



Winter 2019/2020



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# quarter NOTES

*A Tonic For Modern Ills!*

## Operational Support Grant

By Pamela 'Peach' Burke

Wheatland Music Organization was pleased to be awarded an Operational Support grant by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). The \$18,000 award will help us meet our mission of serving as a regional resource center for the preservation and presentation of traditional music and arts. A portion of the award was made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The funding will strengthen the overall organization by helping 300+ artists share their creative expression and toward administrative and other costs necessary to enrich lives with quality traditional arts programs during 2020. Wheatland offers a wealth of arts experiences – the annual Wheatland Music Festival, Traditional Arts Weekend, Summer Wheat and Winter Wheat, monthly dances, jamborees, Wheatscouts, ongoing Community Education programming, Archiving and Scholarships. Wheatland's success reflects the work done by 3 paid staff, 13 board members, 1000+ volunteers and hundreds of donors and members.



"This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs."



a nonprofit charitable organization, all excess income goes back into strengthening the organization. You might consider making a legacy gift to carry Wheatland into the future:

1. Include us in your Will or Trust as a fixed amount or as a percentage of remaining assets.
2. Include us as a beneficiary in your retirement assets or as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy. You may be able to reduce your estate tax burden.
3. As a way to avoid Probate, your financial institution may allow you to add a "payable-on-death" (POD) or "transfer-on-death" (TOD) designation with Wheatland as your beneficiary on your bank accounts or Certificates of Deposit.
4. Consider a charitable gift annuity whereby you make a gift to a charity in exchange for a "stream of income." Because the interest rate received by the donor is based on the donor's age, a more mature donor will receive more income from the gift annuity than from a Certificate of Deposit or money market fund.
5. When you reach 70.5 years or older, you are required to make a required minimum distribution (RMD) from a tax deferred account like an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). If transferred directly to Wheatland without landing in your hands first, the amount you donate is not included as taxable income when figuring your taxes. At your direction, your IRA company can transfer an amount (up to \$100,000 per person, per year) directly from your account to Wheatland Music Organization, Inc. (EIN # 38-2176484) mailing it to P.O. Box 22, Remus, MI 49340.
6. Create a generational family plan. Let your children and grandchildren know how important Wheatland is to you and those you love.

### Your memberships and gifts sustain us.

Wheatland Music Organization is one of the most active investors in traditional arts in the nation. Each year we reach about 30,000 people through the festival, winter wheat, traditional arts weekend, camp, and community programs, scholarships, lessons, dances and more. As

# Wheat Futures '20

## January

Saturday, January 11

Wheatscouts

Juggling with Caleb Hofheinz  
Classroom Building, 11am – 1pm

WMO Jamboree  
The Cabin, 2 – 5 pm

Winter Wheat 11  
The Intersection, Grand Rapids  
1pm – Midnight

Tuesday, January 14  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Classroom Building, 7 pm

Saturday, January 18  
Traditional Contra Dance  
Music & Calling by Blue Water  
Ramblers  
\$5 Admission, 18 & Under = FREE  
Classroom Building, 7-10 pm

## February

Saturday, February 8

Wheatscouts

Songs of Woody Guthrie with Drew  
Nelson

Classroom Building, 11am – 1pm

WMO Jamboree  
The Cabin, 2 – 5 pm

Saturday, February 15  
Traditional Square & Contra Dance  
Music by Hawks and Owls, Calling  
by Polly  
\$5 Admission, 18 & Under = FREE  
Classroom Building, 7-10 pm

## March

Tuesday, March 10

Board of Directors Meeting  
Classroom Building, 7 pm

Tuesday, March 12  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Classroom Building, 7pm

Saturday, March 14  
Wheatscouts  
Music & Fun w/Blue Water  
Ramblers  
Classroom Building, 11am – 1pm

WMO Jamboree  
The Cabin, 2 – 5 pm

Saturday, March 21  
Traditional Squares & Contrás  
Music by Tinker's Folly, Led by  
Wally Ewing  
\$5 Admission, 18 & Under = FREE  
Classroom Building, 7-10 pm

## April

Saturday, April 11

Wheatscouts

Patchwork Pear  
Classroom Building, 11am – 1pm

WMO Jamboree  
The Cabin, 2-5pm

Tuesday, April 14  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Classroom Building, 7 pm

Saturday, April 18  
Traditional Square & Contra  
Dances  
Music by The Palooka Brothers,  
Calling by Dave Goodwin  
\$5 Admission, 18 & Under = FREE  
Classroom Building, 7-10 pm

Wheatland Music Organization Presents  
Winter Wheat 2020  
Saturday, January 11  
1:00 pm – Midnight  
A celebration of Traditional Music and Dance

### MAIN STAGE:

2:30-3:40 – CrossBow  
4:00-5:10 – Roosevelt Diggs  
5:20-6:30 – Full Cord  
6:50-8:00 – Cabildo  
8:20-9:30 – Kirk Jones & The Benzie Playboys  
9:50-11:00 – Front Country

### ACOUSTIC STAGE:

1:30-2:50 – Open Jam with Blue Water Ramblers  
3:10-4:20 – Ruth & Max Bloomquist  
4:40-5:50 – Palooka Brothers  
6:10-8:50 – Earthworks Collective with Mark  
Lavengood, Seth Bernard, Jen Sygit, Will See, Dede  
Alder, Nicholas James Thomasma & Sam Cooper

## Contra & Square Dances

Come with or without a partner.  
All dances taught.  
\$5 admission – 18 & under Free

January 18  
Music & Calling by Blue Water Ramblers  
February 15  
Music by Hawks and Owls, Calling by Polly  
March 21  
Music by Tinkers Folly, Calling by Mark and Friends  
April 18  
Music by Palooka Brothers, Calling by Dave  
Goodwin

### SAVE THE DATE

6th Annual Summer Wheat  
(Wheatland Music Camp)

June 18-21, 2020

(Arrival & Orientation June 17, 2020)

Full Camp or Daily Options available

All meals & snacks included. Shower facilities available. Free  
camping on site. Limited electrical hook-ups are available for  
purchase.

Updates will be available at

[wheatlandmusic.org/Wheatland-music-camp](http://wheatlandmusic.org/Wheatland-music-camp)

### 2020 Volunteer Training Dates:

May 16, 2020 • August 1, 2020

Volunteer Appreciation Concert

Details coming soon!

### 2020 TICKET INFORMATION for the 47th ANNUAL WHEATLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Once again, paid members, or those purchasing a  
membership, may purchase tickets in May equal to  
the number of discounted tickets per membership  
level. Those tickets will go on sale May 1, 2020  
and may be purchased by calling the WMO office,  
Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, or mailing in an  
order form.

Tickets for the general public will go on sale June 1,  
2020, and will be available through our online store,  
by calling the office, or mailing in an order form.

**Ticket ages are:** Under 5 = Free  
Ages 5-12 = Child's Ticket Ages 13-59 = Adult Ticket  
Ages 60 and up = Senior Ticket

As always, first come first serve camping is included  
in the price of your ticket.

Winter Wheat - January 11, 2020  
Traditional Arts Weekend - May 22-24, 2020  
Summer Wheat – June 18-21, 2020  
Wheatland Music Festival – September 11-13, 2020

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