



**Cleveland  
Blues Society**

# Blue Notes

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## Mission Statement

The Cleveland Blues Society is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote awareness and appreciation for the blues. Through our alliance, we endeavor to provide more opportunities for fans to see quality local and national blues artists. Additionally, we will provide educational workshops and preserve the history of the blues in our area.

## *Featured Article*

Spring is here! Cleveland has seen a very cold winter, but we can safely say that the music has been hot. Not only have we been privileged to have every week-end filled with choices for live music, but the opportunities are growing. As we start our plans for spring and summer activities, the outdoor venues will be an added attraction. There are many area summer concerts held by the local communities, festivals, and venues with outdoor patios. CBS is excited to be able to support our local bands in all of these venues.

The CBS board is very busy. Not only are we planning the events for the year, but we have launched the Blue Notes bi-monthly newsletter, are in the middle of a membership renewal campaign, planning what is a great opportunity we have been given to showcase our organization and member musicians through our participation in the Cuyahoga County Fair, and are improving our communications and services to our membership.

We have revamped our Face Book page to a group page so as to accommodate more people accessing it, we are working on an online store to purchase CBS merchandise, and we are enhancing the information that will be housed on our website to include a calendar and other enhancements.

As we publish this issue, we have our next five monthly jams scheduled; April will see us at Scoundrels in Berea with hosts Blues Chronicles, May brings us back to Grillers in Parma, with Wayne Bell and the Superstars, June finds us at The Beachland Ballroom Tavern with the Patrick McLaughlin Band, and in July you will find us at the Sunset Grille.

Our 2nd Blues Cruise is booked for July 14, 2014. Tickets will be available on-line for current CBS members April 18th. This was a great event last year and it will prove to be again this year. There were so many people who were unable to get their tickets last year, since the boat is limited to 800 people. For those of you who can't attend the Blues Cruise, don't get tickets, or are land lovers, we will host our regular monthly Jam for July that same evening July 14, 2014. CBS wants everyone to be a part of our fun, especially our musician jammers and encourage Blues Cruisers to continue the party at the jam.

The Cleveland Blues Society is a vibrant and growing organization. We welcome your participation, support, and sponsorship. Please consider placing an advertisement in this newsletter, or one of our event programs, become a member, or volunteer for one of our projects. It is our appreciation for The Blues that brings us together. *Thank you for supporting live and local blues music.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

- 4/04 Sean Carney's Blues For A Cure at the Woodlands Backyard
- 4/04 Legendary Blues Roots Rock Band The Nighthawks @ Jilly's in Akron
- 4/04 & 4/05 Austin Walkin' Cane, ONE HEART WALKIN' - CD RELEASE PARTY WEEKEND!  
Fri. Apr. 4th - G.A.R. Hall - Peninsula, OH - 7:00pm  
Sat. Apr. 5th - Brothers Lounge - Cleveland, OH - 9:30pm  
AWC & The One Night Only Band!
- 4/05 Legendary Blues Roots Rock Band The Nighthawks at Wilberts
- 4/12 Jimmy Thackery and The Drivers at the Winchester Music Hall
- 4/14 Cleveland Blues Society Monthly Jam at Scoundrels in Berea with Blues Chronicles
- 4/18 DENTED TRUCKS-"Electric Blues for Connoisseurs" from Chicago Wilberts
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- 4/25 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's (new exhibit opens) Common Ground: The Musical Festival Experience!
- 4/26 NEOBA International Blues Challenge at Eagles Club, North Canton
- 4/29 Shaun Peace Band Wilberts
- 5/02 Evening with Peter Wolf at the Kent Stage
- 5/03 Dave Mason's Traffic Jam at the Kent Stage
- 5/12 Cleveland Blues Society Monthly Jam at Grillers Pub with Wayne Bell and The Superstars
- 5/15 Chris Duarte Group at the Winchester Music Hall
- 5/21 Tas Cru and His Band Of Tortured Souls Wilberts
- 6/07 Kelly Richey band w/Freekbass at the Winchester Music Hall
- 6/09 Cleveland Blues Society Monthly Jam at the Beachland Ballroom Tavern with the Patrick McLaughlin Band
- 6/20 - 6/22 Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival Gahanna, Ohio w/ John Hammond, Sean Carney, others TBA
- 6/20 - 6/21 Canton Blues Festival FREE - "Women in Blues" w/ Ana Popovich Friday  
Shemekia Copeland Saturday
- 6/27 Gina Sicilia and Band at the Winchester Music Hall
- 6/28 Sean Carney's Blues For A Cure at Sally Buffalo Park, Cadiz, Ohio
- 7/14 Cleveland Blues Society 2nd Annual Blues Cruise on the Goodtime III
- 7/14 Cleveland Blues Society Monthly Jam at Sunset Grille on Whiskey Island w TBA
- 7/19 Kent Blues Festival Cleveland, Akron, Canton blues bands FREE all over town
- 7/20 Kent Blues Festival Tab Benoit at the Kent Stage
- 8/4 - 8/10 CBS will be at the Cuyahoga County Fair - stop in and see us!



