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April 1 - Doc Howells

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April 8 - Kevin & Carol Becker,
with Rich Keyes

Poughkeepsie Chapter

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April 15 - Song Circle

Friends of Fiddler’s Green

March 10 - Sparky and Rhonda Rucker

March 24 - Garnet Rogers

April 7 - Sara Milonovich and Greg Anderson

April 21 - Mark Rust

The Yorktown chapter is up and running with some wonderful talent at our open mikes! We are starting to see local interest and the audience is slowly starting to grow.

Recent feature performers that have captivated our audiences include: Ron Gluck and the “Has-beens” with a new twist on the old (think 1930 and back!); Bob Stanhope - with his unique slant on original folk as well as folk standards; Yorktown Guitar Project - An all acoustic guitar sextet playing intricate instrumental originals; and Denise Jordan Finley playing her wonderful folk originals that move across folk, blues and country music in a seamless fashion.

We are currently looking for more local help for set up and take down – your participation is greatly appreciated. Contact me at (914) 248-8460 or mbernardini@optonline.net.

Mark Bernardini – Chapter President

All coffeehouses start at 8 p.m., with open stage sign-ups at 7:30. \$4 members & \$5 non-members;
Concerts start at 8p.m., Admission is \$8 for adults, (\$7 members,) \$5 for seniors/students. Children under 12 are free.

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The deadline for the May-June newsletter is April 10th. Please send articles of general interest to Folk Guild people, announcements of events or your own upcoming gigs for the *Other Area Venues* listing, by e-mail, to Bob Lusk at boblusk@hvc.rr.com or snail mail to 61 Wurts St, Kingston, NY, 12401.

Advertising rates:

Members: Business Card \$25; Half Page \$50 Full page \$100
Non-members: Business Card \$50; Half Page \$100 Full page \$200

HVFG Meetings

Folk Guild meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., hosted by Carol & Kevin Becker, Hudson Drive, Hyde Park, All are welcome. Call 229-0170 for directions.

Chapter Directions

The Poughkeepsie chapter song circle is held the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 67 S. Randolph Ave. in Poughkeepsie, NY. From Rte. 9, turn onto Sharon Dr. at the Holiday Inn Express (1 mile south of the Mid-Hudson Bridge). At the stop sign, turn left onto Beechwood Ave. Turn right at the next stop sign onto Ferris Lane. Take the first left turn, onto Randolph Ave. The hall is on the right.

The Kingston chapter coffeehouse is held the 1st Saturday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Sawkill Rd. in Kingston. From the NY State Thruway, take exit 19. At the traffic circle, take the first Kingston exit (Wash. Ave.) To the first traffic light. Turn left on Sawkill Rd., go 1.5 miles. The hall is on the right. From the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge, (or Rtes. 9W or 32) go west on Rte. 199 that becomes Rte. 209, go past the Kingston exits to Sawkill Rd. exit. Turn left at end of ramp onto Sawkill Rd.. Go south 1 mile; the hall is on left.

The Yorktown chapter coffeehouse is held the 2nd Saturday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church Of Yorktown in

Yorktown Heights.

Directions from the north - take Taconic Parkway south to the Yorktown Heights exit. At exit ramp light make left onto Crompond Road. At the third light make a left (see sign for junction. to route 132). At this light you will see the church on the left. Make next left into parking lot.

Directions from CT - From I-84 go west to exit for 684 south. Exit at Katonah - Route 35. right off exit and follow 35 into Yorktown (about 6-8 miles) At Intersection for Route 202 (there are three gas stations at this intersection) make a right - this is Crompond road. Take Crompond road up to the intersection for route 132 (traffic light) At light make a right and first left to the parking lot.

Friends of Fiddler's Green Concerts are held on Friday nights at the United Methodist Church, Rte. 9., Hyde Park, NY. From the North, go through 1st stoplight in H.P. Past the church (½ block) turn left into church parking lot on Church St. From the South, go past Roosevelt Inn on the right, and Getty on the left, turn right onto Church St..

Members Performing Schedule

March 5 1:00 **Bob Lusk** – Saugerties Library “Irish Music of the Catskills”

Mar 06 8 pm, **Denise Jordan Finley** Rhinebeck Grill Featured Performer.
6417 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck, NY *info:* 845-876-6816

Wed, Mar 08 7 pm - 10 pm, **SummerSongs Benefit Concert** 35 W. 67th St., New York City, NY , Songwriters, including, Greg Greenway, David Roth, Sloan Wainwright, Penny Nichols, Meg Braun, Saron Goldman, Denise Jordan Finley...*info:* 212-601-1000

Sat, Mar 11 7 pm, , **Denise Jordan Finley** Griffins Corners Cafe 868 Main Street, Fleischmanns, NY 845-254-6300

March 12, 2006 4-6:00PM **Susan Trump** Unitarian Fellowship 67 Randolph Ave. Poughkeepsie Donation \$10

March 17 4-7:00 PM “**Folkloric**” St Patrick’s Celebration Kingston Holiday Inn Live on WKNY

March 17 “**Folkloric**” Bridgewater Café 8-12 pm Abeel Street, Kingston

March 18 5:00 PM. **James Krueger** Woodstock Library on Saturday free "Catskill Mountain Snow and Other Songs of the Season."

