

Woods Tea Co Ensemble Bio

Howard Wooden: Vocals, bass, guitar, bodhran

Mike Lussen: Vocals, five string banjo, bodhran, bouzouki, guitar

Tom MacKenzie: Vocals, hammered dulcimer, banjo, guitar, ukulele

Patti Casey: Vocals, guitar, flute, pennywhistle, and clogboard

After building a solid reputation in New England, Wood's Tea Company started touring on the concert circuit nationwide, eventually playing in all of the lower 48 states. Notable performances include New York's Lincoln Center (twice), the Chautauqua Institute (three times), appearances on PBS and national Public Radio, who labeled them "Vermont's hardest working folk group"

The Wood's Tea Co performs about 120 days a year, playing at venues ranging from town greens and college auditoriums & churches offering a show of diverse folk music that includes, Celtic, Sea Shanties, Americana, and Bluegrass.

Following the deaths of Chip Chase (Oct. 2006) and Rusty Jacobs (Aug. 2007), the group had been using a variety of rotating substitute "fourths." Patti toured with the group to the mid-west in April 2008. According to Howard Wooden, "It was clear from the start the Patti brought the energy, skill and attitude that not only helped us but also enhanced our show. She figured us out pretty quick and we can't wait to see what the future will bring."