



# Delaware Friends of Folk

## March 2009 Newsletter

Delaware Friends of Folk

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## St. Patrick's Celebration on March 21 featuring Celtic Harvest

Many of us are still on something of a high from last month's coffeehouse featuring Scotland's premier Celtic band, The Tannahill Weavers. It seems we booked the right act at the right time, got the right press, and got the word out to you all. By all accounts, the show was a great success – a full house, many new Friends of Folk members, three times the amount of fresh baked cookies compared to our normal batch, and a small profit to boot (which was only made possible by a generous grant from the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation).

In March, we continue the celebration of Celtic music for the St. Patrick's Day season (hey, wait – when did that become a season??), this time featuring our own Celtic Harvest.

These five Doverites with Irish roots joined together in 1994 (through the Delaware Friends of Folk) to play songs that either originated in Ireland or Scotland, or that were a product of their sons and daughters who carried their traditions to the New World.

They have performed at community functions, Friends of Folk Coffeehouses, the Delmarva Folk Festival, and even the prestigious Schwartz Center, since their beginnings almost 15 years ago.

Many of Celtic Harvest's selections are traditional instrumentals, including jigs and reels, with a few original songs thrown in for good measure.

Their instrument collections include guitar, upright bass, electric bass, tenor banjo, bodhran, piano, harp, bozouki, fiddle, whistles, flute, alto flute, concertina (anglo C-G), and piano accordion.

All of the members of Celtic Harvest are familiar faces in the community – they include an attorney, a high school teacher, a college professor, a county planner, and a graphic designer.

Opening the show will be 2008 Delmarva Folk Hero finalist Greg Shupe, who showed his command of traditional American music (including folk, blues, bluegrass, gospel, swing, and a few other seasonings) during both his qualifying round and at the finals at the Delmarva Folk Festival.

We hope you'll join us for this evening of fun and great music. It all starts at 7:30 pm, March 21, in the Wesley College Chapel, corner of Division and North Bradford in Dover. Admission is only \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members, half price for students, and free if you're younger than 13. You KNOW there's nothing else like this in Dover.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, you can do that at the gate. We'll have plenty of hot coffee and cool drinks, and we'll be baking fresh cookies for your snacking pleasure. Don't forget to bring a donation for the Food Bank of Delaware - in these tough economic times, they need your support more than ever. Come out, bring a friend, wear a kilt if you like, and be part of the happening.

—Beth Fizell, President of Delaware Friends of Folk



## Upcoming Coffeehouses

Coffeehouses are held at the Wesley College Chapel, at on Division Street, between Bradford and State Streets. Very reasonable prices soft drinks, coffee, tea and snacks (fresh baked cookies!!) are available for sale, and the music starts at 7:30pm.

Of course, we're always looking for volunteers to help us out: set-up, clean-up, and sales.

Date	Performers	Price *
March 21	<b>Celtic Harvest</b> , with Greg Shupe opening	\$5 / \$7
April 25	<b>Nothin' But Trouble</b> (unplugged), with Lori Citro opening	\$5 / \$7
May 16	<b>Rory Block **</b> , with Bad Wheel Jonny and the Broke Spokes opening	\$15 / \$20
June 13	<b>Greg Shrader Memorial Singer-Songwriter Circle</b> , hosted by Deloy Moore, and featuring the 2008 Delmarva Folk Hero Finalists (Mike Roots, Lori Citro, Sarah Flynn, Greg Shupe, and Lori Citro)	\$5 / \$7
July 18 & August 15	<b>Delmarva Folk Hero Contest Qualifications</b>	\$3 / #5
Oct. 17	<b>Judith Kay</b>	\$5 / \$7
Nov. 21	<b>TBD</b>	TBD
Dec 12	<b>Annual Membership meeting, Holiday Party, and Open Mic</b>	FREE

\*Pricing is for Members / Non Members. Half price for ages 13-18; Free for Wesley students and children 12 and under.

\*\*This engagement of Rory Block is a Delaware Performing Arts Presenters Initiative project, which is made possible through funding by the Delaware Division of the Arts, Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program.



## Looking for Festival Help!

The Delmarva Folk Festival will be October 2nd and 3rd. Mark your calendar now. This promises to be a very exciting Festival, indeed.

We received a record number of artist submission and everyone is looking forward to the Delmarva folk hero contest. Thinking about all that good BBQ? We are too. Things are just so exciting! Stay tuned for news about the Festival line-up.

The Festival committee begins its work with two chairs empty. We are urgently seeking a parking and security chairperson. This is a key position that we must get filled soon.

We also need someone to lead our kid's activities committee. This is a very popular part of our festival and appreciated by the young and old alike.

Jan is also looking for someone to join her and Storm on the program committee. This group will develop our super, awesome, wonderful festival program.

