



Event Date:

January 4, 2020 2:30 to 7:30 PM



BCTMA hosts “The Don Skinner Guitarfest” Benefit for Ruth’s House.

Each January the Beaufort County Traditional Music Association (BCTMA) hosts the “Don Skinner Guitarfest.” This annual event honors the memory of Don Skinner, a fine musician and long-time member of BCTMA. The show will take place on January 4, 2020 at the Turnage Theatre, 150 W Main St, Washington, NC.

The 2020 Guitarfest line-up highlights the many musically-talented ladies we have in our area.

We hope that this year’s performers and audience members will help the BCTMA raise funding for Ruth’s House. It is a not-for-profit organization that assists in the interruption of the cycle of family violence and offers a safe place for domestic violence victims. Surrounded by the latest in high-tech security, Ruth’s House is a safe and comfortable home that provides a shelter where women and their children can begin to rebuild their lives.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy an exciting variety of music by some of the best female (and male) singers and musicians from the area:

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM -- Amy Hockaday Stephenson and Jason Thompson

Amy and Jason have been playing music together for more than two years. Amy grew up in Four Oaks singing gospel music with her family and now resides in Chocowinity. She was a cast member at the Rudy Theater in Selma and is a current member of the gospel group River Song Trio. Jason, a Greenville resident, has been playing guitar most of his life and has been in numerous local bands. Jason and Amy enjoy playing a mix of country, classic rock, '80s, pop and everything in between. They also have a band, Bootleg Revival.

3:30 PM – 4:20 PM -- Pamela Cox and JB Mayes

Pamela Cox is a classically trained vocalist with a dash of country and folk background. JB Mayes brings guitar licks built on years of playing heavy metal and classic rock. Together, they blend and twist all that into their own style. Pamela and JB first performed together at the inaugural Guitarfest in 2014. They are a duo that brings a wide variety of musical styles and genres to each performance.

4:30 PM – 5:20 PM -- Laura Davis

Laura Davis is a self-taught singer, songwriter, producer and multi-instrumentalist making her first Guitarfest appearance. In 2019 Laura has performed at over 30 different events throughout eastern North Carolina and southern Virginia including opening for Lee Greenwood in June. Laura travels from the Williamson area to perform frequently at many Washington venues. She is a very popular musical artist with a large audience that love her singing and playing either as solo act or with other musicians.

5:30 PM – 6:20 PM – Vail Rumley and Wayne Stoeckert

Vail Rumley grew up playing piano and singing in choirs and high school musicals. After many years of small performances (limited to singing in the shower — audience of one), she randomly took up guitar, which eventually led to a group of like-minded musicians that played just for fun. She continues to sing for the fun of it, still struggles with bar chords and is the current editor of The Washington Daily News. Wayne Stoeckert began playing guitar at age 13 and took to the stage professionally for the first time at 16. During the '70s, he toured with Fatt Rabbitt, performing on bass guitar and singing lead vocals. After recording at Mercury Studios in Nashville, he headed home to Buffalo, New York, where he continued to play lead guitar and sing lead with several popular local groups. Wayne moved to the Washington area full-time six years ago. This duo performs a variety of music, ranging from blues to country to rock, spanning several generations. The two trade lead vocals freely, finding that perfect blend of harmony.

6:30 PM – 7:20 PM -- Sarah Hollis, Caroline Tanner, (Wyldwood) and Friends

Sarah Hollis has entertained BCTMA audiences many times with her fantastic fiddle playing both with her group Wyldwood and with the Hollis Family Trio. She will be joined by close friend and talented musician Caroline Tanner plus some guest performers. They love to play upbeat music with close harmonies and refined acoustic instrumentation.

Admission is free and donations are appreciated. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for sale. Come and go as you wish or stay for the whole show. This is a family-friendly event.

The Beaufort County Traditional Music Association is a grass roots non-profit organization that promotes the performance and enjoyment of traditional music in Eastern NC. Thanks to the assistance and oversight of [Arts of the Pamlico](#), the BCTMA has grown into an active group of musicians and supporters dedicated to the nurturing and sharing of their love of traditional music. The group holds open jams on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. For more information, please visit www.bctma.org.