



July 2025

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NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION

The Hiawatha Music Non-Profit Corporation is organized exclusively to provide and promote traditional music and dance, educate and inform society on traditional American music and encourage the appreciation of such music through the facility of an annual traditional music festival. All operations are exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and for the promotion of social welfare.

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MUSIC MORE FUN
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Greetings, Friends!

A Letter from the Board President



Here we go!

Forty-five festivals and counting. It is hard to believe that what started with a meeting of a dozen or so folks in 1978 has grown to what we are today. What is even harder to believe is that while I was at that first meeting, it's taken this long for me to finally climb the ladder up to President! It has been a wonderful trip so far.

This year, Hiawatha is entering into a new era. The recent hiring of Candice Blackstone-Larson as a full-time Executive Director will allow us to embark on projects that previously were not feasible. Candice and Sarah Gimpl (our Social Media & Creative Content Manager) have already made a major impact on our day-to-day activities and have expanded our capabilities.

We have extended our office hours, expanded our services and are increasing the use of the Fold. The Fold has become an integral part of the community for a variety of events. Look at the online calendar and you'll find the Slow Fiddle jam, the Phil Watts Old Time jam, the Marquette Ukulele Group, Songwriter's Woodshed, as well as occasional concerts and community events.

When thinking of the Fold, our move is owed, in no small part, to the vision and hard work of Susan Divine, our previous ED. Susan continues to contribute from afar, especially when we have painted ourselves into a tight corner. Stepping away from the Fold for a bit, the Events Committee is the driving force for events held at the Fold as well as in the community. Monthly HoTap (Hiawatha On Tap) concerts at the Ore Dock, Music on Third, Art Week concerts, plus many other events in the community throughout the year. They meet all year long and are creating great programs.

You may have heard we are recent proud owners of a [not] new semi trailer! Our old trailer was neither safe nor sound. Last year the brakes needed work just to get the trailer to the festival and after it was parked for the winter, a door hinge broke. Lee Ossenhimer stepped up and took care of the entire process of acquisition and disposal! So here we are.

Our first full-time employee, building rent and a [not] new semi are some of the rewards reaped from funding that has come through grants written for us by Heather Picotte and the grants team, who have done an amazing job helping us secure a variety of funding. But... [A big but here] that doesn't cover it all. The Festival generates income, some of the events do, some don't. Like everything else in this world, the more funding we have, the more we can do. Make sure your membership is up to date and if you have a few dollars to spare, maybe upgrade your membership or heck, just send us a check!

OK, groveling is over. It is a great time to be at the helm. We have wonderful staff, a great space and a cohesive Board. My job is easy. But, my job is easy thanks to those that have been in this position before me. My Unconditional Positive Regard to them and to you.

With gratitude,

Tom Dummer

45th Annual Hiawatha Music Festival



Meet you there! Let's
Make Some Memories

Don't forget
Tokens!



Build a
campfire!



Pitch a
tent!



Bring the kids!



Grab your raffle tickets
for great prizes!



Can't Miss Favorites: Jumbo
Pretzels & Mini Donuts



45TH ANNUAL HIAWATHA TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Get your HMC exclusive 45th Annual
Festival T-shirt & Other Great
Merchandise!

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Teen Scene

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

Henna Tattoos, Camp Signs, Peace Flags

Dance Tent

7:00 PM | Brittany Haas & Nic Gariess

8:45 PM | Cold Springs

10:30 PM | Black Jake & The Carnies



MARQUETTE TOURIST PARK

45TH ANNUAL HIAWATHA TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Main Stage

11:00 AM
OPEN MIC

12:30 PM
Stina Jackson

1:45 PM
Who Dat Brass

3:00 PM
Brittany Haas & Nic
Gareiss

4:20 PM
Crys Matthews

5:35 PM
Breabach

6:55 PM
Joe Robinson

8:15 PM
Mulebone

9:40 PM
Pixie & The
Partygrass Boys

11:05 PM
Tony Trischka's
Earl Jam Ft.
Michael Daves

Dance Tent

8:30 - 9:45 AM
Yoga w/ Barb Knox
& Jim Pennell

10:00 - 11:15 AM
Morris Dancing w/
Marquette Morris
Dancers

Outside Dance Tent

10:00 - 11:30 AM
Aerial: Fabric, Lyra,
Trapeze w/ AJ
Sheirkolk

12:30 - 2:00 PM
Aerial: Fabric, Lyra,
Trapeze w/ AJ
Sheirkolk

Dance Tent

11:30 - 12:45 PM
Swing w/ Janell &
Brian Larson &
Who Dat Brass
Band

1:00 - 2:15 PM
Middle Eastern w/
Carrie Biolo &
Shannon Whitehouse
& Maggie Barch