We are just about ready to begin soliciting volunteers to work the day of the festival. You'll hear more about that in coming months.

We'd love to have more help on several of our committees. If you can help, please join us for the next meeting on April 1st beginning at 6:30 at Sheridan's in Smyrna. It's a great group to work with and you'll love being a part of this premier festival. For more information or to volunteer, call me at (302) 736-5585 or send me an e-mail at kaejohnson1@comcast.net. Many thanks!

--Kae Mason, Festival Co-chair

## Board Members & Officers

Who	Positions / Committees
John Kidd	Booking, Development
Clarence Brackin	
Kelly Crumpley	Activities chair
Beth Fizell	Chairman of the Board
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## Blues Weekend in Dover March 27 & 28

Our friends at Delaware Charitable Music (who have put on the Central Delaware Jazz & Blues Festival for the past few years) will be presenting a special weekend in Dover on March 27 & 28.

To be held at Dover Downs, the weekend will feature a variety of the best in Blues, with both local and world famous musicians.

From its European and African origins, Blues began in America as a cultural expression of the times in which it was performed. The BluesFest will honor the history and heritage of the music through the extraordinary performances of the legendary SONNY RHODES and the energetic and powerful DANA FUCHS.

The Schedule:

### Friday, March 27:

4pm – 7:30pm – Free Performances in the Lobby

9PM – Dana Fuchs at the Fire & Ice Lounge (\$25)

### Saturday, March 28

1pm – 7pm – Free Performances in the Lobby

2:30 – 3:30 – Free Performance in the Fire & Ice Lounge – Tribute to Music of Buddy Holly

8:30pm – Sonny Rhodes in the Fire & Ice Lounge (\$30)

For more info see <http://www.demusic.org>, or call 302-672-7022 or email [artsinfo.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:artsinfo.sydney@gmail.com)

## Thanks to our sponsors:

 	<p>This program is made possible, in part, by grants from the <b>National Endowment for the Arts</b>, and the <b>Delaware Division of the Arts</b>, a state agency committed to promoting and supporting the arts in Delaware.</p>
	<p><b>Fordham Brewery</b>, located right in Dover, Delaware, has generously been supporting our festival through donations-in-kind and promotional support.</p>
	<p>Delaware Friends of Folk are members of the <b>North American Folk Music &amp; Dance Alliance</b>.</p>
	<p><b>Wesley College</b>, which generously donates the space for our coffeehouses.</p>
	<p><b>WWUD 91.3</b> – the voice of the U of Delaware</p>
	<p><b>John Kalb – WSCL Radio</b> – Supports our many events on his Just Folks radio show Saturday nights 8-11pm in Salisbury</p>

## Delaware Friend of Folk Membership & Folk Festival Tickets

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a musician? \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument(s) you play \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider volunteering for the organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Check	Type	Includes	Dues
	<b>Individual Membership</b>	<b>Discounted Admission for you at all Friends of Folk events Voting privileges for 1 adult at membership meeting in December</b>	<b>\$10</b>
	<b>Family Membership</b>	<b>Discounted Admission for your family at all Friends of Folk events Voting privileges for up to 2 adults at membership meeting in Dec.</b>	<b>\$15</b>
	<b>Friend of Friends of Folk</b>	<b>Family Membership Dues \$50   Charitable Donation \$35   Value \$15</b>	<b>\$50</b>
	<b>Bronze Supporter of Friends of Folk</b>	<b>Family Membership + 1 ticket to next Delmarva Folk Festival Dues \$100   Charitable Donation \$70   Value \$30</b>	<b>\$100</b>
	<b>Silver Supporter of Friends of Folk</b>	<b>Family Membership + 2 tickets to next Delmarva Folk Festival + 2 admissions to any one coffeehouse (may pick) Dues \$250   Charitable Donation \$195   Value \$55</b>	<b>\$250</b>
	<b>Gold Supporter of Friends of Folk</b>	<b>Family Membership + 4 tickets to next Delmarva Folk Festival + 2 admissions to all of this year's coffeehouses Dues \$500   Charitable Donation \$370   Value \$130</b>	<b>\$500</b>

#	Festival Tickets	Price	Subtotal
	<b>Friday Night Ticket</b>	<b>\$5</b>	
	<b>Saturday Member Ticket - Adults</b>	<b>\$15</b>	
	<b>Saturday Member Ticket – Student (age 13+)</b>	<b>\$7.50</b>	
	<b>Saturday Non-Member Ticket</b>	<b>\$20</b>	
	<b>Saturday Non-Member Ticket (age 13+)</b>	<b>\$10</b>	
	<b>Tent Camping (per site)</b>	<b>\$20</b>	
	<b>RV Camping (per vehicle)</b>	<b>\$50</b>	

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