



Dec '24 - Jan '25 Newsletter



CFS members . . .

The Corvallis Folklore Society seeks to reinvigorate & expand ways to enjoy & participate in live music, social dance, group singing & more. We welcome ideas for new activities - if you've ever wanted to see something offered in Corvallis, let us know.

Come join us!

Add your voice to these efforts by joining the CFS board. We currently have 4 openings for interested CFS members to become members-at-large for the current year.

This is a great short-term opportunity to learn about everything CFS does.

Meetings are held once a month for one hour on Zoom. Just drop a statement of interest email to secretary@corvallisfolklore.org



1st Methodist Church
December 27, 2024

The Best Cellar CoffeeHouse

7:30 Shanghaied On The Willamette is the lively musical duo of Jonathan Lay and Gordy Euler from the Portland, Oregon area. They perform songs and tunes "plundered from land and sea," including traditional Celtic, English, and Old-Time American music, with an emphasis on songs of the sea and maritime music. They accompany themselves with a "fleet" of acoustic instruments, including guitar, banjo, fiddle, bodhran, mandola, tin whistles, and harmonica. They have been regular performers at the Northwest Folklife and Tumbleweed Music Festivals, and have been playing together for more than 30 years.

8:30 Julie Williams and Friends Local performer Julie Williams brings two of her friends to present a wonderful set of jazz standards, folk, and pop rock on a winter night. Pianist Stephanie Lynne Smith is featured on piano and Linda Knighten, Founder of Newport Performing Arts Festival, shines with her smooth tenor.

The Best Cellar is located at the Methodist Church on 11th and Monroe, in Corvallis. Admission is pay-what-you-will, with a minimum of 2 dollars. Kids are free and welcome. Coffee, tea, and gluten free cookies are fifty cents each.

Masks are not required but welcome, and will be available at the door. We will be in the cellar for this show. Enter from the back of the church, and around the side.

Take a break from all the holiday stress and strain and enjoy some wonderful music on a winter's eve. For more information, contact Mark at mjweiss@alyrica.net

Keep up on
the folk scene
Other links

The CFS homepage <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/>
The Best Cellar <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/coffeehouse/>
<https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/corvallis-calendar-links-2/>

Corvallis Folk Events and more Dec '24 - Jan '25

NOTE: Hoolyeh online dancing every Tuesday

from 5:45 to 7 pm (see article below)

contact: Mark Boyd: jmark.boyd@gmail.com, 2024

Dec 12 (Thr) UUSH– Hoolyeh International Folk Dance ,

7 to 9 pm, \$5/\$4 CFS, \$2 18 and under

Dec 21 (Sat) GH – Contra Dance 7:30pm instruction,
8:00pm dance, \$8-10 sliding scale; CFS/students- \$2 off;
bikers/walkers- \$1 off 18 & under free; **The Overtones**
with Laurel Thomas

Dec 22 (Sun) ? Corvallis Sacred Harp Singing (see article)

[Dec 22 \(Sun\) Online Song Circle](#)

Dec 26 (Thr) UUSH– Hoolyeh International Folk Dance ,

7 to 9 pm, \$5/\$4 CFS, \$2 18 and under

Dec 27 (Fri) 7:30 pm, Best Cellar MC (see details above)

Jan 4 ? (Sat) 6-7 pm, Corvallis Drum Circle (see article)

Jan 12(Sun) [Online Song Circle](#)

Jan 13(Mon) - CFS NewsletterDeadline

Jan 14? (Tue) Corvallis Sacred Harp Singing (see article)

Jan 9 (Thr) UUSH– Hoolyeh International Folk Dance ,

Jan 23 (Thr) ? UUSH– Hoolyeh International Folk Dance ,

[Jan 26 Sun\) Online Song Circle](#)

≈ CFS sponsored events listed in bold type ≈

Locations in Corvallis:

GH: Gatton Hall, First Congregational Church, 4515 SW West Hills Rd

CAC: Corvallis Arts Center, 700 SW Madison.

