 500 mile Colorado Trail in the summer of 2008, Pete played 7 shows along the way raising awareness and money for the foundation's beneficiary *Camp Wapiyapi* in Estes Park, Colorado. The 2009 Hike for Cancer will be July 28 – September 9. For more information visit <http://hike4cancer.org>.

Pete will be joined in concert with his long time friend and fellow band mate in Possum Logic, Brendan MacNaughton. Please call Sheila Guida, at 526-6032

for information and reservations. Space is limited. A \$10 donation is requested.

In 2007 Pete started the *Hike for Cancer Foundation*. The foundation's goal is to raise

## Grand Canyon Guitar Society - Duo 46 in Concert

Duo46, the guitar and violin duo of Matt Gould and Beth Ilana Schneider will close the Grand Canyon Guitar Society's 2008-09 concert season in a program of works by Leidermann, Piazzolla, and more.

WHEN: Saturday, April 18 at 8:00PM.  
WHERE: Coconino Center for the Arts  
COST: \$12 In Advance, \$15 Day of Show. Tickets are available at Arizona Music Pro and online at [www.CulturalPartners.org](http://www.CulturalPartners.org). For more info about tickets, please phone 928-779-2300.

# First Saturday Contra Dance News

*By Kari Usher*

Well, March certainly has been encouraging outdoor activities. Hopefully you had a chance to get out and hike or do some great Spring skiing before the garden spaces beckon you. Our April caller is from Nevada, Susan Petrick. She has been calling contra dances for 8 years. Her greatest pleasure is to program interesting, varied dances with great flow, and to teach them clearly and concisely. She has had the good fortune to work with wonderful bands and to travel the Midwest and East Coast in addition to up and down the West Coast. By profession Susan is a cognitive psychologist who does software usability research for Intuit in Reno, NV and in the Bay area.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** Susan Petrick from Las Vegas will call to Just Desserts

April is 2 for 1 month – if you are a college student bring your ID and a friend and get in two people for the price of one.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** Judy Citron from Phoenix will call to The Mars Hillbillies

May is college students get in free with their ID

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** Laila Lewis from Tucson will call to Just Desserts

June is PROM month. Get yourself an outfit and dance the night away.

There will be a Gallery Show opening this evening for the Diablo Trust in Old Main starting at 5:30pm.

Come early and visit with them. Our dance will begin at 8:00pm for this evening.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** Claire Zucker and Round the House will be up from Tucson.

\*\*We are dancing the second Saturday in July

**August 1<sup>st</sup>** Peg Hesley from Phoenix will call to Just Desserts.

We have some fun things coming up. So read and keep up with the themes & the time and date changes. We'd love to see you and your friends and get caught up with how your Winter went.

Dances are at Ashurst Hall on the NAU campus. Ashurst Hall is in Old Main. The lesson/refresher time is at 7:30pm and we dance until 11pm. Suggested donation of \$5 FFOTM/students and \$8 for the public. No partner needed, live music is provided, bring a smile and wear comfortable clothes. Call Kris for more information about the dancing or helping out at the dances. We would love your input. 526-3020. See you on the dance floor.



# Pickin' in the Pines Update

## Gibson Brothers Review

By Julie Sullivan, Talent Director Pickin' in the Pines

Following in the esteemed footsteps of past brotherly duos such as the Delmore Brothers, Stanley Brothers, Louvins, Jim & Jesse McReynolds, and the Blue Sky Boys—the Gibson Brothers, carry the torch of this particular genre to rare and soulful depths. The trademark harmonies of the Adirondack region-raised duo, Eric and Leigh Gibson blend as only siblings can – with high tenor vibrato and Everly Brothers style panache.

Experts at telling tales through original songs from their own Arcadian surroundings, the Gibson Brothers craft both new and old themes into an earthy musical tapestry. In their most recent recording, *Iron and Diamonds*, the duo also take on contemporary songs like “Cabin down below” (*from that Bluegrass legend, Tom Petty!*) and Judy Miller’s “Somewhere trouble don’t go” and unpretentiously convert them to instant bluegrass hits, as if always meant to be.

## Early Bird Weekend Passes Old Blue Sound at Pickin' in the Pines

By Darcy Falk, Marketing Director Pickin' in the Pines

Early Bird weekend passes for Pickin' in the Pines are on sale now, either by mail or on our website: [pickininthepines.org](http://pickininthepines.org). Tickets are \$50 for a weekend pass plus \$15 per person for weekend camping. This ticket gets you into the festival, plus all workshops and contra dances throughout the weekend.

