



SAW E-Notes



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THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all who attended our first SAW Community Day on June 14, which included a workshop with Jen and Scott Smith, our Annual Meeting, Dinner and an open mike--- all of which were well attended, informative and a lot of fun! Congratulations to Eric Coleman, who won the \$400 Guitar Center gift card and to all those who won lots of other great prizes, CDs, etc. Thanks to all who helped to organize, set up, clean up, run and provide the energy and hard work needed to make an event like this happen.

We welcome our new Board of Directors, who were elected at the Annual Meeting. We have many returning members and quite a few new faces:

Dana Austin
Jean Bayou
Don Bridges
Fred Cannon
Jim Clark
Jennifer Elcano
Ron Goad
Dan Grove

Les Hatley
Linda Howard
Hiserman
Gary Jaffe
Jim Johnson
Julie Kehrli
Margot
MacDonald

Larry Mediate
Michelle Murray
Danny Osteen
Joel Pomerantz
Lynne Revo-
Cohen
Kim Schoffstall
Tomm Sibert

Cindi Slaughter
Rob Veale
Greg Vickers
Eric Weinberg
Danielle Westphal
Cary Whaley
Alper Yargici

We'd like to thank the following departing board members for their past service to SAW:

Allie Sutherland
Gina DeSimone

Jesse Palidofsky
Erich Russek Robbins

Michael Yugo
Michael Sheppard

And the following people who have served on the Board and who will remain as

SAW Associates:

Siobhan Quinn
Ginger Starling

Laura Chick
Loralyn Coles

Aisha Mahy
Paige Powell

Special Thanks to:

Mike Schreibman—for Web site work and endless support

Michael Bowers—for sharing his infinite wisdom and offering valuable guidance during our board restructuring and bylaws review/revision

Jonathan Rowney—for his particular brand of genius that went into making the MASC Web site possible

At our first Board meeting, we elected officers and an Executive Committee, consisting of nine members—the five officers and four at-large positions. Executive Committee members for the coming year are:

President: Jean Bayou

Vice-President: Larry Mediate

Treasurer: Don Bridges

Secretary: Jennifer Elcano

Counsel: Jim Clark

At large: Fred Cannon, Dan Grove, Jim Johnson, Cary Whaley



SAW NEWS & SPECIAL EVENTS

MASC COUNTDOWN BEGINS...

GET YOUR ENTRY IN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR MID-ATLANTIC SONG CONTEST ENTRIES IN BEFORE THE AUGUST 15 DEADLINE! YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING ARE MUCH BETTER IF YOU ENTER. AND THIS YEAR'S PRIZES ARE SOMETHING EXTRA SPECIAL.... go to www.saw.org – click on “2008 Song Contest” and enter now!

THE NEW NEW DEAL CAFÉ

We are pleased to announce that after a brief hiatus, the SAW open mike series at the New Deal Café in Greenbelt, Maryland is returning! Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Julie Kehrli and Keith Thorne, the New Deal open mike was one of the most popular in the region and folks have been anxious to get it back up and running. Well, the wait is over.

You're invited to join us on *Thursday July 24th, from 7-9 p.m.*, as we re-start the SAW open mike series at the New Deal Cafe www.newdealcafe.com. Reserve a 15-minute slot by emailing dsweave@gmail.com, or just walk-in the night of the open mike and sign up on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign ups begin at 6:30 p.m. We're going to divide the slots between advance sign ups and walk-ins.

We'll be continuing the 4th Thursday of every month at the New Deal, so mark your calendars. Looking forward to seeing folks on July 24th.

Your new hosts,
Lynn Hollyfield and David Weaver



SAW EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Here is a quick list of upcoming SAW events. Please check the website, www.saw.org, for detailed and up-to-date information.

JULY 2008

7/10 (Thurs) —SAW Concert at the Athenaeum (featuring Isabella Perelman, Folkhead (Jen Elcano, Tom Sibert & Curtis Balmer) and starring The Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson & Steve Coffee)

7/11 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike

7/12 (Sat)—Open Mike at the Lab

7/13 (Sun)—SAW-West Market Concert Series (now quarterly) (DavidGlaser.net and GregVickersMusic.com co-bill)

7/14 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase

7/16 (Wed)—SAW Studio Sessions

7/17 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night

7/21 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase

7/22 (Tues)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night

7/24(Thurs)—SAW New New Deal Café Open Mike (NEW! well, sort of!)

