

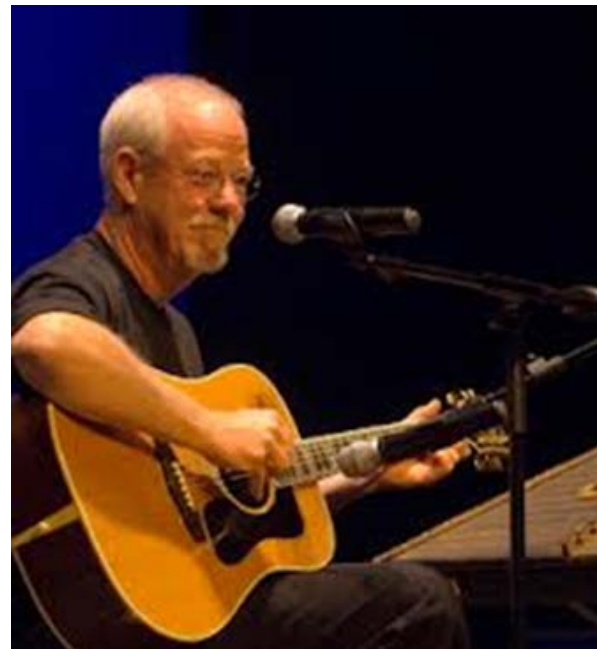
Saturday, February 22nd, 2014 @ 7:30 PM

***Community Coffee House at Babcock
Presbyterian Church***

Bob Shank with Sparky and Rhonda Rucker

Bob Shank, founding member of the legendary bluegrass group Hickory Wind, has been a benchmark for American acoustic instrumentalists for more than three decades. Not bluegrass or old-time, or classical or ragtime, but all that and more. A sixth-generation West Virginian, Bob began his musical journey at age 5 with drums and piano and, by age 13, was firmly hooked on banjo. And then he mastered guitar, and then hammered dulcimer. Meld all that with an abiding rock and roll sensibility and you get one of today's most dynamic and versatile acoustic performers. Bob released his CD **Don't Worry about the Moon** in 2013.

Bob has performed on NPR's *Mountain Stage*, has been an invited guest at West Virginia University's annual World Music Concert, and has been a Master Artist at the Augusta Heritage Center's Spring Dulcimer Week, the Upper Potomac Dulcimer Festival, and West Virginia's traditional music camp, Allegheny Echoes. Bob won first



place old-time banjo at West Virginia's celebration of traditional arts, the Vandalia Gathering. For more, go to <http://www.bobshank.com/>.



Sparky and Rhonda Rucker perform throughout the U.S. and overseas, singing songs and telling stories from the American folk tradition. They are internationally recognized as leading musicians, authors, and storytellers; and accompany themselves with finger-style picking and bottle-neck blues guitar, blues harmonica, old-time banjo, piano, spoons, and bones.

Over fifty years of performing, Sparky and Rhonda have performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. and the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, and have been featured on NPR's *On Point*, *Prairie Home Companion*, *Mountain Stage*, and *Morning Edition*. Their recording **Treasures & Tears** was nominated for a W.C. Handy Award and their music is also included on the Grammy-nominated anthology, **Singing Through the Hard Times**. For more, go to <http://www.sparkyandronda.com/>.



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Doors open at 7:00 pm. Tickets: \$10 full time students with ID, \$15 Babcock and BFMS members, \$18 general admission. Advance sales: \$13 members, \$16 general admission.

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