

# QCBFolkNotes



*"It's all about the music"*

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## Now's the time to rock our vote

If you thought the primary purpose of Rock the Vote was to get young people out and engaged in the elections process, you are right.

But if you thought that voting, like love, should be left to young folks alone, well, you're wrong.

The Queen City Balladeers believes that we should *all* take responsibility for voting, and that includes electing the QCB board of trustees members for the coming year, and we hope you agree.

So here's your chance.

October is the month of the year when we elect those QCB members who, while serving as trustees, will make decisions about how the organization runs, and that affects all QCB members.

This year's slate of candidates who are seeking election or re-election as QCB trustees includes:

**President: Eric Hansen**

**Vice President: Pete Armstrong**

**Secretary: Pam Temple**

**Treasurer: Bruce Fogwell**

**Historian: Chuck Black**

Note that this slate of candidates includes some changes over the current incumbents.

Note also that there were no additional nominations of members to run against any of the above-named candidates. But there is still an opportunity to write in the name of any QCB member who would like to run for office.

So see the ballot on the last page of this issue and cast your vote, then give your ballot to any current QCB board member by Sunday, October 30, 2011 You can also mail it to QCB Election, P.O. Box 9122, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209.

The winning candidates will be announced in the November 2011 issue of QCBFolkNotes.

## Tracy Grammer set for Leo in November, get your tickets early

Tickets are now on sale for a special concert by popular singer/songwriter Tracy Grammer, who comes to Leo

on Friday, November 18 at 7:30 pm. See page 3 of this issue for more information.



# PLAYING AT LEO IN OCTOBER

## OCTOBER 2

7 Open mic—three 10-minute slots—arrive early to sign up

7:30 John Redell;  
www.johnredell.com.

8:15 Anna and Milovan;  
www.annaandmilovan.com

## OCTOBER 9

7 Mike Oberst and Friends—the Tillers's own banjo twanger and vocalist hosts an all-evening CD release party accompanied by the Rabbit Hash String Band, Mark Utley and Matt Frazier of Magnolia Mountain, the Williams Family Band, hammer dulcimer player Patti Walker and more;  
www.the-tillers.com.

## OCTOBER 16

7 Open mic—three 10-minute slots—arrive early to sign up

7:30 Erich Sylvester—one of the QCB's original founding members returns with a new CD of

Hawaiian music, singing classic Hawaiian hapa haole songs accompanied by a Hawaiian steel guitar.

8:15 Shiny and the Spoon—Cincinnati favorites Amber and Jordan return with a new debut CD of ukulele pop;  
www.shinyandthesspoon.com.

## OCTOBER 23

7 Neville Pohl—alternative finger-style singer/songwriter

7:30 Kyle Meadows and Tisa McGraw—Celtic and Appalachian tunes on hammered dulcimer and harp;  
www.kylemeadows.com.

8:15 Ricky Nye—Cincy's own boogie-woogie and blues piano great performer returns to Leo;  
www.rickynye.com.

## OCTOBER 30

7 Open mic—three 10-minute slots—arrive early to sign up

7:30 Susan Pepper—folk songs

and ballads both a capella and accompanied by dulcimer, fretless mountain banjo and guitar;  
www.susanpepper.com.

8:15 The Rattlesnakin' Daddies—local roots and bluegrass outfit, recently reformed and sounding better than ever;  
www.myspace.com/therattlesnakinaddies.

## NOVEMBER PREVIEW

6 Open mic, the Red Cedars, Benn Lapps

13 Eric Hansen, Lisak and Rowe, Anthony Snape

20 Open mic, Eric Loy, Ma Crow and the Lady Slippers

27 Dave Laskey, TBA, Lisa Biales with Doug Hamilton

*Reminder: Open mic slots are allotted to the first three persons or groups to arrive and sign up, so getting to Leo early is recommended. Plan on 2-3 songs for your set.*

## OCTOBER HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS AND EMCEES

### HOSPITALITY

2 Joyce and Ed Stapleton

9 Kathy and Peter Teitelman

16 Nonie Muller and Joan Haller

23 Rebecca Pace and Karen Smith

30 Stephanie and Mike Allaire

November 6 Mark Rucker

### EMCEE

2 Various

9 Eric Hansen

16 Mike Flanders

23 Elaine Hansen

30 Chris Bieri

November 6 Eric Hansen

## Tracy Grammer, from a musical family, brings talents to Leo for QCB's first special concert of the new season

Popular singer/songwriter Tracy Grammer headlines the year's first QCB special concert, to be held November 18 at 7:30 pm at the Leo Coffeehouse.

Originally from a musical family, Grammer's cousin played in Lawrence Welk's band, and her grandmothers and mother played keyboards and accordion. But it was her guitar playing father who was her first true musical inspiration.

"When dad used to get out his lap steel and electric guitars, we'd . . . sing country songs. I developed an ear for harmony early on and hardly ever sang the melody," she says.

At the age of nine, Grammer began choral and classical violin



Tracy Grammer

studies and led to regional and school orchestras until she left home for college.

During a semester off from college, she met Curtis Coleman, formerly of the New Christy

Minstrels, and together they performed at local venues. Performing revived a dormant part of Grammer, and she then took up the guitar, dusted off her violin and began to hone her craft in earnest.

Since 1998 Grammer has recorded eight CDs. Her solo *Flower of Avalon* CD was the #1 most-played album on folk radio for 2005. Mary Chapin Carpenter sings harmony on three cuts on the CD, which was produced by John Jennings, producer for Carpenter and Indigo Girls.

For ticket information, go to the Q C B website at <http://queencityballadeers.org>.

*Note: This article is reprinted from last month's issue of QCBFolkNotes.*

-Ed.

## Leo Sunday workshops get off to an excellent start

The Leo Sunday workshops started in September and will continue throughout the season until May 2012.

Each workshop is held on a Sunday at 5:30 pm prior to the start of the concert for that day.

All workshop presenters are individuals who are experienced in various subjects relating to singing, songwriting and instrument playing and are ready to pass along some of their knowledge and to answer questions to help attendees become more familiar with the topic at hand.

This season's schedule continues monthly and includes the following upcoming workshops:

October 30—Appalachian Ballad Singing, Susan

Pepper.

November 13—Songwriting, Anthony Snape

December 18—Banjo, Greg Jowaisas

January 15—Slide Guitar, Greg Schaber

February—to be announced

March—to be announced

April 1—Harmony Singing, Ann and Phil Case

May—to be announced

Ongoing—The QCB Songwriters' Collaborative, second Sunday of each month

Reservations are not needed. All workshops are free for QCB members and \$5 for non-members, so why not purchase a yearly QCB membership and attend all workshops for free all season long?

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## Queen City Balladeers

### Board of Trustees Election Ballot

For offices November 1, 2011—October 31, 2012

For President:

Eric Hansen

Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

For Vice President:

Pete Armstrong

Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

For Secretary:

Pam Temple

Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

For Treasurer:

Bruce Fogwell

Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

For Historian:

Chuck Black

Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

*Please vote for only one candidate for each position. You may write in candidates for any position, and that will be considered as a vote for that person. Give your ballot to any QCB board member by Sunday, October 30, 2011 or mail to QCB Election, P.O. Box 9122, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209. Winning candidates will be announced in the November 2011 issue of QCBFolkNotes.*

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