7/25 (Fri)—SAW Fourth Friday Montgomery County Music Showcase

7/26 (Sat)—SAW Songwriters Exchange

7/26 (Sat)—SAW/Red Rocks Showcase

7/26 (Sat)—SAW Cameron Perks Open Mike

7/28 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase

AUGUST 2008

8/1 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike

8/4 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase

8/8 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike

8/9 (Sat)—Open Mike at the Lab

8/11 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase

8/14 (Thurs)—SAW Concert at the Athenaeum

8/18 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase

8/20 (Wed)—SAW Studio Sessions

8/21 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night

8/22 (Fri)—SAW Fourth Friday Montgomery County Music Showcase

8/23 (Sat)—SAW Songwriters Exchange

8/23 (Sat)—SAW/Red Rocks Showcase

8/25 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase

8/26 (Tues)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night

8/28(Thurs)—SAW New New Deal Café Open Mike (still NEW!)

8/30 (Sat)—SAW Cameron Perks Open Mike



OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

SAW Members: send your news for inclusion in this section to Aisha at sawnotes@saw.org.
Must be submitted on a MONTHLY BASIS.

7th Annual Festival of the Song

Saturday, July 12, 11:30 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.

On Saturday, July 12 the New Deal Café will present the seventh annual Festival of the Song in Roosevelt Center from 11:30 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. This free, outdoor concert is a singer songwriter showcase featuring area musicians playing their original work (many SAW members and names you might recognize). In addition, there will be a noon "lunch and learn" songwriting workshop and a morning program from 11:30-12:30 for children.

The "lunch and learn" program at noon at the New New Deal Café: FREE (just buy yourself some lunch!)

The Songwriting Process by Andre Cutair of the Able Birds

Andre, writer and performer in the local group The Able Birds, will lead a discussion on writing stronger songs, with a focus on technique and insight from a panel of local, award-winning musicians. The workshop will include written and aural examples, as well as group writing exercises. Please bring paper and something to write with, plus any unfinished pieces of your own for critique (as time permits).

SAW is a supporter of this Festival, which is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with funding support from the City of Greenbelt and the Prince George's Arts Council. Stop by and take it in—it's good for the songwriter in you, and if you are so inclined, they could certainly use a hand that day. Contact Peter Reppert: preppert@gmail.com if you would like to be a last-minute volunteer or on standby!

For more information go to www.newdealcafe.com or read a news article about the festival at <http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/currentIssue.htm>

Local Folk Musician, Jay Votel, Dies at 52

"Jay Votel participated in many SAW showcases over the years at Red Rocks, Bangkok Blues, and Brewer's Alley, and he always added a lot of enthusiasm to each performance. He liked to end his shows with a Bob Dylan song, and he knew how to put great energy into those songs. We already miss Jay's wonderful music and his willingness to participate in SAW events." (Ron Goad)

Below are Snippets taken from The Washington Times article written by David C. Lipscomb:

Jerome Joseph "Jay" Votel, folk-rock musician and an editor for *The Washington Times*, died Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at his home in Sterling, Va., after a battle with cancer. He was 52.

Friends and colleagues said Mr. Votel's two passions were news and music as he spent most of his life writing, reporting and editing and playing instruments solo and in bands.

Mr. Votel's interest in music dated back to his teens, when he sang and played guitar in folk Masses at a church in his hometown of Winchester, Va., said his mother, Jo Votel-McFarlane. In the summers between semesters at Shepherd State Teachers College, now Shepherd University, he entertained patrons of the Big Meadow Lodge and other spots along Skyline Drive in Shenandoah, Va., with his folk-singing and guitar.

Mr. Votel played with several bands during and after college, and in the 1980s he moved to the Eastern Shore, where he learned to play the mandolin and founded the bluegrass band Hit 'n' Miss. His last band, Allegheny Uprising, started in the 1990s as a trio with husband and wife Betty Jo Rockwell and Scott Rockwell and later included Barry Bryan.

The Rockwells left the group to focus on work as a duo, but Mr. Votel and Mr. Bryan continued playing, and this year added two new members, Nick Kinney and Melissa Wright.

