

Folk Festival of Music AND Dance

Everybody mark your calendars and oil up your dancing shoes because it is almost time for the 21st annual Gays Mills Folk Festival of Music and Dance, Mothers Day weekend 2013. The festival kicks off the evening of Friday May 10th with a old time square dance in the old Gays Mills community building. The fun starts at 7:00 pm; all the dances are taught by the caller and no experience is necessary. Fun for all ages.

Saturday activities start at noon in the park next to the river. Activities include an open stage, music workshops, dancing (complete with a Maypole), and a fiddle bee. Also there will be a special concert at 1:00 pm by Low Bridge, all the Way from Port Wing, Wisconsin on Lake Superior's chilly south shore. The Saturday evening concert takes place in the Old Town Community building at 7:30 pm. We have an extra special line up this year with three exciting bands. First off will be the Cactus Blossoms featuring brother duet singing and honky-tonk styling on both original and traditional numbers. Next, from St. Paul, Minnesota will be the Hula Peppers, who will regale you with jazz standards, novelty numbers, and smooth Hawaiian melodies from the 1920s and '30s. And last but not least we feature an exciting, multi-talented group of gals, the Petticoat Rustlers. They play. They sing. They dance. And they look darn good all the while. I'm sure they will have you kicking up your heels by the end. We are pleased to welcome Sarah and Clancy from Low Bridge as our 2013 Masters of Ceremony.

Don't forget, as always, the festival winds down with a good old fashioned Gospel Sing at 11:00 am Sunday in the park. Shall we gather at the river? Yes we shall. Also be sure to check out the other fun events happening in Gays Mills this weekend including business open houses, an antique tractor pull, Saturday Chili supper, and Sunday morning Pancake Breakfast.

Ticket prices for the Gays Mills Folk Festival are \$20 for a weekend pass, or \$45/family. More information may be obtained by visiting our website at www.gaysmillsfolkfest.org or by calling (608)606-4809 or (608)735-4031. The Gays Mills Folk Festival is a project of the Kickapoo Cultural Exchange.