

Holidays will be upon us any minute now! And with them the cold weather of winter in the country. We are SO much better prepared now than we were a month ago! We have insulation, a new door, and four heaters in the barn (as well as two wood stoves yet to be installed)! Thanks to Matt Synnestvedt and John Austin, as well as several of the scouts from Boy Scout troop 104 for doing a great job on the insulating and Tyvek, and to Dan and Erika Brown for providing dinner to the hungry troops.

Matt Dodd, and his "Stories and Songs of..." series will be at Creekside on December 7th with a program about the history and lore of all of our Christmas Carols. How much do you know about the real Good King Wenceslas? Matt is sure to entertain us all for this special event.

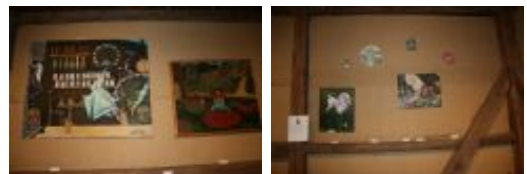


Tom Post will be playing a full concert on November 8th, after wowing the crowd at a recent Open Mic.

Our Lawyer cleared our 501(c)3 application for us to mail in after a few minor changes. We should shortly have a letter from the IRS to allow us to get funding from corporate and government sources. The next urgent financial need is an electricity upgrade that

will allow us to have hot water and heat at times when noone is there to keep the fuel filled - this will be important for our NEW PIANO...which arrived this month thanks to Wellesley and Ian Keal, Carl Smith, Matt Synnestvedt and Solomon Keal.

We had the largest number of artists yet at our September open mic, and our largest to date concert attendance at the Whitey O'Day and Victor Odhner concert in October. We have every Saturday night booked until March, and more and more artists are expressing interest in playing at Creekside. Now we're working on marketing, marketing, marketing!



Artist Judy Schultz displays her art on the gallery wall.

Vicki Klop is leading a women's brainstorming group on "Finding your Dream Work" for women looking to bring more fulfillment to their work and lives, and to do what they are passionate about as their employment. This group will meet every other Saturday morning at 11:00am for 6 sessions. This woman is a great resource, and really worth spending time around! For more information e-mail her at ebluestone@verizon.net

AND...in a great and completely effortless victory - we were contacted recently by the booking agent for internationally acclaimed folk and children's musician **John Flynn** - and he will be playing a special engagement at Creekside on May 28th of 2009!

Tori



Calendar

Fall and Winter 2008

Every Friday, non-denominational musical vespers service from 6-7pm. Free event

All Saturday Concerts are 7:30pm (7:00 meet the artists) with suggested donation of \$5 for non-members and \$3 for members.

November 7 - An Evening of Improvisational Drama (sponsored by the Teen Night folks) 7:30pm - Have you ever seen "Whose line is it anyway?" Well, this is like that, but better. Suggested donation - \$3 for non members, free to members, bring a snack or drink to share.

November 8 - Tom Post - Unvarnished, Wholegrain, Tranquil, Acoustic Folk Rock Lounge Eclectic Spirit Soul Mix Stuff ... Acoustic guitar and vocals ... maybe a story or two thrown in.

November 15- Jeremy Sayer and the Wounded Allies - Acoustic Folk and Americana - A relatively new band from Reading. I especially like the stuff about growing up in Pennsylvania.

November 21 - Teen 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.

November 22 - Valerie Nicole - Valerie Nicole has been described as a sweet and soulful singer with a powerful edge. Singing and playing acoustic guitar and keyboard, Valerie provides an amazing performance that you will not soon forget! Valerie lists her musical influences as Norah Jones, Jewel, Michelle Branch, Joss Stone, Vanessa Carlton, and Alicia Keys.

November 28 - Open Mic Night and Jam session- 7:30pm, suggested donation \$3 for non-members, Free for members. Our favorite event of the month. Rub elbows with other local musicians, and get a chance to collaborate, or listen in!

November 29 - Kyle Swartzwelder and friends - A Special Showcase of Singer-Songwriters – with **Amanda Penecale** – and **Hezekiah Jones**

December 5 - Teen 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.

December 6 - An Evening of Classical Music - MC'd by Wellesley Keal - an evening showcase of classical style musicians doing holiday music.

December 7 - Potluck Meal - 12:30pm Bring a dish to share. Membership meeting to follow.

December 7 - Stories and Songs of Christmas, with Matt Dodd - 2:00pm - Suggested Donation, \$5 non-members, \$3 members. FREE to members who attend the membership meeting before the concert. Matthew presents a lively, fun Christmas show featuring Christmas songs both new and old for kids and grown-ups alike.

December 19 - Teen Night - Christmas Party. Suggested donation - \$3 for non members, free to members, bring a snack or drink to share.

December 20 - An A'Capella Christmas - A variety of A'Capella performances by groups and individuals, including the audience!

December 26 - 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!

December 27 - Mike Narvaez - Mike is a singer songwriter from Hamburg Pennsylvania that is very proud of his town. Many of his songs are influenced by love, and small town life.



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

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**

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)

- *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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