

October is the start of a new stage of life for Creekside Cultural Center. We've gotten a lot of the basic organizational stuff managed, and now we can really start to do what we set out to do.

We have concerts scheduled for every Saturday from now through February. We have classes and workshops forming in a variety of areas (see details on the back page of the newsletter) We have great plans bubbling up for a regular bluegrass/country program on Sunday afternoons.

Friday night Teen activities are planned for every other Friday. Shakespeare will soon be gracing our stage, as Laurel Powell is forming a drama group to do a reading/performance this winter or early spring.



Gordon McQueen demonstrates boat building for Creekside at the Green Energy Fest in Kempton

VERY special thanks to Carl Smith who has installed our fire prevention equipment (TWICE, due to changes in the rules about what kind of wire we're supposed to be using) mowed our lawn all summer, and even volunteered to do some plumbing in the kitchen!

We' had a wonderful time at the Energy Fest. Daily rope making activities drew a crowd every time, and

left us with lots of ideas for future fun. Home-schoolers and a group starting a local charter school stopped by and brainstormed about an independent educational resource center concept. Saturday Night Livingston Taylor spent a while after his concert giving us tips on how to keep artists coming back to a small venue (no noise distractions during the show, and a convenient dressing room were tops on his list) On Sunday Gordon McQueen brought out one of the Cajun Paroche Canoes that the boat building class has been working on, and showed off his skills while talking Creekside up to lots of folks.



Musicians Tom Post, Solomon Keal, Matthew Synnestvedt, Tony Seo and Richard Machermer jam at the September Open Mic event.

Our Open Mics are getting a reputation in the area as a great place to come and jam, and both the Hamburg Item and the Kutztown Patriot featured a whole page of photos from the August Open Mic! (If anyone has poster frames or other suggestions about how to best display these, let me know) Some of the artists from the September Open Mic will be returning to do full concerts soon.

Ian and Wellesley Keal will soon be unveiling the plans for the community garden/mini-CSA. Stay tuned for details!

Tori



Calendar

Fall and Winter 2008

October 3 - Teen Game Night 7:30pm - come hang out with us, play games, watch movies, eat popcorn. Suggested donation - \$3 for non members, free to members, bring a snack or drink to share.

October 4 - Insulation Installation! 10:00am - Free lunch, we need tall ladders, and people with drill drivers and staple guns.

October 5 - Potluck Meal - 12:30pm Bring a dish to share. Membership meeting to follow.

October 8 - Coffee House 6:30-8:30 - Free event. Music by Solomon Keal, deserts by Tirah. Come play chess, do homework, have a deep philosophical discussion with friends and strangers.

October 11 - Ryan Tennis - 7:30pm (meet the artist at 7) Suggested donation, \$5 for non-members, \$3 for members. The charming authenticity of Ryan Tennis' soft-on-the-soul sound leaves the listener with the comfortable feeling of time spent with an old friend. He wants everyone in the world to find and fall in love with his music, and then hum it in the shower or blast it on a road trip and sing along. Listeners have compared his sound to Jack Johnson, Dave Matthews, James Taylor, and Jason Mraz

October 17 - Teen Movie Night come hang out with us, play games, watch movies, eat popcorn. Suggested donation - \$3 for non members, free to members, bring a snack or drink to share.

October 18 - Whitey O'Day From Chicago, with Terry McEldowney and Vic Odhner - 7:30pm (meet the artist at 7) Suggested donation, \$5 for non-members, \$3 for members. Whitey O'Day has been singing and playing guitar since 1961, with the last 29 years full time. He plays in a variety of clubs, pubs and restaurants, and also finds time to do private parties, special events, festivals, senior groups, nursing homes, retirement homes and other fun ventures. With acoustic guitar as a prop, he performs folk, country, ethnic songs, 50s & 60s, sing-a-longs, and old standards in a fun atmosphere. Variety keeps the fun in his shows, and he tries to display this at each performance.

October 19 - Nature Awareness Club - 2:00pm with Wade Mergen - \$3/person or \$10/family. members free. Learn to identify plants and animals, survive in the wilderness, and make cool stuff from all natural materials.