2:30 - 3:45 PM
Scottish Step
Dancing w/
Breabach

4:00 - 5:15 PM
Contra/Square
Dance w/ Dave
Goodwin & Cold
Springs Band

Workshops

9:00 - 10:00 AM
Rise Up Singing w/
Delight Lester &
Larry Gephart

10:15 - 11:15 AM
Songs of Peace &
Protest w/ Crys
Matthews & Michael
Waite

11:30 - 12:30 PM
Play Well With
Others w/ Pixie &
The Partygrass Boys

12:45 - 1:45 PM
Delta Blues w/
Mulebone

2:00 - 3:00 PM
Guitar & Vocals
w/ Joe Robinson &
Michael Daves

3:15 - 4:15 PM
Songwriting
Workshop w/ Andy
Langlois, Brian
Wallen & Derrell
Syria

4:30 - 5:30 PM
Fiddle & Banjo
Workshop w/ Tony
Trischka & Brittany
Haas

5:45 - 6:45 PM
Fiddle & Dance w/
Brittany Haas & Nic
Gareiss

Beach Tent

10:00 - 11:00 AM
Harmony Workshop
w/ Morski

11:15 - 12:15 PM
Eastern Kentucky
Songs via Bradley
Kincaid w/ John
Hatton

12:30 - 2:30 PM
Old Time Jam w/
Bruce Bauman

3:00 - 4:00 PM
Basic Fiddle Improv
w/ Janis Peterson &
Dave Bett

4:15 - 5:15 PM
Beginning Ukulele
Workshop w/ Ben
Hassenger

5:30 - 6:45 PM
Hiawatha Relaxation
Station w/ Nic
Shereé & Shaina
Levee

Teen Scene

12:00 - 6:00 PM
CRAFTS AND
ACTIVITIES

12:00 PM
UKULELE WORKSHOP
Luke Guindon
Under the Song Tree

1:00 - 3:00 PM
Tie Dye (Bring your
own or purchase T-
Shirts/Bandanas at
the Merch tent)

2:00 - 3:00 PM
CHASIN' STEEL -
WORKSHOP JAM
Under the Song Tree

3:00 - 4:00 PM
ORGANGRINDERS -
WORKSHOP JAM
Under the Song Tree

5:30 - 6:30 PM
SETH BROWN DUO -
SONGWRITERS
SHOWCASE
Under the Dance
Tent

Teen Dance

8:00 - 10:00 PM
CHASIN' STEEL

10:00 - 12:00 AM
ORGANGRINDERS

Children's Area

10:00 AM
MSO Fiddle Flash
Mob

11:00 AM
Troy Graham

12:00 PM
Cloverland

1:00 PM
Corinne Rockow

2:00 PM
Frank Youngman's
Kids Open Mic

3:00 PM
Papa Crow

4:00 PM
Luunappi

Children's Craft Area

10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Tie Dying - All Day.
Purchase your Kids
T-shirt at the
Merchandise Tent,
and bring it over to
the Children's Crafts
Tent to add pizzazz!

10:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Face Art, Pinwheel
Making and Fairy
Crowns



MARQUETTE TOURIST PARK
JULY 18-20 2025

45TH ANNUAL HIAWATHA TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Main Stage

11:00 AM
OPEN MIC

12:25 PM
Make-Believe Spurs

1:35 PM
Mulebone

2:45 PM
Crys Matthews

3:40 PM
KID'S PARADE

4:05 PM
Joe Robinson

5:10 PM
Breabach

6:25 PM
Tony Trischka's
Earl Jam Ft.
Michael Daves

7:40 PM
Black Jake & The
Carnies

9:05 PM
Pixie & The
Partygrass Boys

Dance Tent

8:30 - 9:30 AM
Yoga w/ Barb Knox
& Jim Pennell

9:45 - 11:30 AM
Gospel Hour w/
Crys Matthews,
Make Believe
Spurs, M. Daves &
F. Youngman

