

FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

FOLK NOTES

Contemporary, traditional, roots and alternative music

March 2009

ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND CONCERT SERIES *PRESENTS:*

The Cruddy Puppet Band (March 7 at 8 p.m.)



You might not be aware of it, but South Florida has some of the best Bluegrass music in the nation. It's largely thanks to the Bluegrass Association of South Florida and the untiring work of its membership and board with the leadership of Tim Capps. Bluegrass has maintained a home in north Miami-Dade County, presenting a show the first Sunday of every month for many years. Currently the shows are presented in Greynolds Park. For more than 35 years the association has been presenting shows all over South Florida. The 31st Everglades Bluegrass Festival on Feb. 27-28 and March 1 at Haulover Beach and the Red, White and Bluegrass show May 8-10 on Hollywood Beach are some of the musical highlights of the year in South Florida. For more than a year and half, the association presented Folk Friday once a month at Luna Star Café.

Now, Bluegrass returns to the Luna Star Café on March 7 when The Cruddy Puppet Band performs. Yes, there is a funny story behind the name but you

will have to come to the show to hear it.

The band members come from varied backgrounds. They all have day jobs and they all live in Broward County -- Cooper City, Pompano Beach and Hallandale Beach. The band members met through work, a few were friends and casual musicians and all would attend the monthly Acoustic Guitar Club that met at the Broward Public Library in downtown Fort Lauderdale. They began playing at some open mics, which led to some bar and coffee house gigs and then on to the monthly Bluegrass festivals. The band plays a wide variety of music: Bluegrass, country, folk, old-time, Irish, rock, oldies, top 40, etc., depending on the event. They just enjoy playing music.

The Cruddy Puppet Band members are Joe Fariello (guitar, harmonica, vocals), Tim Bain (guitar, lead vocals), Mike Desztich (guitar, mandolin, vocals), Woody Spencer (lead guitar, six-string banjo, vocals), and R.J. Liberti (bass, vocals). Accomplished musicians on their own, together they comprise one of the finest

and most versatile Bluegrass bands around.

So put on whatever duds you feel are appropriate for Bluegrass and old-time music, bring your tapping toe, and join us for an always delightful evening of down home fun.

Ain't nobody don't like Bluegrass!

Saturday, March 7, at 8 p.m.

LUNA STAR CAFE
775 NE 125th St., North Miami, phone 305-799-7123.
Requested contribution \$7 for member of any folk club; \$10 for non-member.

THE PREZ SAYS . . .

Annual meeting; Victor Heyman

By Barry J. White

Wow! Has it really been a year since we gathered in Greynolds Park for the annual meeting of The Folk Club of South Florida?

We enjoyed the beautiful weather and the natural setting so much that we decided to take the meeting outdoors again on Sunday, March 29, from noon to 5 p.m. The fine folks at the Marjorie



Stoneman Douglas Nature Center on Key Biscayne (6767 Crandon Blvd.,) are letting us use their courtyard, which opens onto beach dunes.

They will be presenting a new exhibit that afternoon at the Center, which we can all view. We will be on one of the most beautiful beaches in Florida. There is also a lovely nature trail just to the north of the Center. If you want to come early to spend more time on the beach, smart move. We'll do those delicious sirloin burgers again on the grill, plus veggie burgers and kosher hot dogs with plenty of sides for everyone. At 3 p.m. we'll count the ballots for the Board of Directors election.

Don't forget your axe and singing voice for the song circle. Last year's was so special and we will miss

our dear friend Danny Aaronson's presence.

Regarding the election for the Board of Directors, all paid-up members can vote and can run for the Board. We will send out the ballot by e-mail or snail mail to all members at least two weeks before March 29. If you want your name on the ballot, you must contact Karen Goldstein, our secretary, at kargol47@yahoo.com or mail a memo to me at 10001 SW 129th Terr., Miami, FL 33176 by March 12. Write-in names will also be permitted. Absentee ballots must be received, by U.S. Mail only, at my address by March 28. Absentee ballots will not be accepted at the annual meeting. Again, you must be a paid-up member to vote or to run.

If the weather cooperates, this will be a real Florida beach day so come prepared with hats, cover-ups, sun block, plenty of energy and your tonsils in fine form. Some volleyball on the beach in the morning sounds good, too; I'll bring my Speedo bikini; might not wear it, but I'll sure bring it. See you there.

We note with sadness the passing of one of folk music's most beloved and ardent supporters, Victor Heyman. He never sought honor or notoriety for his many acts of loving kindness for members of the folk community all over the nation, but his quiet and steady support was there for many. Our thoughts are with Reba and her family and we share in the warmth of his spirit and life. (There's more about him in the Washington Post at <http://tiny.cc/BBNRv>.)

Bluegrass at Haulover

This weekend the South Florida Bluegrass Association's 31st annual Everglades Bluegrass Festival will be held at Haulover Beach in Bal Harbour. Three national bands, Special Consensus, Gloria Belle & Tennessee Sunshine, and the James King Band, will join regional bands Bluegrass Parlor Band, Roger Bass & the Hillbillies, and local bands Matthew Sabatella and the Rambling String Band, Palms Bluegrass, New River Boys, Southern Shores, Alternative Tradition, Corn Country, Old Time Jammers, Triumphants, and the Cruddy Puppets on the stage and under the stars for three full days of great bluegrass music.