CH: Corvallis High School Performing Arts Center: 1400 NW Buchanan Ave

IC: Imagine Coffee, 5460 SW Philomath Bv

FPC: First Presbyterian Church, 114 SW 8th St.

MC: Methodist Church: 1165 NW Monroe

MRG: Mary's River Grange, 24707 Grange Hall Rd, Philomath, OR

PRAx Detrick Hall at PRAx, 470 SW 15th Street, Corvallis

T Troubadour Music, 521 SW 2nd St, Corvallis

UU: Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 2945 NW Circle Bv

UUSH: Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 2945 NW Circle Bv, Social Hall

W: Whiteside Theatre, 361 SW Madison

* advanced tickets at **Grass Roots Books**, 227 SW 2nd and Ticket Tomato or for Whitesides,

<https://www.whitesidetheatre.org/live-events.html>

Repeating Out of Town Events (not recently confirmed)

Every Tuesday — Irish Ceili Dance Lessons (Salem)6:30 –
8:30pm, Ceili & set dance \$5, VFW Hall, 630 Hood St.,
NE, Salem

Every Wednesday — Scottish Country Dance

Info re venue, Time, etc. by email-

Scottishdance@eugenefolklore.org

1st Wednesday — [Eugene Folklore Society](#) Song Circle

FMI: 541-461-3786

World Cafe, 449 Blair Blvd, Eugene. [Eugene Folk Soc](#)

Every Thursday — English Country Dance Classes

(McMinnville)

7:00 - 8:30pm, McMinnville Grand Ballroom \$3 FMI: [http://](http://www.portlanddancing.com/moreinfo.aspx?moreinfo=1510)

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Every Thursday — Morris Dancing in Eugene

Mondays from 6:15-8:15 at the Garden Club at 1645 High St.,
Eugene.

morris@eugenefolklore.org

[Calapooia Tavern, Albany FMI:http://calapooiabrewing.com/
blog/live-music-and-events/](http://calapooiabrewing.com/blog/live-music-and-events/)

2nd Friday — Ceili, 7-8pm lesson, 8-11 Ceili, \$10 VFW Hall,
630 Hood St., NE, Salem, <http://www.ceiliofthevalley.org>

3rd Friday – English Country Dances, Santa Clara Grange
Hall, 295 Azalea Drive FMI: 541 935 6051

2nd & 4th Saturdays – [EFS](#) Contra Dance 7pm lesson,
7:30pm dance, \$8 public, \$6 EFS/CFS, -\$1 before
7:30pm&students (w/ID),The Dunn School, 3411 Willamette
St., EugeneFMI: 541-302-2628

3rd Saturday — Contra Dance 7:00-9:30pm dance
Greenacres Grange, 93393 Greenacres Lane, Coos Bay
Last Sunday — Old Time Jam 4:00pm, free
Whirled Pies?, 8th and Charnleton, Eugene,
FMI: 541-228-1644

Coots boatbuilders meet on wednesdays at 1, at 4
spirits distillery, just north of Corvallis airport

Peace & Justice Songs; 2nd weds @7, Old World
Deli. Contact Dave Alba: anaknialba@gmail.com

Calendar Contact:

calendar@corvallisfolklore.org

CFS Newsletter :

newsletter@CorvallisFolklore.org

Folk music on the internet From Chere Pereira:

There are many musicians who are performing on facebook. Here are two great ones:

Sally Rogers Music (a song a day; and there is an exceptional version of Lovely Agnes with Claudia Schmidt)

CONCERT BOOKING UPDATE Contact Chere cherep@comcast.net The booking web page is:

<https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/booking-cfs-concerts/booking-cfs-concerts/>

To have concerts, we need folks to volunteer to coordinate them (contact Chere)

Contra Dance See also: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/contradancing/>

and details at: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/calendar/>

CFS Zoom Song Circle

Join us every 2nd and 4th Sunday each month. As with the original song circles, there is no requirement to perform if you would rather listen. For additional information or for the code numbers you need to link up with Zoom, contact Kurt Smith at Song-Circle-2@CorvallisFolklore.org or phone at 541-270-6369. Right now the Zoom song circle is five to ten people so each person can do two to four songs. If you need help doing zoom, Kurt or Dave are quite good at helping out.