Outside Dance Tent

10:00 - 11:30 AM
Aerial: Fabric, Lyra,
Trapeze w/ AJ
Sheirkolk

12:30 - 2:00 PM
Aerial: Fabric, Lyra,
Trapeze w/ AJ
Sheirkolk

Dance Tent

11:45 - 1:00 PM
Contra/Square w/
Dave Goodwin &
Cold Springs Band

1:15 - 2:30 PM
Highland Fling w/
Breabach & Heather
Dombrowski

Workshops

11:45 - 12:45 PM
Rise Up Singing w/
Larry Gephart &
Delight Lester

1:00 - 2:00 PM
Songwriting
Showcase w/ Stina
Jackson, Michael
Waite & Derrell Syria

2:15 - 3:15 PM
Trad Under Cover w/
Pixie & the
Partygrass Boys

3:30 - 4:30 PM
Making Music with
Trees w/ Tom Wall

4:45 - 5:45 PM
How To Be a Carny
w/ Black Jake & the
Carnies

6:00 - 7:00 PM
Guitar Workshop:
Slide & Fingerstyle
w/ Mulebone & Joe
Robinson

Beach Tent

11:30 - 12:30 PM
Songs of Da UP Eh w/
Morski

12:30 - 1:30 PM
Become One with the
Strum w/ Ben
Hassenger

1:45 - 2:45 PM
Twin Fiddles w/
Janis Peterson &
Jaime Kitchell

3:00 - 4:00 PM
Crooked Tunes w/
John Hatton

4:15 - 5:30 PM
Hiawatha Relaxation
Station w/ Nic
Shereé & and Shaina
Levee

Teen Scene

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
CRAFTS AND
ACTIVITIES

12:00 PM
UKULELE WORKSHOP
Luke Guindon
Under the Song Tree

2:00 PM
ZACH LANCASTER -
APPALACHIAN
BANJO WORKSHOP
Under the Song Tree

2:00 - 4:00 PM
TIE DYE (if supplies
last)
(Bring your own or
purchase T-
Shirts/Bandanas at
the Merch tent)

Children's Area

11:00 AM
Troy Graham

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Yooptone Musical
Petting Zoo

12:00 PM
Corinne Rockow

1:00 PM
Cloverland

2:00 PM
Luunappi

3:15 PM
Frank Youngman &
the Kids Music
Parade

Children's Craft Area

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
All Day Rock painting
& Instrument-
making (for the Kids
Parade)



MARQUETTE TOURIST PARK
JULY 18-20 2025



Festival Reminders

Onsite Ticket Sales Available in the Jacobetti Lot

As a reminder, tickets are available beginning at 8 AM on Friday, July 18th in the Jacobetti Parking Lot, across from the Tourist Park entrance. Tickets are not available at the Main or Back gates. Gates open at 1 PM on Friday.

Parking & Shuttle Information Provided

There is no parking on the Festival Grounds except for those with Handicapped Tags or Plates and those who have purchased a \$125 Parking Permit. The Jacobetti Center [Career and Technology Center], on the Northern Michigan University [NMU] campus, opens for the lineup at 8 AM on Friday of the Festival. The lot, located across from Tourist Park on Sugar Loaf Ave., is open for weekend parking Friday through Sunday at Midnight. Please note that there is no parking on the grass - NMU will tow vehicles for parking in grassy areas. NMU has generously allowed us to use this lot; please help us to be good stewards by keeping things clean and avoiding parking in grassy areas so we can continue to use them.

Those wishing to come into town early can park overnight in Lot 14 starting on Thursday and move to the Jacobetti lot Friday morning [no more lining up for days ahead of time]. The lineup begins Friday at 8 AM at the Jacobetti Center. HMC does not have designated parking at the Kaufman Sports Complex this year.

