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# Season's Greetings

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and New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance  
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- Apply on-line at [www.dcblues.org](http://www.dcblues.org), or
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(see your name in print!)

Other? \_\_\_\_\_

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DCBS offers a Corporate membership option that provides small and large businesses the opportunity to advertise through DCBS while supporting DCBS programs.

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This is a \$240-\$280 value, for only \$200. To get more information, or to establish corporate membership, visit:

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### AD RATES

Business card	\$20
1/8 page	\$25
1/4 page	\$40
1/3 page	\$55
1/2 page	\$75
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Questions? E-mail: [ads@dcblues.org](mailto:ads@dcblues.org)





### Blues Up Your Holidays with DCBS

Whatever you think about the holidays and however you celebrate them (or not), you can't go wrong including Blues music. For any of you who think that the Blues is somehow contrary or antithetical to the holidays (read holy days), get hip. There is a string of songs that offer holiday themes in a Blues flavor. One of my favorites is Clarence Carter's "Backdoor Santa," later covered by B.B. King and many other Blues artists. Another standout is "Santa Claus" by Sonny Boy Williamson II (Rice Miller) that includes the unforgettable lines: "So, that started me to ramblin' [for a hidden gift], Lookin' in all of my baby's dresser drawers." Don't forget Sir Mack Rice's "Santa Claus Wants Some Lovin'" and Charles Brown's hit "Merry Christmas Baby."

On the other hand we're all familiar with the personal blues that holidays often bring. For that, DCBS has the cure—more Blues music of course, plenty of dancing, and outrageous fun.

I encourage you to get the holidays going at our **Holiday Party with B. T. Richardson & the Black Coffee Experience on December 18 at the Wheaton American Legion.** B.T., a bassist and vocalist, is a native Washingtonian with a long stint in Los Angeles, who has played with Blues legend Son Seals, Rock and Roll pioneer Bo Diddley, New Orleans Queen of the Blues Marva Wright, and R&B icons El DeBarge and Mark Greene of the Moments. He's played the Chicago Blues Fest, San Francisco Blues Fest, BB King's, Buddy Guys Legends, and the House of Blues. As I recently heard a local talent buyer for a popular DC venue say, who an artist has played with or other bona fides didn't matter. Just send her samples of his/her music. So, I recommend B.T.'s 2003 soundtrack music for the play *Don't Sing No Blues for Me*. The CD, composed and produced by B.T., exemplifies his creative juices. His deep well of talent, having played Blues, Jazz, R&B and Reggae, is guaranteed to make the party right. Get samples of his CD here: [www.cdbaby.com/cd/btrichardson](http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/btrichardson) and see p. 4 for more information about B.T. and his band.

Then Blues-in the New Year with the most affordable, most fun to be had in public, **DCBS NYE Dinner and Dance featuring Electrofied Blues Band, at the Silver Spring American Legion.** Admission includes an evening with a full southern style dinner (ya know, stuff like greens, black-eyed peas, ham and turkey, etc.), a champagne toast, party favors, and of course live Blues. This year's band is appropriately named for the occasion: *Electrofied*. And that's how this band will have you feeling. I'm jolted! The band features the animated showmanship and dynamic vocals of Scott Taylor and virtuoso guitarist, Tony Fazio. Don't take my word for the sound this band lays down. Check them out now at [www.myspace.com/electrofiedbluesband](http://www.myspace.com/electrofiedbluesband). But you really need to see Electrofied live to fully feel the electricity.

### Transition Time

It's very likely that there will be a different writer in this space in the next edition. I will not be serving another term as President. The Blues has finally caught up with and nearly swallowed this ardent Bluesman. I've given my best to the DCBS Board, loyal members, and other Blues lovers for over seven years, five of them as President. I came to the office with goals and a plan to improve DCBS' profile through vigorous publicity efforts and by leveraging strategic partnerships, to increase membership, and bring more Blues events to the area. I led the change in the focus (and name) of the newsletter to make it more relevant to members and struggled with methods and naysayers for a couple of years to offer a digital version of the *Capital Blues Messenger*, which most of our members now receive. The digital transition saves DCBS members thousands of dollars a year that are better spent on other activities.

I will modestly claim success on all fronts, with much credit to the collective efforts of many key volunteers. DCBS has brought much unsung but outstanding Blues talent to a variety of venues for free festival fundraisers, created staple annual events such as the Fish Fry & Bike Contest, the Festival After-Party, a stand-alone and profitable Battle of the Bands, the popular NYE Dinner/Dance, re-invigorated support for local artists through benefits, formation of a DCBS Band, a key branding element, and renewed Blues In The Schools efforts. I hope my unfulfilled desire to create a BITS scholarship fundraiser will be taken up by my successor.

In order to facilitate my continued involvement on the DCBS Board, I am in need of a free or inexpensive laptop. Please email me ([macvid@hotmail.com](mailto:macvid@hotmail.com)) if you can help.

I encourage folks with the time and passion to be active in DCBS operations. Good volunteers are hard to find. The organization's abilities and accomplishments shrink and swell with the quality and dedication of its volunteers and the support it receives from its members. Only you can help keep DCBS growing in the celebration of the Blues.

It's been quite a ride on this Blues train. And I've enjoyed all the chills and thrills.

Upon my somewhat bittersweet departure, a quote from a Blues standard "Trouble in Mind" (written by Richard M. Jones and first recorded in 1924 by Thelma La Vizzo) is apropos:

#### Trouble in mind, I'm blue

*But I won't be blue always*

*'Cause I know the sun's gonna shine in my back door someday.*

[Check out Nina Simone's version.]