UPDATE: We will be dropping our COVID-19 requirements for masking and proof of vaccination for all regular Saturday dances until mid-October, <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/contradancing/>

For more information on attendance requirements and other precautions, please see our COVID-19 policy at: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/corvallis-contra-dance-covid-19-policy/>

If you would like to join the email list for contra dance announcements, please contact corvalliscontra@gmail.com.

(Sept to June) See also https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/calendar/action~posterboard/cat_ids~3,8,6/

Contra dance returned to a regular schedule in Corvallis this fall! The dance will start at 7:00 PM with a newcomer's lesson and community meetup, helpful for all dancers. Following the lesson will be

dancing from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM. No partner necessary. Dance calling and role terms will be Larks & Robins. The cost is \$12 – \$20 sliding scale.

Gatton Hall, First Congregational Church, 4515 SW West Hills Road, Corvallis, Oregon, 97333

Upcoming Dance Schedule:

[12/21/24 The Overtones with Laurel Thomas](#)

COVID POLICY UPDATE - MASK OPTIONAL POLICY EXTENDED

As our neighboring contra dance communities have continued their mask-optional dances, and we received no reports of COVID cases after our first two dances of the season, we will be continuing our mask-optional policy at this time. We may still reinstate our former COVID-19 precautions at any time in response to public health recommendations, the venue's policy, and other contra dance communities' policies, and we still strongly encourage wearing a face mask at our dances.

An email address for COVID exposure notifications and waivers for CFS and Gatton Hall will continue to be required at this time, just once at the start of the 2023-24 dance season. Though not currently required at regular Saturday dances, face masks and up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination are strongly encouraged. Face masks will still be required at specific dances, for the safety and comfort of the musicians and callers, and due to the likelihood of dancers attending from out of town.

For more information on attendance requirements and other precautions, please see our current COVID-19 policy at:

https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Corvallis-Contra-Dance-COVID-Policy_2023.09.10.pdf

If you are interested in volunteering, please see role descriptions and tell us how you would like to help by taking our volunteer survey at:

<https://bit.ly/CorvallisContraVolunteering2022>

For questions regarding contra dance volunteering, please contact Shell Stowell at

corvalliscontra@gmail.com.

We hope to dance with you soon

Hoolyeh **online** dancing every [Tuesday](#)

There is weekly international folk dancing online led by Hoolyeh folks. Every Tuesday **from 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm**. Please contact Denis White (capeblanco@peak.org) for playlists and details for joining zoom broadcasts. zoomhoolyeh@gmail.com to get more information about zoom dancing with Hoolyeh.

Hoolyeh live folk dancing

Hoolyeh will be group dancing at the Unitarian Fellowship.

Live dancing will be on 2nd and 4th Thursdays nights.

Where: Social Hall, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis, 2945 NW Circle Blvd, Corvallis

Time: 7 to 9 pm, mix of programmed and request dances.

<https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/hoolyeh/>

Cost: \$5 for adults, \$4 for adults who have memberships in the Corvallis Folklore Society, and \$2 for 18 and under

John McCutcheon, Feb 20, 2025



Don't miss John McCutcheon in Corvallis on Thursday, Feb 20, 2025. The concert will be at 7 PM at the First United Methodist Church (NW 11th and Monroe).

Advance tickets are available in-person at Grass Roots Books (cash or check only) in their wonderful new location at 251 SW Madison. \$28 for CFS members, and \$30 for nonmembers. Add \$3 at the door.

