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SongFarmers



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Dear Friends & SongFarmers,

Can you believe we have all been secluded on our front porches for an entire year? I don't know about you, but I am ready for this pandemic to be over with. And I'm tired of the fighting and arguing we see on the news all the time. The peaceful grace of our "front porch" has never been so needed and important as it is right now. We all miss playing and singing with our friends, being part of our hometown gatherings and sharing songs and music.

SongFarmers are growing in spite of things. We have more chapters now than when the pandemic began. Chapters in Hawk Hammock, FL, Roanoke, AL, Jasper County, IL, Aurora, CO are just some of the recent additions to our front porch.

Patience, we will be together soon. The vaccines seem to be working, folks have been masking, the infection rates are coming down ... all signs of a return to what we hope will be as close to "normal" as before.

SongFarmers have been anxious to get back to picking ... and already chapters in Florida, Tennessee and elsewhere are slowly, carefully coming back to life and finding ways of being together. We want everyone to use your common sense, obey the needs of your region, cooperate with friends and protect your families.

We missed you at the 2020 Gathering ... because we didn't have one. Will we have a national Gathering in 2021? We hope so. We want to. If we do it will happen fast, so stay tuned.

Speaking of tuning ... many SongFarmers have found ZOOM calls a good way to share music and stay in touch. Not exactly like being together in person, but still a nice way to share songs.

More good news: our CLASSROOM program is being used by thousands of teachers and home school parents to compensate for the lack of music and art for their kids. What a great service you helped provide! We could use some volunteers to help organize the email list of teachers that have registered for use, if you're interested.

One thing to keep in mind: when this pandemic mess is over SongFarmers will have an explosion in chapters and memberships as folks will be anxious to gather together ... especially in the face of the near total collapse of the music industry for most artists. This past year has not been easy for many musicians.

Some ideas: post the SongFarmers documentary on your social media pages, invite friends to become members. Pass the word that the next airing of the SongFarmers documentary on **RFD-TV** will be Friday March 26, 2021.

This would be a great time to renew your membership as an active SongFarmers and keep the efforts of our community alive and well. You can do that easily online at **SongFarmers.org** or give us a call, **859-255-5700**.

Remember, SongFarmers is an all volunteer, musical effort, we care about you all as we work together to build a **Front Porch 'round the World**.


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*It's the little things
that matter most ...*



You may not be a famous musician filling arenas around the world, but you love music and invite your friends to your front porch. It makes your friends happy.

You may not be a famous cook like Martha Stewart, producing grand meals on national television, but you make healthy homemade dishes for your family. It makes your family happy.

You may not be a university educated environmentalist carrying picket signs in front of nuclear power plants or protesting strip mining around the country, but you keep your home maintained and your property clean. It makes your neighborhood happy.

You may not be a corporate farmer owning thousands of acres providing national food chains with grain and crops, but you have a small organic garden producing enough tomatoes to share with your friends. It makes your friends happy.

You may not be Rembrandt creating magnificent works of art, but you love doing small paintings and art projects that you share as gifts with people you care about. It lets them know that you love them.

You may not be a beauty queen, but you respect your husband and take care of your family and try your best to be a good partner. It makes your husband happy.

You may not be a rich man making millions of dollars, but you love your wife and buy her small gifts and flowers to let her know how much you care about her. It makes your wife happy.

You may not be a highly paid architect creating skyscrapers igniting the horizon of major cities, but you've built your children a playground with your own two hands. It makes your children happy.

You may not be a high-powered attorney, but you can defend yourself, your reputation and your dignity without a word. And that will make your conscience satisfied.

You may not have accomplished big things in this small life, but all your little things can add up to a big life. And it can make you happy.

Your "little" self matters.

"I think the world is going to be saved by millions of small things."

Pete Seeger

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