The music on stage runs 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Jam or listen anytime you like in the covered pavilions.

Children under 17 admitted free. A three-day pass at the gate costs \$45; Friday only is \$20, Saturday is \$25 and Sunday is \$20.

–Louise E. King

Song Swap and open house

Kudos to Rae Newoman for hosting two fabulous song swaps in a row.

Please join us as a new host welcomes us to our next song swap. Holly White will open her doors on Sunday, March 8, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Her roomy house is at 9300 SW 80th Ave., behind Kenwood Elementary School in the East Kendall area. There will be a pot-luck dinner, so bring a dish to share. Play music, listen, sing, dance, and mingle. It's all good.

To get to Holly's house from the Palmetto Expressway, exit to the west onto Kendall Drive (SW 88th Street), turn left at SW 94th Street, then right at 80th Avenue. You can park on the berm beside the school. If you get lost, call Holly at 305-595-3549.

–Linda Singer

Kath Bloom – and more

February's Acoustic Underground evening with Kath Bloom turned out to be much more than we expected. With an opening set by the fantastic Raffa Jo Harris, the night started off beautifully. Next we



enjoyed a complete surprise. Dora, a Flamenco dancer of what is likely many years of experience, performed two classic Flamenco dances. Dressed in traditional costume and with castanets clicking, Dora gave us an idea of the drama and passion that can be portrayed through the art of Flamenco.

But the highlight of the night was Kath Bloom. Her songs are rich with visual imagery and are both



fun and thoughtful. Her performance is relaxed and comfortable and makes you feel as though you were in her living room, hanging out with friends. The addition of Ginny Meredith on violin, additional vocals by Frannie, and the amazing Valerie C. Wisecracker on banjo, was like icing on the cake.

From the haunting *Your House Was Burning* to the sweetly seductive *Come Here*, which was featured in the 1995 film *Before Sunrise*, Kath Bloom is a storyteller worth listening to.

–Photos and report by Karen Goldstein

February folk calendar

Concerts and shows

All events start at 8 p.m. unless time is given. Our club events are in bold. Later details may be found at www.gotfolk.com.

Feb 27-March 1

Everglades Bluegrass Festival: National, regional, and local Bluegrass and old-time music. For tickets and information write sfba@southfloridabluegrass.com or call 305-358-1800.

March 1

Malcolm Holcomb (right),
Luna Star Café, 775 NE
125th St., North Miami,
305-799-7123.

Arlo Guthrie at Parker
Playhouse, 707 NE 8th St.,
Fort Lauderdale. Write
info@parkerplayhouse.com
or call 954-462-0222.



March 6

[Diane Ward](#), Luna Star Café, 775 NE 125th St., North Miami, 305-799-7123.

March 7

Cruddy Puppet Band, Acoustic Underground Concert Series, Luna Star Café, 775 NE 125th St., North Miami (see page 1).

[Ellen & Gary Bukstel](#), Temple Beth Or, 11715 SW 87th Ave. E2, Miami, \$15. To reserve call Ophie at 305-235-1419.

[Matthew Sabatella](#), Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., [Gold Coast Railroad Museum](#) 12450 S.W. 152nd St., Miami. Phone 305-253-0063. Repeats March 8, 14 and 15,

March 8

[Orrin Star](#), Boumel house concert, Coral Springs, write aboumel@bellsouth.net or call 954-341-0086.

March 9

[Orrin Star](#), "Your First Mandolin Workshop," limited to eight, \$35 prepayment requested, write aboumel@bellsouth.net or phone 954-341-0086.

**March 11**

[Ellen Bukstel](#), Women in Distress breakfast, Davie, noon; write lfrank@WomeninDistress.org.

[Rod MacDonald](#) with Tracy & Masako, noon, Stranahan Park, 100 E. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale; inquiries at 954-828-5363.

[Orrin Star](#), [Luna Star Café](#), 775 NE 125th St., North Miami, call 305-799-7123.

March 13

[Anne Feeney](#), [Luna Star Café](#), North Miami, phone 305-799-7123.

Broadwalk Friday Fest, 7 p.m., Hollywood Beach Theater, Johnson Street and Broadwalk: [Matthew Sabatella](#) and The Rambling String Band, Tricianne Garrihy (Irish harp and vocals) and Paddy Kelleghan (Irish guitar and vocals). Free, 954-921-3400.

March 14

[Nick Annis](#) and [Danny Schmidt](#), [Labyrinth Cafe](#), Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale, 3970 NW 21st Ave., Oakland Park. Write OzWoman321@aol.com or call 954-478-8637.

[Paul Asbell](#) (below), Glades Guitars, 6754 Pines Blvd., Suite A, Pembroke Pines. Write to steve@gladesguitars.com or call 954-983-2510.



