

September 2018, Issue –
THREE PAGES THIS MONTH!!!

SongFarmers “Cultivator”
Your newsletter for SongFarmers Chapter Leaders



Howdy ALL of our SongFarmers Chapter Leaders, We are here to help you! Never hesitate to contact us, especially myself (jpbrake5@gmail.com).

All Chapter Leaders are encouraged to visit and LIKE all the other Chapter Facebook Pages and Stand-alone web pages. A list of SongFarmer Chapters can be found at Songfarmers.org – Chapters. It’s a good thing (like Playing in Tune) to know what the other chapters are doing. Each Chapter is unique in their own way. No two Chapters are identical.



This month we are highlighting the **SongFarmers of Kalamazoo Michigan!** Their emphasis is American Folk Music, but not tied to that genre. They have been gathering for less than a year and aim is to get the SongFarmers point of view into the public stream of local music. They advertise gatherings on the local public radio station, as well as post signs about us on music store bulletin boards, and grocery store notice boards.

“We do have a lot of fun with visitors at the Library on the days we meet. Kids come by on their wandering around the place while their parents study. Sometimes parents come looking for their missing little ones and find them having joined our circle and sharing all kinds of kid songs with them. Often the parents stay for a while and join in.” says chapter leader Dave Rowgo.

The **National Gathering of SongFarmers** is October 12 and 13, 2018 in Berea, Kentucky. Download the [MOST RECENT DETAILS HERE](#), or visit SongFarmers.org. Workshops, jam circles, food and other activities are planned. Questions? Email (info@woodsongs.com). Everyone is invited to participate in preparing for our Annual Gathering. This year will feature a big FREE PUBLIC concert performed by our SongFarmers members, so bring your instruments! We have included the recent details and a Poster within this newsletter. We are expecting this National Gathering (It will be our Fourth) to be the biggest and most exciting ever! Make your plans now to be part of it.

That’s it for September. Only 20 days left until its Pumpkin Spice Season! When songs are played on a porch the world is a happier place.

Perry Brake

SongFarmers of Tellico Plains, Tennessee

How many instruments do you take to a Gathering?

The Nat’l “Gathering of SongFarmers” Oct 12, 13, 2018 Berea KY
All the information you need: SongFarmers.org

The National Gathering of SongFarmers is shaping up to be our best ever and we hope you can be there. The venue is a lovely country theatre nestled on the side of a mountain in historic Berea KY (just south of Lexington on I-75)

The 2018 Gathering of SongFarmers is for all front porch Musicians, Writers, Poets, Painters, Artists, Song Farmers, Fans, Families and Pickers ... and MEMBERS get two free tickets to attend BOTH days!

Change the way you view your Music!

**The 2018 Gathering of
SongFarmers**

Oct 12 & 13, 2018
**Berea Arena Theater
Berea, Kentucky**



*We need a Front Porch
'round the World*
SongFarmers.org

Here's what you need to know:

TICKETS: Your SongFarmers member card is your TICKET. Just make sure your membership is current, register that you are attending and bring your membership card with you. Simple!

REGISTER on our website to let us know that you are attending. This is **IMPORTANT** because we will only have room for 350 attendees. You can also register (your name, membership #, how many are coming) by sending a simple email to **WFPA@WoodSongs.com**

THE GATHERING will be full of workshops, especially designed to support, help and nurture our fast growing community of SongFarmers Chapters. **We also hope to PREMIER the new 30-minute public TV documentary about SongFarmers, set to air nationwide in 2019**

SCHEDULE: the Gathering will begin Friday Oct 12 at 1PM through 6PM followed at 7PM by the public SongFarmers Concert (sign up to perform when you arrive); Saturday Oct 13 9am through 6PM followed by the public SongFarmers Concert (sign up to perform when you arrive) Details will be posted soon on SongFarmers.org

BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT: there will be all-day song circles and music jams, both nights will end with a public concert by our SongFarmers on an outdoor stage

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS a food truck will be onsite. If you have special dietary needs you can bring a bag lunch/dinner on site. There are many cafes and restaurants in Berea in the area around the venue.

HOTELS and CAMPING are available but filling up fast. For those who enjoy historic hotels and comfort, we have several rooms blocked off at the Boone Tavern, just up the road from the venue. Ask for WoodSongs or SongFarmers rooms. Here's a list of other affordable hotels: SongFarmers.org/2018gathering

WHAT TO BRING: a folding or lawn chair, your instrument if you play, light sweater for evening, cash for the food truck, a note pad for the workshops.

SUNDAY: for those who want to linger there is a HUGE old-time Crafts and Arts Fair withing walking distance of the Gathering, entrance fees are very affordable (\$5, children FREE 10am-5PM)

QUESTIONS? Email **WFPA@WoodSongs.com** or call us **859-255-5700** (best 10-4PM EST)

SongFarmers.org

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WHERE ART'S ALIVE

The WoodSongs Front Porch Association presents the 4th annual

Gathering of SongFarmers

Old-Time  Pickin' Party



Front Porch painting by Walt Carter

Free to the Public - Bring a Lawn Chair!

FRONT PORCH PICKERS FROM AROUND THE NATION!

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

SONGFARMERS.org/BEREA



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KENTUCKY