We've contracted with Old Blue Sound for the festival again this year. If you subscribe to Bluegrass Unlimited magazine, you saw the great



The brothers credit Buck Owens, Flatt & Scruggs, Emmylou Harris, Louvin Brothers, The Band, Tony Rice, Seldom Scene, Tim O'Brien, Merle Haggard, George Jones, Webb Pierce, Ricky Skaggs, and Gordon Lightfoot as prominent influences.

They received Best Emerging Artist from the IBMA in 1998 and have recorded four offerings for Sugar Hill Records: *Bona Fide*, *Long Way Back Home*, *Red Letter Day*, and *Iron and Diamonds*.

Band members, Mike Barber on bass, Clayton Campbell on fiddle, and Rick Hayes on mandolin, complement the brothers' harmonies with adept instrumental drive. The Gibson Brothers will bring their own brand of musical brotherly love to Pickin' in the Pines 2009.



article about Old Blue in the February 2009 issue, written by Chris Stuart, a writer and musician from San Diego.

Dick Pierle is the owner and operator of Old Blue Sound. For ten years, Old Blue has been providing sound for festivals all over the west. Chris Stuart wrote “By all accounts...the most respected and in-demand sound company west of the Mississippi River is Old Blue Sound...”

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Pine Mountain Amphitheater is a great venue, but also provides some unique challenges for a sound crew. Some of the audience members are up close under the awning, and more are back up on the lawn. Last year, Old Blue set a secondary level of speakers out on the lawn to allow the crowd to experience a better sound quality than in previous years. The sound has gotten better each year, as

we've addressed all the various challenges of the venue. Our goal in hiring Old Blue is to provide superlative sound no matter where you are sitting!

Old Blue has earned a reputation for providing sound that suits both the audience and the musicians – never an easy task, and we're pleased to have them back this year for our festival

## Flagstaff Folk Project

### Nate Stone – Featured Performer at the FFP Coffee House

Nate is a singer/songwriter from Flagstaff, AZ that has been making music for ten years. Six years were spent with his rock band, Mercy Fall, which released an album in 2006 on Atlantic records, where they spent a majority of that year touring the country.

These past two years, however, Nate has gone off on his own. His perspective on life has changed, and accordingly, his music. He has been concentrating writing and singing many of his own songs, now in the folk tradition. Nate has been performing in, and around Flagstaff for the past year, and has just put out his first solo release which includes a small percentage of his well over three dozen creations.

Friday, April 17

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Open Mic – Each person interested in performing puts their name on the evening's open mic list where they will play two songs (or recite a poem or two).

8:30 – 8:45 p.m. – Refreshment Break – Refreshments (Coffee, Tea, Apple Cider, Cookies, Fruit, Danish ...)

8:45 – 9:45 p.m. – Featured Performer, or group (Performers usually have their CDs for sale at the front desk.) There is a cover charge of \$5.00 for the evening which defrays our cost of using the church's facilities, provides for the evening's refreshments, as well as remuneration for the featured performer.

### Local/Regional Radio Shows

Saturday Folk - 6-10am on KVNA AM 600, and 101.7 fm and streaming live at radioflagstaff.com.

Thistle and Shamrock - Saturday evenings at 8:00pm on KNAU, 88.7/91.7 FM.

Celtic Connection - Saturday evenings on KNAU, FM 88.7/91.7 FM.

Under Western Skies - Sunday morning at 7:00 am on AM 930.

Celtic Corner - Saturday evenings 6-7pm. Sunday mornings 7-8am (replay). KJZA, 89.5 FM,

The Folk Sessions, Live! - Saturdays, 7-9pm, repeated at midnight. 89.5 fm KJZA. <http://www.folksessions.com>

Prescription Bluegrass - Saturday Nights from 9-10 (repeats Sunday 6-7am) KJZA-89.5 FM

O God Where Art Thou - Sunday Mornings from 11-Noon. KJZA-89.5 FM

# Upcoming Events Calendar

April 4 - Bruce Cockburn @ The Orpheum  
Orpheum Theater, Flagstaff. Doors 7pm/Show 8pm, \$22-\$40 in advance.

April 6 - Monday - FFOTM Board Meeting  
7:00 at the Coconino Center for the Arts. Contact Jesse Anderson: jesse.anderson@gmail.com or 607-3698.

