Wild Hog in The Woods

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Q: Seven months after that first meeting, exactly where is the Wild Hog in the Woods? A:All over the place.

We've been in living rooms, barns, community buildings, farmers' markets, music festivals, street corners, the University Mall, and the Green Lantern Eating Co-op. We've made a name for ourselves all ever Madison, east to Sun Prairie, and west to Cross Plains. They've heard of the Wild Hog in Chicago, Minneapolis, Seattle, and Vermont. So what?

So this. The Wild Hog in the Woods Coffeehouse is, as far as I can tell, alive and well and living in Madison, and it looks like things can only get better in the future. The conclusion is straightforward enough, but the hard question is how come things are as they are. After a little thought, the only real answer that comes to mind is PEOPLE. All of youus. Maybe community is a better word for what has happened. Community support and response and feedback coming from WORT, the

Press Connection, musicians, lawyers, carpenters, business people -- it's all really quite amazing. It could be that the most important part of the coffeehouse is the audience, already a loyal bunch. They come early to help set up and stay late to help clean, inbetween times clappin and stompin and singin and just having a good ole time. The peoples' interest is astounding. On the street people walk by asking about the coffeehouse, giving suggestions and that much-needed criticism Musicians call up to say they will be free this weekend or that; would we have room? Even when the musicians get no pay, the place practically books itself-the need for a place and atmos phere such as can be found at the Wild Hog becomes more and more apparent.

Plans are underway for a monthly special event, bringing in people from other cities (this is where you members get in for less!) Dreams of a fall folk festival are floating about.

We're building a sound cabinet, and maybe some shelves for the food area. We need to acquire or buy some microphones and stands --- anybody have ideas or connections? The quilts are looking better all the time, our membership is over 100 and growing every weekend. I will eventually learn how to run the sound system with some degree of competency.

With your help lots of dreams are coming true. Come in, have a cup of coffee, listen to some tunes, and enjoy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for setting up before and cleaning up after the Thursday & Friday concerts. It's more fun than work, really. We also need help to staff the food area. Weekdays, people are needed to keep coffee hot and to coordinate things.

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