As a reminder, in addition to the Jacobetti Center, parking is available in two other areas: NMU Lot 22 - Take Wright Street/Sugarloaf Ave. roundabout northbound onto Sugarloaf Ave. Day and Overnight Parking available. Vehicles must be removed by Sunday at midnight. NMU Lot 14 - Take Wright Street/Sugar Loaf Ave. roundabout southbound onto Tracey Ave. NMU Lot 14 is just inside the NMU Campus on the left. Day and Overnight Parking available. Vehicles must be removed by Sunday at midnight. Festival Grounds Entrances are located at the 550 Gate [Hawley St.], Sugar Loaf Gate, or the Back Gate on Enterprise Drive. Walkers/Cyclists can enter at any of the three gates. Must have a wristband to enter. Handicap Parking is available on Festival grounds by Sugar Loaf Ave. entrance. Must have a handicap tag, plate, or special HMC parking pass. Directions will be provided onsite to the designated parking areas. Shuttle services are available from Checker Cab.

Let's Ride Safe! E-Bike Guidelines & Children's Bicycle Safety Training

Traditional bikes and e-bikes are always favorite options for getting from one place to another while at Festival! As a reminder, e-bikes are welcome on Festival grounds provided that the rider is 18 years of age or older and they strictly avoid the use of the throttle while on Tourist Park/Festival grounds. This will help keep extraneous noise to a minimum while ensuring the safety of walkers and other cyclists on park roads and paths.

HMC will again offer Bike Safety classes this year for children using their bikes on Festival grounds. Bring your helmet, bike, and watch for updates on bike safety sessions Friday, 6 PM & Saturday, 10 AM while at the Festival.

Medical Services and Emergency Response Guidelines

If you encounter a minor medical issue while at the Festival, HMC has a Medical Services Tent available to help! Located between concessions and the main stage, staffed with physicians and nurses, the Medical Services Tent is stocked with everyday medical supplies for your minor medical needs. If you encounter a medical emergency that requires an ambulance, please inform dispatch to have the ambulance use the Enterprise Gate [located next to Closner Construction at 2050 Enterprise St.] to gain the fastest access to the individual[s] in need of assistance.

Pet Guidelines Provided

To ensure the safety of Festival attendees as well as our beloved furry friends, HMC reminds Festival goers that only ADA Service Animals are approved/permitted on Festival grounds. Pets, emotional support animals, and therapy animals are not allowed.

Visit www.hiawathamusic.org for more information.

WEEKEND GATE TICKET PRICING [July 18th-20th]:

Adults/Seniors/Teens: \$150

Children [ages 6-12]: \$10

Children [ages 5 and under]: FREE

SINGLE DAY PRICING

[no matter when you purchase]:

Friday Night Dance Only: \$45

Saturday or Sunday Only: \$80

Children [ages 6-12]: \$10

Children [ages 5 and under]: FREE

WEEKEND CAMPING PRICING:

Shade Structure Tag: \$55

Tent Camping Tag: \$75

Campers [up to 20 feet]: \$90 - SOLD OUT

Campers [21 feet to 30 feet]: \$110 - SOLD OUT

Parking Pass: \$125

TICKET REMINDER:

Planning to bring a teen or child to the festival? Please remember that all Teens [13-17] and Children [6-12] tickets must be purchased alongside an Adult ticket. For everyone's safety and a smooth festival experience, anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and cannot attend or camp on their own. Thanks for helping us keep Hiawatha family-friendly!

Join us at the 45th Annual Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival



Your Gateway to Family Fun!

Where do I find....?



- Entry Gates ★
- Ticket Booth T
- Info Tent i
- Handicap Entrance ♿
- Medical Tent +
- Parking Lots P
- Shuttle Access S

Check out our Festival Map!

Happy Hiawatha!





Festival Memories

Now: 2025...

Today, the festival brings together more than 3,500 attendees, 400 volunteers, hundreds of musicians, and artisans at Tourist Park in Marquette, Michigan.



Traditional music lovers came together for the first Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival in 1979 in the Hiawatha National Forest in Champion, Michigan. The first gathering brought together a few hundred participants.

Then: 1979...

