GREEN APPLE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

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Bill and Kate Isles to Perform May 6 at the Neenah Public Library

A folk duo based out of Duluth, MN., they tour nationally and have been featured on Simply Folk on Public Radio. Their song "Hobos in the Roundhouse" is often heard on the request night on Simply Folk.

Their performance at the Blackhawk Festival inspired at least one Green Apple Board member to suggest them for one of our concerts. Now you can see them free of charge at the Neenah Public Library, Friday, May 6, 2:00 PM. Don't miss out on this one - mark your calendars now!!! Check them out at



Connect With Other Green Apple Members

Two events are coming up that are especially user friendly, the *Annual Picnic* and *Jam* and the summer *Campout*. These are great opportunities to join other Green Apple folk in conversation, music and fun. See page 4 for more details.

Did you Know?

The proceeds from donations at the Green Apple treat table go to various local organizations. In the last 12 months we have donated over \$800.00 to such organizations as Guitars 4 Vets, Homeless Connection, The Salvation Army, Simply Folk, Fox Valley Warming Shelter, Shawano County Arts Council, and

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BIG CHANGES FOR GREEN APPLE UNDER CONSIDERATION!

Notes from the Board

Now that we have your attention, we'll let you in on the discussion. We're considering changing our traditional format, using some smaller venues with more opportunities for informal song sharing and jamming.

For those of you who missed the annual meeting last fall, here's a brief summary of the major issues that came up:

- 1. Green Apple's aging demographics performers, audience, and board members threaten sustainability. The board has been addressing the issue with Facebook, website, the new UU Fellowship venue, and younger concert performers. In spite these valiant efforts, the last four concerts and most of the hoots have been poorly attended and resulted in financial loss. At this point we can absorb some financial losses, but the situation suggests that changes may be order.
- 2. At the same annual meeting several members requested more events with informal song sharing. The song circle/jam that evening was the best we've had in years and folks want more of it.

And so, the two forces converge to form a picture of a different kind of folk music society, one which functions as an information center for local folk music and also sponsors monthly events in smaller venues that accommodate an aging labor force and cost less money. These might include smaller rooms at Mosquito Hill, meeting rooms at public libraries, members' homes, and the 602 Club* in Appleton. We're visualizing house concerts, song circles, hoots, pot lucks, picnics, and, of course, the annual campout.

If you want to give us feedback, attend the May 2, 7:30 pm, board meeting at the Appleton library or the June 6, 7:30 pm meeting at the 602 Club. Or call Barbara Hoffman at 730-1917.

We may be getting old, but WE AIN'T DEAD YET!!!!!!!

* The 602 Club is a house, which serves as a community center for members. Members have been sponsoring jam sessions, house concerts, parties, discussions, etc. for over a year now. This facility has great potential. Located at 602 N. Lawe St. in Appleton. Peter Bartman is currently a member.

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Upcoming Green Apple Schedule

April 23 - Sloppy Joe in Concert

Mosquito Hill Nature Center * Music Starts at 7:30

May 21st - Hoot

The Fellowship**

Call Dean at 920.982.2890 to sign up

Music Starts at 7:30

June 18 - Annual Picnic and Jam

Mosquito Hill Nature Center*

We'll gather at 12:00 in the Wolf Room and eat and play music out on the deck until we run out of food and songs.

Bring a dish to pass, place settings and utensils, beverage of choice, and most importantly, bring songs and instruments. Questions? Call Dean at 920-982-2890.

Aug. 25-28 - Campout!

Hartman Creek State Park Waupaca, WI (as usual)

Be sure to bring musical instruments, your own tentage, eatage, drinkage, & bathing suit. We shall encamp @ Group site # 2 again in beautiful Waupaca County. You'll need a park sticker. Come for the day or stay all weekend. Camping is free (gratis Green Apple). Jamming around the campfire, many small group musical jams all day long, hiking, biking, swimming, relaxing. Pot luck 6pm ish Saturday. Tin tepees welcome also. Hope to see y'all there.

Dean

September 24 - Harpeth Rising in Concert

The Fellowship**

* Mosquito Hill Nature Center

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