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**2008 HVFG Membership Campaign Kickoff:
 By Kevin Becker**

Once again our yearly membership drive will run from December 1st through March 31st. Membership donations are essential in order to support key infrastructure expenses such as this newsletter, liability insurance, equipment maintenance and seed money for new events. Our HVFG membership drive is a low key, grass roots approach where people join and renew for no other reason other than 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.** The Hudson Valley Folk Guild was formed in July 1979. It is a member-run nonprofit corporation dedicated to the following goals:

- 1) To generate and maintain community interest in folk music
- 2) To provide community service through performing for nonprofit and charitable organizations
- 3) To give its performing members the opportunity to develop their talents through community performance.

As always, we appreciate your continuing support of the Hudson Valley Folk Guild as it continues to grow and accomplish its (our) goals! All membership contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**HUDSON VALLEY
 FOLK GUILD FACTS:**

- 1) Going strong going on 28 years
- 2) Over 460 members
- 3) The longest continuous running open stage in the Hudson Valley since July 1979
- 4) Over 100 practicing musicians
- 5) Over 30 of our members have produced professional recordings (CDs)
- 6) Our membership has grown for the past 20 consecutive years (no formal membership prior)
- 7) Over 2,500 people attend 48 performances each year
- 8) Our bi-monthly newsletter is sent to more than 1,000 households
- 9) We are a Dutchess County Arts Council member organization
- 10) We are a member organization of the North American Folk Alliance

**Hudson Valley Folk Guild Features -
 2007/2008 Season**

	<i>Kingston Feature</i>	<i>Yorktown Feature</i>	<i>Poughkeepsie Feature</i>
December	Bruce Blair	No Feature	LuAnne Thompson & John Martucci
	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15
January	Bob Lusk Jan 5	No Feature	Bob Wright Jan 19
		Jan 12	
February	Doc Howells Feb 2	No Feature	Raggedy Crew
	Feb 9	Feb 9	Feb 16
March	Blair Sheppard Mar 1	No Feature	Becca Anderson
	Mar 8	Mar 8	Mar 15
April	Split the Bill Apr 5	No Feature	Loraine Klara
	Apr 12	Apr 12	Apr 19
May	Deborah Martin May 3	No Feature	Linda Breithaupt
	May 10	May 10	May 17
June	Jim Krueger Jun 7	No Feature	N/A
	Jun 14	Jun 14	

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Ruminations

Bob Lusk- Newsletter Editor

This issue of the newsletter is smaller, but don't think that means the guild is doing less. Postage and printing costs have cut into the frequency and size of the paper, and it is no longer being mailed out, but we have developed a strong online presence.

You can go to www.HudsonValleyFolkGuild.org to see our website.

And also, be sure to fill out the coupon on the back of this issue and send us your e-mail address so that you can get news of Folk Guild events when they are happening!

Advertising rates:

Members: Business Card \$25; Half Page \$50 Full page \$100

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

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the April -May-June newsletter is March 10th. Please send any articles you think would be of interest to the Folk Music Community to Bob Lusk, 61 Wurts St, Kingston, NY, 12401. (boblusk@hvc.rr.com)

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

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.. Showtime is 8:00

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. Signup is 7:00 and the show starts at 7:30

The Poughkeepsie Concert Series 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. Showtime is 7:30

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. Signup is at 7:30 and the show starts at 8:00.

Admission to all coffeehouses is
\$4 for members and \$5 for non-members.



Presents in Concert:

Johnson Girls–November 2

The Johnson Girls, an exciting women's a capella group, performs traditional and contemporary folk music with an emphasis on sea chanteys—usually the domain of men—and other maritime music, as well as work songs, river boat and minstrel songs, African American traditional songs, songs of fishermen and their wives, and Irish songs. The Johnson Girls deliver their rich harmonies in their own inimitable style. They also are part of a larger sea chantey group, the New York Packet, heard regularly at South Street Seaport in New York City.



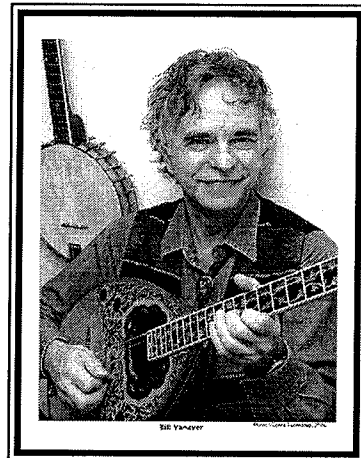
Straight Drive Bluegrass Band– November 16



The Straight Drive Bluegrass Band features six skillful musicians, each with illustrious musical credits: Terry McGill, banjo & vocals; Jen Larson, guitar & lead vocals; Ron Feinberg, fiddle, & vocals; Jim Treat, bass; Ben Fraker, mandolin; & Dave Hampton, guitar & vocals. The band is known for its hard-driving music, as well as its dedication to evoking the spirit and warmth of vintage performances and radio broadcasts. Bluegrass great Ron Thomason said of them, "Straight Drive plays bluegrass the way Bill Monroe or Carter Stanley conceived of it."

Bill Vanaver–November 30

Bill Vanaver, noted folk singer and composer is the co-founder (with wife Livia), music arranger and accompanist of the internationally-known Vanaver Caravan. As a solo performer, Vanaver was part of the Newport and Philadelphia Folk Festivals and was awarded the 1997 Aaron Copeland Fellowship in composing. His stellar instrumental work on 5-string banjo and many exotic instruments, added to his vast knowledge of traditional American and World Music, make him an in-demand artist-in-residence (alone or with Livia) in schools."



Annual Invitational Concert–December 14

The friends and supporters of the Friends of Fiddler's Green concert series are also many of the Hudson Valley's and the Hudson Valley Folk Guild's finest performers--poets, folk musicians and storytellers--who will be featured on December 14 in our popular yearly "homegrown" concert of seasonal songs and stories. An invitation to be part of the concert honors the area performers who have supported the Folk Guild with their talent and presence.

All concerts are held on Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Hyde Park United Methodist Church on Rte. 9 & Church St. Admission \$8 adults non-members, \$6 members, seniors, students, & free to children under 12 with an adult. Call 483-0650 for info. Reservations not necessary.





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