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June 2011 Newsletter

38th Annual

Alaska Folk Festival

April 9-15, 2012

Summer Music

For those folks traveling around Alaska and the Pacific Northwest this summer, you might want to keep in mind a few other festivals to attend. Here is a partial listing:

- **May 21 – Clucking Blossom Festival** – Birch Hill Ski Area in Fairbanks, a younger persons free music and arts festival.
- **May 27-29 – Trapper Creek Bluegrass, Folk, Country, Acoustic Festival** – This takes place at the Boots Bison Ranch off the Parks Hwy. Only 500 tickets sold. “No glass, no violence, no beer garden.”
- **May 27-30 – Northwest Folklife Festival** – This free festival takes place at the Seattle Center with 22 stages and performers from all around the Northwest. The festival offers foods of every variety, outdoor and indoor performances and dancing (contra, square, swing, Cajun, etc.) from 11am till midnight.
- **May 27-30 – Dancing Bears Dance Camp** – King’s Lake outside of Wasilla, AK. This years line up includes callers Carol Ormand and David Millstone and guest bands Contra Nova (John Devine, Steve Hickman, Ralph Gordon) and Buckdancer’s Choice (Scott Meyer, Brian DeMarcus, Jay Marvin and Nate Williamson).
- **June 11 – Fairbanks Summer Folk Festival** – The 22nd Annual Festival takes place this year at the Borealis Pavillion at Alaskaland/Pioneer Park.
- **June 15-20 – Weiser National Fiddle Festival** – Weiser, Idaho. This festival has two sides to it: Jamming all night with folks on one side of town or watching (or even competing in) the National Old-Time Fiddle Contest at the Weiser High School.
- **June 16-19 – Seldovia’s Summer Solstice Music Festival** - This festival features Outside and Alaskan artists in a beautiful setting.
- **June 17-19 – Nome Midnight Sun Folk Festival** – Features one guest band, as well as main stage sets by local performers. The guest band will give workshops throughout the week-end.
- **June 19-25 - Lady of the Lake Music & Dance Week:** Coeur d’Alene Lake, Idaho. This dance camp is sponsored by the Spokane Folklore Society and is the most popular dance camp on the west coast.

Volunteer Thanks

A great big thanks to all those who helped at the 37th Annual Alaska Folk Festival. Volunteers from far and wide offered their support at the membership/sales table, sound crew, stage hands, tech support, workshops, dances and more. Those who helped were:

Carol Ackerson, Greg Beck, Rachel Beck, Anissa Berry-Frick, Koren Bosworth, Ryan Bowers, Rennee Breiling, Jamie Brown, Jeff Brown, Keegan Brown, Melanie Brown, John Brun, Cadie Buckley, Linda Buckley, Keith Bunney, Sally Burch, Greg Burger, Scott Burton, Teri Camery, Erik Chadwell, Lauren Champagne, Michelle Champion, John Church, Collette Costa, Rod Crist, Nikki Dawson, Chas Dense, Grant Dermody, Mary DeSmet, Antonio Diaz, Kevin D’Amelio, Sally Donaldson, Odette Edgar, Acacia Edwards, Kieran Edwards, Rick Edwards, Bill Eichenlaub, Grace Elliott, Joe Emerson, Lynette Ensor, Andy Ferguson, Norman Ferrell, Mary Fitterer, Thomas Fitterer, Trevor Fiscus, Chris Fredell, Abby Focht, Dayna Frocht, Anne Fuller, Pam Garcia, Joni Gill, Sasha Gill, Clay Good, Stephanie Harold, Kim Hastings, Heather Haugland, Mary Hausler, Hiram Henry, Jeanie Henry, Pat Henry,

Treasurer’s Report

As the major bills for putting on this year's festival come in, it becomes possible to see how we did financially. When all the numbers get totaled, I believe this year will show a deficit, our first in 5 years. For several reasons, overall attendance was down at our 9 concerts, and merchandise sales dropped by nearly 50%. Our dance band cost more than usual, and we seem to be paying more every year for renting 2 venues. On the bright side, ad revenues were good and we have received a strong set of donations from returning and new supporters. -John Church, treasurer

Alaska Folk Festival Membership Form


38th Annual Alaska Folk Festival: April 9-15, 2012

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City: _____

State/Zip: _____

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Amount \$ _____	
___ Member	(\$15 - \$29)
___ Sustaining Member	(\$30 - \$49)
___ Friend	(\$50 - \$99)
___ Patron	(\$100 - \$249)
___ Benefactor	(\$250 and above)
<input type="checkbox"/> Please do not list my name in the program.	

