

SPRING 2009

~ Mount Holly Reed ~

PINELANDS FOLK MUSIC CENTER

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Welcome to the Pinelands Folk Music Center

We are all excited about the up and coming season. With the arrival of Spring, we at Pinelands Folk Music and Basketry are looking forward to the pleasant weather with both fresh and familiar faces joining us. The "Dulcimer Guy," Rich is going to the Mandolin Camp to work and build on his skill while instructing others on the craft of playing the mandolin.. Rich is now running the music center full time and offers classes on several folk music instruments, while Mary continues to hold her basketry classes.

With the weather changing to sunny days, we are looking forward to holding several craft shows and music jam sessions.



Rich playing the Hammered Dulcimer.

We are preparing for the street light jams, where anyone and everyone is free to join in with Rich to play music or simply watch and enjoy the sounds. The street light jams are a wonderful way for other musicians and those who appreciate folk music from all over to meet, share, and play.

*Please call the shop or visit our store website for more information on music classes and street light jams.



The Art of Basketry

Mary Carty was a resident artisan at Tuckerton Seaport and continues to teach basketry lessons on Wednesday and Thursday nights at the shop. She is scheduled to teach at the Peter's Valley Craft Center this Spring. Her work can be seen on the store's website and purchased through the shop. She is always looking for innovative techniques to experiment with and extend to her students. Mary also does custom orders for those who are looking for a unique or specialized gift. With a limited amount of space, her classes are suited to meet the individual needs of

each student; she also opens the educational platform to guest instructors.

*For more information on the basketry classes and opportunities please call the shop or visit our website.

Mary working with one of her students during class.



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Special points of interest:

- Street Light Jams
- Workshops & Lessons
- Peters Valley Craft Center
- All American Festival
- Kentucky Music Week

WICK 'N' WAX

All of the spring scents are in at the center. We are also doing an Earth Day Special. Buy a special Earth Day 16oz Aloe Vera, Eucalyptus Lavender, or Earthly Embrace and get a 4.5oz. Free. Your choice of scent. This is a great way to try out some of the new scents. Bean Pod added a few new scents for the spring and summer. Aloe Vera, Solitude, and Honeysuckle are now available in 4.5oz. Bean pod candles are 100% stabilized soy, and 98 % soot free; we carry these candles in several jar sizes as well as tea lights and soy beads for tart burners. Using the soy beads allows you to experiment and combine scents. We also have some new lines of candles coming in this spring

Along with several seasonal candles and accessories, Pineland's also carries wood wick, lotion, and natural salt candles. Wood wick candles have a unique wooden wick that when burned sounds like a crackling camp fire. Natural salt candles are cleansing as well as decorative and lotion candles are soy based candles that have a low melting point; the wax is rich in Vitamin E and doubles as a lotion.

Whatever your particular taste or need there is sure to be a candle or several at Pineland's to suit what you are looking for. The scents and collections are added to continuously so be sure to stop in for your favorite candle and to see what is new. Whether it is a gift or for your own personal enjoyment, the variety and quality of the candles here at Pineland's are sure to please all the senses.



*Bean Pod Candles
Full Line of new Spring Scents
100% Soy*

All American Festival ☆ June 13th 2009 ☆

On Saturday June 13th, 2009 the Mill Race Village will be hosting the first All American Festival from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. There will be plenty of entertainment for the entire family. For children and those young at heart there will be such attractions as a pet parade, fire truck rides, and much more. Jazz music will fill the streets with sound and a street light jam will be held as the evening progresses. A beer garden will be housed outside of The Spirit of Christmas.

Pinelands Folk Music Center will be the host of a pie contest. The contest is open to everyone; the entry fee is five dollars. There will be three jurors who will rate each pie's taste and presentation. There will be a total of seven prizes and commendations will be awarded; four of the prizes will carry monetary value in Mill Race dollars.

*Look for our upcoming Summer Newsletter for further details.



*Life is Short, Eat Dessert
First!*

We will be accepting donations of canned goods and non-perishable products for the Food Bank throughout the month of June. Drop off areas include Pinelands Folk Music Center, The Bookery, Earth Angel, Teddies, and The "little" sewing shop.

Music By The Bay Festival

☆ www.musicatbarnegetbay.com ☆

In November, the Third annual Music By The Bay Festival will be underway; this will be the Pineland's third year attending the festivities. We have added more workshops for basketry and folk music.

Special guests and workshop leaders include Lorraine and Bennett Hammond, who specialize in the mountain dulcimer and guitar. A new addition to the festival will be the skill and talent of Rick Thum, a hammered dulcimer crafts-



man and performer.

The Music By The Bay Festival is filled with music, crafts, and fun. It has always been an enjoyable experience for us here at Pineland's, as it gives us the opportunity to teach, perform, share, and exchange with others.

For more information on the festival please visit their website www.musicatbarnegetbay.com

Sticking Together to Weather the Storm

By Steven R. Carty

With our country's current financial crisis hurting both the consumer and merchant, now more than ever a sense of community is important. In an economic atmosphere that might otherwise breed dog eat dog attitudes among businesses, two Mount Holly shops are sticking together. Pinelands Folk Music Center and The Bookery LLC have collaborated with one another in such a time.