Blues Always,

Photo by Mary Knieser

*Editors note: Following its annual process, the DCBS Board will elect Officers/Board members at its December Board meeting (Dec. 2). The DCBS website & the January CBM will post this updated information.*

## From The DCBS Battle of the Bands To....

The October 2010 DCBS Battle of the Bands had a great line-up of competitive bands. Here are some updates on some of those bands:

**Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark and the Blues Allstars are prepping for the IBC in Memphis!** This year's winner of the DCBS Battle of the Bands, "Swamp Dog" and the Blues Allstars, performed at the November 6 College Park Blues Festival and will host another fundraiser in January for their trip to the February 2011 International Blues Challenge in Memphis. The fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, from 8 p.m. to midnight at The Surf Club Live in Hyattsville, MD. SAVE THE DATE AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO!

**Bad Influence Band performed at the Kennedy Center!** On Saturday, November 20, Bad Influence Band performed at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage in Washington, DC. If you missed this free performance, you can still see the entire one-hour show by viewing the video posted to [www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/videos/](http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/videos/).

**Moonshine Society Band is headed to China!** Moonshine Society will be performing with Legendary Blues Harmonica player Charlie Sayles at the House of Blues and Jazz in Shanghai, China from January 2011 till early April 2011. A Bon Voyage Bash will be held on Thursday, December 16, at 8 p.m., at the Surf Club Live in Hyattsville, MD, featuring Moonshine Society, Charlie Sayles, and The Stacy Brooks Band. Purchase advance tickets at [www.moonshinesociety.com](http://www.moonshinesociety.com). **NOTE: DCBS card-carrying members discount ticket: \$7 (reg. entry \$10).**

## Come Drink Up the Music of B.T. Richardson & Black Coffee Experience At the DCBS Holiday Party on December 18

"I'm just looking for people to come out and have a good time," that's B.T. Richardson's take on his upcoming performance at the DCBS Holiday Party which will be held on Saturday, December 18. He and his band, Black Coffee Experience, are looking forward to a night of playing classic blues, R&B, and original compositions that get the audience up on their feet and sharing the raw spirit of live music played from the heart.

B.T. Richardson's Black Coffee Experience has been together in various permutations since 1995. The current line-up backing B.T.'s bass and lead vocals, includes Leland Nakamura and Anthony Nixon on drums, Marcine Samba on guitar, John L. Gray and Kendra Holt on keyboards, and Melody Richardson and Matilda Sutton on backing vocals.

Born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Los Angeles, B.T. started out as a drummer, but was "convinced" to switch to bass to fill a need in his brother's band. His musical journey has included tours with artists such as Deborah Coleman and James Solberg; playing with Son Seals, Bo Diddley, Marva Wright, and El DeBarge; work on commercials and indie film projects; radio broadcasts such as *Beale Street Caravan* and *The W.C. Handy Fest*; and recording collaborative and solo CDs including his debut, the soundtrack for *Don't Sing No Blues for Me* by Glenn Alan Brown. He is also a choice performance and session bassist for the Seattle-based Hip-Hop indie label NocOnWood Records.

B.T.'s musical course has run deep and wide and forms his passionate belief that music flows from the spirit of self and individual experience. Blues, he feels, does not need definition. "Musicians are put in boxes," he states, but that isn't what music is about. It's about living it, and feeling it, and people relating to it. This is the connection that B.T. and his band bring to audiences when they play - a rendering of the blues that celebrates the journey no matter what the destination.

For more on B.T. Richardson's Black Coffee Experience, visit [PotpourriMusicWorks.com](http://PotpourriMusicWorks.com) and [www.myspace.com/btrichardson](http://www.myspace.com/btrichardson).  
Article by Anne Barrington, photo by Ron Weinstock.



**DC Blues Society**  
**Holiday Party**  
Saturday, December 18, 2010  
8:00 pm - 12:30 am  
American Legion Post 268  
11225 Fern Street  
Wheaton, MD 20902

Featuring  
**B.T. Richardson &  
Black Coffee  
Experience**

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Band information: [www.myspace.com/btrichardson](http://www.myspace.com/btrichardson)



### In Memoriam



### RIP Ed Wiley, Jr. March 14, 1930 - September 27, 2010

Ed Wiley, Jr. was a jazz and blues tenor saxophonist who is credited with being an important early influence for rock 'n' roll. He passed away at the age of 80 in Garner, NC. He had fallen and hit his head while leaving church, and then fell into a coma. His musical history stretches back more than 60 years. A native of Houston, he was a contemporary of King Curtis, Illinois Jacquet and other blues musicians who helped R&B and blues give birth to rock 'n' roll. His most notable hit was "Cry Baby Cry" (a No. 3 hit in 1950). He also played with such artists as jazz-blues guitarist Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown to R&B singer Teddy Pendergrass over the years. *Photo: CD Cover, About the Soul (Swing Records 2006)*

### RIP Little Smokey Smothers January 2, 1939 - November 20, 2010

Chicago Blues guitarist and vocalist Albert Abraham "Little Smokey" Smothers died at the age of 71, in Chicago. His death was attributed to natural causes. Smothers recorded multiple albums and accompanied other famed blues men and women on records and in live performances throughout his musical career. Born to a musical family (his older brother was guitarist Otis "Big Smokey" Smothers, another well-known Blues man), Little Smokey also took up the guitar and recorded and performed with Howlin' Wolf, Little Walter, Lee "Shot" Williams, and others. He was also lead guitarist with the Legendary Blues Band, and was known as a mentor to younger musicians such as Paul Butterfield and Elvin Bishop of the popular 1960's blues crossover group The Paul Butterfield Blues Band. *Photo by Mark Pokempner, courtesy of Alligator Records*







**Ring In the New Year With Other Blues Fans and The Electrofied Blues Band**

I've only seen the Electrofied Blues Band perform once, but they made a lasting impression. Hence, I was really excited to learn that Electrofied will be providing the entertainment for the DCBS New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance. What better way to close out 2010 and begin the new year than spending it with other blues fans, great live music, a casual venue, and with a full southern style dinner, a champagne toast, and party favors provided! (See the ad at the right for information on how to purchase tickets, and run, don't walk, to the internet or phone to purchase your tickets now!)