[Grant Livingston](#) will sing and preside all day at [Water Matters Day](#), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tree Tops Park, 3900 SW 100th Ave., Davie. Call 954-519-1270.

March 15

[Anne Feeney](#), [Glades' Edge House Concerts](#). Write gladesedge@comcast.net or phone 954-742-9236.

March 20

Steve Greenberg with [Ellen Bukstel](#) and [Mindy Simmons](#), [Luna Star Café](#), 775 NE 125th St., North Miami. Call 305-799-7123.

March 21

[Jack Williams](#), [Shack In The Back House Concerts](#), reservations required; write ellen@bukstel.com or call 954-880-0250.

[Grant Livingston](#), right, and others, 4 p.m., Everglades Awareness Benefit, Tobacco Road, 626 S. Miami Ave., Miami, \$12. Write events@ploppypalace.com or call 305-374-1198.

[Grant Livingston](#), 8 p.m., [Relay for Life](#), 8900 N Kendall Drive, Miami. For info call Nicole Cunningham, 305-779-2847.

Sarah Jacobs CD release party, [Luna Star Café](#), 775 NE 125th St., North Miami 305-799-7123.

March 28

[Ronny Cox](#) with [Jack Williams](#) at Boumel House Concerts, Coral Springs, reserve at aboumel@bellsouth.net or call 954-341-0086.
[Bob Lind](#), [Luna Star Café](#), 775 NE 125th St., North Miami, 305-799-7123.

Monthly regular events

March 4

Songwriters in the Round, [Luna Star Café](#), 775 NE 125th St., North Miami. Inquire at lunastarcafe@aol.com or 305-799-7123.

March 6

[Broward Folk Club open mic](#), 7:30 p.m. (Peters Road Swamp Blues Band at 9 p.m.), Fresh Aroma Coffee Bar, 3656 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach. Call 954-463-7374.

March 7

Open mic, [Vegetarian Restaurant](#), 73 NE 167th St., North Miami, 305-405-6346.

March 8

Folk Club of South Florida Open House and Song Swap, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the home of Holly White, 9300 SW 80th Ave., Miami (see page 3).

March 14

[Davie Barn Dance](#), music by Loose Shoes with Andy Shore calling, Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive. For info: Marty at 954-270-9764.

March 15

Broward Folk Club song swap, 3 p.m. at Robbie and Steve Greenberg's, Pembroke Pines,

March 17

Third Tuesday Irish music session, [Luna Star Café](#).

March 22

[Jamming in the Park](#), Julia Assembly Hall, Secret Woods Nature Center, 2701 W. State Rd. 84, Dania Beach, call 954-791-1030.

March 27

[S. Florida Bluegrass Association Bluegrass Gospel Sing and Jam](#), 7 p.m., 2400 S. Pine Island Dr., Davie, call 954-578-1359 or 954-663-3568.

Weekly regular events

Sundays

John Brown's acoustic showcase, [JohnMartin's](#), 253 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables.
Michael Stock's *Folk & Acoustic Music*, broadcast from 2 to 5 p.m. over WLRN-FM, 91.3 MHz. You can call Michael at 305-995-2220 or write him at mstock@wlrn.org.

Mondays

Acoustic night, hosted by Gene Merola, 8:30 p.m., Mangos, 904 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. Info: geneshow@aol.com or Gene at 954-829-6085.

Tuesdays

Lou's jam, 5-7 p.m., [Luna Star Café](#), 775 NE 125th St., North Miami.
[Old-time jam](#), 7-10 p.m., Elks Club, 700 NE 10th St., Pompano Beach,
[Chocolate Moose](#), acoustic open mic, 9 p.m., 9118 SR 84, Davie.
[Shauna Sweeney](#), Kingshead Pub, 2692 N. University Dr., Sunrise.
[Blues jam](#), 9 p.m., Nitecap Lounge, 15455 W. Dixie Hwy., North Miami Beach.

Wednesdays

Rock a Little Softer with Raffa and Rainer, and open mic, Churchill's Pub, 5501 NE 2nd Ave., Miami.

Thursdays

Open mic, [Elks Club](#), 6304 SW 78th St., South Miami.
[Open mic](#), D.P.'s, 200 N. Broadwalk, Hollywood. Call 954-922-7993.

Saturdays

[Bluegrass jam](#), 3 p.m., Lake Forest fire station, SW 39th Street and 41st Avenue, Hollywood.
Open mic, [Luna Star Café](#), March 7 and 14, 75 NE 125th St., North Miami. Write lunastarcafe@aol.com or call 305-799-7123.
Acoustic open mic, 8:30 p.m., [Chocolate Moose](#), 9118 SR 84, Davie.

To revise or add a concert or other folk event to our April calendar, e-mail Tony Thomas – writerrad@aol.com – before March 18.

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- SONG SWAP in East Kendall, 5 p.m. Sunday, March 8, phone 305-595-3549
- FOLK & ACOUSTIC MUSIC with MICHAEL STOCK, Sundays 2-5 PM, WLRN 91.3 MHz