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# PENTANGLE ARTS

*Celebrating 47 Years!*

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## Pentangle Kicks Off Music By The River Concerts at the East End Park

**B**y some miracle the clouds lifted last Friday and our first *Music By the River* concert featuring Interplay Jazz went off without a hitch at the East End Park. We're still refining details such as tent location and such, but happy to say that patrons of all ages enjoyed the music, food, and camaraderie. I particularly liked seeing kiddos enjoying the music, the park, and the hula hoops.

A huge shout out to the Alden-Wright Foundation who sponsored the concert, our series sponsor, The Picnic Shoppe at the Taftsville Store, and our raffle prize donors, The Prince and The Pauper Restaurant, and the Yankee Bookshop.

There was a magical feeling sitting at a picnic table alongside the river, (crafted by volunteers), listening to the music, and watching the light shift as the sun began to dip. I strongly recommend a visit to the park anytime, but particularly Friday evenings during the summer for the next eight weeks, when you can enjoy a different musical genre every week. For a listing of the upcoming concerts please visit our website:

<https://pentanglearts.org/music-by-the-river/#content>

It goes without saying that as a community we are extremely grateful to the East End Park volunteers, and Sustainable Woodstock for seeing the potential in the space 10 years ago when it was the snow dump, and the endless hours it has taken to bring the park into a reality. As Mary MacVey noted in her introductory welcome to the park, there is still and will continue to be a need for volunteers to help with the park, the trail maintenance and upkeep.

This Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, we welcome the Ben Patton Band!

Vermont native Ben Patton has been prolifically writing, recording, and performing music since the late nineties. His idiosyncratic style, combining sixties-tinged power pop, jazzy musical theater, heartfelt folk and quirky alt-rock has attracted a loyal international fan

base. Joined by drummer Caleb Bronz and bassist Mingo Maquera, Ben's sound is condensed down to a tight, energetic trio, the Ben Patton Band.

We encourage folks to bring picnics, lawn chairs and blankets before 6:00 pm, when the concert starts to get the best spot in the amphitheater or on the lawn! Of course, the concerts are free with donations gratefully accepted!

Lastly, we encourage folks to bring non-perishable items for the Woodstock Community Food shelf. Donations of canned proteins, small jars of condiments, healthy baby food, olives pickles, pasta, rice, and soup are encouraged. Donors to the Food Shelf will receive a lovely bright blue Pentangle tote bag.

In the case of rain or thunderstorms, the location for the concert will be decided at noon on Friday. Please check our web site, [pentanglearts.org](http://pentanglearts.org) or voicemail message, 802-457-3981 for an update.

It is hard to believe we are midway through the summer. With that in mind we are getting closer to our end of summer Heroes Concert featuring Kat Wright and the Indomitable Soul Band, August 27 at 5:00 pm.

This is an event to celebrate all those individuals, non-profits, businesses, and essential workers who helped us all come through the pandemic.

Please share your stories with us!

What was it like going to work while the rest of us followed the "stay home, stay safe order". Were you part of a team delivering services to those who were house bound? Did you receive help and support from individuals and/or organizations that helped you better cope with the pandemic? It was a difficult year for everyone, but for many impossibly difficult. As we return to some sort of normalcy let's celebrate those stepped up and lessened the pain, the sense of isolation, and the struggle to cope with COVID itself.