

The UUFPP Sends a Big “Thank You” to the Hudson Valley Folk Guild

On July 15, the Unitarian Fellowship of Poughkeepsie and the Hudson Valley Folk Guild came together for “**A Celebration of 25 Years of Folk Music & Fellowship.**” The event was a fundraiser for the UUFPP as well as a celebration of the 25 years of collaboration between the two groups in providing a congenial venue to present folk music here in the Hudson Valley.

The event was a rousing success with wonderful music by some of the Folk Guild’s best performers, wonderful treats provided by the UUFPP (including a fountain of chocolate!) and 2 moving musical tributes to Fellowship member, and Chair *emeritus* of the DCC Music Dept., **Helen Baldwin**, who taught many Folk Guild members throughout the years, and to longtime UUFPP and HVFG member and activist, the late, great **Eli Jaffe**, whose life has been an inspiration to many of us. Most importantly, the event raised **\$823** for the Fellowship! Even the heat and lack of air conditioning was not enough to spoil this wonderful event.

As a member of both the UUFPP and the HVFG, and the person who spearheaded the event, I want to send my thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening. Special thanks go to **Kevin Becker** who took charge of organizing the Folk Guild part of the evening, lining up the talent, handling set up and running of the sound system, directing the tribute to Helen, performing, and myriad other duties. Thanks also to **Lyn Burnstine** for the great publicity as well as her gracious presence as MC along with the warm and witty **Steve Allen**. Special thanks also go to the terrific performers who donated their time and talent, including **Kevin & Carol Becker with Rich Keyes; Denise Jordan Finley & Daniel Pragdon; Melissa Holland, LuAnne Thompson & John Martucci of Holland, Thompson & Tooch; Pat Lamanna & Amy Strom from The Raggedy Crew, and Gary Vail, Jonathan Dickau, and Cary Kruzansky** who contributed their wonderful voices to the classical tribute to Helen. Thanks also to all the UUFPP members who contributed the delicious treats and helped with set up and clean up.

Thank you all so much!

Amy Strom

Members Performance Listings

Sept 2, 12:30 PM, Denise Jordan Finley, New Paltz/Woodstock Craft Fair
Sept 3, 11:30 AM Denise Jordan Finley, Mountain Cow Cafe, Main St., Pine Plains
Sept 6, 8:00 PM Denise Jordan Finley, Maxie's, "Hudson River Underground, A Forum for Musicians." Hudson, NY
Sept 8, 8:00 Mike & Emmy Clarke, Blair Shepard, Phil Miller, Feature TBA, Vineyard Ave Café, Methodist Church, Highland
Sept 8, 8:00 PM Denise Jordan Finley Peekskill Coffeehouse,
Sept 9, Bob Lusk, Bronck House and Museum, Greene County, NY 8:30. (518) 731-6490.
<http://www.gchistory.org/barns.php>
Sept 9, 7:30, Denise Jordan Finley Irving Farm Coffeehouse, Millerton,
Sept 16, Mark Rust, 3 pm “Gardiner Day” - Family Show, Majestic Park, Gardiner, NY (845)255- 9675
Sept 16, 6:00 PM Denise Jordan Finley Christiano's, Pine Plains,
Sept 23, Folkloric (Bob Lusk, Cecilia St.King and Regina Scheff), Lindenwald, Martin Van Buren Mansion in Kinderhook, NY.
Sept 2,3 Mark Rust, 12pm, 2pm, &4pm Hudson Valley Garlic Festival, Food Court Stage, Cantine Field, Saugerties, NY
Sept 24, Karen Whitman and Rick Pantell, 7:00 PM The Colony Café, Woodstock, NY (845) 679-5342
Sept 24, 3:00, Bob Lusk, Regina Scheff. “Heritage Music from the Mountains to the Valley.” Dutch Arms Chapel in Saugerties,
Oct 4, 8:00 PM Denise Jordan Finley Maxie's, "Hudson River Underground, A Forum for Musicians." Hudson, NY
Oct 8 Bob Lusk, 12:00 noon Bluestone Festival, TR Gallo Park down at the Strand, Kingston, NY
Oct 8, Denise Jordan Finley, 10 am to Dusk, Kingston Folk Festival Cornell Park in Downtown Kingston, NY
Oct 9 8:00 Karen Whitman and Rick Pantell, The Parlour, 250 W. 86th St. NY, NY (845) 679-4435
Oct 15 Bob Lusk, 12:00 Forsyth Nature Center, Lucas Avenue, Kingston, NY.
Oct 15 Bob Lusk, 3:00 Dissident Folk Festival, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main Street, Beacon NY 12508 (845) 831-4988
Oct. 17 7:30 Karen Whitman and Rick Pantell, The Looking Glass Theatre, 422 W. 57th St. NY, NY (845) 679-4435
Oct 21 Bob Lusk, Westmoreland Animal Sanctuary, Bedford, NY, 11:30 and 1:00.
Oct 28, 7:30 Denise Jordan Finley Sanctuary Coffeehouse, Rock Tavern,