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Lots of good stuff still to come

Whoa, where did the year go? Seems like just yesterday that we jumped into another great season of music at the Leo Coffeehouse—and here we are ready to call it a wrap for Leo’s 2009-10 musical year!

But before we get too maudlin about it, there’s still a lot of fun left at Leo in May, and also this summer, and we wanted to remind you of the events we have to look forward to.

For starters, have you ever had the blues? No? Well, you can come and get ‘em at Leo on May 2 as John Redell offers an hour-long blues workshop, just before his 8:15 solo appearance. The workshop begins at 6 pm at the Zion UCC and is free to Balladeers members with a \$5 cover charge for non-members, so bring your guitars and get involved. In case you haven’t met John, he’s a Northern Kentucky native and a well-known Cincinnati teacher who has been playing guitar for more than 40 years, and he’s worked in the Cincinnati Blues Society’s Blues in the Schools project for 10 years. John also hosts an open mic at the Stockyard Café on Thursdays and can be heard around town at venues such as Arnold’s and the Mansion Hill Café.

Next, the Appalachian Festival, one of Cincinnati’s premier music and cultural events, will be here May 7-9. Check out the AF’s website for

a list of musicians, including the Balladeers’s own Wild Carrot, who will perform throughout the weekend. QCB members will run the CD sales table. See the volunteer list on page 4.

Then, following chronological order, our season-end hootenanny and pot luck supper will be held on Sunday, May 30. So bring your instrument and also bring a pot luck dish to share. The fun starts at 5 o’clock and lasts until 9. So don’t miss this chance to reminisce about another Leo season, sample a lot of good food and do what we all love doing best—eating and making music with our fellow Balladeers.

Then last comes the crown jewel of the QCB year—the annual Edensong concert series in July at Seasongood Pavilion in Eden Park. This year marks our 47th year of presenting a great variety of roots music to the local community. In case you missed the musical lineup in last month’s issue, see page 4 for the complete list.

So there you have it. Now do you feel reminded?

But wait—one last reminder: In these pages during the past year, you might remember that your editor said that he believes that the three most powerful forces in the universe are love, music and dogs. Still true, he thinks, but maybe music should come first.

-Ed.

The local scene—and beyond

1 Wild Carrot at the Loveland branch library, Loveland, Ohio

6 Open mic hosted by John Redell at Stockyard Café, 3112 Spring Grove Avenue (also every Thursday evening)

7 Ricky Nye and the Paris Blues Band at the Southgate House, Newport

8 Wild Carrot at the Appalachian Festival, Old Coney Island

12 Shiny and the Spoon at Southgate House (also May 19 and 26 as May Artists-in-Residence)

14 Respite Care Center Benefit featuring the Tillers and Jake Speed and the Freddies at the Northside Tavern, 4163 Hamilton Avenue

15-16 Spring Gathering at Caesar Creek Pioneer

Village near Waynesville, Ohio; music, food, crafts; information: Don Lynch at 937-967-2688

17 Open mic hosted by Mike Oberst of the Tillers at the Southgate House

29 Wild Carrot at the Dilly Deli, Mariemont

Coffee klatsch/emcee volunteers

Here are the Leo hospitality volunteers and emcees scheduled for May 2010:

2 Karen Rokich and Chris Hill/emcee: Papa Joe

9 Pete Armstrong & Christie Brock/emcee: Mike Helm

16 Fran and Dave Booth/emcee: Spencer Funk

23 Linda Callan and Lenny Hall/emcee: Mike Flanders

At Leo in May

MAY 2

7—open mic—three 10-minute slots—arrive at 6:30 to sign up.

7:30—**Janet Pressley**—one our most beloved singer/songwriters; www.bluejordan.com.

8:15—**John Redell**—blues, jazz and acoustic singer/songwriter; www.johnredell.com.

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7—**Noah Wotherspoon and Jessie Bair**—new local acoustic duo; www.myspace.com/jessiebair; www.myspace.com/noahcb.

7:30—**Ellie Fabe**—local

singer/songwriter and song circle favorite; www.myspace.com/elliefabe.

8:15—**Dana and Sue Robinson**—Leo debut of this husband/wife duo making music that's a blend of old and new; www.robinsongs.com.

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7—open mic—three 10-minute slots—arrive at 6:30.

7:30—**Tom Triplett**—from original folk to standards and everything in between.

8:15—**Magnolia Mountain**—local roots faves return with a new member and a new CD; www.myspace.com/markallenutley.

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7—**Jeffrey Pepper Rogers**—winner in the John Lennon Songwriting Contest. Author of *Rock Troubadours: The Complete Singer-Songwriter* and contributor to NPR's *All Things Considered* and *Acoustic Guitar*.

7:30—**The Turkeys**—Leo debut of Chris and Kyle from a popular local roots band; www.myspace.com/theturkeysband.

