



Cultural Center

May 2009

News

Thanks:

We are thankful every day to all the people who make Creekside work every week. Special thanks go out to ALL of the artists who perform for less than their usual compensation and some who even donate back portions of their admissions for Creekside, like Mike Holliday and Tim Harakal. Thanks also go to Kamali Bush, our resident farmer, who is managing not only all of the community garden functions, but also helping out with all of the other business at Creekside, including working with Suzanne Evans to “woman” the counters and keep our artists and guests comfortable during the time I am away on a trip to Florida with my youth group. And thanks to each of you, for supporting us by attending shows, spreading the word, printing and posting fliers. The most recent Flier of upcoming events is always available at

<http://www.creeksidecenter.org/UpcomingEvents.pdf>

and if you print 10 of them and find places to post them, we'll give you a free desert each month you do so, just give us a list of the places you put them.

Activities:

We are finalizing dates and participants for the boat building and painting classes, so if you'd like to participate in either of those, let us know as soon as possible. We will have a pot-luck meal and meeting on May 24th right before Marcia Boyeson's concert. Members who attend the meeting get family admission for the concert free. Concerts coming up include John Wort Hanam from Alberta Canada, Arlon Bennett (with a Frank Sinatra voice), The Electric Farm (a really fun band), Prose From Dover (a husband and wife duo - one of my favorites, and a returning act to Creekside) and John Flynn, an internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter for adults and children. See our attached schedule for details.

Membership Renewals:

Membership renewals will be going out very shortly to those people who joined early in our first season. We will now be able to accept credit card payments, and monthly instead of or in addition to yearly payments. In addition to paying for memberships with money, anyone can get a membership by pledging 20 or more hours of volunteer time for the year, or a combination of the two. Call us if you'd like to talk about options.

Legal and Logistic stuff:

We have gotten our response from the IRS for the finalization of our 501(c)3 and the small details they want us to change are not difficult at all, but a few may take a month or two to accomplish. They want a few paragraphs added to our state incorporation papers, and they need us to get a legal appraisal and lease written for the space Creekside is using to keep a clear separation between my personal assets and those belonging to the organization. As soon as those items are taken care of, we will have our final approval in 2-4 weeks! We'll keep you posted as to the exact details as we get the arrangements made. The parking lot project was put on hold by the boy scouts while we work out the 501(c)3 details, but it's still moving forward.

Wish List:

Vacuum in good working order

Additional Burlap for the walls

Lots of lumber for building frameworks for insulation on the outside of the stage wall, and staircases for the fire escape and balcony.

Large sheets of Plexiglas or used storm windows and doors for building a greenhouse for the community garden

Loan of roto-tillers for the garden

A few sheets of Plywood for replacing the seat supports of many of our red chairs.



Calendar

May 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 May 02 07:30 PM • Arlon Bennett "Arlon's songs ring true, whether he's writing about the personal or the political. And when he brings those worlds together in "Be the Change," the result is inspiring." John Platt WFUV 90.7 FM New York <http://www.arlonbennett.com/>

Sat May 09 07:30 PM • Electric Farm Imagine a trail that traverses the likes of Nick Drake, Ray Davies, and Neil Young by way of Wilco and Elliott Smith and you'll get an inkling of the irresistible sound of The Electric Farm. "A listener who enters the 'Farm' will find a highly developed melodic sense and an ability to create intriguing lyrics," says Acoustic Live! Their songs have been showcased in movies and television, including "Unspoken Love" on the CBS show Numb3rs. Their song "Man of the Town" is a favorite of Philly folk icon Gene Shay. www.myspace.com/theelectricfarm

Sat May 16 07:30 PM • Prose From Dover Husband and Wife team doing a variety of music from all genres and time periods. This is one of my favorite acts, and the only group other than Eddie Bluestone to do a repeat performance at Creekside. <http://www.myspace.com/prosefromdover>

Fri May 22 07:30 PM • Open Mic and Jam Night hosted by John B. Austin Tickets: \$3 (members free)

Sat May 23 07:30 PM • John Flynn Tickets: \$12 (members \$10) John Flynn sings from the heart. His powerful songs of humanity and hope are deeply rooted in the traditions of Woody Guthrie and Phil Ochs. From barbed political verse to joyous fun-loving lyrics for kids, John paints vivid, lasting images with words and music, drawn from a palate of awareness, irony, humor, and compassion. <http://www.johnflynn.net/>

Sun May 24 12:30 PM • Membership Potluck and Meeting Free admission to Marcia Boyeson concert for any members who attend meeting.

Sun May 24 02:00 PM • Marcia Boyeson Internationally renowned Soprano "I believe that music has wings and attaches itself to what is real in all of us - carrying us up above such things as fear, pain or sorrow." - Marcia Boyesen

Sat May 30 07:30 PM • Amanda Penecale • Kyle Swartzwelder Kyle Swartzwelder has been a fixture on the Delaware folk-rock scene for five years. Like most of us, his taste for music came at an early age, listening to too much of The Beatles and Simon & Garfunkel and discovering a 1968 Ovation Balladeer in his father's closet. He got his start backing up friends on guitar and after being encouraged to take center stage to claim some of the spotlight for himself, he soon found his voice as a performer. Any initial stage fright he felt quickly dissolved, as he's gone on to play over 150 live shows in numerous clubs, coffeehouses and open mics throughout the Delaware Valley.

www.myspace.com/kyleswartzwelder, Bucks County, Pennsylvania Singer/Songwriter Amanda Penecale has been writing songs since she was in grade school. However, it wasn't until Philadelphia music journalist/promoter David Wannop convinced her to play her music in public in May of '07, that she started enchanting audiences with her pure voice and finger picking guitar. A graduate from the Rhode Island School of Design, Amanda's interest in music grew from her love of storytelling, where she began songwriting as another artistic outlet. <http://www.amandapenecale.com>

Sun May 31 02:00 PM • Dan LaVoie Details: Seven tracks of a new Harp Guitar style that has many shaking their heads and saying that he will be around for a long time. Songs with introspective flavors such as "Relief", traditional Harp Guitar playing on "Song for Liz", and "The News" with a unique look on the human condition and a live track "On the Drive Home". <http://www.danlavoie.com/>



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.
- \$2 off every concert for all family members.
- 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. Donations ARE tax deductible. EIN #38-3777653

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 _____

Admit One

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. Give this to a friend!

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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