



**On behalf of the Society Board,
may you all enjoy time with family and
friends over the Christmas season and
many blessings of good health in the
New Year 2014.**

**The 2014 PEIBOTM Society Festival
Committee has US, Maritime and PEI
bands hired. Our work is underway with
the volunteers teaming up to organize the
29th Annual Festival to be held in Rollo Bay,
PEI, July 4 – 6, 2014. Anyone wanting to
join us, please call me at 566-2641.**

2013-2014 PEIBOMS board members:
Joe Rooney - President, Shirley S. Jay - Vice
President, Pat MacKinnon - Treasurer, Denise
MacLeod - Secretary, Glenda Johnston, Charlie
Hansen, Ivan Bulger

JANUARY - GENERAL MEETING....

PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society's General Meeting

DATE: Saturday, January 18, 2014

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

PLACE: Rm. 125, Royalty Centre, 40
Enman Crescent, Charlottetown.

YOU are all invited to attend; bring your
musical instrument for a Jam after the
meeting....plus a plate of food to share.

To ensure a quorum is present, please
confirm your attendance by e-mailing
smedleyjay@icloud.com OR leave a phone
message at 566-2641 (More on page...)

29th ANNUAL EASTERN CANADA BLUEGRASS MUSIC AWARDS

The 29th Annual Eastern Canada Bluegrass Music Awards show was held in Truro on October 19, 2013 with a wonderful lineup of talent and an excellent show was enjoyed by a packed house. The Groups, in order of appearance were: New Ground (N.S.), Next Generation (a group of teens from N.S.), Joe Casey & Westwind (PEI), Country Side of Bluegrass (NS), Next Of Kin (NS), Simply Blue (NB), Eight Wheel Drive (NS), Rustic Harmony (NB), Bluegrass Tradition (NS) and Shadow River (NS). The two Emcee's for the evening, Brian Hazlett and Jerry Murphy opened the show together and after the welcome by Mike Laycock, the outgoing President of the Downeast Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Society, Brian carried out the duties for the first half and Jerry did the last half.

Following is a list of nominees and winners from that evening:

Banjo Player Of The Year

- Darren Richard (Bluegrass Tradition)

Bass Player Of The Year

- Brian Hazlett (Shadow River)

Dobro Player Of The Year

- George Grant (Second Wind)

Fiddle Player Of The Year

- Lukas Munroe (Blue Tie Affair)

Guitar Player Of The Year

- Jeff Nauss (Eight Wheel Drive)

Mandolin Player Of The Year

- Doug Proctor (Shadow River)

Male Vocalist Of The Year

- David Doyle (Shadow River)

Female Vocalist Of The Year

- Karen Decoste (Bluegrass Tradition)

Individual Entertainer

- Darren Richard (Bluegrass Tradition)

Vocal Group Of The Year

- Bluegrass Tradition

Gospel Performance Of The Year

- Bluegrass Tradition

Most Promising Band

- Eight Wheel Drive

Band Of The Year

- Shadow River

Recording Of The Year

- Shadow River

Composer Of The Year

- Karen Decoste

Promoter Of The Year & Chris Draper

Memorial Award

- Wayne Dugas

Emcee Of The Year Was A Tie

- Wayne Dugas & Brian Hazlett

Radio/Tv Dj Of The Year

- Wayne Dugas – Vive la bluegrass (CIFA 104.1 FM Saulnierville)

Participation Award

- Annapolis Valley Bluegrass Music Assoc.

Lifetime Member

- Dennis Moore & Serge Bernard, East Hants

Fan of The Year

- Johnny Richard

Eastern Shore Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Association Certificates of Recognition

- Charlie Hansen & Serge Bernard for 15 years Bluegrass Show Hosts of Bluegrass Island, Charlottetown, PEI
- Wilson Moore for 35 Years as Bluegrass Show Host The Bluegrass Jam. Sackville NB & Amherst, NS.

The fans had a chance to meet and congratulate the Award Winners and nominees during a complimentary Awards Reception and Pickin' Party following the Show.

