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BHFS Volunteer Spotlight: Joanne Hesselink

Joanne Hesselink and her son Tom were first made aware of Black Hawk Folk Society (BHFS) concerts through one of Tom's workmates. They attended a few early concerts at the Mt. Morris Town Hall, and later, Joanne started bringing Dorothy Paris to concerts (and the pre-concert potlucks) as well as the monthly share-a-song. "They called us the cookie ladies," laughs Joanne, referring to the tasty treats they supplied at these gatherings.

Not long after that, she and friend Betty Trowbridge (also a long-time BHFS member and volunteer) joined the BHFS Council, and as Joanne affirms, "The rest is history!" She really enjoys being in charge of hospitality for the pre-concert potlucks and making visiting musicians comfortable. "I love hosting the performers and really getting to know them!" she beams.

Music is central to Joanne's life, as she has been involved in community bands, playing clarinet, for over 30 years, and singing in community and church choirs. "I can only play what I see on the page, so it blows my mind to watch the folk players just play by ear and join others, whatever comes up!" she laughs in amusement. Joanne looks forward to getting back to those weekly practices and collaborating with fellow music lovers.

Well, Joanne, we can't wait to see you in person again at the potlucks and concerts (we're also craving your baked goods). Thank you so much for all of your hard work over the years and for those to come!



Black Hawk Folk Society

February–May 2021

<http://blackhawkfolk.org>

Coming up...2021 Virtual Concert Series

February 13 Small Potatoes

March 13 Claudia Russell & Bruce Kaplan

April 10 Ken Lonquist

May 8 Bill & Kate Isles



Stay tuned to blackhawkfolk.org
for more great concerts!

 www.facebook.com/BlackHawkFolk

Your Contributions Keep the Music Coming

Even though we have not been able to come together in person for our Second Saturday Concert Series with those scrumptious pre-concert potlucks, Black Hawk Folk Society has lived up to our mission of bringing live, professional folk, bluegrass, and Americana music to you!

2021 Virtual Concert Series

Thanks to your donations, we are able to offer another round of virtual concerts this winter! Check out these upcoming performers on the next page and find out how to connect to the concerts on our website and Facebook page.

2020 Virtual Concert Series

Five of the artists/groups that originally planned to join us for the 2020 Black Hawk Folk Festival agreed to a commissioned online concert this past summer. Thanks again to Mean Mary, Katie Dahl, Ruth and Max Bloomquist, Michael and Joshua Ammons, and David Stoddard. These past concerts are linked from our webpage.

Winter Sing-A-Long

BHFS volunteer musicians had so much fun sharing songs at our Pickin' in the Park last September, that we decided to experiment in a virtual environment. For those that were able to attend the Winter Sing-A-Long in December, thank you for joining us!

Now Accepting Online Donations!

That's right - we are set up to accept donations via PayPal, debit or credit card. You can either go to our website or scan this QR code with your smartphone. Not so techy, but want to donate a few bucks? No worries - just fill out the form inside and send us a check. Thanks in advance!



"I'm planning to use some of my stimulus money to support artists who perform, and have performed, at BHFS events."

~ BHFS member



Virtual Concert Series



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021 (Online Concert at 7:00 PM)

Although we would LOVE to be seeing you in person, the best we can do right now is offer you this exciting 2021 Virtual Concert Series. Starting us off is this amazing Chicago-based duo. **Small Potatoes** are self-described as “Celtic to Cowboy.” Jacque Manning and Rich Prezioso have been bringing beautifully polished and innovative performances to audiences for over 25 years. You won’t want to miss this! smallpotatoesmusic.com/



SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021 (Online Concert at 7:00 PM)

Claudia Russell and Bruce Kaplan join us for a virtual sharing of song and story in March. This duo has been gracing the stage for over 20 years with memorable originals that will make you laugh, cry, and think. Prepare to be entertained!
www.facebook.com/claudiarussellband



SATURDAY APRIL 10, 2021 (Online Concert at 7:00 PM)

We are so happy to welcome our friend **Ken Lonquist** back to the Black Hawk stage (albeit virtually). This prolific singer/songwriter/performer has been delighting audiences young and old for decades. Come with us to Kenland where you can forget about everything else and just enjoy the NOW.
www.kenlonquist.com/



SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021 (Online Concert at 7:00 PM)

Bill and Kate Isles will draw you in with their love for each other that will transcend virtual boundaries and land in your lap while you are listening from home. This duo’s wide variety of musical styles will take you on a ride from metaphorical worlds to small town family stories and zany comedy. Buckle up!
www.billandkateisles.com/

Help Support Live Music in Waushara County!

If you enjoy the monthly concerts and annual festival and want them to continue, please consider a tax-deductible donation to Black Hawk Folk Society. All funds go directly to operation costs. Please print clearly.

Become a Friend of Black Hawk Folk Society:

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Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic:

All in-person Concerts and Pickin’ at the Post are canceled until further notice.
Please check our website (blackhawkfolk.org) or Facebook page (facebook.com/BlackHawkFolk) for updated information!

About Black Hawk Folk Society

Black Hawk Folk Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, and all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. For information, please contact the appropriate council member:

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