These two neighboring Mill Race Shops have found many ways to work with one another amidst the economic uncertainty. Both of the shops offer reciprocal discounts. They offer their time to one another when needed.

A system of bartering and borrowing has helped enhance each store, while building a stronger sense of community.

This sense of community also extends into both shops' loyal following of customers. At Pinelands, basketry students help at the shop with classes and reed dyeing as well as aiding one another with their projects. The folk musicians who frequent the shop are also very involved. Here seasoned musicians mingle with the students and novices, all of who come to enjoy the affordable workshops and free jam sessions. This is the sense of community that keeps a society standing strong and together in such turbulent

*"History is a record of Discomforts
And the efforts made
To relieve discomforts."
- Hugh H. Campbell*

times.

The relationship between consumers and independent businesses has been the cornerstone of American financial stability and innovative progress. In a time when this fundamental idea is being tested, it is left to the consumers and merchants to keep the wind in the sails.

HARD TIMES COME AGAIN NO MORE

"Let us pause in life's pleasures, and count it's many tears, while we all sup sorrow with the poor. There's a song that will linger forever in our ears, Oh! Hard Times Come Again No More."

This is the title and first verse of one of the last songs by Stephen Foster. It came at the end of his life when lived in destitution. Will this become the anthem of today's economic times?

Perhaps we need to turn from our decade long binge of excess, and gravitate to the simpler pleasures of



Street Light Jam

yesteryear. Chat rooms were kitchens and living rooms. We had considerably less need to be connected to strangers,

BY RICHARD CARTY

and more of a need to be connected to neighbors.

We at Pineland's have stayed connected with people who enjoy personal interaction for thirty years now. They are musicians. They can be seen and heard interacting with one another from Medford to Waretown and from Tuckerton to Mount Holly. Feel free to join us at a "street light jam" at the Pineland's Folk Music Center. We even sing the song, "Hard Times Come Again No More!"

KENTUCKY MUSIC WEEK 2009

I have been attending the Kentucky Music Week for over twenty five years; I started as a student and now am an instructor at the event. Nancy Barker, the director of this function, organizes workshops, concerts, and jam sessions throughout one week in June.

At the festival there are several craft artisans and musicians. A hotel and local campground are both available for lodging. There are also camps for teens and children. There are classes on musical instruments

WWW.KENTUCKYMUSICWEEK.COM

such as the dulcimer, mandolin, fiddle, and much more. The art of stained glass and other fine skills are shared through workshops.

Kentucky Music Week has been a tradition in my family and I still look forward to attending even after so many years. It gives me the opportunity to share my work with others and expand my skill by learning from others.

*For more information on this event please visit their website and look to

By Mary V. Carty



*Mary teaching a
basket workshop at KMW*

our upcoming Summer newsletter for further details.

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Store Hours
Wednesday
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday
10:00 - 6:00 PM
Sunday
12:00 - 4:00 PM


**Greater Pinelands
Dulcimer Society Inc.**

**Candle Sale- buy one earth day 16
oz Bean pod candle and get any
4.5 oz Bean pod candle for free.**



Mill Race Shops

Earth Angel
The Bookery
Pinelands Folk Music
Center
The Robin's Nest
TLC Interiors
Silver Lining
Teddies
Home Fine Art
The "little" Sewing Shop
Spirit of Christmas
The Village Quilter
Liberty Belle Glassworks
Whitelight Spiritual Arts



www.millraceshops.com

The Bookery LLC

An eclectic setting in a time-less building (The Thomas Budd House circa 1744), The Bookery LLC delivers comfort, style, and quality to those who walk through the door. Oversized classic chairs stand awaiting along side book shelves, inviting you to take a seat and lose yourself in the world of literature. With local authors such as Dennis C. Rizzo, Jan Lynn Bastien, John Nagy, and others side by side with national titles, The Bookery LLC holds the perfect balance of classical, historical, and regional literature. Nonfiction, fiction, fantasy, nature, and science are just a few of the many genres that add to the literary kaleidoscope; it is truly a place that has a little bit of everything.

The children's room offers a wide range of toys, books, and learning tools. The variety of merchandise and quality of product are sure to impress

www.thebookeryllc.com

the parents, while inspiring the children.

En route from the children's room, a corridor of quotations leads into a quaint study, which offers space for your mind to wander and your eyes to feast. Whether you find yourself drawn to the antiquity of the desk, the shelves of books, or the finer details of wooden chests and wall décor, you are bound to feel intrigued and inspired.

All throughout the shop one can find unique products. There are handcrafted items such as reader's wraps and children's attire. A nautical display of models, toys, and crafts oversees the children's room. There is also an extensive supply of calligraphic tools and kits; for those who desire to improve upon their craft of calligraphy or expand their art of handwriting there are classes available. For more informa-



tion on calligraphy classes contact The Bookery LLC by phone or inquire in person.

Just as the Bookery LLC's motto defines itself as a place "where a good book is always waiting for you," one must agree that this shop holds true to that statement and much, much more!

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