Electrofied includes blues-guitar virtuoso, Tony Fazio; the internationally acclaimed drummer/producer, Richard James Burgess; the soulful, expressive vocalist Scott Taylor (who had a number one club hit in the United Kingdom); and the rock-solid Rob Rusteberg on bass. This power-quartet has played gigs featuring writer/singer/blues harpist Charlie Sayles and the powerhouse diva Nadine Rae.

Electrofied released a brand-new, all-original, album *Bad Case of the Blues* in November 2009. The following excerpt from a *Blues Matters Magazine* (United Kingdom) review of that CD will give you a sense of what you can expect to hear at the DCBS New Year's Party.

...Scott Taylor is certainly impressive on this new album with his voice perfectly integrating the band's sound. He also wrote all the tracks on this album, eight with Tony Fazio and two with Richard Burgess. From the first track, "Bad Case Of The Blues," you're blown away by a groove which destroys everything on its way. Having perfectly digested all influences, this band has produced a sound which is now their own and which is instantly recognizable. And when Electrofied goes back to a slow Blues such as "Rub Me Down," it's to dig out some little gems from the guitar or on vocals before giving it their all on an explosive "It Ain't Right".... There are albums you really don't need to know why and how they've been created, and *Bad Case Of The Blues* is one of those, an example of the kind of power Blues can have. The opus ends with a showstopper, "99 Miles," one of those slow Blues which kills you every time. An amazing album. (by Frankie Bluesy Pfeiffer and Nat Harrap, [www.bluesmatters.com](http://www.bluesmatters.com).)

The individual bios of the band members are very impressive, and show the depth and extent of their musical and other professional experiences. Tony Fazio and Richard James Burgess are two of the founding members of the band, and they have performed with numerous blues bands and toured internationally. Tony is head of The Annapolis Guitar School, and Fazio Music Agency and Music Studios. Drummer Richard is also an accomplished music-computer programmer, record

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**New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance**  
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 Silver Spring, MD 20910

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 \$25 member ♦ \$30 non-member ♦ \$35 door

producer, music-computer programmer, recording artist, composer, author, and marketer. He also has his own artist management company, Burgess Worldco. Scott Taylor has had many accomplishments in different styles of music, including a number one hit in the UK called "Not So Far Away," with Back Beat Records. Rob Rusteberg, bass player, has been playing bass professionally for the past 15 years for many local artists. This quartet is a fine choice for a New Year's Bash!

Article by Pat Bransford

**Meet the New CBM Blues Calendar Coordinator Mike Wolk  
 Hats Off to Steve Levine for His Long Service as the Calendar Coordinator**

Another changing of the guards is about to occur. After serving as the Calendar Coordinator for the DCBS newsletter (*Capital Blues Messenger* (CBM)) for about 13 years, Steve Levine (photo at left) has decided to step down from this role. The CBM and its readers give a big round of applause and thank you to Steve for his efforts over the years.

The Blues Calendar (see p. 9) is a monthly compilation of blues performances in the DC Metropolitan area. Much of the information comes from bands and venues that regularly send notices of their gigs to the designated e-mail address ([calendar@dcblues.org](mailto:calendar@dcblues.org)), and other information in the calendar reflects the Coordinator's efforts to dig for the information through his own contacts and internet search efforts.

Steve Levine is a blues musician who has had a long association with the DCBS. In addition to being the Calendar Coordinator, he also served on the DCBS Board for seven years and ran the monthly blues jams for about five years. Steve has also written for *Living Blues* and *Music Monthly*. Currently, he is the harp man for Big Daddy Stallings and the Bluez Evolution Band. Steve also plays with the acoustic blues/roots band The Shack Breakers. He has recorded with Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation, Jeff Aug, Esther Haynes, Tom Paxton and The Resonators.

Mike Wolk (photo at right) grew up in Montgomery County and has lived in the DC area most of his life. When he was in middle school, his uncle taught him to how to play a 12-bar blues on guitar, and he has been hooked ever since. He works as a software engineer. He is a relatively new member of the DCBS, has started attending the first Sunday monthly jams, and looks forward to becoming involved in DCBS efforts. Photos provided by Steve Levine and Mike Wolk.





A College Park Blues Festival Funky Dancin' Time

The 3rd Annual College Park Blues Festival on November 6 brought blues fans and the community another fun time with FREE live blues music, vendors with items ranging from incense and body oils, to jewelry and women's attire, to original paintings, and, of course, dancing the night away.

This fundraiser raised money to send the DCBS Battle of the Bands winner, Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark and the Blues Allstars, to the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN in 2011.

Special thanks to these DCBS volunteers - Delores and Geralyn for running the DCBS Merchandise Booth, Tina and JV for passing around the Donation jug, Victor for coordinating and delivering Three Brothers food for artists, Celina and Nick for selling raffle tickets, and Ida Campbell for emceeing.

If you have a chance, please visit any of the sponsors and contributors below to let them know you heard about them at the Festival. This event wouldn't have happened without the generosity of these sponsors and contributors.

