

Texas Heritage Music Foundation Newsletter
FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Gordon Findley is working hard in his new position as events coordinator for the Living History Weekend. The performer list is growing for Friday, September 29. Not only are the Fire on the Mountain Cloggers going to appear before the noon tribute to Jimmie Rodgers, but the Schreiner choir is going to do some gospel renditions of Jimmie Rodgers tunes in the historic Union Church (Kerrville's first church) on the Schreiner campus. The Texas Folklore Society brings us a panel of experts on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 1-3 p.m. and the Texas Music Coffeehouse will showcase local performers that evening from 7-10 p.m. All on the Schreiner campus! Once again Schreiner is a co-sponsor of the event, and local businesses donate to help out. We still have spaces for sponsors. \$200 donation helps cover event expenses. Many businesses are donating "in-kind" to help out. Call us at 792-1945 or e-mail kat@maverickbbs.com for information.

Stephanie Gaines, Schreiner student, is working one day a week at the office, after a year working in my English office at Schreiner. Yep, she knows the ropes! Teachers are already accepting our open invitation to attend. We expect 3,000 students and teachers this year. And we want to invite all tourists in the area. We have a new initiative to bring groups to this event. And I'm inviting businesses to come have lunch with us on the grounds as we pay tribute to the Father of Country Music at noon with Tony Navarra and friends. Tony has been "Jimmie" since 1997.

Local musicians who have joined the Texas Heritage Music Foundation and are listed on our website. Hire locally! We recommend these bands and musicians. I've heard them all play! Doc Mason, a member, visited my literature class in April, sharing some of his songs and stories. Other musicians who visited my class and now want to perform at the Living History Day include Susie Nelson (Willie's daughter), Barbara K, and Harold Eggers (former road manager of Townes Van Zandt and literary agent).

The office will be open this summer on Tues. and Thursday most weeks. Call before visiting. 830-792-1945. We always have spots for volunteers!

Had a great Friday evening birthday celebration with M.Y.T.H. editor, Bob Gray, Allison Gray, Carolyn Pillow (my sis), Louis Woffard and Tim Wilton. Sol Patch joined us (Melissa and Bryan) then we headed over to Southway Pub for some great music by their band.. I was right the first time I heard Melissa singing on a demo cassette.....one of the best voices in the entire Hill Country! We are proud to have featured them both at our Literacy and Learning Concert, and we are thrilled that Melissa opened for her "spiritual guide," Ruthie Foster, at a coffeehouse. (Can you tell I've been listening to Kinky Friedman?) I had to dance at least once as I prepare for the knee replacement on June 12th! I teach in San Miguel from May 9-25. Write me there at kathleenhudson123@hotmail.com

Hill Country House Concerts featured Mike Blakely on May 6. The house has a view that overlooks Kerrville. I'm writing this in the middle of grading papers on May 6, so I might not make the show. If not, I know, anyway, that it was great!

Don't forget the remaining days of the Kerrville Folk Festival, the best festival in the country. It runs through June 11 with sundown concerts during the week, intimate and special. Dalis Allen, another woman in Texas music, is doing a great job with this event. THMF is a longtime supporter. I bought five lifetime tickets before I even founded THMF! I've been to every festival except number one. In fact, I moved to Kerrville to work with Rod Kennedy for a year on the Kerrville Music Foundation. How's that for some history?

Local Musician roster for THMF now includes: Emily Lively, Terry Penney, Turk Gazelle and his studio, Mike Kasberg, Midway (first member!), Sol Patch, String Dancer, Mr. Clark Band, Doc Mason (newest member), Weatherford Jackson Band. That's a group to hire from! All styles of music. Yes, THMF recommends this group.

CONSIDER JOINING THMF: Check out our website for the list of new THMF board members! Let's have a members only party this year. Something special.