

**May 2018
Newsletter**

**45th Annual
Alaska Folk Festival
April 8-14, 2019**

Thank You Volunteers!

Thank you to all of you who made the 44th Annual Alaska Folk Festival possible. Over 150 volunteers donated their time, energy, and talents as stage and sound techs, emcees, membership and merchandise table staffers, stage managers, piano movers, workshop presenters and more. Below is a list of many of those who made this festival a success:

Cathy Allen, Carol Anderson, JDHS Art Club, Rai Behnert, Sue Behnert, Mari Bell, Kris Benson, Koren Bosworth, Robert Bowles, Richard Brigman, Jamie Brown, Jeff Brown, Rachel Brown, Linda Buckley, Cady, Buckley, Sally Burch, Greg Burger, Marian Call, Bing Carrillo, Judy Cavanaugh, John Church, Tiss Clark, Capital Copy, Riley Crocker, Paul Davis, Paul Disdier, Sally Donaldson, Alayna Duncan, Ellen Eberhardt, Odette Edgar, Grace Elliott, Rachel Erben, Norman Farrell, Nancy Fenton, Laura Fleming, Miker, Frantes, Bill Frey, Anne Fuller, Cindy Gagine, Julia Garrity, Ann Gifford, Axel Gilliam, Myra Gilliam, Jane Ginter, Kane Gintner, Erin Gleason, FuBau Goldsbury, Janessa Goodman, Jim Grammel, Cristoffer Gutierrez-Garcia, June Hall, Erin Heist, Hiram Henry, Pat Henry, John Herchenrider, Theo Houck, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Kirsa Hughes-Skandijs, Dylan Hulbert, Patricia Hull, Steven Ireland-Haight, Martha Jackson, Oliver Janata, Debby Johnson, Cathy Johnson, Sam Jordan, Sofia Jordan, Emily Kane, Michael Kauzmann, Rachel Kelly, James Kelly, Barbara Kelly, John Kelly, John Lager, John Laskey, Bob Laurie, Beth, Leibowitz, Joyce Levine, Mark Lukey, Sarah McDaniel, Stephanie Means,

Andy Miller, Mary Miller, Carolyn Minor, Irene Muller, Ericka Nebert, Julie North, Shelley Owens, Tom Paul, Alana Paul, Barb Pavitt, Marsha Phillips, Frankie Pillifant, Ian Putnam, Carol Race, Liz Rao, Mike Rentel, Heather Ridgway, Mike Sakarius, Ed Schoenfeld, Bev Schoonover, Bob Schroeder, Francie Schrup, Ellie Sharman, Patrick Sheppard, Kevin Siwicke, Michele Siwicke, Valerie Snyder, Riley Stadt, Lynne Stevens, Phil Stewart, Jeanne Stolberg, Libby Stringer, Erin Tilly, Carol Tocco, Dennis Townsend, Printing Trade Company, Mike Truax, Bill Vajda, Marika Vangelder, Christina Vasquez, Taylor Vidic, Tristan Walker-Andrews, Joani Waller, Grace Walli, Laura Wallrath, Rhonda Ward, Beth Weigel, Jayden West, Lois Weston, Ardyne Womack, Riley Woodford, Brenda Wright

Thank you, one and all, for your big smiles, positive attitudes, thoughtful suggestions, boundless energy and community spirit.



Alaska Folk Festival Membership Form

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<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to receive paperless e-newsletters.
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____ Member	(\$25 - \$49)
____ Friend	(\$50 - \$149)
____ Patron	(\$150 - \$499)
____ Benefactor	(\$500 and above)
<input type="checkbox"/> Please do not list my name in the program.	

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

That post-festival feeling

"I tell you a different version of this story every year, but I'm going to repeat myself. Something magic happens as a result of having my heart blown apart, up in Juneau, Alaska, at the Alaska Folk Festival every April. I try to explain to the teachers I work with, who just look at me like I'm insane..."Well, we stay up until 7, 8am every day, making music, singing, fiddling, dancing... I guess because we are so dang happy to finally all be together again, that sleeping through it just seems like a waste of time." But then I come back home, barely holding it together in many ways... and then the MAGIC. Because I am a teacher, I invariably return home to roomfuls of children. And suddenly, I know all the right things to say, to address all of the pains they inflict on each other, the little meannesses that children sling at one another thoughtlessly. I know how to teach them to be kind, with a clarity that is easy. And they get it, it's like my salve, becomes their salve. If only everyone in this crazy world could be nourished the way my musical family feeds me. Sofa king lucky. Thank you, and you, and you..." - Caroline Oakley

"I remember this so well...we were fortunate enough to play the festival some years ago...will never forget it" - Rhiannon Laffan Giddens, Carolina Chocolate Drops

Email Problems

At the time of festival this year, automated email to GCI domains was not working. The domains that we believe were affected were: gci.net, ak.net, relayalaska.com, nome.net, alaskan.net, alaskan.com, and anchorageak.net. AFF regrets that if you did not receive your e-newsletter or other AFF emails, that was most likely the reason.

GCI has told us that emails originating at our server, a2plcpnl0931.prod.iad2.secureserver.net, are being dropped due to a network problem. They have not yet been able to diagnose or correct the problem.

The good news is that we are optimistic that we have found another way to send email. If you are an email subscriber, you are likely to receive this newsletter both in paper and by email. Once we are assured the new approach is working, we will revert to your preferred method - either paper or digital.

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Happy Trails & Welcome

An enormous thank you to our departing board members Erin Heist, Debby Johnson, and Julia Garrity for their years of dedication and service. We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing them at future festivals enjoying the fruits of their labor. And a hearty "Welcome Aboard!" to our new board members, Christina Vasquez, Hiram Henry and Alicia Hughes-Skandijis.