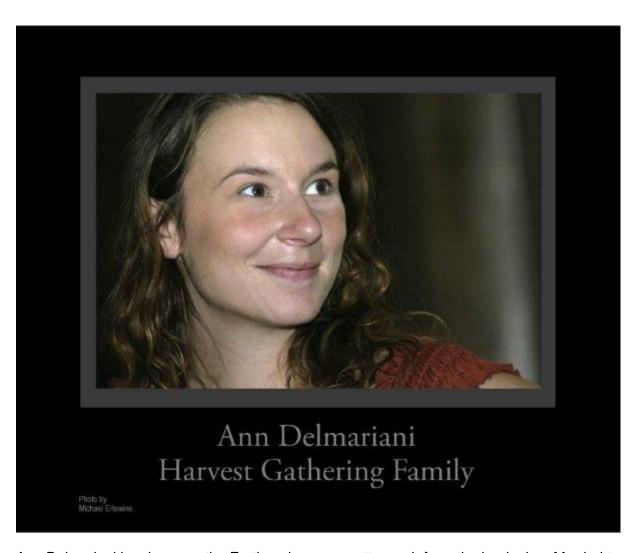
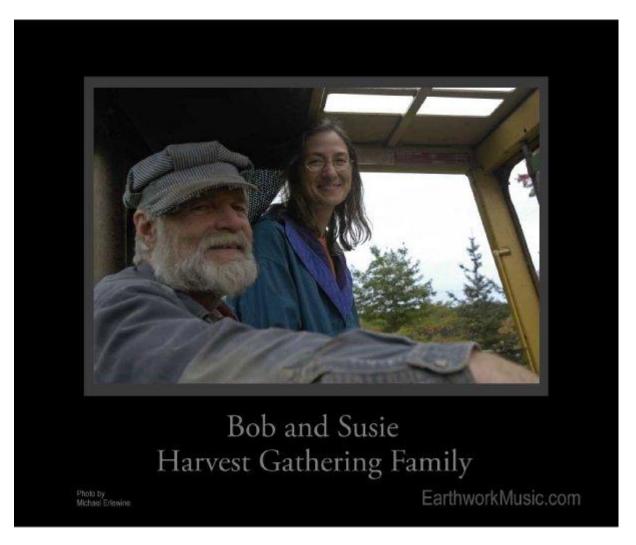
EARTHWORK HARVEST GATHERING – THE FAMILY November 29, 2009

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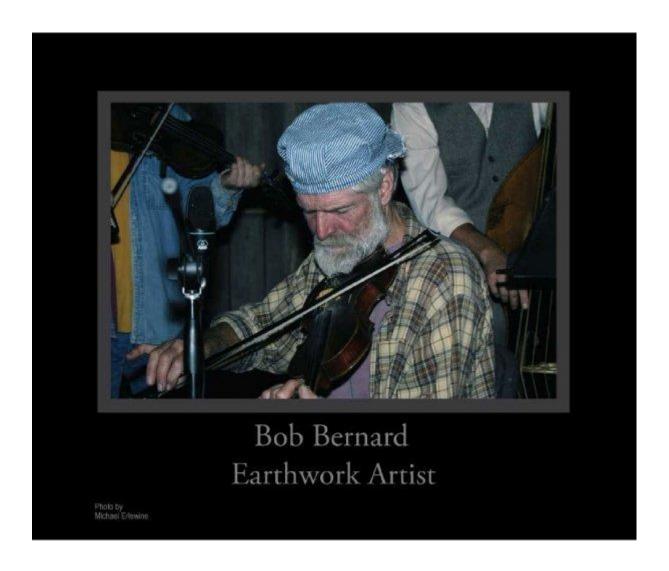
Taken at Bernard Farm in Lake City, Michigan Not all of us are active musicians. Here are a few of the folks who are a central part of the Earthwork family and the Harvest Gathering. More will be coming, but here is a start.



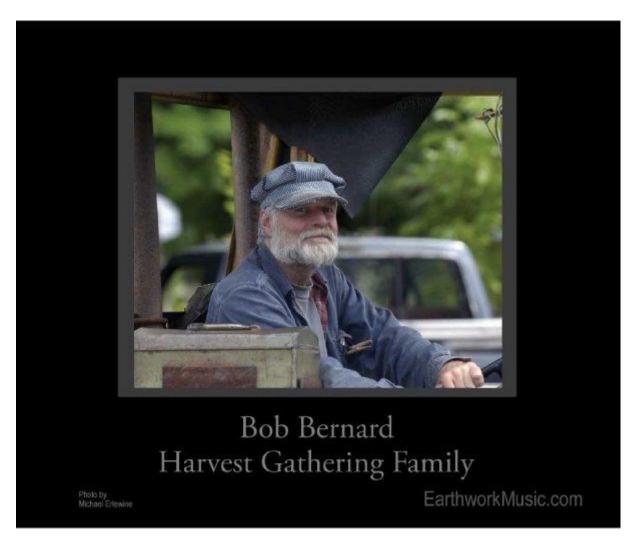
Ann Delmariani has been on the Earthwork scene pretty much from the beginning. Married to Josh Davis, lead singer for "Steppin' in It," and mother of the lovely Tahlia Wren, of whom songs have been written.