All members receive the Festival newsletters. Benefactors, Patrons, Friends, and Sustaining Members will be listed in the Festival program (deadline: March 15, 2012). Please mail to: Alaska Folk Festival, PO Box 21748, Juneau, Alaska 99802. Thank You!

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- **July 3-10 - Festival of American Fiddle Tunes:** Fort Worden State Park, near Port Townsend, WA. This years line-up includes: Trio Chicontepec, Hank Bradley with Candy Goldman and Dan Lockshon, Bruce Greene with Don Pedi, Alice Gerrard with Rick Good, Eddie Bond with Kirk Sutphin, Paul David Smith with Jimmy McCown, Bobby Hicks with Adam Masters, Andrea Beaton and Troy MacGillivray, Bertrand Deraspe and Alain Turbide, Marc and Ann Savoy, Michael Doucet, Liz Carroll and John Doyle, Dudley and Jacqueline Laufman, Paul Dahlin and family, Wayne Henderson. Register early. www.centrum.org/fiddle

- **July 15-17 - Dawson City Muisc Festival** - This festival, held the second to last week-end in July, brings large numbers of people to this tiny Yukon community.

- **July 15-17 - Vancouver Folk Music Festival** - Jericho Beach Park, Vancouver, BC. This outdoor festival features dozens of performers. This years line-up includes: Kathryn Calder, Rosanne Cash, James Cotton, Dick Gaughan, Dave Swarbrick & Jason Wilson, Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks, The Jaybirds, Leon Rosselson, Solas, Gillian Welsh and many more. see: thefestival.bc.ca

- **July 29-31 - Anderson Bluegrass Festival** - Near Clear Air Force Station, just off the Parks Hwy at mile 283. They usually have a guest artist. This is a great family friendly festival with a minimal entrance fee, plenty of camping and running water.

- **August 5-7 - Talkeetna Bluegrass and Music Festival** - South of Talkeetna Jct. Parks Hwy.

- **August 6 - Galway Days** - On G Street in Anchorage, this is an Irish Music Fest going all day.

- **August 19-21 - Trapper Creek Music and Arts Festival** - At the Boots Bison Ranch off the Parks Hwy. Again, only 500 tickets presold.

- **August 28 - September 3 - Acoustic Alaska Guitar Camp** - Held in Wasilla. For more info: Joe Becker, Acoustic Guitar Camp 2674 S. Patton Court, Denver, CO 80219, Toll free 1-866-293-6827, 1-303-937-1787 or email: camp@acousticalaska.com

Where ever you end up this summer, bring an instrument, bring your dancing shoes and bring a smile, and most of all - HAVE FUN!!!!

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Cristi Herren, Robin Hopper, Terry Hoskinson, Charlie Hunt, Jenny Huntley, Mark Jaqua, Caroline Jezierski, Catherine Johnson, Emily Kane, Barbara Kelly-Page, Leah LaBar, John Laskey, Terri Laskey, Bob Laurie, Beth Leibowitz, Joyce Levine, Olga Lijo, Grace Lumba, Marcelo Maiorano, Mary Malone, Maria Mattson, Nell McConahey, Malia McInerney, Ben McLuckie & Jordan, Steve Merli, Jen Miller, Kevin Miller, Sergei Morosan, Art Morris, Cecily Morris, Rhonda Moseby, Eric Niewoehner, Shelly Owens, Lise Paradis, Dan Pascucci, Shari Paul-Lice, Susan Phillips, Sanjay Pyare, Maria Rangel, Mike Rentel, Mary Rikken, Kristin Romanoff, Mike Sakarias, Lis Saya, Ed Schoenfeld, Bob Schroeder, Francie Schrup, Burl Sheldon, John Sisk, Sam Skaggs, Jim Stey, Martha Stey, Ezra Strong, Barbara Taug, Carol Tocco, Dennis Townsend, Phil Reeves, Ken Waldman, Kathleen Wiest, Steve Wolf, Nene Wolfe, Ardyn Womack, Riley Woodford, Geri Wright.

Thanks one and all for a job well done. If we missed your name, please let us know.

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