October 22 - Coffee House 6:30-8:30 - Free event. Music by Solomon Keal, deserts by Tirah. Come play chess, do homework, have a deep philosophical discussion with friends and strangers.

October 24 - Open Mic Night and Jam session- 7:30pm, suggested donation \$5 for non-members, \$3 for members. Our favorite event of the month. Rub elbows with other local musicians, and get a chance to collaborate, or listen in!

October 25 - Eddie Bluestone & The Gypsy's Sons, 7:30pm (meet the artist at 7) Suggested donation, \$5 for non-members, \$3 for members. (Bluestone) are a group of musicians that have paved their own way musically. This four piece, Blues-Rock band delivers a concert atmosphere where ever they play. Bluestone's show is designed to take you on a musical Blues history journey. Groups like this don't come your way often, the musicality and dynamics of the band are second to no one. You owe it to yourself to experience Bluestone.

November 1 - Prose From Dover - 7:30pm (meet the artist at 7) Suggested donation, \$5 for non-members, \$3 for members. Prose from Dover is the husband and wife duo of Dave McCann and Barley Van Clief. They have a repertoire of 180+ songs ranging from the sixties to contemporary. They also do a program entitled "Let's Fall in Love" a tribute to the genius of Cole Porter. They do originals as well as covers and songs they call "uncovers" meaning songs by local songwriters that deserve a wider audience.



Membership

Memberships in the center are \$75 a year for an individual OR a family (two adults and their children under the age of 18 living in the same household) and discounted memberships are available based on family income and volunteer hours. Every member is encouraged to get involved in the center in whatever way interests them.

This organization is NOT run by a small exclusive group. EVERY member has equal input into the programming, policies and procedures, and any other part of the running of the center that they have interest in. All members are invited to attend any meeting of the whole organization or of any committee, and any member who attends a meeting has input into and veto power over any change or new proposal.

All members will receive:

- A monthly potluck meal, meeting, and entertainment, which is free to members and ticketed to non-members.
- Free admission or reduced admission to additional selected events.
- Monthly e-newsletter.
- An e-mail address "@creeksidecenter.org" for personal use.
- Subscription to the podcast, discussion board, and other website features.

In addition, there are higher levels of sponsorship available, with benefits for each. The first \$75 of each sponsorship will be considered to be the membership fee. Please see our website for details.

Creekside is applying for 501(c)3 status and intends to operate as a non-profit corporation.

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Application for Membership to Creekside Cultural Center

I have read the mission and other information provided in this document, and I understand that this organization is run by the members using a consensus model. I want to participate!

Name of Primary Member _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone Number _____

Signature _____

Membership Type

- Individual
- Family

Number of adults ___ Ages of children _____

Membership/Sponsorship Level

- Basic (\$75)
- Dove (\$100 and up)
- Red Tailed Hawk (\$500 and up)
- Peregrine Falcon (\$1000 and up)
- Eagle (\$5000 and up)
- Golden Eagle (\$25,000 and up)
- Please contact me about discounted memberships.

Total Amount Pledged _____

- Please use the sponsorship portion of my donation where it is needed most.
- I would like my donation beyond the basic membership to go, in part, towards

The Creekside Cultural Center is a gathering place based on the tenets of the Chautauqua movement - our mission is to address a variety of needs by providing educational, cultural, spiritual, and recreational programming for the broader community. Activities available include music, art, and spoken word performances, family events, potluck gatherings, barn dances, educational, historic and scientific programs and series, after school clubs for young people, worship services, support and play groups, and whatever YOU suggest next!

Classes Now Forming (contact Creekside for more information)

- *Women Finding their Dream Work* - Led By Vicki Klopp, every other Saturday morning
- *Do-Re-Mi Preschool Music* class led by Wellesley Keal, Wednesday mornings
- *Shakespeare Drama* group - led by Laurel Powell, group to determine schedule
- *Boat Building* classes led by Gordon McQueen, Saturdays by appointment
- *Art Exploration classes* led by Judy Schultz, by appointment
- What do you want to do? Please let us know!



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