Table with 3 columns: Sponsors, Food Contributors for Artists & Crew, Raffle Prizes Gift Certificates: Total Prize Value: \$245

The Blues Foundation's 2011 KBA Awards

The Blues Foundation has announced that it will honor 21 individuals and organizations with its 2011 Keeping the Blues Alive (KBA) Award during a recognition brunch on February 5, 2011

The 2011 Keeping the Blues Alive Awards recipients are as follows:

- 1. Agent: Intrepid Artists, Charlotte, NC
2. Blues Club: Chan's Fine Oriental Dining, Woonsocket, RI
3. Blues Organization: Billtown Blues Society, Williamsport, PA
4. Education: Gary Allegretto, Los Angeles, CA
5. Festival (Internat'l): Notodden Blues Festival, Notodden, Norway
6. Festival (U.S.): Tampa Bay Blues Festival, St. Petersburg, FL
7. Film, TV, & Video: Mako Funasaka, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
8. Historical Preservation: Canada South Museum, Windsor, Ontario
9. International: Paul Jones, London, England
10. Internet: Mary4Music.com, Baltimore, MD
11. Journalism: Tim Parsons, Lake Tahoe Action, CA/NV
12. Literature: Mary Lou Sullivan, Coventry, CT
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18. Publicist: Debra Regur, Blind Pig Records, San Francisco, CA
19. Radio (Commercial): Mark Pasman, WCSX-FM, Detroit, MI
20. Radio (Public): Tom Wendt, KBOO-FM, Portland, OR
21. Record Label: Electro-Fi Records, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

To see a biography of each awardee, visit www.blues.org. We've selected a few excerpts of some of the biographies and included them in the next column - to pique your interest and to highlight some specific recipients.

Blues Club: Chan's Fine Oriental Dining, Woonsocket, Rhode Island
How about this as a pitch for a blues club? The best national blues acts every weekend, eight o'clock shows, free parking, and an all-you-can-eat Chinese buffet.

Blues Organization: Billtown Blues Association, Williamsport, Pennsylvania
Today this blues society boasts a membership of over 300 who expertly keep the blues alive in Williamsport and the surrounding Susquehanna Valley.

Education: Gary Allegretto, Los Angeles, California
Gary Allegretto is a world-class harmonica player who shares his passion through his acclaimed work as a BITS educator and blues harmonica workshop teacher at camps, special events, and festivals...

Festival: Tampa Bay Blues Festival, St. Petersburg, Florida
What better way to shake off the snows of winter than with a blues extravaganza in sunny Florida? ... the Tampa Bay Blues Festival remains one of the first major blues festivals on the yearly circuit...

Internet: Mary4Music.com, Baltimore, Maryland
This blues and indie music website, which started 13 years ago, has become one of the go-to sites on the Internet for blues fans.



### 3rd Annual College Park Blues Festival - A Photo Collage



Michelle Sparks from the City of College Park Arts & Recreation Board and other volunteers let the attendees know about the ticket give-aways and raffle prizes.



College Park Arts Exchange made all kinds of buttons, including DCBS buttons.



Chez Art, one of the vendors, brought original paints and limited edition prints.



DCBS Band members Dave Jackson and Sam'i Nurridan provided strong backup for their guest performers.



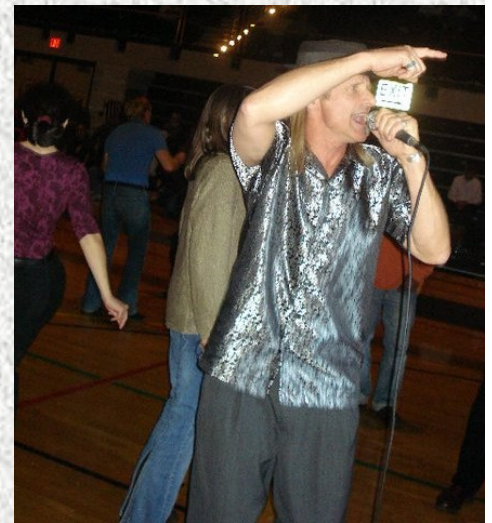
Bobby Parker steps out! Headliner Bobby Parker entertained the crowd from the stage and the dance floor.



Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark and the Blues Allstars opened the show.



Emcee, Ida Campbell, WPFW programmer, with Guitar Slim, surprise special guest with the DC Blues Society Band



Waverly Milor was the DCBS Band guest performer and forever the showman!

All Photos by Jazzs, except Bobby Parker and Swamp Dog by Ken Bransford,





## Check Out These Great Gift Ideas for a Blues Fan or Musician!

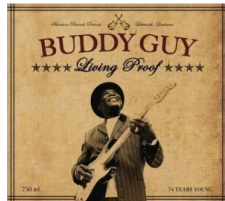
Do you need some gift ideas for this holiday season? We posed the question to several local blues fans and artists, i.e. , we asked them for recommendations on gifts that blues fans and artists might appreciate. Here are their responses:

### Recommendations from Stacy Brooks

Oh ok that's a great idea (to include gift ideas in the Capital Blues Messenger)!! I hope this helps out.

#### Gift ideas for a die-hard Blues fan

- I think the ultimate blues fan would love the gift of a trip to the International Blues Challenge (to be held in February 1-5, 2011 in Memphis, TN). You get to see all the up and coming blues bands and then you can go to Graceland, Stax Museum, Civil Rights Museum, Sun Studios and all the other tours.
- Cabin on the Legendary Blues Cruise
- Buddy Guy's new CD *Living Proof*
- Another gift is a book I was given for my birthday last year. *The Blues; Roots and Inspiration* by John Collis. I love this book.



#### Wish list for me or any blues musician:

- Mac Pro Laptop
- Tickets to the Legendary Blues Cruise
- Gift Certificate to Guitar Center, Chuck Levins, Atomic, or any music supply store
- Studio time to their favorite studio (that would be for me specifically) lol

Love..Peace & The Blues, the CD in a few months!

Stacy Brooks

[www.stacysmusic.org](http://www.stacysmusic.org), [www.reverbnation.com/stacybrooks](http://www.reverbnation.com/stacybrooks)

(Stacy Brooks hit the Metro DC Blues scene only a few years ago and in 2007 was nominated for "New Artist of the Year" by The Washington Area Music Association. Stacy has shared the stage with blues legends Bobby Parker, The Nighthawks, Willie "Big Eyes" Smith, Bob Stroger, Kenny Neal, Memphis Gold, and Lil Dave Thompson, to name a few.)

### Recommendations from Black Betty (aka Jenny Poppen)

What a great idea!