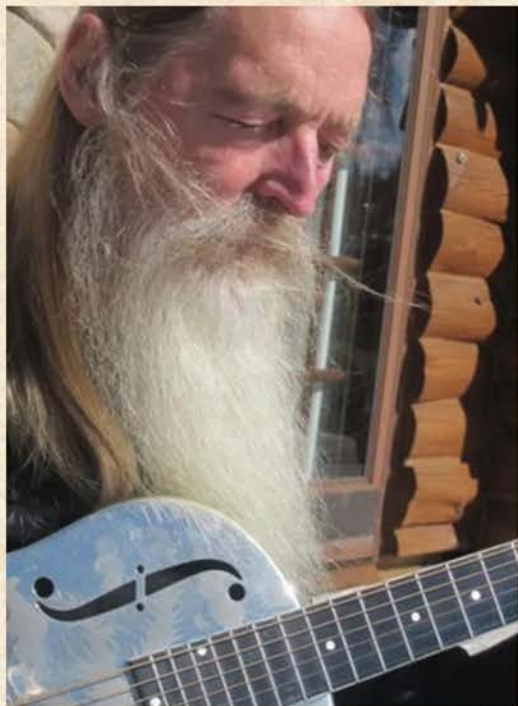


The very first Gospel Hour - on a flatbed truck! Left to right: Jim Sigler, Frank Youngman, Alan Senauke, Howie Tarnower, Dave Ross, Mike Seeger, Art Theme, Karrie Potter, Sue Hammond, Marcie Marxer, Becca Sarow and an unidentified person.



In the News

Master Artist Series



HMC Receives Grant for Master Artist Series Michigan's Troubadour Neil Woodward to Perform

HMC recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Marquette County. Through the grant, HMC will offer a Master Artist series featuring Michigan's Troubadour, Neil Woodward, in October 2025. The event will feature special concerts, workshops and educational visits to area schools and youth services. Watch for additional details!



community foundation
of Marquette County
For good. For ever.™



A Taste of Festival



Shout out to the folks at Blackrocks Brewery for brewing up another fresh Hiawatha Ale! A special beer release on July 3, 2025, at Blackrocks Brewery provided Festival and beer enthusiasts a chance to sample the new libation. Traditional music group, Cold Springs provided participants a sampling of festival music as they grabbed tickets and renewed their membership.

This year's beer featured a classic German Style Kölsch, a hybrid ale/lager style that is known for its soft and bready notes paired with spicy hops offering a clean and refreshing finish. A portion of Hiawatha Ale proceeds helps to support the festival. Be sure to grab this limited edition offering while it lasts!

SAVE THE DATE

Music on Third is Back!

August 21st - The Feltliners Duo
September 18th - Bayou Chocolat

Outside the Hiawatha Fold on Third Street
6-9 PM - Expanded Hours



More News

HIAWATHA PRE-FEST CONCERT



Youngman & Oldmen

ORE DOCK BREWING CO
JULY 10TH. 2025

Youngman & Oldmen Entertain at Pre-Fest with Children's Parade Sneak Peek Held Following Day

Youngman & Oldmen plucked away on the Ore Dock patio under a canopy, the evening sun beating down, on an exquisite July night. Crowds of people gathered to catch up with family and friends, buy their advanced Festival tickets or renew their HMC memberships and mingle to the rich melodies of our bearded, laid-back, string instrument-playing trio. Their earthy, Michigan roots-style tunes enticing the listeners to remember a simpler time, as the stresses of the day melted away. UP foodie's fan-favorite, Smelted, even joined the fun. Nothing says U.P. like HMC, good "smelt" and great beer!

PRE-FEST KIDS PARADE

JULY 11TH 6-7:30 PM

LOWER HARBOR PARK

BY THE PLAYGROUND

Make instruments, shakers, and get a taste of the Hiawatha Kids Parade tradition!

WITH FRANK YOUNGMAN



Final Art Week Offers Tales from the Land and Lake Amid Storm Threat

With thunderstorms looming, the opening concert for the final Art Week celebration got underway at the Marquette Commons Open Space. This free event showcased some of HMC's Songwriter's Woodshed favorites, singing original works about the UP's breathtaking natural features, her people, her strength, and resilience. While potential storms kept some people away, those attending were treated to heartfelt, traditional music-style melodies, created by our neighbors about this beautiful area that we call home.

Special thanks
to our 2025
Art Week
sponsors:





Membership Packages

2025 Membership Information



MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

HIAWATHA MUSIC CO-OP
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2025

MEMBERSHIP IS EASY!