To read the entire article click here:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2008/jun/26/jay-votel-times-editor-folk-musician-dies-at-52/>



MEMBER NOTES

This section is open to any type of music announcement SAW members would like to make. Just send your message to sawnotes@saw.org ANY TIME before the end of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Eric Weinberg has just won the grand prize in the Music City Song Contest. Also, his song "Virginia" is one of two songs left competing for the ISSA Song Contest in the Rock category.

Eric and his smoking band will be playing at Jammin' Java on Sunday July 27th at 8pm. Carsie Blanton opens.



CLASSIFIEDS

*Classified Ads are charged PER WORD. They are **FREE TO SAW MEMBERS** and \$0.25/word for non-members. Please send your classified ad to sawnotes@saw.org for inclusion in the next e-newsletter. **Classifieds MUST be submitted on a monthly basis for inclusion AND WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO RUN TWO MONTHS IN A ROW. If you have a print-ready ad, send it right away to make sure you are in the very next newsletter. It is your responsibility to resend the ad each month, for as long as you need it.***

SAW Members Special!

SAW Members receive 25% off their first session. For more information and to schedule a studio tour, please contact: Scott Harlan, Golden Sound Studio, (301) 962-1119, GoldenSoundStudio@gmail.com, www.GoldenSoundStudio.com

Music Recording Workshop

Golden Sound Studio (www.GoldenSoundStudio.com) is now registering for its Summer Music Recording Workshop. This course is geared towards home studio owners, amateur live sound engineers, and musicians/producers who would simply like to improve their knowledge of and effectiveness using modern studio & sound electronics. It is not a scholastically accredited course; just hands-on training in a small group where you choose your level of involvement. The course consists of 6 classes, each 3 ½ to 4 hours long, held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from Noon to 4 p.m. on August 2 & 3, August 9 & 10 and August 16 & 17. The cost of enrollment is \$350.00, and you will also receive a textbook. Dates TBD for upcoming Spring class series. Maximum 5 students per workshop.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SAW Serves

SAW Serves, SAW's volunteer bureau, would like to invite you to sign up for volunteer performance opportunities, or let us know of any charities/events seeking performers. Send an email to president@saw.org.

Children's Hospital (DC)

Benefit concert/performance opportunities in the atrium or at many of the different outpatient centers. To play at the Atrium at the main Children's Hospital (in DC), contact: Dana Morgan, 202-484-1976, or by email at damorgan@cnmc.org. For outpatient centers (multiple centers in DC, VA, and MD), contact: Heather Stemas, 202-884-3255
Outpatient Centers are generally open M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital

On June 1, 2008, Jeff Silberberg of Olney, MD began hosting Live Music Sunday at NRH in the ground floor cafeteria of the National Rehabilitation Hospital, 102 Irving Street, NW, Washington, DC. Showcases are being scheduled for Sunday afternoons, 1:30 – 3:30 PM. Musicians interested in performing are being asked to contact Jeff Silberberg at jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net or 301-775-6468. This activity is in conjunction with the Songwriter's Association of Washington (SAW) and SAW Serves.

Guitars Not Guns

Guitars Not Guns has an ongoing need for volunteers. Classes normally run on weekdays for an hour some time between 4 & 6 pm. Not all volunteer positions require teaching guitar. If you or someone you know is able to volunteer for this very worthy cause, please contact Skip Chaples, President of the Virginia Chapter of Guitars Not Guns, at fchaples@cox.net for more details.



SAW'S MASC SPONSORS

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www.bmi.com

CF MARTIN & COMPANY
(The Martin Guitar Company)
<http://www.martinguitar.com>

MARY CLIFF & Traditions
radio show on WAMU
<http://marycliff.net>

FOLK ALLIANCE
www.folk.org

Jammin' Java: Concert Venue
www.jamminjava.com

Oasis CD Manufacturing
www.oasiscd.com

Omega Recording Studios
www.omegastudios.com

SONGWRITER'S MARKET 2007
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NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY July 30, 2008 @ 5 p.m.

To make sure your item, event, member note, or classified is included in the next issue of *SAW Notes* send your information to me RIGHT AWAY. I will make sure that it gets in. But the absolute final deadline is the one listed above. Please e-mail your submissions for the next e-newsletter to Aisha Mahy at sawnotes@saw.org