I'm a huge fan of artwork, and really enjoy the works of Chris Hubbard, Lennie Jones, Sean Starwars, Chris Kruse, and more. I love supporting fellow artists, of all mediums, and these folks have a wonderful blues aesthetic and fascination. These paintings, prints, and sculptures would make wonderful gifts.

- [www.folkartblues.com](http://www.folkartblues.com), artwork by Blues folk artist and musician Lennie Jones, from Florida
- [www.seanstarwars.com](http://www.seanstarwars.com), artwork by Sean Starwars, from Mississippi
- [www.bluesfolkart.com](http://www.bluesfolkart.com), artwork by Chris Kruse, from Texas

On a different note, who wouldn't love tickets for any of the Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruises? I'd be one happy wife if my husband got us tickets for a cruise getaway like that!

Finally, a subscription for XM Sirius Satellite radio would be a great gift. It's been on my Christmas wish list for about 5 years. B.B. King's Bluesville gives you 24 hours of uninterrupted blues.

Best,

Black Betty

Moonshine Society [www.moonshinesociety.com](http://www.moonshinesociety.com)

(Black Betty is recognized as the Blues Pinup! She is best known for her vocals with blues acts such as WC Handy Award Nominee Charlie Sayles, and with her current band Moonshine Society.)

Editors note: The January 22-29, 2011 *Legendary Blues Cruise* (Caribbean) is sold out, but you can join the wait list. The website ([www.bluescruise.com](http://www.bluescruise.com)) suggests pre-booking for a future cruise with a fully refundable deposit of \$250 per person. Future cruises include the October 23-30, 2011 Pacific cruise, and January 22-29, 2012 Caribbean cruise.



### Recommendations From Big Boy Little (aka Bret Littlehailes)

Every year I get this calendar. It's available from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), as are my other recommendations.

Classic Blues Artwork from the 1920's: 2011 Calendar (+CD)

Various Artists | Format: Printed calendar plus Audio CD

It comes with a free CD and lists all the birthdays (and death dates) of well-known blues players, as well as having great artwork from the country blues era.

Also: *Chicago Blues as seen from the inside - The Photographs of Raeburn Flerlage* [Paperback-ECW Press], Lisa Day (Editor). This is a great collection of blues pictures by Chicago's Raeburn Flerlage, the right guy at the right place at the right time.

Finally: *Blues Harmonica Giant* [Box set-audio CDs, Original recording remastered], by Walter Horton. Newly released, re-mastered and annotated, this is a definitive release by Big Walter Horton, one of the absolute greats of blues harmonica. It's on my Xmas list.



Best,

Bret

PS- Of course there's still time to order the Big Boy Little CD, *Live from the XM Satellite* on Big Train Records!

[www.bigboylittleband.com/audiovideo.cfm](http://www.bigboylittleband.com/audiovideo.cfm)

Just kidding! (But not really!)

(Bret Littlehailes is a veteran harp player, singer, and leader of the Big Boy Little Band, winner of the DCBS 2009 Battle of the Bands and among the top finalists at the 2010 International Blues Challenge.)

### Recommendations from Ron Weinstock

*Blues in Black & White*

The Landmark Ann Arbor Blues Festivals as photographed by Stanley Livingston 2010: Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press

See Ron's review of this book on his blog. His review notes: "...The book also strikes me as beautifully printed with the images wonderfully reproduced. It is a no brainer that anyone who considers themselves a blues lover needs this book. This reviewer also suggests that it is among the finest recently published books of music photography."






*Lightnin' Hopkins: His Life and Blues*, by Alan Govenar (Chicago Review Press) See Ron's review of this book on his blog. His review notes: "...In summary, this is an invaluable addition to the blues literature."

Ron Weinstock

(Ron is an avid blues fan, an expert on the genre, and he's been writing about blues music since 1968. He was the editor of the DC Blues Society newsletter for approximately 18 years. Ron now maintains a blog, [inablue mood.blogspot.com](http://inablue mood.blogspot.com), a semi-regular collection of observations, reviews and more about blues, jazz and other matters informed by the blues tradition.





