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BONUS NEWS

[Sue Harris](#) is going to help us celebrate **Mother's Day weekend**. Each lady in the audience on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10, will receive a small gift from the AFP and another from Sue's [Little Mama Products](#) line.

[Sue](#) is doing a live radio interview this Friday (May 1) at 5:30 pm Arizona Time, for [Ralph's Backporch Internet Radio Program](#). It's an outfit in San Augustine, Texas. They've been playing her CD a lot, giving our Arizona music some exposure in another part of the world.

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Concert Schedule & Information

May Concerts



May 2-3

[Juni Fisher](#)

Juni is pictured at left with her next-to-last award, the 2008 Western Music Association Songwriter of the Year. Later in 2008, she was selected for the 2008 Wrangler Award by the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. The actual ceremony was held on April 18th, just a couple of weeks before Juni's AFP appearance this weekend.

The Wrangler Award was presented for [Gone for Colorado](#), the latest of her four CDs. Her CDs and concerts consist almost entirely of her original songs: story songs that tell of the West Juni loves.

Photo by Lori Faith Merritt, www.photographybyfaith.com



May 9-10
Sue Harris

If you've never seen Sue Harris in concert, you've been missing a real treat. You'll love her vocals, her guitar, and most of all her songs.

Be sure to click above to go to her MySpace page. You can also find some good Sue Harris video on YouTube (Look up "Sue Harris Arizona").

You can see a beautiful photo of Sue on her [AFP poster](#); the one at left is just for fun. It was taken at Bud Strom's Single Star Ranch when she performed at a benefit for C.A.N.T.E.R., an organization that helps children with special needs by teaching them to ride and care for horses. Notice the innovative and beautifully decorated mic stand (doubles as a much-needed ranch implement).

Photo courtesy of Sue Harris



May 16-17
Dolan Ellis, Arizona's Official State
Balladeer
Presenting "Border Crossings"

Our founder and artist-in-residence returns to the AFP stage this weekend after another exciting tour with **The New Christy Minstrels®**, this time mostly in the Midwest.

This weekend's shows are all about the border region between the states of Arizona and Sonora, Mexico: songs of adventure such as "**Camino del Diablo**," fun such as "**The Bombing of Naco**" (yes, it is really a funny story and funnier song); and romance such as "**Malaguena Salerosa**" and "**Spanish is the Loving Tongue**."

Photo by Bonnie Brock



May 23-24
Patty Clayton

Patty was named the Western Female Vocalist of the Year for 2007 by the Academy of Western Artists. Her Western heritage shows strongly in her authentic songs about the West of yesterday (and of today).

She grew up in the Pacific Northwest, where her family had a rich history of ranching. Now she lives in Colorado.

Patty has a clear and beautiful voice. Her guitar work is outstanding; you'll even hear a bit of a Hawaiian sound from time to time. In addition to the award mentioned above, Patty has been a finalist for many other awards, and was named the Female Vocalist of the Year by the Western Music Association in 2004.

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May 30-31 [Santa Cruz River Band](#)

The Santa Cruz River Band has been performing at the AFP since 2002, following their performance at the big AFP fundraiser, the Red Rooster Ruckus, in October 2001. Ted Ramirez and Michael Ronstadt are outstanding musicians, playing a variety of instruments. Each sings lead and harmony vocals, and each is an accomplished songwriter.

They refer to their music as “Southwestern Folk,” with a mix of Spanish and English and sometimes Native American languages, and a variety of musical styles. Come out this weekend and you’ll see why they are such fan favorites.

Photo courtesy of the Santa Cruz River Band

Coming in June

6-7 [The Desert Sons](#). Wonderful Western harmonies and instrumentals make this one of the most popular groups in Arizona.

13-14 [Dolan Ellis](#), Arizona’s Official State Balladeer and the AFP’s founder and artist-in-residence, presents “**Summer’s Song.**”

20-21 To be Announced

27-28 The [Santa Cruz River Band](#) returns to play their beautiful Southwestern folk music

Coming in July

[Dolan Ellis](#), Arizona’s Official State Balladeer, will close our 2008-2009 season on July 4-5 with his special “**Independence Day: Arizona Style**” concert.

Note: The 2009-2010 season will open at the end of August, and you’ll be able to see Dolan again that weekend.

Announcements



We're happy to add the [Windemere Hotel](#) in Sierra Vista to our list of supporters. They are now housing our artists on many weekends. Those of you who have attended the Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering probably know that the Windemere has been the host hotel for that event for many years.



Our artists sometimes stay at the [Ramsey Canyon Inn](#), that lovely Bed & Breakfast Inn just about a quarter mile west of the AFP. It's a wonderful place to stay when you visit the AFP. You can take a strenuous hike or an easy one in the morning before coming to our matinee. Shirlene, the owner, has always been a very good neighbor, and she often houses our guest artists.

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