For online advance tickets go to <https://www.tickettomato.com/event/9122>. Member code is FOLKLORE.

His shows are always inspirational and a barrel of fun. Multiple Grammy-nominee **John McCutcheon** charms audiences with "story telling that has the richness of fine literature" (Washington Post) and his mastery of a stage full of folk instruments is simply amazing. He plays guitar, fiddle,

autoharp, banjo, and is best known for his hammered dulcimer playing. A John McCutcheon concert is always energizing, fun, uplifting, community building, and his audiences leave with a renewed sense of hope for humanity. "This notion of telling stories of ordinary people who have done great things, and carrying those stories from one place to another, of telling people 'this is where I've been, these are the stories I can bring you,' is the heart of what I do," McCutcheon sums up. "That's my goal. If you can recognize yourself in my songs, then I've done my job." He lives in Georgia but keeps moving, toward wherever he senses there's still a story yet to be told.

John's 45th album, **Field of Stars**, will be released in January, so he should have it with him at the Corvallis concert. It is a collection of fifteen new songs with guest appearances by Carrie Newcomer, Claire Lynch, and the lovely vocal quartet Windborne.

His recordings have gathered many honors including 7 Grammy nominations, but it is in live performance that John feels most at home. It is what has brought his music into the lives and homes of one of the broadest audiences any folk musician has ever enjoyed. So if you want to laugh, cry, be inspired, and feel like you are a part of a big community, then don't miss this concert. Whether in print, on record, or on stage, few people communicate with the versatility, charm, wit or pure talent of John McCutcheon. Info: Chere Pereira

cherep@comcast.net



The Corvallis Celtic Festival needs your help!

Do you have a passion for Celtic music or dance? Do you like to meet new people? Do you want to help build community? Do you want to see the Corvallis Celtic Festival grow and prosper? If you can answer yes to *any one of those questions* and you have some time - even a couple of hours - we need you! We have tasks both large and small, some of which can be completed now or in the coming months, and others that can be done just before or during the festival (July 24-27, 2025). Tasks include a wide range of jobs such as applying for permits, arranging for bike racks,

developing children's craft activities, assisting with logistics, coordinating volunteers, posting on social media, writing articles for our program, and asking local businesses for support, to name just a few. For those who want to help make decisions about the shape and future of the festival, and who are willing to invest more time, we also have opportunities to serve on the festival Steering Committee. The Corvallis Celtic Festival is the single biggest community outreach effort of the Corvallis Folklore Society. Be part of it! To volunteer, or to get more information, please contact us at <https://www.corvalliscelticfestival.org/volunteer/>. Thank you!

CFS Concerts 2025 See also: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/concerts/>

Save this Date for This CFS Concert!

We have a fantastic Celtic music concert scheduled. It will benefit the **Corvallis Celtic Festival**. Please mark your calendars and watch for updates and links to purchase tickets on the festival website under Upcoming Events <https://www.corvalliscelticfestival.org/upcoming-events/>.

more information about CCF concerts contact:

["info@corvalliscelticfestival.org](mailto:info@corvalliscelticfestival.org)



Lúnasa

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Detrick Hall at PRAX, Oregon State University 7pm / Doors 6:30 pm

Reserved seats \$30/\$35 • \$5 Students • \$2 Off for CFS Members

Tickets will be sold through PRAX beginning Dec. 9, 2024 at 9 am <https://prax.oregonstate.edu/events/l%C3%BAAnasa> or scan the QR code below:



"...state-of-the-art Irish music as aggressively infectious as you'll ever hear." – Dirty Linen (2000)

Formed in 1997 and celebrating its 27th anniversary in 2024, [Lúnasa](#) has long been one of contemporary Irish music's leading voices. Named after an ancient Celtic harvest festival in honor of the Irish god Lugh, the group that Folk Roots magazine once called an "Irish music dream team" was formed from members of some of Ireland's greatest bands. Lúnasa has sold over a quarter of a million records, performed more than 2,000 shows across 36 countries, and collaborated with many notable artists outside the tradition.