PURCHASE OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT:

- THE ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING
- HIAWATHAMUSIC.ORG/MEMBERSHIP
- ONE OF OUR MANY EVENTS
- THE HIAWATHA OFFICE - "THE FOLD"
- WHILE PURCHASING FESTIVAL TICKETS
- FESTIVAL MEMBERSHIP TENT

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS ARE STILL GOOD!

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING OR PURCHASING A MEMBERSHIP LEVEL WHICH PROVIDES CONTINUED SUPPORT TO YEAR-ROUND HIAWATHA MUSIC CO-OP EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING.

QUESTIONS?

EMAIL HIAWATHAMC@GMAIL.COM TODAY!
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(906) 226-8575

**ASK ABOUT OUR MEMBER
REFERRAL GIFT!**

ALL MEMBERSHIPS INCLUDE:

- A vote in the Annual Board Elections
- Subscription to the Hiawatha Digital Newsletter
- Hiawatha Music Library access
- Hiawatha Music Co-op sticker/decal

UKULELE MEMBERSHIP - \$45/YEAR

- \$5 discount on 1 Festival weekend wristband

FIDDLE MEMBERSHIP - \$125/YEAR

- HMC mug (pick up at Festival or office)
- Festival Poster
- \$10 discount on up to 2 Festival weekend wristbands

MANDOLIN MEMBERSHIP - \$250/YEAR

- HMC mug (pick up at Festival or office)
- Festival Poster
- Free Hiawatha Vintage T-shirt
- \$15 discount on up to 4 Festival weekend wristbands

BANJO MEMBERSHIP - \$350/YEAR

- HMC mug (pick up at Festival or office)
- Festival Poster
- Free Hiawatha Vintage T-shirt
- \$20 discount on up to 4 Festival weekend wristbands
- Up to 4 free children's Festival weekend wristbands

GUITAR MEMBERSHIP - \$750/YEAR

- HMC mug (pick up at Festival or office)
- Festival Poster
- 2 Free Hiawatha Vintage T-shirts
- 1 Parking Pass for the Festival
- Up to 6 free children or teen Festival weekend wristbands
- \$50 discount on up to 4 Festival weekend wristbands
- 10% off of all Hiawatha branded merchandise

STAND UP BASS MEMBERSHIP - \$1,500/YEAR

- HMC mug (pick up at Festival or office)
- Festival Poster
- 4 Free Hiawatha Vintage T-shirts
- 1 Parking Pass for the Festival
- Up to 8 Free children or teen Festival weekend wristbands
- Up to 4 free Festival wristbands and free admission to all other Hiawatha events
- 20% off of all Hiawatha branded merchandise
- Program recognition
- Free one-hour concert featuring a Hiawatha-connected musician at your event



Fridge-Worthy Events

Upcoming Events

July

18-20

45th Annual Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival

Local, State & National Traditional Music Artists
Times Vary, Tourist Park, Marquette

23

Marquette Ukulele Group

6-7:30 pm The Fold, 1015 N. Third St, #9, Marquette

August

3

Jams

Slow Fiddle Jam, 1-3 pm
Phil Watts Old Timey Jam, 3-5 pm
The Fold, 1015 N. Third St, #9, Marquette

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Jams

Slow Fiddle Jam, 1-3 pm
Phil Watts Old Timey Jam, 3-5 pm
The Fold, 1015 N. Third St, #9, Marquette

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Music on Third

The Feltliner Duo, 6-9 pm
The Fold, 1015 N. Third St, #9, Marquette

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Marquette Ukulele Group

6-7:30 pm The Fold, 1015 N. Third St, #9, Marquette

September

7

Jams

Slow Fiddle Jam, 1-3 pm
Phil Watts Old Timey Jam, 3-5 pm
The Fold, 1015 N. Third St, #9, Marquette

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Music on Third

Bayou Chocolat, 6-9 pm
The Fold, 1015 N. Third St, #9, Marquette

21

Jams

Slow Fiddle Jam, 1-3 pm
Phil Watts Old Timey Jam, 3-5 pm
The Fold, 1015 N. Third St, #9, Marquette

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Marquette Ukulele Group

6-7:30 pm The Fold, 1015 N. Third St, #9, Marquette

Come Join Us!

Watch for schedule changes
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