8:15—**Robin and Joani Lacy**—traditional Zydeco, roots rock, blues, classic country covers and original songs. A Leo debut!

MAY 30

5—end-of-year pot luck supper and hootenanny.

Looking for musical things to do this summer? Here are a few recommendations.

Ah, summertime, when the living is hopefully easier than it was in the recently past days of freezing cold, long hours of darkness and big piles of snow.

Although we can live easier in the summer in T-shirts and shorts instead of parkas, it just might seem to some Balladeers like something is missing while Leo is closed for the season. Yes, to paraphrase a song, it can seem like a long, long time from May to September.

But wait—there is hope for those needing a musical fix. In addition to the local coffeehouses, open mics and other venues around us, there are lots of regional music festivals, camps and workshops throughout the summer for those willing to leave town and spend a little time in the car in order to listen and improve their musical knowledge and playing skills.

BILL MONROE'S BEAN BLOSSOM BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL in Bean Blossom, Indiana is said to be the world's biggest and longest running festival of its type in the world. It also has the largest array of well-known bluegrass artists. Located about 100 miles west of Cincinnati, near Bloomington and Nashville, Indiana, most people camp right in the park for the week-long event. Check out www.beanblossom.com for

more information.

AUGUSTA HERITAGE CENTER at Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, West Virginia offers an amazing array of weeks devoted to country, old-time, guitar, bluegrass, Irish and blues and more. Elkins is located in eastern West Virginia about 250 miles east of Cincinnati. See www.augustaheritage.com.

33RD ANNUAL APPALACHIAN FAMILY FOLK WEEK at the Hindman Settlement School in Hindman, Kentucky features a week of Appalachian music, dancing and crafts June 6-12, See hindmansettlement.org.

THE SWANNANOA GATHERING takes place throughout July and August at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina. The camp features many well-known names in the roots music field teaching fiddle, Celtic, guitar, dulcimer and more. Check out www.swangathering.com.

ASHOKEN FIDDLE AND DANCE CAMPS are run by well-known fiddler and songwriter Jay Ungar in Saugerties, New York. Three separate weeks feature western swing, honky tonk, ethnic, Appalachian, old-time cajun/zydeco and more. See www.ashokan.org.

15TH ANNUAL CHARLIE POOLE MUSIC FESTIVAL fea-

tures name music acts plus competitions in flatpick guitar and old-time and bluegrass fiddle and banjo. Takes place June 11-13 at the fairgrounds in Eden, North Carolina. See www.charlie-poole.com.

STEVE KAUFMAN'S ACOUSTIC KAMPS takes place in Maryville, Tennessee June 13-26 with instruction in guitar flat- and fingerpicking, fiddle, bass, dobro, mandolin and more. See www.flatpik.com.

APPALACHIAN STRING BAND MUSIC FESTIVAL, August 4-8 in Clifftop, West Virginia is a five-day mountaintop gathering of musicians and friends with concerts, square dances, camping and hymn-singing. Located about 200 miles east of Cincinnati. www.wvculture.org/stringband

THE STEPHEN FOSTER STORY tells the musical life history of the famous composer of folk songs who once lived in Cincinnati. Runs June 12—August 13 at My Old Kentucky Home State Park in Bardstown, Kentucky. See www.stephenfoster.com.

So there you have it. Sound like a lot? It barely scratches the surface—with a little searching, you can find dozens more. So good luck, and let us know where you went! -Ed.

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QCB 47th Annual Edensong Concert Series artist schedule

Friday, July 9

Jim's Red Pants, The Sloes, Queen City String Band, Wild Carrot and the Roots Band, Ricky Nye

Friday, July 16

Lisa Biales, Anna and Milovan, Lagniappe, Tom Triplett Band, Rumpke Mountain Boys

Friday, July 23

The Flock, Neil Jacobs, Brandon Dawson, Greg Schaber, The Tillers

Friday, July 30

Magnolia Mountain, John Ford, Shiny and the Spoon, Nathan Holscher and the Ohio Five, Cincinnati Dancing Pigs

APPALACHIAN FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

Friday May 7

10am-1pm Jess and Judy Combs/Chuck Black

1-4pm Nancy Cox/Will Black

4-7pm Mike Boerschig/Al Peck

7-10pm Bev Hansen/Chuck Black

Saturday May 8

10am-1pm Linda Callan/Lenny Hall

1-4pm Julie Hotchkiss/Mike Flanders

4-7pm Bruce Fogwell/Chuck Black

7-10pm Madeline Driesbach/B. and D. Iverson

Sunday May 9

10am-12:30pm Pete Armstrong/Chris Biere and Eric Hovemeyer

12:30-2:30pm Bruce Fogwell/Madeline Driesbach

2:30-5pm Madeline Driesbach/Pam Temple

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