From the start, the band's complex arrangements and unique sound reshaped the boundaries of traditional music and energized audiences the world over. Critical acclaim followed, The Irish Echo describing the band as the "the hottest Irish acoustic band on the planet"; MOJO magazine named the band "the new gods of Irish music," adding that "nobody since the Bothies has wielded such a thrilling rhythmic underlay." Billboard raved that "anybody who listens can't help but find them contagious."

Lúnasa's current lineup includes Trevor Hutchinson, who achieved fame as the bassist with the The Waterboys; uilleann piper Cillian Vallely, who toured with Riverdance and recorded with Bruce Springsteen; Kevin Crawford, widely considered one of Ireland's greatest flute players; award-winning fiddler Colin Farrell, who has performed with Project West, Grada and Michael McGoldrick; and guitarist Ed Boyd, known on the UK folk circuit for his work with bands such as Flook, Kate Rusby, and Cara Dillon.

The Corvallis Folklore Society is thrilled to co-present this concert with PRAX to bring Lúnasa to Corvallis! This concert is a benefit for the Corvallis Celtic Festival (July 24-27, 2025). Visit corvalliscelticfestival.org for more information. or for more information contact about CCF concerts: info@corvalliscelticfestival.org



Do you know about Oregon Cultural Trust Tax Credits? by Jennifer Parke, longtime CFS member

If you pay state income taxes and plan to donate money to support cultural nonprofit organizations like the **Corvallis Folklore Society**, you may wish to take advantage of the Oregon Cultural Trust Tax Credits program to reduce the amount of taxes you owe and double the impact of your donation.

Here's how it works:

- Step 1. You donate to one or more cultural nonprofits in Oregon, such as the Corvallis Folklore Society. Over 1,600 cultural nonprofits are listed on the Oregon Cultural Trust website; we are in the process of adding CFS to this list.
- Step 2. Go to the Oregon Cultural Trust online donation portal <https://appengine.egov.com/apps/or/oct/donationpayment> and by Dec. 31 of the same year make a matching gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust to earn tax credits: up to \$500 per individual, or \$1,000 per couple filing jointly.
- Step 3. When you file your state taxes, you apply the tax credits equal to *100% of your Oregon Cultural Trust donation* to reduce the amount of taxes you owe. Tax credits provide much greater savings than a tax deduction.

Funds donated to the Oregon Cultural Trust are pooled and distributed as competitive grants to county and tribal cultural coalitions. CFS has already benefited from Oregon Cultural Trust funding! We were just awarded \$2,000 to support music and dance workshops at next year's Corvallis Celtic Festival. There are many charitable organizations worthy of your end-of-year donations. Not everyone is in a financial position to donate, but if you can, and you wish to support the arts and humanities, please consider donating to the Corvallis Folklore Society or other cultural nonprofit and then doubling the impact of your gift without additional cost to you using the Oregon Cultural Trust Tax Credit. For detailed information, see <https://culturaltrust.org/>

We are planning on adding a way to donate to CFS online, but for now, checks to the Corvallis Folklore Society can be mailed to P.O. Box 1690, Corvallis, OR 97339. If you wish, specify on the memo line how you wish your donation to be used (Corvallis Celtic Festival, contra dances, musical performances, etc.). Thank you!

Corvallis Sacred Harp Singing: the old time shape-note, 4-sided way, as in the film Cold Mountain. Second Tuesdays monthly, 7-8:30 pm **519 NW 21st St, Corvallis.**
And fourth Sundays 1:30-3:45 pm; venue changes. Meeting details may change
contact: Mark Boyd: jmark.boyd@gmail.com

Corvallis Drum Circle 1st Saturdays, 6-7 pm
Outdoors @ 1st & Madison May-October
Indoors @ 101 NW 23rd St November-April Whiteside Meeting details may change

Free. All ages & skills. BYO drums & percussion
Info: Michelle drumcircleconnection@gmail.com

CFS History: is now on the dropdown menu: About CFS > History

The CFS Newsletter & Brochure display has been reinstalled in the Corvallis Library Community bulletin board and pamphlet area (near the big meeting room and the restrooms).