December		Early January	
1	Tommy Lepson @ Blues Alley (DCBS Ticket Giveaway)	1	BB King @ Birchmere; Trombone Shorty @ 9:30 Club
3	Blues and Swing Dance @ Glen Echo Park; Hot Rods and Old Gas @ Zoo Bar; Liz Springer and the Built 4 Comfort Band @ Crazyhorse; Big Daddy Stallings @ Chef Mac's; Lex Grey & Urban Pioneers @ Madam's Organ; Mary Shaver Band @ The Music Cafe; Joy Bodycomb Band @ Branded 72; Stacy Brooks Band @ Delta Blues Juke Joint; Mott Squad @ Potomac Grill	2	DCBS Open Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion; BB King @ Birchmere
		3	Eddie Jones & Young Bucks @ Westminster Presbyterian Church
		6	Mose Allison Trio @ Blues Alley
4	Doug Parks and the Lonewolves @ Mackeys; <b>Holiday Party</b> @ Archie's Blues Barbershop; <b>BBS presents Big Joe &amp; Dynaflores</b> @ Fish Head Cantina; Big Daddy Stallings @ Chef Mac's; Lex Grey & Urban Pioneers @ Madam's Organ; Joy Bodycomb Band @ Second Chance Saloon; Marsh Brothers @ Branded 72	7	Mose Allison Trio @ Blues Alley
		<b>Regular Blues Events</b>	
5	DCBS Open Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion; Slow Blues and Swing Dance @ Glen Echo Park; Tab Benoit & Friends @ State Theatre; Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ	Sunday	DCBS Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion (1st Sunday); Paulverizers Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille; Nancy Katz & Stray Dogz Jam @ Old Fire Station No. 3; Blues Jam w/Dogfather Blues Band @ The Whiskey
6	Whop Frazier @ Westminster Presbyterian Church	Monday	Blue Mondays @ Westminster Presbyterian Church; Wolf's Blues Jam @ JV's (2nd and 4th Mondays)
8	Andy Poxon @ Madam's Organ	Tuesday	Old Man Brown @ Madam's Organ (alternating Tuesdays)
9	<b>Memphis Gold Fundraiser w/ Mary Shaver, Memphis Gold, Stacy Brooks, Bobby Parker, Clarence "Blues Man" Turner, &amp; others @ Surf Club Live</b>	Wednesday	Wolf's Hot Rods & Old Gas Blues Jam @ Beach Cove; Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille
10	Hot Rods and Old Gas @ JV's; Rick Franklin - House Concert; Johnny Winter @ State Theatre; Eli Cook @ Madam's Organ; Moondog Medicine Show @ McGinty's; Bad Influence @ The Music Cafe	Thursday	DCBS Thursday Jam/Open Mic w/Sol @ LA Bar & Grill; Patrick Alban or Johnny Artis @ Madam's Organ; Open Mic w/Fast Eddie @ Spanky's Shenanigans; Blues Jam @ Eastport Democratic Club; Big Boy Little Band Jam @ Zoo Bar; Slow Blues & Swing Dance @ Glen Echo; Ronnie Ray & Coolers Jam @ Braddock Inn
12	Zydeco Dance @ Glen Echo Park; B.T. Richardson Band @ Madam's Organ	Friday	Glen Moomau & Blue Flames @ Bertha's; Hot Rods @ Old Gas @ Zoo Bar (1st Friday); Wolf's Blues Jam @ Fat Boys (3rd Friday); John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe; Brian Gross Trio @ Cafe Ole
13	Moonshine Society with Charlie Sayles @ Westminster Church	Saturday	Acoustic Blues Jam @ Archie's Barbershop; Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar (1st Saturday); John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe; Brian Gross & Steve Levine @ Sala Thai, Bethesda (2nd Saturday)
15	<b>Christmas w/ Aaron Neville &amp; His Quintet featuring Charles Neville @ Birchmere (DCBS Ticket Giveaway)</b>	<b>Attention dancers:</b> See DCBS homepage for link to dance-friendly venues. To subscribe to a weekly e-mail newsletter "So Many Choices" with dance-specific information, often with a blues twist, send an e-mail to DCBS member and Blues fan Robin: <a href="mailto:hc1829@aol.com">hc1829@aol.com</a>	
16	<b>Moonshine Society Bon Voyage Bash</b> w/ Charlie Sayles and Stacy Brooks @ Surf Club Live (DCBS Disc.); Christmas w/ Aaron Neville & His Quintet featuring Charles Neville @ Rams Head	<b>Bolded</b> items are picks by calendar editor, Mike Wolk, and include DCBS and BBS events. Send listings to <a href="mailto:calendar@dcblues.org">calendar@dcblues.org</a> . <b>Musicians: Deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication.</b> Events listed are based on the best information possible. DCBS cannot be held liable for errors in schedules, places or performances listed. It is recommended that you contact the venues to verify the event will occur. The DCBS homepage has additional music links and information: <a href="http://www.dcblues.org">www.dcblues.org</a> .	
17	Big Daddy Stallings @ Chef Mac's; Tom Principato Band with Steve Wolf @ Second Chance Saloon		
18	<b>DCBS Holiday Party w/ B.T. Richardson &amp; Black Coffee Experience</b> @ Wheaton American Legion; Rick Franklin & His Delta Blues Boys @ Cassatt's; Big Daddy Stallings @ Chef Mac's; Bad Influence @ Ice House Cafe; Bobby Parker @ Madam's Organ; Automatic Slim @ Bare Bones	 <p>TW Perry is the Mid-Atlantic's leading independently owned, full-scale building materials supplier offering the finest breadth and depth of building products. It's award winning facility creates finely crafted doors and a wide selection of customized products. Specializing in serving remodelers, home builders, and deck builders, TW Perry has six stores in the DC area. For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.twperry.com">www.twperry.com</a>.</p>	
19	Joy Bodycomb @ JV's		
20	Nighthawks @ Westminster Presbyterian Church		
22	Savoy Brown @ Rams Head		
23	Santa Jam XIV w/Tommy Lepson & others @ State Theatre		
26	Southside Johnny & the Ashbury Jukes @ Rams Head		
27	Tinaz Blues @ Westminster Presbyterian Church; Southside Johnny & the Ashbury Jukes @ Rams Head		
29	<b>Southside Johnny &amp; the Ashbury Jukes</b> @ Birchmere (DCBS Ticket Giveaway)		
30	Women in Blues @ JV's		
31	<b>DCBS New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance w/ Electrofied Blues Band</b> @ Silver Spring American Legion; Big Boy Little New Year's Eve Party @ Zoo Bar; Deanna Bogart @ Rams Head; Lex Grey & Urban Pioneers @ Madam's Organ; Bad Influence @ Ice House Cafe		

## DC Blues Society Special Event Memphis Gold Fundraiser



Thursday, December 9, 2010  
7:30 pm - 1:00 am

### Surf Club Live!

4711 Kenilworth Avenue  
Hyattsville, MD 20781  
301-927-6310



Suggested donation: \$15.00  
Reserve tickets: 301-322-4808  
[www.dcb Blues.org](http://www.dcb Blues.org)

- 7:30pm ♦ Mary Shaver with Smokin' Polecats
  - 8:30pm ♦ Memphis Gold
  - 9:30pm ♦ Stacy Brooks
  - 10:30pm ♦ Clarence "The Blues Man" Turner
  - 11:30pm ♦ Bobby Parker
- Special Guest: Mark Wenner of The Nighthawks  
MC ♦ Dr. S.O. Feelgood

Lineup subject to change      Photos © Ron Weinstock  
[www.memphisgoldblues.net](http://www.memphisgoldblues.net)

## Come Party at the Memphis Gold Fundraiser!

Please join the DC Blues community at a Memphis Gold benefit that is being held on Thursday, December 9, at The Surf Club Live in Hyattsville, MD.

