

VFSS RETREAT SCHEDULE FRIDAY, Sept. 30th 2022

	Alexandra Hall	Lodge Upstairs	Lodge Downstairs
4:30 pm	Registration Begins		
6:00 – 7:00	LIGHT SUPPER (Dining Room)		
7:30 – 9:30	WELCOME SONG CIRCLE		
9:45 on Snacks provided in Lodge kitchen	Open / Reservable *	Open / Reservable *	Open / Reservable *

* **Open / Reservable** spaces – Sign up for a reservable space if you would like to host any type of song circle, jam session, etc., being as specific as you can about what you have in mind. You can write directly onto the schedule sheet in Alexandra Hall and take a sheet of paper and some tape for a door sign. Unreserved spaces may be used for open jamming or singing.

This year, the Media Room is not available to us; do not enter.

Song Circles – *Due to concerns about not getting a chance to sing in larger song circles, all circles will start with the leader(s) and proceed to the right. Participants can position themselves accordingly. Appropriate distancing is encouraged.*

Sign-up Info for Hat Bands and Saturday Concert – Hat Band sign-up (put your name in the basket at the desk) will continue until 1:00 pm on Saturday. Hat Band groupings will be chosen & announced at lunch on Saturday before the group photo. Sign-up sheet for the Saturday evening concert will be posted in Alexandra Hall at 9:00 am on Saturday and remain up until 2:00pm. Each concert slot will be 5 minutes long and group collaboration is encouraged.

Family Friendly designation – Our Retreat this year is as family-friendly as ever. Every session time-slot has a family-friendly session (wiggles and squeaks welcome!). All ages are encouraged to attend and movement and a little noise are fine. For quieter sessions that require more focus, attentiveness is requested.

VFSS RETREAT SCHEDULE SATURDAY, Oct. 1st 2022 (FF = Family Friendly)

	Alexandra Hall	Lodge Upstairs	Lodge Downstairs
8:00 – 9:15	BREAKFAST (Dining Room)		
9:30 – 10:50	Join the “not quite beginners” Ukelele Circle . Share a song, teach or learn a song. LEONA AXBEY (Song Circle, FF)	War and Peace, Pro and Con Come share a song about it. CLIFF RICE (Song Circle)	The Blues American Folk Music out of Africa STEVE BRITTEN (Presentation)
11:00 – 12:20	Favorite Canadian Songwriters Bring your own song or choose one from the booklet provided. BETTY McBURNEY & company: HENRY, STEVE, and DAVID (Singalong)	Songs for the End of the World – and the Start of a New One Alternating songs from presenters and participants. JIM EDMONDSON & MADELEINE DE LITTLE (Presentation, FF)	Celtic Songs and Tunes (Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Manx, Cornish, Breton, Galician...) STEVE DEERING (Song Circle)
12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH (Dining Room) — HAT BANDS Announced		
1:45 – 2:00	GROUP PHOTO		
2:10 – 3:20	Be part of a group arrangement of a song or songs, vocal and instrumental. EARLE PEACH (Workshop)	Islands in the Stream Songs about islands and maybe the sea that surrounds them! MARIAN BUECHERT (Song Circle)	Appalachian Songs Songs that originate from the Appalachian area, <i>a capella</i> or with instruments. ELIZABETH DUNN (Song Circle, FF)
3:30 – 4:40	Seasonal Songs of England Sit back and listen or participate. GRAHAM BALDWIN (Presentation)	Rhythm is the heartbeat of music. We explore rhythms useful for accompanying folk music. BARRY TRUTER (Workshop, FF)	Open / Reservable
4:45 – 6:00	HAT BANDS PRACTICE TIME		
6:00 – 7:00	DINNER (Dining Room)		
7:30 – 9:45	CONCERT		
9:45 – 10:15	SNACK TIME (Lodge Kitchen)		
10:30 – 12:00	(ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE not scheduled at this time)		
10:15 on		Open / Reservable	Open / Reservable

VFSS RETREAT SCHEDULE SUNDAY, Oct. 2nd 2022 (FF = Family Friendly)

	Alexandra Hall	Lodge Upstairs	Lodge Downstairs
8:30 – 9:30	BREAKFAST (Dining Room)		
9:40 – 11:00	<p>Come and join us for rousing Gospel Songs. Be ready to praise the Lord! All instruments welcome.</p> <p align="center">MARY ARMITAGE (Singalong, FF)</p>	<p align="center">Come and sing about the Wild West: farms, mines, trains, ballads</p> <p align="center">LYNN APLEGATE (Song Circle, FF)</p>	Open / Reservable
11:10 – 12:40	<p>Shanties – come and sing your favourite shanties and other sea songs – raise the roof!</p> <p align="center">RICK POLLAY (Singalong, FF)</p>	<p align="center">Sharing uplifting, encouraging songs that make you smile and give you hope.</p> <p align="center">MAUREEN HANNAH (Song Circle, FF)</p>	Open / Reservable
12:50 – 1:00	CLOSING SONG CIRCLE & GOODBYES		
1:00 – 2:00	LUNCH (Dining Room)		
2:00 – 2:45	FINAL CLEANUP — Please bring garbage/recyclables to Alexandra Hall		
<p><i>Thank you for taking part in the Retreat. Please make sure you take ALL your belongings. And may you have a good, safe, song-filled journey home.</i></p>			