Mar 19 3 pm, **Denise Jordan Finley in Concert** Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Vassar Street, Poughkeepsie, NY : 845-486-4571

March 31, 2006 7-9:30pm **Kevin & Carol Becker, Kimberly and Gitfiddle** Friday Folk Cafe at the First UMC in the center of the Village of Highland \$5.00 cover. For info call 691-2284

April 4 7:30 Matt Finley & Rio Jazz Dutchess Community College North Cafeteria Free admission www.riojazz.com

Sat, Apr 22 8 pm, **Singer/Songwriter, Denise Jordan Finley Irving Farms Coffeehouse** Main Street, Millerton, NY

HVFG Membership Campaign

Midpoint Report

By Kevin Becker

Memberships have been steadily flowing in via the mail and from our events. Even so, we are running somewhat behind last year's record-setting pace. This is not too surprising given the chapter start-up activities in Yorktown and the mid winter "siesta" at our Friends of Fiddler's Green chapter. If we were to break last year's membership record, it would be the 20th consecutive year of membership growth for the Guild.

While it would be nice to be able to boast of two decades of continuous growth, our organization is not about "brow-beating" people into renewing their membership or becoming new members. It is more of a grass roots approach where people join because they simply want to support a community organization that encourages self actualization and live music new and old, as well as professional and amateur.

So please, if you feel what we do is worthwhile, please renew your membership by March 31, as that is when we take our "point in time" measurement. As always, we appreciate your continuing support of the Hudson Valley Folk Guild as it continues to grow and accomplish its (our) goals!

It's All Folk

Ashokan Fiddle & Dance Camp

<http://www.ashokan.org/ashokan/campnyrs.shtml>

Capital Region Dances (518) 292-0133

Folk Song Society of Greater Boston fssgb@fssgb.org

Friends of Music, Orange Co. Com. Coll. Middletown, NY, call 845-342-0878 for schedule

The Good Folk Coffeehouse, Rowayton, CT, 203-866-4450

Hudson Valley Blues Society <http://members.aol.com/HVBSBlues/> HVBSBlues@aol.com

Hudson Valley Dance

<http://www.hudsonvalleydance.org/>

Hyde Park Living Room Concert Series, Hyde Park, NY, <mailto:HPFL@aol.com> 845-229-7791

Old Song's (Voorheesville) 518-765-2815

Picking' and Singin' Gatherin' 2137 Pangburn Rd Duanesburg, NY 12056

Sanctuary Coffee House, Rock Tavern, NY, call 845-695-6851 for schedule

Unison Arts Center, New Paltz, NY, 845-255-1559

Uptown Coffeehouse Riverdale, NY (718) 885-2955

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse, Katonah, NY, 7:30, 914-242-0374

1st Saturday **Cuomo's Cove open mike**, 226 Route 296, Windham, N.Y., 12496 518-734-5903, Terry Cuomo

2nd Saturdays – **John Street Jam, Dutch Arms Chapel** 16 John Street, Saugerties, NY Saugerties 845-943-6720

4th Saturdays **Living Waters Coffeehouse**, 845-265-9299, 7:30, in the Van Cortlandt United Methodist Church, 296 Locust Ave., Cortlandt Manor, NY.

2nd Saturdays – **John Street Jam, Dutch Arms Chapel** 16 John Street, Saugerties, NY Saugerties 845-943-6720 845-943-6720

Sundays 1-4PM **Bluegrass Jam, Catskill Mountain Pizza**, 51 Mill Hill Road (Rt. 212), Woodstock, NY. Wdstockbluegrass@aol.com

Some Sundays **Unison Arts Center- Open Mic** New Paltz, NY, 845-255-1559 Sign up 3:30 Perform 4-6 pm

Mondays **Mirabai** book store in Woodstock, **Kirtan (sing-a-long Hindu Chant)** 5:30 - 6:45 pm 679-2100

Most Wednesdays 7:30 pm **Irish Music Jam Session New World Home Cooking**, Route 212, Woodstock, NY. (845)246-0900

Wednesday 7:00 pm **Open Mic, Morning Brew Café**, High Falls, NY, corner of Route 213 and Lucas Avenue, 845-687-4750

Wednesday 7:00 pm **Open Mike Roaring Brook Nature Center**, Canton, CT (860) 693-0263 www.Roaringbrook.org

2nd or 3rd Wed., 7:00 **SING OUT - Monthly sing along**: folk, pop, oldies, whatever rises up. Contact Joyce Reeves at 679-5369 or at rejoyce@surfbest.net.