The CFS web link for **membership:** <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/membership/>

Information and a description of the Memberplanet system is posted there.

Make sure we have your e-mail address if you want to receive the newsletter.

* please contact: membership@CorvallisFolklore.org

Membership Changes: member database is now an online service: Memberplanet.com

What this means for Corvallis Folklore members:

- * You must have and use an email address to create or update your membership profile, and to receive notices from Corvallis Folklore
- * You will be getting Corvallis Folklore newsletters and updates via email
- * You will be able to renew your membership completely online using a credit card to pay
- * Alternatively, you can send in a paper check to the address at the bottom
- * Note the new fee structure below; Member Planet may not have that correct yet (send a check)
- * If we have your email, you should have gotten an invitation to "join" Corvallis Folklore Society at memberplanet.com. Please do go there to update your profile and create a unique password. If you have not gotten this email, or have discarded it, please contact: membership@CorvallisFolklore.org

- * If we do NOT have your email, you will have to give it to us: Send email to membership@CorvallisFolklore.org stating your name, your family members' names (if any) and your email. We'll create your account and send you an invitation to "join" as above.

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The CFS Fee Structure

As of July 1, 2018, CFS membership is free for the children of members and **each adult membership will be associated with a single email, with a fee of \$10 per year.** When your membership renewal notice comes to you, please choose the new "one size fits all" fee. If you and your family each wish to have their own membership, you should each sign up individually using your own email. As always, you may sign up or renew online or send in a check to CFS along with your contact information (or renew/sign up at an event).

Newsletter Changes:

The monthly CFS Newsletter is now created in PDF format. An email link to current issue is automatically sent to members. (You need to have a reader app, such as the free Adobe Reader, to display the PDF). See also: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/newsletter-concerts-and-information/>

Membership Form

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Check one: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewing ☐ Renew after lapse ☐ Address change only

Dues per year: \$10 per e-mail (OK to pay several years)

Pay on-line ("one size fits all" fee) or

Please fill out this form

and mail with your dues check to:

CFS Membership

PO Box 1690, Corvallis, OR 97339

Position	Name
President	Jason Schindler
Vice Pres.	
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	Van Fister
Contra Dance	Shell Stowell
Folk Dance	Dana Poling
Song Circle	Kurt Smirh

Position	Name
Concerts	Chere Pereira
Best Cellar	Mark Weiss
Newsletter	Dick Thies
Calendar	Dave Rabinowitz
Membership	Linda Herlihy
Website	Steve Downey

Full CFS contacts are at: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/contact/>

Volunteers are always needed! Please go to the above link to contact those responsible for the areas of interest to you.

The newsletter deadline is 5:00 PM on the 2nd Monday of the month. Send by e-mail to: newsletter@CorvallisFolklore.org. Text in the e-mail or most other word processor programs will work if you

send them in a version that is not too new. My translator might not do the latest version. Non-CFS concert info can run no more than one-half page and won't be run opposite a CFS event.

The deadline for calendar items is 5:00 PM on the Sunday before the 2nd Monday of the month. Notices for the web calendar can be submitted any time. Submit to calendar@corvallisfolklore.org

Folk Contacts : Corvallis Folklore Society: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/>
Corvallis Calendar Links: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/corvallis-calendar-links-2/>
Eugene Folklore Society: <http://www.eugenefolklore.org>
Salem Folklore Community www.westwindweekend.org
Portland Folk Music Soc. <https://portlandfolkmusic.org>
