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December 2007

Today: SUPA 5th Anniversary Celebration, Holiday Potluck, and Open Mic Extravaganza!

Join SUPA as we celebrate our 5th anniversary with a holiday potluck, open mic, and more. Bring your favorite dish to share at our annual Holiday Potluck. This event is a great time for fellowship, sharing ukulele secrets, and watching your fellow musicians perform. Time to prepare that song you've been working on for the open mic. Sign-ups will be available at the door. Doors open at 1:00, open mic begins at 1:30, and the song circle starts at 2:30. Only \$3 for this much fun! Save room for a big birthday cake!

Saturday, December 8: Pathway of Lights Festival

Seattle Parks and Recreation has invited us back for the annual Pathway of Lights festival to be held along the path around Green Lake on December 8 from 5:30p to 6:15p. Meet at the community center (north side of lake) about 30 minutes beforehand. Dress warmly! Wear gloves! This event is cold! Bring all your holiday music (2004 & 2007 books). Did we say it gets cold!?

Sunday, January 6: Song Circle & Special Guests

Join SUPA in kicking off the new year with our special guests the Seattle Nikkei Horizons Ukulele Band. They're bringing at least 13 of their members to serenade us with a mix of music including some Japanese songs. Ballard NW Senior Center. Doors open at 1:00 for informal jams. Guest performers begin at 2:00. Song Circle to follow. Only \$3.

Sunday, February 10: Song Circle & Workshop

After the Super Bowl Sunday, the next week is SUPA-Bowl Sunday! We're meeting the second week this month to avoid scheduling conflicts for our members. A tentative workshop is planned, and the details will be announced in January. West Seattle Senior Center. Doors open at 1:00p. Workshop from 1:15-2:15. Song Circle starting at 2:30. Workshop \$TBA. Song Circle only \$3.

Sign the Ukulele! 5th Anniversary!

A special ukulele will be auctioned off in today's raffle that will include the signatures of all SUPA members present as a special SUPA 5th Anniversary Ukulele. Put your "John Hancock" on this puppy as a souvenir for one of our lucky members in the raffle!

Today only! 2005-2007 Combined Song Book - \$23

A special 2005/2007 Combined Song book (256 pages!) is available for purchase for only \$23. This combines both the 2005 and 2007 song books into one with a convenient spiral binding. The book also includes 16 additional songs that have been distributed as handouts throughout the year. Only 10 books available. Get yours now! This pricing can't last!

Yahoo! Groups, Music & Events Calendar

For the most current happenings along with message boards and forums, please join the SeattleUkulele group at Yahoo. The link is available from the SUPA web site. Also, a Google events calendar is now available on the web site. If you would like events added, please email all pertinent details to John (supafb@msn.com).

The "members only" (for copyright reasons) section of the website is available for PDF music downloads and an ever-increasing number of MP3s for playing along at home! Check regularly for updates and new music. <http://www.seattleukulele.org/members/>

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Library

See Susan Howell to check out information for the library. Song books, DVDs, CDs, and more are available for review.

Future Workshops, Song Circles & Events

All workshop fees include the \$3 SUPA song circle fee - no additional charge. Below is the tentative schedule for song circles and known events for 2008.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Description</i>
Dec 8	Green Lake	Pathway of Lights Festival
Jan 6	Ballard	Song Circle. Special Guests: Seattle Nikkei Horizons Ukulele Band
Feb 10*	West Seattle	Song Circle & Workshop
Mar 2	Ballard	Song Circle, Open Mic & Swap Meet
April 6	West Seattle	Song Circle & Casey McGill Workshop
May 4	Ballard	Song Circle (Folklife Rehearsal)
May 18	Ballard	Folklife Rehearsal
May 23-26	Seattle Center	Northwest Folklife Festival
June 1	Dusty Strings	Song Circle
June 18-22	Portland, OR	Portland Ukefest
June 21	Fremont	Solstice Parade
July 13**	West Seattle	Song Circle & Workshop
Aug 3	Woodland Park	SUPA Picnic & Open Mic
Sept 7	Ballard	Song Circle & Workshop
Oct 5	West Seattle	Song Circle & Workshop
Nov 2	Ballard	Song Circle
Dec 7	West Seattle	Holiday Potluck & Open Mic

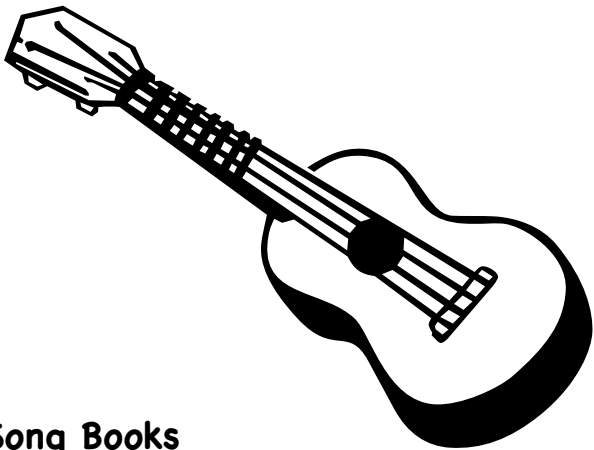
*2nd weekend in February to avoid Super Bowl Sunday

** 2nd weekend to avoid 4th of July weekend

Senior Center of West Seattle, 4217 SW Oregon St, Seattle

Ballard Northwest Senior Center, 5429 32nd Ave NW, Seattle

Dusty Strings, 3406 Fremont Ave N, Seattle, (206) 634-1662



SUPA Song Books

Song books (Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Winter 2007) are available at the Ave Copy Center (4141 University, Seattle, 206-663-1837), where you can also buy the Santa Cruz song book. (Combined 2005-2007 will be available soon.)

Uke News Briefs

'Flea'-bitten: Ukulele players a devoted group. (The Gazette, Iowa City, IA) Like a chameleon, the ukulele blends in with all sorts of musical backdrops: vaudeville, jazz, folk, blues, classical -- the list goes on.

But it was for Hawaiian tunes that ukuleles were built, said Russell Schomers of Iowa City.

"They're beautiful to hear," said Schomers, 51, who donned a Hawaiian shirt to strum his mahogany ukulele with Michael Burt, also of Iowa City, in the Iowa City Public Library.

The pair had met for this month's Ukulele Social Club of Johnson County meeting, where they demonstrated the ukulele's musical range, playing songs such as Israel Kamakawiwo Ole's "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire" -- with its deeply sung lyrics standing out against the ukulele's delicate timbre.

The club boasts five regular members and welcomes new players of any skill. They meet at the public library.

"There's a certain immediacy and simplicity to it that I really like," Schomers said of the miniature guitar-like instrument. "I like the fact you can do a lot of things that are challenging."

Burt, 52, said he started playing the four-string instrument about two years ago.

"When I turned 50, I figured it was time to learn a new trick," he joked. He added he was torn between learning the clarinet and the ukulele -- until he found the latter instrument used for about \$10.

Burt, who now owns nine ukuleles, said he took guitar lessons in sixth grade with an instrument that was as tall as him.

"But this is not intimidating," he said, gingerly lifting his ukulele. "It's just so easy. It's portable. It's just fun."

"I think everybody needs to have some kind of creative outlet," he added. "And music fits into that."

Schomers, who has played guitar for 30 years, started tinkering with ukuleles about 2 1/2 years ago after he saw one hanging in a guitar shop. He now owns five.

"The really nice thing about ukulele is it makes people smile," he said. "That's kind of what it's all about: having fun."