Thursdays 6 pm - 8:30 pm , **Kurt Henry's Acoustic Thursday's High Falls Café** Route 213, High Falls, NY \$5.00 cover, FREE with dinner.

Thursday, **Caffe Lena Open Mike Night**, 7:30, Saratoga Springs, NY, 518-583-0022

Some Thursdays - **Panther Mountain Picking Circle – Participatory Song Swap** – Phoenicia NY Contact Harry Jameson . towntinkertubes@yahoo.com

Local Folk Music Radio

WTBQ - The Hootenanny Café with Jon Stein, airs Fridays at 6PM (AM 1110) and Sundays at midnight at www.wtbq.com

WHVW- 950 AM Hyde Park has an exciting mix of various kinds of folk music.

WVKR 91.3 FM "Hudson Valley Rag Shop" Tuesday from 5:30 to 8:00

Internet Radio

Folk Alley <http://www.folkalley.com/register/index.php>

Folk DJ-List - <http://folkradio.org/>

Hudson Valley Irish <http://hvirishny.tripod.com/index.htm>

International <http://www.tvfolk.net/>

National Public Radio - <http://www.npr.org/>

Public Radio International - <http://www.pri.org/>

WFVU <http://www.wfuv.org/wfuv/archive/index.html>

WSKU <http://www.wksu.org/folk/>

Calendar of Other Area Venues

1st Saturday of each month—**Roger Sprung, Hal Wylie & friends**, (doors open at 7:30) 8 pm, The Pasta Project, Newtown, CT, 203-426-5243

Strategic Opportunity in Poughkeepsie Chapter

By Kevin Becker



In September of 2005, the Poughkeepsie Chapter under Mike Clarke's leadership set out in a new direction by starting up a Song Circle at the Unitarian fellowship in Poughkeepsie.

The Song Circles have been very successful in providing an added musical dimension to the Guild and we have found that the optimal attendance for these sessions seems to be in the range of 15 to 20 people. So, while the enthusiasm for song circles is strong, and the events are enjoying a high level of success, we are at a crossroads as to how to maintain the financial viability of them, given the fact that on most nights the income is less than the rent for the fellowship hall.

At our last board meeting we discussed a couple of possible solutions. One is for the Guild as a whole to subsidize the song circles. The other solution is for the song circles to move back to the Highland Methodist Church where the rent is more in line with the income. If we were to pick the second option, it might result in ending our 25 year association with the Unitarian Fellowship in Poughkeepsie. That decision should not be made in haste and hence, the reason for this article. An enduring fundamental Folk Guild principle has always been to approach problems as opportunities in disguise.

So what we'd like to do is to solicit ideas from you, our members and friends, on how to best use the space at the Unitarian Fellowship next season if the Song Circle moves to Highland. Our mission is really two-fold. We need your ideas and suggestions for events AND we need to rebuild a strong committee of volunteers to run the chapter activities.

One idea at our board meeting was to re-establish the open mike coffeehouse and another that emerged was to introduce folk dancing as a new event. Others included reaching out to younger people and still another was to do a variety of different events for next season. If you are interested in being involved with and influencing how we utilize our strategic opportunity in Poughkeepsie while at the same time making the song circle

Ruminations

As I mentioned in the last newsletter we are happy to list members' gigs, and events. However, sometimes there is not enough space to give detailed information such as "Eclectic folk group playing guitar, mandolin, violin & spoons with outstanding dynamic lyrics...etc." Just the facts, please.

We also need to get events pretty far in advance. Our deadline for the May/June issue will be April 10th. This will be the last one until September, so feel free to let us know what you are doing over the summer!

Bob Lusk – Newsletter Editor
(boblusk@hvc.rr.com)

stronger, we'd like to hear from you!! Please contact Kevin Becker (or any other board member) at 845-229-0170 or hvfolks@aol.com with your ideas.

Members Web Sites

Bob Lusk www.boblusk.net
Bob & Patti Hauver www.HudsonValleyRecords.com
Denise Jordan Finley www.denisejordanfinley.com
Esther Frances www.estherfrances.com

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to be listed in the next issue (for free!)**



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to develop performance skills through community service and promotes folk music through various publications and events.

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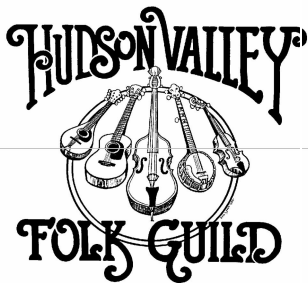
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