Here is Bob Bernard and his partner Susie Schwager. Bob, who owns the 180-acre farm the Harvest Gathering is held on, is also the father of Seth Bernard, the founder. Susie and Bob make it all happen and Susie, runs the event, like clockwork.



One of the most awaited events at the Harvest Gathering is the Waltz Hour, led by Bob Bernard, some 20 or so musicians creating lovely music to dance to.



Bob Bernard, a trained naturalist and expert on raptors (eagles and hawks), skilled fiddler, also is a beekeeper, runs a maple-syrup sugar shack, a full-sized sawmill, and lots of other projects. Bernard is kind enough to make his farm available each year for the Harvest Gathering and other events, like the Family Weekend in June.

2010: The 10th Annual Harvest Gathering



The best-kept secret in the Midwest music scene is going into it's 10th year and we don't call it a 'festival,' although it features more bands than any festival we know of. It is called the "Harvest Gathering." Here are some photos to bring you up to date.

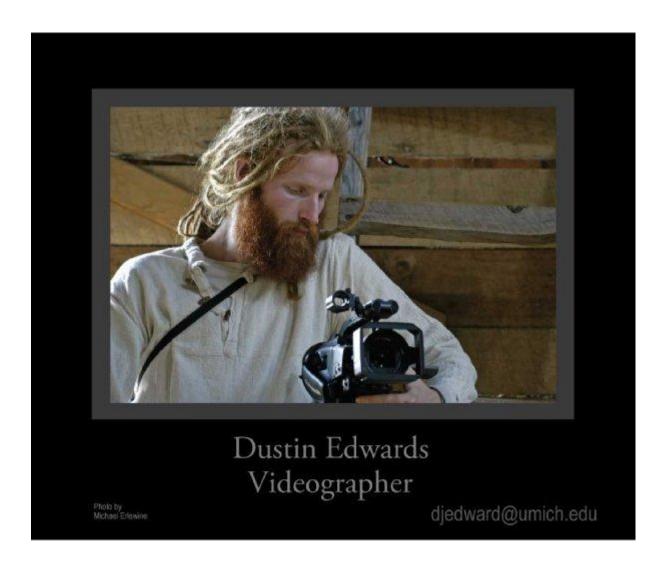
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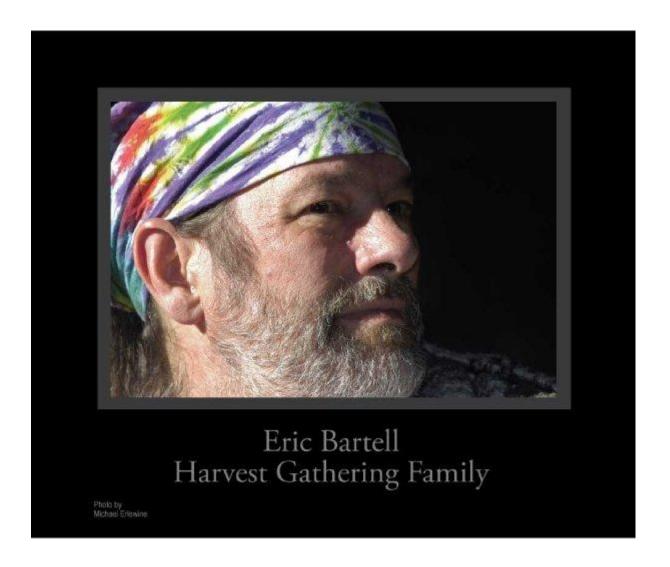
Samuel Seth Bernard, who founded the festival, and his partner May Erlewine. Together these to plan it out, do the booking, the arranging, the worrying, the everything. They make it happen. — with Samuel Seth Bernard and May Erlewine Bernard.