**Watch for news of our summer events including The Cuyahoga County Fair, The Rally in the Alley at Main Street Café in Medina, along with The Cleveland Blues Society's Blues Cruise and other events. As always, support live and local music in our area.**

# CBS VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

by Teri Pealer

**Blues Lovin', Blues Cruisin' Husband & Wife Team  
Phil & Kathy Pokatello**



Phil and Kathy were around even before I was and are among the elite number of “founding members” of The Cleveland Blues Society.

I chose this amazing couple because they have shown their dedication and love for the blues time and time again by volunteering at numerous CBS events.

## 1) How long have you been involved with CBS? What brought you to it?

**Phil:** Since 2007. We are founding members number 44 and 45. We had a discussion with Mary Rose (Durdak) on a blues cruise, she was thinking of starting up the blues society. A few months later, she called to tell us CBS had started up and we joined right away.

## 2) What do you like best about being involved with CBS?

**Phil:** It promotes the Genre of Blues.

**Kathy:** Meeting all the people & sharing my love of Blues with like minded people and encouraging new folks to join.

**Phil:** CBS continues to show case the phenomenal local talent.

## 3) Blues influences?

**Kathy:** Initially, Susan Tedeschi, from there my love of the blues really grew. Locally “The Bad Boys of Blues” jams every week.

**Phil:** My Son years ago turned me on to Stevie Ray Vaughan, that’s when I became aware and broke out. Susan Tedeschi also. “The Bad Boys of Blues” locally are “Gold Standard”.

## 4) Favorite Blues quote?

**Kathy:** “The Blues don’t make me blue.”

**Phil:** “It ain’t black. It ain’t white. It’s just THE BLUES!”



Phil & Kathy, prepared or unprepared, have stepped up to the plate and continue to do so whenever called upon. They have done their part to keep the blues alive in Cleveland and The Cleveland Blues Society thanks them for their support and next time you see them out at a jam – you should thank them too!

**TRIBUTE MUST BE PAID**

# BLUES NEWS

## A Tribute to our Hall of Famers

March 30th 2014, Beachland Ballroom presented a celebration of Robert Lockwood Jr. on what would have been his 99th birthday. Hard to imagine 99 years, but Cleveland was truly blessed with having Robert spend so many of those years here entertaining us. He leaves not only his legacy of music but also a legacy of musicians who have been influenced by him and revere him also as a friend and mentor.

It is nice to remember and recognize artists for their achievements. It is also important to remember that many of these artists lived and died by the support of their music. CBS applauds and hopes to support the efforts of all of our local organizations to recognize and support the history of the blues in Cleveland.

