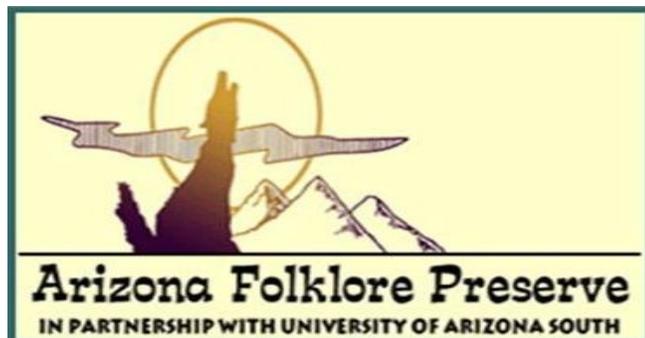


Here's what is happening at . . .



April 2024



**Editor's Note:**

Comments this month are from Sharon Heikkinen, the busy gal that books most of the wonderful performers at the AFP!

*"The AFP will host a special show featuring audience favorite, Mark Mulligan, along with special guest Kelly McGuire. These two singer/songwriters have been wowing audiences with their shows filled with original music along with Jimmy Buffett tribute music. The doors will open at 4:00 PM, the show starts at 5:00 PM, and beverages and snacks will be provided."*

More info is on Page 2 of the News!

Check out the AFP Gift Shop which has hundreds of CDs, many books, and lots of treasures including jewelry, pottery, wood carvings, hard shell gourds, and many other handmade items. It is open every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00–4:00 PM.

Your comments are welcome at:  
Cng.gruenhagen@cox.net  
Look forward to seeing you at the AFP!

- Carolyn G.

## Look who's coming this month!

**Saturday & Sunday  
April 6 & 7**



**Randy Huston**

Singer, songwriter, cowboy -- Randy Huston writes and sings about the modern-day lifestyle of the cowboy. He is a fourth-generation livestock producer, and partners with his father on their ranch in New Mexico. He started breaking horses for wages at the age of 14 and spent many years in rodeo arenas through high school and college. He's written some of the most widely recognized of contemporary cowboy music, and his songs have been recorded by some of the "stars" of this genre. Randy was voted one of the top five male entertainers in 2007 by the Academy of Western Artists, and was 2010 Academy of Western Artists male vocalist of the year. He is also a multiple Wrangler Award Recipient.

**Saturday & Sunday  
April 13 & 14**



**Old Pueblo Bluegrass Band**

has been delighting audiences with high-energy bluegrass music for years. Bandleader Reid Griffin, on guitar and vocals, is a Tucson native. He has performed throughout the Southwest since the 1980s and toured Europe with his band Griffin Brothers. Steve Reed, on electric and upright bass and vocals, majored in music at Pima College, then made a long musical journey from classical to jazz and onward to bluegrass. Bob Frankot, on fiddle, has been steeped in bluegrass all his life and has played with the popular California bluegrass band Hot Off the Press through the 1980s before coming to the Old Pueblo.

