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**Charleston Folk Becomes a Non-Profit**

**Charleston, SC (February 24, 2011)** – Charleston Folk announces its conversion to non-profit status this week. In existence since 1987, Charleston Folk has hosted dances, concerts and other events throughout its history. Their current mission is to promote, sponsor, and encourage participation in American folk dancing and music traditions among people of all ages in the South Carolina Lowcountry.

A completely volunteer run organization, the board members include President Conway Saylor, Vice President Starr Hazard, Secretary Ann Birdseye, Treasurer Walter Crocker, and members at large Laura Moses, Robert Papa, Carl Blum, David Mikell, Roger Prevost, Logan Wells, and Sytske Hillenius.

Charleston Folk hosts regular contra dances featuring live music and calls on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at the Felix Davis Community Center at Park Circle in North Charleston. These events are family friendly, open to the public and are \$8 per person (unless they are under 10 or shorter than the table at the entrance to the dance hall).

Charleston Folk also hosts a mostly-annual dance weekend, Palmetto Bug Stomp. The 21<sup>st</sup> Mostly-Annual weekend will take place April 8-11<sup>th</sup> this year. This event draws dancers from around the region in addition to the local dancers. The featured

line up for this year includes bands FootLoose and Floorplay and callers Beth Molaro and Tom Hinds.

For more information about Charleston Folk, visit their Facebook group <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=21389979194> and their website <http://charlestonfolk.weebly.com>.

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