Supporting musicians during their lifetimes includes not only applauding, and attending their performances, but purchasing their recorded work. Robert Lockwood Jr. was inducted into the Cleveland Blues Society's Hall of Fame in 2009. His story along with Bill "Stress" Miller is posted on the CBS website [www.clevelandblues.org](http://www.clevelandblues.org). Mr. Stress as he is known is still with us. He recently suffered some health problems and situational changes causing him a great deal of "stress". Kudos to his friends and supporters who have made a great effort to assist him during his lifetime, showing him how much his music and influence really means. Thank you to Colin Dusault for his heroic efforts to assist Mr. Stress and also for his work on producing a CD "Stress Relief" to benefit him

Local musicians came out in droves to support this work. The compilation includes photographs and unreleased music. Cleveland Blues Society wishes Bill Mr. Stress Miller the best of health and speedy recovery, and look forward to his continued playing with us for years to come. [www.mrstress.net](http://www.mrstress.net)



**Cleveland Blues Society**  
**BLUES CRUISE**  
Monday, July 14th 2014  
On the GOODTIME III

TICKET SALES  
ON LINE ONLY  
STARTING APRIL 18TH

LIVE MUSIC  
MUSICIANS TO BE  
ANNOUNCED

Tickets: \$30.00 Available on line ONLY  
Boarding: 7:00 pm Departs: 7:30 pm Docks: 10:00 pm Music Until: 11:30 pm  
CASH BAR FOOD FOR PURCHASE  
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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Elaine DeStephano

In an effort to update our records and ensure that our members are getting current event information, CBS has sent out renewal notices via USPS mail to members who are not current. We have gotten some returned mail with moved or address is incorrect.

Please contact me to update your information so we can have your current information on file, so you will receive information on our events. You can contact me via email at [ed@clevelandblues.org](mailto:ed@clevelandblues.org) or by cell at (216) 212-0007.

It's easy to join or renew. You can do this online or in person at our jam meetings or events.

## Benefits of being a member of CBS

Your membership helps support the CBS, whose mission is to promote awareness and appreciation of the Blues. We do this through events such as the Memphis Challenge, Blues Cruise, Blues Hall of Fame, CBS monthly meeting jams, including a host band and local talent, Cuyahoga County Fair and Rally in the Alley.

CBS also has operational expenses such as fees associated with maintaining and updating our website and accounting.

CBS has been involved in educational opportunities and continue to support future education of the Blues. With your support, you help CBS preserve the history of the Blues in our area.

Started in February 2014, there will be a bi-monthly newsletter available for members.

### Annual Memberships



- Individual: \$20.00
- Family: \$30.00
- Student: Under age 18 free
- Corporate: \$250.00



Thank you to all the volunteers that work to make our events happen. Please consider volunteering!

# FINANCIALS

In 2013 we rebuilt our membership base (and annual dues) which will allow us for the first time to move into the year with the resources to put on the Memphis Challenge and support other activities such as a booth at the county fair, monthly jams and a 2nd Blues Cruise on Lake Erie. This has also allowed us to build an inventory of merchandise (shirts, hats, stickers, bags) and spend more effort on retaining members and expanding communication. We also were able to collect the full amount of \$4,120 on a 2013 matching grant from the Cuyahoga Art Council for our activities and continue to look for other grant opportunities and sponsorships. We hope to carefully use these funds to keep us solvent and to help further grow our organization and support our mission to support the blues in Cleveland.



- Bob DeVries and John Pawlicki Finance Committee

# CBS MERCHANDISE

## New Merchandise Available

CBS duffle bag, \$20.00. This is our newest item and is available in limited quantities. Please let Bill Koteles know if you are interested in this or other items. We still have plenty of Challenge T-shirts available to add to your collection along with Bumper stickers, flash-light key chains, travel mugs, and beverage cozies. We also have available for special order zippered sweatshirts and jackets.



Bill Koteles is our model and he will be happy to special order one just for you. Merchandise is a major funding source for CBS and helps to fund programs and events. Thank you for your support.



It is always nice to see one of our shirts show up at events or as gifts to touring artists.

