



Creekside Cultural Center March

# News

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Wait till you see the lineup of artists playing at Creekside this year! We really got some incredible national and international artists to play for us!

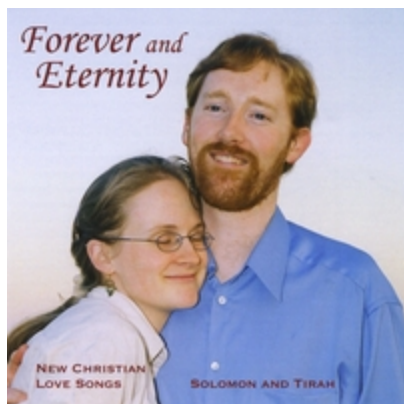
Come by on Saturday, February 28th, and be part of the work and play party we are doing to get the front and rear walls another layer of insulation, and to pretty things up for the new season. Free food for all! Free tickets to future shows for helpers! We closed for the winter, as we waited for word from the IRS about our



501(c)3 status. The good news is that they have now placed us in a category where individual donations can be deducted on your taxes. The bad news is that their paperwork from a recent transition to a whole new computer system that goes with their all new forms, means that we won't be listed as an approved 501(c)3 on the systems that large companies like Lowes and Nestle Waters use to determine our eligibility for grants until sometime this summer - and between now and then they'll assign someone to us to make sure our forms have all the information they need for the new system.

We have two exciting new projects going on on our property. Tristan Evans will be doing his Eagle Scout Project building a driveway and parking lot for us, once we get the necessary permits and other details worked out. We hope by May or so to have a gravel driveway so that we will be more protected from the weather issues that affect our attendance. Kamali Bush is an amazing young woman who will be serving as an intern on our land this summer, helping us start an all natural mini-farm. Work and pay shares of the bounty will be available starting at \$3 or 1 hour.

Thank goodness for all of the individuals who so generously support us with their time, money, and prayers. Soon we will have what we need to do the really big projects on the horizon - finishing the inside of the barn, building a fire escape, getting ourselves a really nice kitchen, and all those luxuries that will make us the most popular venue for music and education this side of Megalopolis.



## Community Supported Agriculture

Kamali Bush is our new farming intern. She will be living in the cottage starting in March, and farming the land. We have a wish list of items for the farm: Empty egg cartons, old windows (somewhat broken is OK as long as it holds together), loan of rototillers on an occasional basis, transplants or seeds from your favorite herbs, flowers, and foods, building materials for a shed and chicken coop. compost, manure or yard waste, and chicks!



If you would like to join us in our community garden, and take some food home with you, let us know. We will have a large variety of food available. We will happily take either money or volunteer time in trade for yummy veggies, flowers, fruits, and herbs.

## Upcoming Events and Activities

We have now reached the big time in the Folk/Singer/Songwriter world! We have booked artists such as John Flynn, Brooks Williams, Pat Wictor, John Wort Hannam, and many more.

In March we have our grand re-opening on March 7 with the amazing blues/rock band 61 South. Be ready to dance with these folks. March 14 we have the Homegrown String Band - a family Bluegrass band from Rocky Point, New York - the chemistry that happens in a band made up of people who have such intimate real life relationships is just FUN to watch, and these folks are creative and musically fabulous as well. March 21st we have the CD release party for Solomon and Tirah's new Love Songs CD. They've put

together another family band experience for you, with family and friends from all over coming to participate. Mike Holliday is a Berks County favorite, a singer songwriter with many years of experience behind his lyrics and guitar playing. He comes recommended as Tom Post's top pick for our lineup for the year.



In April we will start having some big nationally and internationally known names, including John Wort Hannam, Freebo(on a special Friday night date) Mitchell's Cajun Aces, Folk By Association, and Tim Harakal.



# Calendar

## Spring 2009 Events

**ALL Shows 7:30pm (meet the artist at 7:00) Suggested donation \$5 for non-members \$3 for members, unless otherwise noted.**

**Sat Mar 07 • 61 SOUTH** - "61 South" is the fastest route out of the Blue Mountains of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. "61 South" also happens to be the fastest rising blues band in those same Blue(s) Mountains. "61 South" is a 3 piece rocking blues band powered by the bluesy sounds of the steel guitar. "61 South" features the swinging, Chicago-blues style drumming of John Goba, the rock solid bass foundation of Kate Koch and the fiery steel guitar sounds and rugged vocals of Sterling Koch.