Saturday, April 11 - Murphy's Law (see cover)  
Doors: 7 pm Show: 7:30 pm @ Unity Church Hall. \$12 advance/\$14 door. julie@luckygirlproductions.org / 928.779.1120

Saturday, April 11 - Calexico with Sergio Mendoza Y La Orkestra at The Orpheum, Doors 7/Show 8pm, \$18-\$20

Fri. April 17 - Nate Stone  
Featured performer at the Flagstaff Folk Project, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 510 N. Leroux Street  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Open Mic  
8:30 – 8:45 p.m. – Refreshment Break  
8:45 – 9:45 p.m. – Nate Stone  
There is a cover charge of \$5.00. www.flagfolkproject.org.

April 17-19 - Durango Bluegrass Meltdown  
www.durangomeltdown.com, (970) 259-7200

Friday, April 17 - Contra Dance at Mountain Sky Jazzercise  
Colorado caller Wendy Graham and music by the Mars Hillbillies. 417 W. Santa Fe, Flagstaff. \$8 per dancer, reduced rates for students and children. 7:00 - 7:30 Pre-dance lesson, 7:30 - 10:30 Contra Dance 774-5936 or azwedance@gmail.com

Saturday, April 18 - Duo46  
8:00PM at the Coconino Center for the Arts. \$12 In Advance, \$15 Day of Show. Tickets at Arizona Music Pro and online at www.CulturalPartners.org. 928-779-2300.

Saturday April 18 - Cottonwood Contra Dance  
Colorado Caller Wendy Graham, music by Granite Creek String Band. Special Contra Dance: \$8 per dancer, reduced rates for students and children. 774-5936 or azwedance@gmail.com

Thursday, April 23 - New Riders of the Purple Sage with Gravy at The Green Room. Doors 7pm/Show 8pm. \$20-\$22

Friday, May 8 - Headline Bluegrass  
Opening Act: Nolan McKelvey & Aaron Tyler  
\$14 advance \$16 door. (See pages 1-2)

May 15-17 - May Madness Contra Dance Festival  
Prescott, AZ Talent: Privy Tippers, Groovemongers, Beth Molero and Kari Usher, pre-registration necessary, call 623-979-4875 for more information.

May 22 - Pete Kartsounes with Brendan MacNaughton  
House Concert at 7:00 PM (see Page 3). Please call Sheila Guida, at 526-6032 for information and reservations. Space is limited. A \$10 donation is requested.

Friday, May 29 - Laurie Lewis & Tom Rozum  
Opening Act: Dave McGraw & Ryan Heinsius  
\$22 advance \$25 door. (See pages 1-2)

# Ongoing Events Calendar

First Tuesday from 8-11: Nolan McKelvey at The Wine Loft, upstairs at 17 N. San Francisco St. in downtown Flagstaff, 928-773-9463.

Second and fourth Tuesdays from 8-11: Voluntary String Band at The Wine Loft (see contact info above.)

Third Tuesday from 8-11: Major Swing at The Wine Loft (see contact info above.)

First Wednesday from 8-11: Wednesday Night Vintage Series with Tony Norris, at The Wine Loft (see contact info above.)

Second and Fourth Wednesdays from 8-11: The Mars Hillbillies at The Wine Loft (see contact info above.)

Every Wednesday - 12:00 pm: jam open to anyone at the Old Town Shops, on the corner of Leroux and Birch. Contact Christina Vojta for more information 814-6132.

Every Thursday – 7:00 pm: FFOTM Just Desserts contra dance band rehearsal. Open to anyone who wants to play or

listen to contra dance music. Starts at 7:00pm at the home of Deb Comly and Mike Reddig, 1457 W. Meade. For more information call 774-5936.

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. Call Kris for more information 526-3020 or Judy at 214-7017.

Every third Saturday (except May): Cottonwood Contra Dance, 805 Main Street, Old Town Cottonwood. 5:30 potluck, 6:30 lesson, dance from 7:00-10:00. azwedance@gmail.com or 774-5936

Every Sunday 7:00 - 9:00 pm: Irish Session at Charlie's Pub and Grill, 23 N Leroux. Open to anyone who wants to play or listen to Irish traditional music. For more information contact Kari Barton at 600-1365 or Jay Ham at 699-8463.

*Corrections, additions, deletions? Please send them to rustytweed@msn.com*



## FFOTM MEMBERSHIP FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ new \_\_\_\_\_ renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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