

# COLUMBUS FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY, INC.

February 2012

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## A DIFFERENT STRUMMER

**FEBRUARY PROMISES EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO BEAT THE MID-WINTER BLUES**

### **Music and Candlelight to Highlight**

### **Valentine Fundraiser for COFF**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**



Serious love songs, the glow of dozens of candles, and a humorous trivia quiz will highlight a Valentines concert by Bill Cohen in the Fellowship Hall of Overbrook Presbyterian Church 4131 N. High St. The show runs from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, February 11.

With guitar and piano, Bill will sing favorites made famous by John Denver, Bob Dylan, Sam Cooke, Bette Midler, Gordon Lightfoot, the Everly Brothers, Simon and Garfunkel Dan Fogelberg, Roberta Flack, Tom Paxton, Peter Paul and Mary, and others.

He will be accompanied on several songs by Ann Fisher on flute and by Rebecca Stansbury on violin.

While the songs will reflect the ecstasy, warmth, heartache, and pain that love can bring, there will be a lighter side too, as Bill challenges the audience with trivia questions about famous and infamous couples and love songs throughout the decades.

Refreshments will be served, door prizes will be awarded, and a couple special surprises are also being planned.

A \$10 donation per person is being requested at the door, with proceeds going to help produce the upcoming Central Ohio Folk Festival,.

This is the fourth year for this special Valentine concert.

For more information, call Bill at 263-3851.

Keep reading.....

**...AND FOR MORE MID-WINTER FUN**

## **THE FEBRUARY FOLKSID E COFFEE HOUSE PRESENTS**



### **Blue Smoke**

**BLUE SMOKE** is a newly formed group of long-time musicians. It's members are Mike Hale, Maury Falkoff, Wendy Jorgensen, Brian Szuch, and Rebecca Stansbury.

**Blue Smoke's** repertoire includes an Americana fusion of songs created mostly during the 1960s and early 1970s. "Our style meshes rhythm and blues, folk-rock, country, and soul, seasoned by Appalachian, Cajun and urban traditions. Our goal is to move people both to tears and laughter, and even to dance a little!"

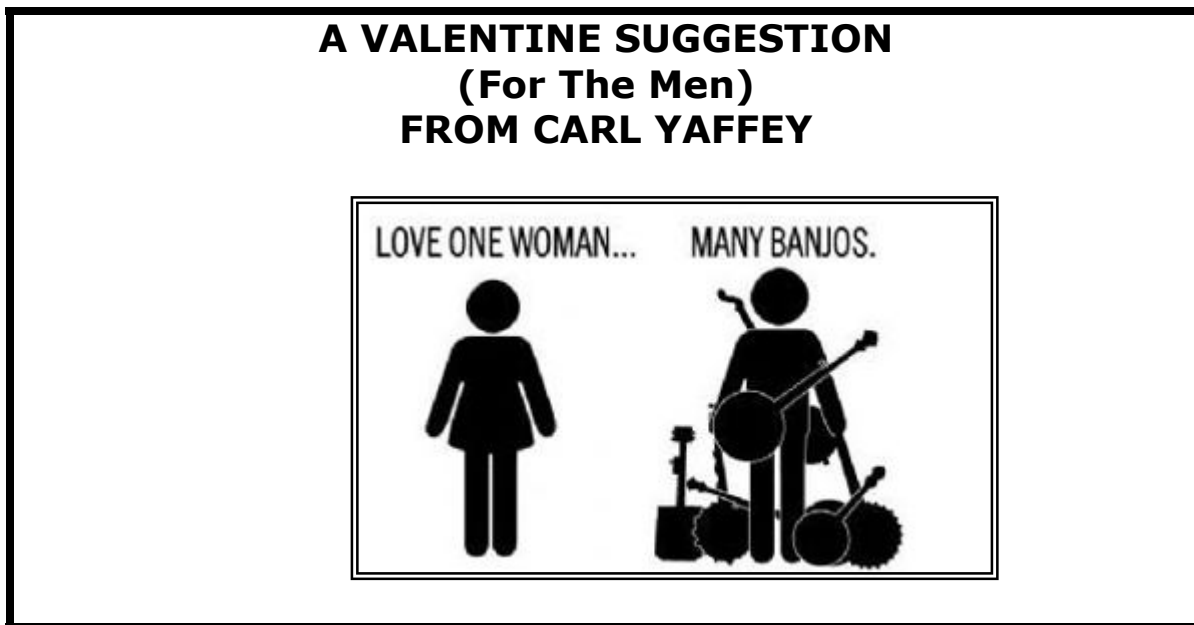
**We are very pleased to introduce this group to our Central Ohio audience!**

**...ALL THIS AND AN AUCTION, TOO!**

Our annual silent auction of things you can't live without, including freshly baked delights from the CFMS master bakers, takes place the same evening at the Folkside Coffee House.

If you have items to donate you may bring them early the evening of the coffee house or drop them off at Linda McDonald's house. Her phone number is: 267-8614. Call for directions.

WHAT WOMAN WOULDN'T BE THRILLED.....