**Sat Mar 14 • Homegrown String Band** - America's premier purveyor of family style original & neo-traditional acoustic American roots music, The Homegrown String Band is a high energy 21st century incarnation of the traditional family band. This quartet of acoustic musicians from Rocky Point, NY, utilizes unique instrumentation, percussive flatfoot dancing, and many varied musical influences to take their audiences on a rollicking ride through the sounds of American music. "A real family band with a powerhouse fiddle player" - Sing Out! Magazine

**Sat Mar 21 • Solomon Keal** - Original Christian love songs, based primarily around the piano and two voices, with accompanying background music in a variety of styles including: Folk, Jazz, Country and Pop.

**Sat Mar 28 • Mike Holliday** - Mike Holliday sings a wide range of original and traditional songs, from heartfelt ballads to upbeat anthems and all of them have a story that goes with them. He plays coffeehouses, festivals and house concerts throughout the region. In 2008, the Pottstown Mercury used his song, "The Mercy of the Road", for their on-line slide show for Relay For Life.

**Sat Apr 04 • Mitchell's Cajun Aces** - Bring your dancing shoes! MCA came together at a funky little bar called Mitchell's Cafe in Lambertville NJ, where K.D. Hoffman has been hosting a monthly jam session since round about 2003. Over the past ten years they have been making trips to southwest Louisiana and have studied with, jammed with and performed with some of the greatest names in Cajun/Creole music. They love to get new material from old recordings of both Cajun and Creole styles and always have a good time no matter where we play.

**Sat Apr 11 • Tim Harakal** - Acoustic style overlaps folk, pop, blues, funk, and jazz. Very easy to listen to. Influences: Jason Mraz, Gavin Degraw, Neil Young, Cat Stevens, Dispatch, Metallica, and everyone else.

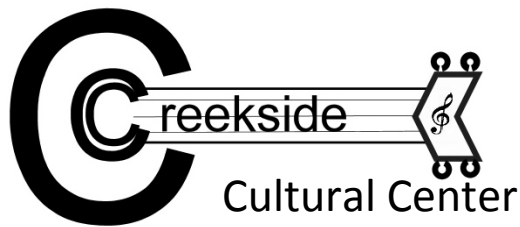
**Fri Apr 17 • Freebo** - **Suggested donation \$12 for non-members, \$10 for members.** From top sideman/bassist (Bonnie Raitt, John Mayall, CSN, Maria Muldaur, Ringo Starr) to award-winning singer/songwriter (2007 Los Angeles Music Awards "Best Folk Artist", '08 Posi Award winner for "Most Uniting Song", winner '07 S. Florida Folk Fest. Songwriting Contest, top 5 in 5 different categories JPF Awards, 2 songs in top 10 of USA Songwriting Contest), Freebo continues to push his creative envelope.

**Sat Apr 18 • Folk By Association** - Folk By Association is the duo of Karen Krajacic and Jill Cowen, two singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalists who have truly become a grassroots phenomenon. Their sound is an eclectic blend of influences (folk, rock, bluegrass, jazz, world) combined with poetically penned lyrics, resulting in a uniquely inspiring and energetic expansion of contemporary acoustic music.

**Sat Apr 25 • John Wort Hannam** - John plays his own brand of folk/roots music called Blue Collar Roots Music. "Songs stitched from the same fabric as the likes of Stan Rogers, James Keelaghan and Gordon Lightfoot -songs that map the landscapes of both the human heart and this vast country of ours." - CKUA

**Sat May 02 • Arlon Bennett** Arlon Bennett is an Americana songsmith writing songs that recall Harry Chapin and vintage James Taylor, but with an eloquence, honesty, and sense of humor all his own. In short, Arlon's music tells of the human experience by bringing past relationships back to life and giving life to the inanimate.

**Sat May 09 • Electric Farm** -Joey Mutis III has been an exceptional songwriting talent in the Lehigh Valley and beyond since The Electric Farm began in 1991. Over the years the band's sound has been eclectic, ranging from poignant singer-songwriter ballads to spiraling jazz-based tunes that wend their way through the listener's psyche.



# 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.**

**EIN #38-3777653**

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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

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**Admit One**

ALL members get one concert free in the month of November. Also, if you have never attended a concert at Creekside before, you can print and clip this coupon and bring a friend - two admissions for the price of one.

**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)**

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- *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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