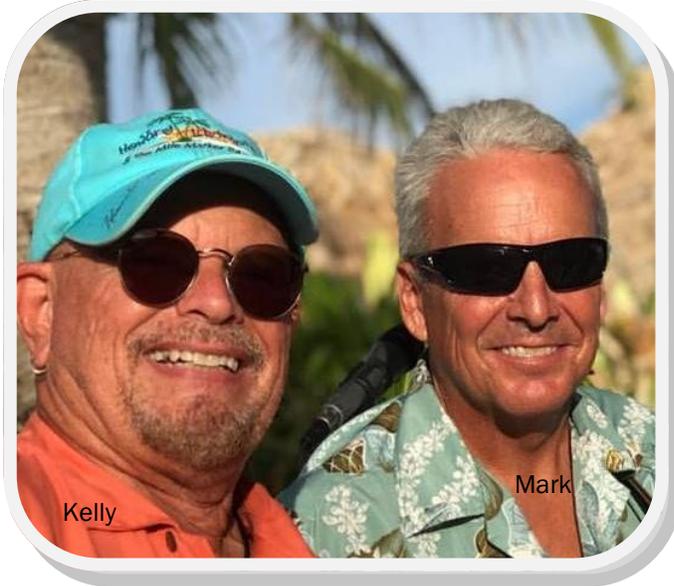


### SPECIAL EVENT AT THE AFP!!!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

Doors open at 4:00 PM—Show at 5:00 PM

\$30 per person - ONLINE **RESERVATIONS** NEEDED



**Mark Mulligan** deported himself to Mexico 30 years ago, ditching his gold Century 21 real estate jacket for flip flops and a guitar. Living south of the border, his songs paint pictures of sunshine, sailboats, and sandy beaches. His book, "The Three Miracles" is available in the AFP bookstore and is a true story of love and faith. Mark performs throughout the U.S. and Mexico, and has played in Canada, Belize, the Cayman Islands and Costa Rica.

**Kelly McGuire** is an award-winning Texas singer/songwriter as well as an artist/painter. He's a storyteller and has written and produced songs for 6 CDs. He has won various awards for his music, and you can hear his music on the SiriusXM Margaritaville station. Kelly is known for his "escapism" songs about boats, islands and beaches. In his concerts, he tells you about his coast-to-coast travels and the stories behind his songs.

### Saturday & Sunday April 20 & 21



**The Mule Boys** are Scott Muhleman, name-sake of this duo and Jon Messenger. Our local musicians will be bringing you an afternoon of great music! Jon says, "A coupla few years ago the notion of some several collaborations under the moniker *The Mule Boys* could provide for some fine noise in a good room! Of late, the notion progresses. It's a good sound. It's a good life. So we're playing!"



### AFP May Performances

May 4 & 5  
Independence Creek

May 18 & 19  
Jeneve Rose Mitchell

May 11 & 12  
Sue Harris

May 25 & 26  
Nancy McCallion and Danny Krieger

**Saturday & Sunday  
April 27 & 28**



**Eric Ramsey** has garnered numerous accolades for his songwriting, and performs at concerts and festivals nationwide. He is a perennial favorite on the Folk and Blues Festival circuits, not only for his dynamic, engaging performances but for his open tuning and slide guitar workshops as well.

*"If you've heard him once, you'll want to hear him again...and again...and then some. Eric Ramsey rocks the house and steals the show! This folk/blues artist is a MUST SEE!"*

~ The Folk Sessions



**Balladeer's Blog #56**

**A MESSAGE TO ALL ARIZONANS...YOUNG AND OLD**

Springtime is here again, and it is time to enjoy Arizona's beautiful and interesting out of doors. Unfortunately, it is also that time of year when our Arizona hospital emergency rooms will become jammed every weekend with serious injuries from recreational vehicles, hiking accidents, and other outdoor activities, some of which will result in unexpected deaths.

Don't be stupid! Off-highway vehicle and outdoor recreational equipment advertising would have you to believe that you are invincible when using their products. YOU ARE NOT! THEY CAN KILL YOU! Please remember, the knowledge and talent of how to use these products safely does not magically come with the price of purchase. It must be developed. There is a distinct learning curve that can only be accomplished through "practice and years of experience."

Always recreate within the limits of your own skill level, whether it is on a quad, day hiking, or backpacking, or using climbing gear. You know best what your skill level is, so let me say to you again..."Don't Be Stupid!" Don't let a fun and beautiful weekend with your family or friends end up in serious injury or a tragic death. It happens every weekend, and only you can prevent it from being you or your children.

**FIVE BASIC BUT IMPORTANT RULES:**

- 1 Always take extra water.
- 2 Use sunscreen, hat, and sturdy shoes. (Cactus goes right through tennies.)
- 3 Never put your hands or feet where your eyes cannot see. (Snake bite.)
- 4 Always "brush it off." Do not "Slap" it. (Slap scorpion it will sting..Brush it.)
- 5 Always let someone know where you are and when you plan to return.

Have fun, but be safe.



- The Balladeer

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All Saturday and Sunday shows begin  
at 2:00 PM

\$20 adults - \$10 age 17 and under

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