In a tragic work-related accident on January 8, 2008, Memphis Gold, a tree trimmer by day, fell 35 feet to the ground crushing his second, third and fourth vertebrae. Told he had only a small chance of walking again, Memphis has overcome tremendous obstacles to make a remarkable comeback. However, in these tough economic times and with his physical limitations as a result of the accident, Memphis and his wife are struggling financially to meet their rent and other obligations.

This tried and true DC-based Delta Bluesman continues to perform and record music and mentor other musicians, despite his physical challenges. Come to the benefit to show your appreciation for his continued commitment to the Blues and the DC area! You'll be treated to a stellar lineup of local musicians as well as a performance by Memphis himself. The Surf Club Live is a great venue for what promises to be a terrific party! [www.memphisgoldblues.com](http://www.memphisgoldblues.com)



## MLK Blues n' BBQ Dinner Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration Sunday, Jan. 16

McLean Community Center/  
Alden Theater  
1234 Ingleside Ave.  
McLean, VA 22101  
5-7 p.m

Admission: \$5 adults; \$3 children age 10 and under.  
Register online beginning Monday, Dec. 6.

Featuring **Curtis Blues**, a preservationist of acoustic Delta Blues of the 1920's and 1930's. Curtis Blues' performance is at once highly entertaining and a fascinating historical journey through this deeply American musical genre. His appeal is wide-ranging to all ages.

Curtis plays every instrument from the steel resonator guitar, to the one string Diddly Bo (not to be confused with Bo Diddly). His collection also includes the African gourd banjo, a homemade guitar box banjo, harmonica, and more. This is a show not to be missed!

BBQ Dinner catered by **The Tender Rib** of Temple Hills, MD. Those of us who know these folks from last year's MLK and McLean Day know this is the real deal when it comes to BBQ!

In cooperation with **The DC Blues Society**

Ticketing registration information will be posted as it becomes available. [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/mlk.asp](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/mlk.asp)

## Holiday Party at Archie's Blues Barbershop 4701 Queensbury Rd. in Riverdale, MD 20737 Saturday December 4, 2010

Mark December 4 on your calendar for the Archie's Barbershop Holiday Party, with food, beverages, a silent auction – as well as special guests and a ceremony to dedicate the Archie Edwards Museum. If you like, please bring food or beverages to share.



**SILENT AUCTION:** Last year's Silent Auction at the Archie's Barbershop Holiday Party was a fundraising success, so they are doing it again!

**DONATE ITEMS OR SERVICES:** Please scour your closets, bookshelves, CD racks, and all the nooks and crannies in your home for items you no longer need or want but might find a happy new home. Books, CDs, toys, pottery, jewelry, art, posters, musical instruments, tools,... anything goes! Or, donate a service such as baking a cake, giving a music lesson, changing guitar strings, or providing a computer tutorial.

**DROP OFF:** Items can be donated up to the last minute on December 4, but items received after November 28 will not be posted on the Archie's Barbershop website for online bidding. Please contact Willie Leebel at 410-257-6999 to make arrangements for donating items.

**BIDDING:** Bid on items in advance online until 5 pm December 3, and at the Holiday Party on December 4. Bidding closes at 4 pm.

The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation is a nonprofit organization and depends on its friends for financial support. So donate and bid on the auction, and/or consider making an end-of-year cash or check donation. You can also see the items for auction by visiting: [www.acousticblues.com/Shop/SilentAuction.html](http://www.acousticblues.com/Shop/SilentAuction.html)





**DCBS Members Get These Great Discounts! Show your current DCBS membership card to get these discounts on food and entertainment ( 🎵 ), and on services ( 😊 ).** Restrictions may apply and discounts may be withdrawn at any time.

<p><b>Half-price Admission</b> 🎵  <b>Blues Alley</b>                  Many Blues Shows Sun. - Thurs.                  1073 Wisconsin Ave., NW                  Washington, DC 20007                  202-337-4141  <a href="http://www.bluesalley.com">www.bluesalley.com</a></p>	<p><b>20% Discount</b> 🎵  <b>Royal Mile Pub</b>                  2407 Price Ave.                  Wheaton, MD 20902                  301-946-4511                  Discount applies to food  <a href="http://www.royalmilepub.com">www.royalmilepub.com</a></p>	<p><b>10% Discount</b> 🎵  <b>Delta Blues Juke Joint &amp; Diner</b>                  2796 Old Washington Rd.                  Waldorf, MD 20601                  (301) 632-5837                  Discount applies to food and admission  <a href="http://www.deltabluesjukejoint.com">www.deltabluesjukejoint.com</a></p>	<p><b>10% discount</b> 😊  <b>GOT YOGA?</b>                  Individual Sessions including gentle yoga, breathing techniques, warmup, poses, meditation &amp; laughter therapy. Group Yoga Sessions (8 minimum) available for above &amp; Laughter Yoga                  Call to schedule: 301-802-1879</p>
<p><b>20% Discount</b>  <b>Three Brothers Italian Restaurant</b>                  4521 Kenilworth Ave.                  Bladensburg, MD 20710                  301-864-1570                  Until 9 pm. Not valid holidays or w/ other discounts. Restrictions may apply</p>	<p><b>10% Discount</b> 🎵  <b>New Deal Café</b>                  113 Centerway Road                  Greenbelt, MD 20770                  Discount applies to food and non-alcoholic beverages  <a href="http://www.newdealcafe.com">www.newdealcafe.com</a></p>	<p><b>JV's Restaurant Drink Special</b> 🎵                  Buy one &amp; get 2nd drink free                  6666 Arlington Boulevard,                  Falls Church, VA 22042                  703-241-9504  <a href="http://www.jvsrestaurant.com">www.jvsrestaurant.com</a></p>	<p><b>15% Discount</b> 😊  <b>BOK Custom Framing</b>                  5649 Lee Highway,                  Arlington, VA 22207                  703-534-1866                  Hours: M-F 10 -6, Sat. 10-5</p>
<p><b>15% Discount</b> 🎵  <b>LA Bar &amp; Grill</b>                  2530 Columbia Pike                  Arlington, VA 22204                  703-682-1560  <a href="http://www.lowerarlingtonbarandgrill.com">www.lowerarlingtonbarandgrill.com</a></p>	<p><b>10% Discount</b> 😊  <b>J &amp; J Automotive</b>                  9160 Euclid Court                  Manassas, VA 20110                  703-368-3600  <a href="http://www.jjautoservices.com">www.jjautoservices.com</a></p>	<p><b>10% Discount</b> 😊  <b>Capitol Hill Books</b>                  Across from Eastern Market                  657 C Street, SE                  Washington, DC 20003                  202-544-1621  <a href="http://www.capitolhillbooks-dc.com">www.capitolhillbooks-dc.com</a></p>	<p><b>20% Discount</b> 😊  <b>Neil Senning Enterprises</b>                  Quality Painting and Handyman Services: Plastering/Drywall Deck Cleaning/Power Washing/Staining/Carpentry/Interior &amp; Exterior Work and much more.                  301-717-1773</p>