**SAVE THESE DATES:**

**February 11 Saturday** —Valentine Concert w/ Bill Cohen

**February Saturday** Coffee House w/ Blue Smoke and our silent auction

**March Saturday**—Folkside Coffee House w/ Smokin' Fez Monkeys and our live auction.

**April 7 Saturday**—Annual Fundraising Concert at the Shamrock Club

**May 4-5-6**—The Central Ohio Folk Festival

**July 15 Sunday**—Franklin Co. Fair with CFMS musicians and booth

More information will be featured in the March newsletter or check into our web site: [www.cfms-inc.org](http://www.cfms-inc.org)

## RESURRECTION OF A FORMER FEATURE

A Different Strummer used to include a feature called “Following Our Own.” Members who were doing interesting things with music, playing gigs, presenting at festivals and workshops, etc., would submit the information to the editor and a calendar would be developed so folks would know where to go to hear their favorites.

We would like to start this feature again with the March issue.

So let us hear from you asap with your upcoming activities. Send the information to: [nancybailey55@gmail.com](mailto:nancybailey55@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ON THE NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM (PAGE 8) IT SAYS THAT DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON SEPTEMBER 30. CATHY SHEETS IS PREPARING AN ARTICLE FOR THE MARCH STRUMMER, DETAILING THIS CHANGE.**

### **CENTRAL OHIO FOLK FESTIVAL SATURDAY EVENING CONCERT HEADLINERS ANNOUNCED.**

Our headliner: **MEAN MARY** coming to us from Tennessee. Check out her web site: [www.meanmary.com](http://www.meanmary.com)

If her story doesn't inspire you to come hear her, we don't know what will!!

Our opening act: Ukelele Cowboy Society—Self-described as The alternative-Nouvo-Pasuche-postmodern jazz and swing duo. [Www.ukulelecowboysociety.com](http://www.ukulelecowboysociety.com)  
Check out the web site.

More details in March and April

SIX STRING CONCERTS  
2012

FEBRUARY 4 SATURDAY SHEDD THEATER—CHERYL WHEELER  
MARCH 3 SATURDAY MAC —CATIE CURTIS  
MARCH 31 SATURDAY SHEDD THEATER—THE STEEL WHEELS  
APRIL 27 FRIDAY SHEDD THEATER—DACOSTA, ROSE & ELLIOT

For details about the artists, locations, directions, and times please visit Six String Concerts' web site:  
[www.sixstring.org](http://www.sixstring.org)

**OHIO ARTIST OF THE MONTH**



**BEN HANBY**



This is the home of Benjamin Russel Hanby, composer of numerous songs--*Darling Nelly Gray* and *Up On The Housetop*. Hanby played many roles in his life; student, abolitionist, father, teacher, minister. But it was as a composer that we remember him.

The house was built in 1846 and occupied by the Hanbys from 1853 to 1870. It is on the National Register of Historic Places. From their house and barn, Ben Hanby and his father, Bishop William Hanby, ran a busy station on the underground railroad. The home contains furniture and personal items from the family. There is a walnut desk made by Hanby. The original plates for the first edition of *Darling Nelly Gray* and a large collection of sheet music and books are at the site. The house is maintained and operated by the Westerville Historical Society under agreement with the Ohio Historical Society

*Picture and text are from the Ohio Historical Society web site.*

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT TO HELP US MAKE THIS  
NEWSLETTER WHAT YOU WANT IT TO BE**

We can have all the bright ideas in the world, but without your feedback, we don't know which of our "inspirations" is worthwhile, interesting to you or helpful. Send us your ideas and we will consider all of them. Following are a few suggestions that may trigger other ideas:

Letters to the editor—Upcoming performances by our members— Music reviews—concerts and/or recordings— Schedules from other organizations (such as Six String, which appears in this issue)—Tablature—etc., etc.

Send your ideas, cheers, jeers and contributions to: [nancy.cline@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancy.cline@sbcglobal.net)

**WELCOME TO OUR  
NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS  
STARRING:**

Judy Fasone and Steven Rendina  
Theresa Duick and David Doyle  
Rachel Wynne  
Pam Raver  
Martin Hertzendorf  
Ed and Wendy Smith  
Marie Smith  
Chris and Linda Bolles  
Wilson Brinkley  
Elizabeth Ann James  
Wendy Jorgeson  
David and Julie Sapper



**Volunteer  
at the Central Ohio Folk Festival**

May 6-7-8, 2011

Battelle-Darby Creek Metro Park

Volunteers needed 11 – 5, Friday May 6  
One-to-two hour shifts 10 – 5, Saturday May 7  
One-to-two hour shifts 10 – 4, Sunday May 8

**Work scholarships available**

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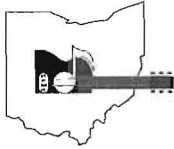
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**BECOME A MEMBER OF THE COLUMBUS FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am new to this     I'm back for more

**MEMBERSHIP LEVEL** (all memberships renew on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to pro-rate if you wish):

- Individual \$20                       Household \$25                       Good Friend \$50                       Sponsor \$100
- Patron \$200                               Silver \$250                               Gold (lifetime)\$500

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Yes! Please contact me regarding volunteer opportunities within the organization

In an effort to be both fiscally and environmentally responsible, we will send a full-color, interactive newsletter via email in pdf format unless you request a hard copy to be mailed to you.

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I enjoy the annual Central Ohio Folk Festival (early May):  
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