



# WHIRLED PEAS

## ACOUSTICAL MUSICIANS

Whirled Peas is a group of musicians that come together on a regular basis to share our love of blues, bluegrass and folk music.

Our musical journey includes rock, oldies and show tunes based on the audience's support and enthusiasm.

The core of our group focuses on guitar, harmonica, banjo and more. We often are complemented by an array of talented **guest** musicians.

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### **SCHOOL'S OPEN – A HISTORY LESSON**

To make you feel like a school girl or boy, this week's **HONORARY PEA** is Delaware, which on August 24, 1682, the Duke of York transferred New Castle County, along with the rest of the surrounding land, to William Penn who established the Colony of Delaware.

Before and since its colonization, there has been one constant about Delaware - its 3 counties – each with its own settlement history.

Prior to the European invasion, the state was home to the Delaware (also known as Lenni Lenape), Susquehanna and other Native American tribes.

Based on the explorations of John Cabot, the British claimed the Delaware River Watershed in 1497. The area was given the name for Thomas West, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron DeLaWarr, the Governor of Virginia. From 1610 until 1618, it was considered a part of Virginia.

However, the Dutch also thought they had a claim based on the 1609 explorations of Henry Hudson under the auspices of the Dutch West India Company. The Dutch were the first Europeans to occupy the land establishing a

trading post in 1631 at Zwaanendael (Valley of the Swans), now Lewes. Peter Minuit was the Dutch Director-General during this time, and became very familiar with the area, but he had a falling out with the Dutch West India Company and was recalled back to Europe. There he made his services available to his friends in Sweden. Minuet led a group of Swedes, sailing in the Kalmar Nyckel, to the Delaware River in 1638 where they established a post at Fort Christina, now Wilmington. By 1644, they also claimed the west side of the river saying they found no European settlements there. Unlike the Dutch, the Swedes actually planned on sending settlers to the "New Land." Under the Swedes and the Finns, the area began to grow gradually.

In Zwaanendael, the Dutch were destroyed in a war with the native Americans. They never relinquished their claim to the area and in 1651, under the leadership of Peter Stuyvesant built Fort Casimir, now New Castle. In 1654, Johan Rising, the Swedish governor, captured Fort Casimir. The following year the enraged Stuyvesant attacked all the Swedish communities and forcibly ended the "New Sweden" experiment and incorporated the whole area back to the Dutch.

It didn't take too long before the Dutch were removed. In 1664, James, the Duke of York and brother to King Charles II, led an expedition ousting the Dutch and claiming the area under his authority.

But, Caecilius Calvert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Baltimore, Proprietor of Maryland, asserted he, too, had a claim on the property. In deference to the royal will of Charles II, Calvert did not press his claim, therefore, James, the Duke of York became proprietor.

One of James' first acts was to change the name from New Amstel (under Dutch rule) to

New Castle. Its formal incorporation occurred in 1672 when English law prevailed. However, in 1673, the Dutch attacked New Castle and reclaimed it as their own. On September 12, 1673, the Dutch re-established New Amstel. This establishment was shaky and was eventually transferred to the British under the Treaty of Westminister on February 9, 1674.

Finally, New Amstel became New Castle on November 11, 1674. St. Jones County was carved from New Castle County on June 21, 1680 and became Kent.

Then on that auspicious date, August 24, 1682, New Castle County along with the rest of the surrounding land was transferred to the possession of William Penn, who established the Colony of Delaware.

**ARE YOU A KNOWLEDGEABLE DELAWAREAN?**

Submit your answers to Shirley. First to have all correct win a free beer or wine.

1. Name Delaware’s state insect. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name the capital before Dover? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many national parks does Delaware have? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name Delaware’s state song. \_\_\_\_\_
5. True/False There are 5 states with smaller populations than Delaware. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who was known as the ‘Penman of the Revolution?’ \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which branch of Protestantism was started in Delaware? \_\_\_\_\_
8. The nation’s first \_\_\_\_\_ began in New Castle in 1831.
9. What Delaware resort town bills itself as ‘the Nation’s Summer Capital?’ \_\_\_\_\_
10. True/False Delaware was a slave state during the Civil War.
11. What famous song did John Walter Bratton, of New Castle, write? \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU’RE A TRUE NORWEGIAN IF YOU KNEW...**

Knute Rockne was a Norwegian descent. Oslo, formerly Christinia, is the biggest city. Russia, Finland and Sweden border Norway, not Denmark. Bergen was the city that the Black Plague originated. Norway is the longest and 5<sup>th</sup> largest country in Europe. Parts of Norway have

as much as 24 hours of daylight from April to August. Norway is behind Ireland in sending more emigrants to the U.S. in proportion to its population. The Norwegians are the tallest of all Europeans. Joni Mitchell is of Sami descent.

**THE WHOLE POD PERFORMS...**

*The Peas* will be performing at the Folk Music Weekend at Lums Pond State Park Campgrounds, September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. More details TBA.

**AND THE PEA STANDS ALONE**

Solo gigs... so you can mark your calendar:

*John Frink’s* new CD, *Cabin Fever*, has been released. (see: [www.crocodiletunes.com](http://www.crocodiletunes.com))

*Fritz Horisk* can be heard online at [www.realcountrywsig.com](http://www.realcountrywsig.com). weekdays fom 10 til 1 and Saturdays from 10-3. He hosts *Real Country Classic Café* from noon til 1. Requests taken 540-432-1128.

**SEPTEMBER**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

**WHEN AND WHERE**

The *Whirled Peas* will be at the (BSG) Bourbon Street Grille THIS Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and at the highlighted dates listed above. The *Peas* start about 7:30 and play until 10.

BSG, formerly the Coachhouse, is located at 2605 Philadelphia Pike in Claymont. If you go **north** on Philadelphia Pike, it’s on the left just before the Wawa at Harvey Road. If you are coming **east** on Harvey Road, turn right when you get to Philadelphia Pike. Go past the Wawa and BSG is on the right. There is no problem with parking.

**PEAS PONDERING**

*Delaware: a state that has 3 counties when the tide is out, and 2 when it is in.*

**J.J. Ingalls, R-Senator-Kansas 1873-1897**

*Delaware for the longest time has been a well kept secret.*

**Todd Breck, Peas co-founder**