*Tab Benoit at Beachland Ballroom*



*Todd Rundgren at Akron Civic Theater*

# JAMS

Cleveland Blues Society holds monthly jams on the 2nd Monday of every month.



These open jams have been the base for our growth and continue to offer our membership a chance to gather and hear some of the best blues around. Our March jam at Kurt's Getaway brought 104 people out to see Ms. Butterscotch and the Bonafide Blues Band. The night went later than expected and still players were coming after the musicians had started breaking down for the night. Thank you to our hosts and all the jammers and fans that came to support.

The next few months will see us at clubs around town. Thank you to all of our supporting clubs and bands. In order to host one of our jams, you must be a member of CBS. Request to host a meeting by filling out the form on the CBS website, [www.clevelandblues.org](http://www.clevelandblues.org), which will place your name on a running list. There is also a form for venues to request to be a host. Watch for information on the jam location on [www.clevelandblues.org](http://www.clevelandblues.org) or [www.facebook.com/TheClevelandBluesSociety](https://www.facebook.com/TheClevelandBluesSociety) or [twitter@clevblues](https://twitter.com/clevblues)

April 14, 2014  
Scoundrels Bar and Grille  
Blues Chronicles Electric  
826 Front Street, Berea, OH



May 12, 2014  
Griller's Pub  
Wayne Bell and the Superstars  
5355 State Rd., Parma OH



June 9, 2013  
The Beachland Ballroom Tavern  
Patrick Mc Laughlin Band  
15711 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, OH



# CBS AT THE FAIR

The Cleveland Blues Society has been invited for a second year to the Cuyahoga County Fair in Berea. This is a week long event that allows CBS to self promote and support live music in Cleveland. We will again have live music at our booths thru the week and on Wednesday we will also have the pavilion for additional CBS events.

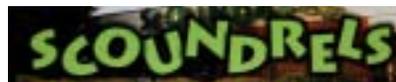
This is a 100% volunteer event by the people working the booths as well as the musicians. Last year we had many supporting local musicians play and jam with us and we want to say thank you again to them and hope we will see them all this year.

CBS will be posting and emailing out details as how volunteers can contribute at the booth and pavilion.

Thank you again for your support,  
Mike Kormos, CC Fair Chairman  
Bill Koteles, CC Fair committee

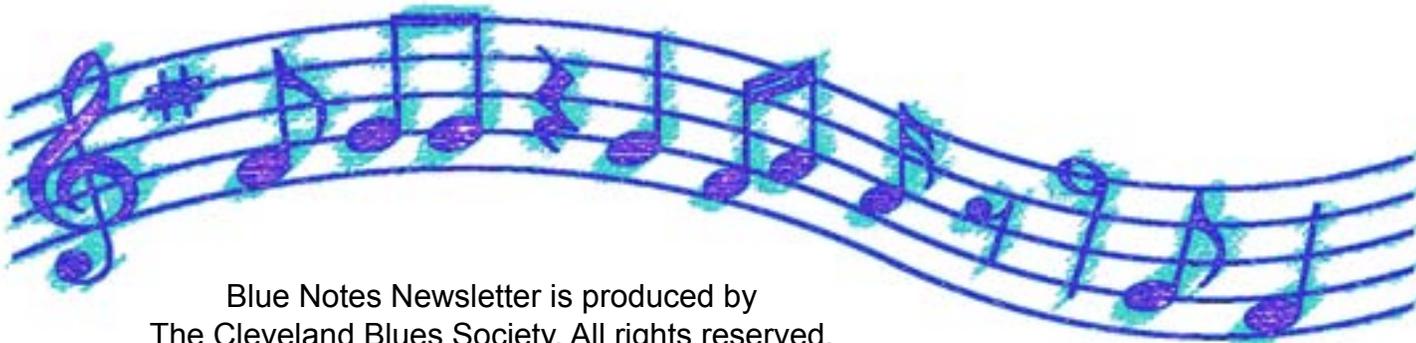


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