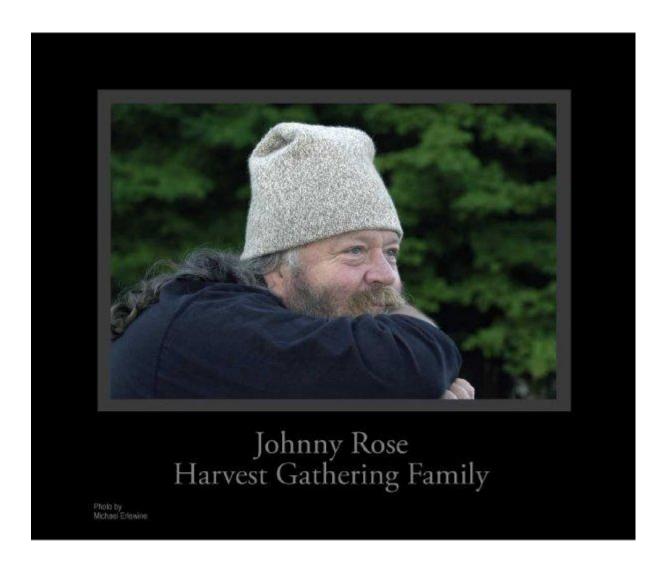
An invaluable part of the Earthwork scene, aside from creating posters and advertising pieces, Dan Kups helps to keep it all together and make this and many other music concerts happen.



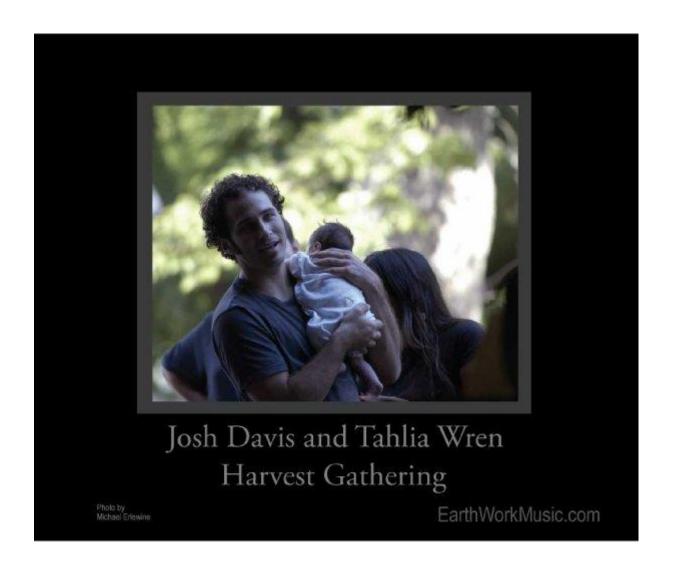
Dustin Edwards is a keyboardist, but also the main videographer and archivist of the Harvest Gathering scene.



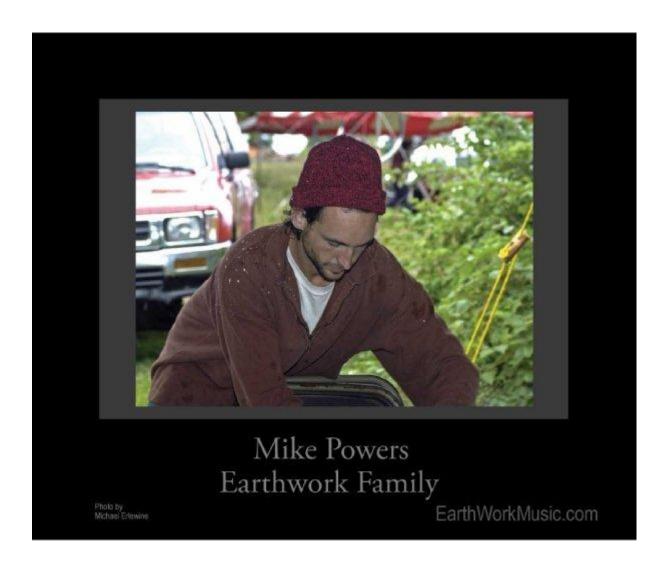
Eric Bartel, nicknamed "Soy Boy" because his devotion to creating soy products, in particular the best tempeh in the world, providing food through Orayana Food Co-op of Traverse City for the last 24 years.



Johnny Rose is a mainstay at not just the Harvest Gathering, but at music festivals throughout Michigan. He brings his own gold cart and is a key part of the team that makes it all go smoothly.



Singer/'Songwriter and expert guitarist Josh Davis is an invaluable part of what makes the Earthwork music collective what it is today. Here he is with his young daughter, Tahlia Wren at the Barn Stage door.



In my opinion just about the hardest-working man in show business as they say. Mike is always the man of the moment, taking care of whatever needs the most attention, tirelessly and happily.



Festival manager Susie Schwager with Tahlia Wren, the daughter of Josh Davis and Ann Delmariani.



Without Yana Dee, how would the food be so incredible? Yana, who is a successful entrepreneur with her own line of clothing, manages the kitchen for the Harvest Gathering. Yana is there from dawn to dusk with her partner Mike Powers.



Margaret Erlewine is a core worker in making the Harvest Gathering go smoothly each year, not to mention that she is the mom of May and Michael Anne, and my wife of almost 40 years.