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**DCBS Members: Remember to Check the Members Only Web Page Often for Ticket Giveaways/Discounts**  
 Here's a sample. See **Members Only Page** for how to submit an entry.

**The Birchmere**  
 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave  
 Alexandria, VA 22305  
 703-549-7500



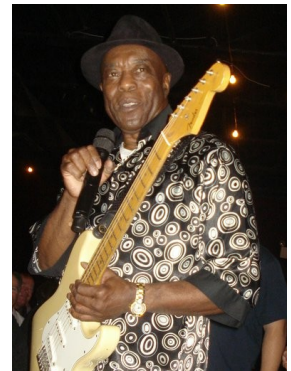
Win a pair of tickets to **Christmas with Aaron Neville & His Quintet**  
**Featuring Charles Neville**  
 Show Date: Wednesday, December 15 *Entries due by December 8*  
 Tickets: purchase online for \$49.50 each

Win a pair of tickets to **Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes**  
 Show Date: Wednesday, December 29 *Entries due by December 22*  
 Tickets: purchase online for \$39.50 each

**Were You At The Birchmere Shows Pictured Below?**



L to R: Sharon Johnson, Jazs, Maxine Blank, Patty Reese. Sharon and Maxine ran the sound at Twist and Shout, Tornado Alley, and Phantasmagoria for years and now work for the Nighthawks, Mary Shaver Band, and Patty.



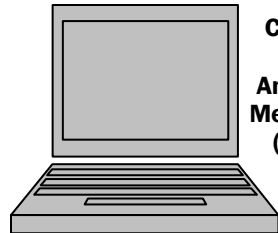
Chicago Blues legend Buddy Guy (DCBS gave away 4 tickets to this show, a \$300+ value).



Patty Reese with Blues fan, Diane. Note the DCBS T-shirts for sale in the background.



Andy Poxon with Jimmy Thackery (of Jimmy Thackery and the Drivers).



**Check the DCBS Website for More Giveaways and Discounts, And/or Volunteer To Staff the DCBS Merchandise Table For Future Shows (Write to [volunteer@dcb Blues.org](mailto:volunteer@dcb Blues.org))**

Photos by Jazs

**Special Thanks for Providing Food to the Artists and Crew at the 3rd Annual College Park Blue Festival**



**Three Brothers Pizza**  
4521 Kenilworth Avenue  
Bladensburg, MD 20710  
(301) 864-1570

Full service restaurant, bar, deli, bakers, and take out.

Card-carrying DC Blues Society members get a 20% discount before 9 pm at this Three Brothers

(Valid only at this Bladensburg location. Not valid with other offers. Some other restrictions may apply.)

**Pizza Roma**

9805 Rhode Island Avenue  
Next to REI in the Hollywood Shopping Center  
College Park, MD 20740

Customer review:

*"The greatest sandwich place ever! Bar none and hands down, the Italian hot cut sub is the pinnacle of subs."*

**Attention bands**  
**Send your Jan. and Feb. gigs to**  
**[calendar@dcblues.org](mailto:calendar@dcblues.org)**  
**by December 15**



**DCBS Needs Volunteers  
Can You Help??**

The DC Blues Society's events are typically a success because of the volunteers that provide support behind the scenes, as well as more visibly at the events. Please consider volunteering for one or more of the following critical needs:

**December 18 Holiday Party** at the Wheaton American Legion:

Volunteers are needed to decorate before the event, staff the merchandise table during the event, and to help with clean up.

**December 31 New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance** at the Silver Spring American Legion:

Volunteers are needed to decorate before the event, to provide food donations (e.g., black eyed-peas, green beans, turkey, ham, rice, cornbread, etc.), and to help serve food during the event.

**Near the first of each month:**

A volunteer is needed to assist in the mailing of DCBS newsletter (to members without email addresses). This includes picking up copies from the printer in Wheaton, MD; printing and affixing mailing labels (approximately 150), buying/affixing stamps, and delivering to the post office.

Please consider these volunteer needs and send an e-mail to [volunteer@dcblues.org](mailto:volunteer@dcblues.org) and indicate how you are interested in helping.

For additional volunteer needs, visit the Volunteer link at [www.dcblues.org](http://www.dcblues.org). There are many opportunities available. Start today!

**Is Your DCBS Membership Current?**

Dues-paying members are essential to the operation of the DC Blues Society and the events that it sponsors. Please sign up if you are not now a current member, help recruit additional members, and renew promptly when your 12-month membership expires. See p. 2 for the membership application form. ***Help Keep The Blues Alive!***



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**P.O. Box 77315**

**Washington, DC 20013-7315**

**Your membership renewal date is shown on address label. Renew today and stay in the Blues!**

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