BLUEGRASS JAMS/EVENTS

Wednesday Slow Jams are held at the Murphy Community Centre, Richmond Street, Charlottetown 7 - 9 p.m. Fee of \$2 goes to the facility. Caroline Jones 569-2471 or jonescb@eastlink.ca

Friday Night BLUEGRASS Jams
Rob's Bluegrass Barn, Donaldston Road, Donaldston, PEI, 7 - 9 p.m. Rob 676-3184 or flyfishbanjoboy@gmail.com. Bring your instrument and join in the fun!

The PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society is a non-profit organization that has as one of its objectives; the promotion of Bluegrass & Old Time Music on PEI. Come out and learn about the music and have fun!

In Remembrance...



In P.E.I.: Alan MacRae, "Field Marshall" at the Society's Rollo Bay festival passed away on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

In N.S.: Bill Shurman, Bluegrass musician passed on November 3, 2013.

Current Bluegrass Music News.....



Barry Crabtree exits James King Band – Rob A. will be looking to apply!:)

Bluegrass Unlimited Songs: “They Called It Music,” by Gibson Brothers at number one, “Dixie Road” by Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver at number two, and “Steel Drivin’ Man” by Dailey & Vincent at number three.

Bluegrass Unlimited Albums: They Called It Music by Gibson Brothers at number one, followed by Brothers of the Highway by Dailey & Vincent, and It’s Just a Road by The Boxcars at number three.

Billboard: Alan Jackson The Bluegrass Album is at number one for its fourth week in a row. Love Has Come For You by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell is at number two. The Isaacs’ Living Years is at number three.



Bluegrass Today Weekly Airplay Chart: Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road “That’s Kentucky,” at number one, “There is a Time” by Alan Jackson at number two, and “Big Blue Raindrops” by Del McCoury Band at number three.

Some familiar names/bands who played Rollo Bay, PEI.....

Donna Ulisse celebrated the release of her new CD, Showin’ My Roots, on 650 WSM AM radio on the Coffee, Country and Cody show. The hour included some live performances of the songs off the album by Donna & The Poor Mountain Boys as well as interview segments between Bill Cody and Donna. Several tracks were also featured for the listeners. The album release party was October 22 at the Station Inn.

The Darrell Webb Band has signed with

Mountain Fever Records and will release their 20th Anniversary celebration album in early 2014.

Larry Stephenson celebrated the release of his new album What Really Matters on October 12.

Jeremy Abshire left The Grascals as their fiddler to pursue other musical opportunities. The **Grascals** have since welcomed **Adam Haynes** as their new fiddle player.

Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers welcomed new band member **Randy Barnes** on bass.

Red June has partnered with Organic Records for their third album about which the details have yet to be released.

Rural Rhythm has announced the new Locust Ridge album will be name Healed and released on Rural Rhythm Christian.

The Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, TN, continues its **Bluegrass and Beyond** series on Saturday, November 9 featuring top players Jim Hurst, NewTown, Tim May and Gretchen Priest May with Alan O’Bryant, and the Claire Lynch Band. The bands will perform at 11am, and 2pm. Admission to the performances is included with a museum ticket. For more information, visit the Hall’s website.

Randall Franks shares his talents for a new Share America Foundation fundraising CD. Mountain Opry Memories is a collection of impromptu performances and is available for a \$16 donation at www.shareamericafoundation.org or to the Share America Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 42, Tunnel Hill, Ga. 30755.

On November 7th at the University of Colorado Macky Auditorium in Boulder, Colorado, bluegrass artists **Hot Rize with Red Knuckles & The Trailblazers** will be presenting a benefit concert to aid victims of the recent Colorado floods.

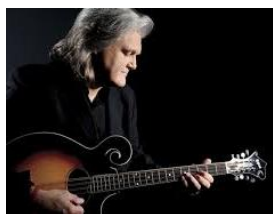
Bobby Hicks is among the honorees receiving the 2014 North Carolina Heritage Award for his legendary work as a fiddler. A Blue Grass Boy who originally started on bass, Hicks switched

to fiddle early on and cut records with Bill Monroe, played with Porter Wagoner, and played in Las Vegas on the Judy Lynn Show. In more recent years, Hicks has made a statement with his fiddle playing in The Bluegrass Album Band and Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder. Hicks, along with four others, will be honored in May 2014 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Roys received their third Inspirational Bluegrass Artist award at the 19th annual Inspirational Country Music (ICM) Faith, Family & Country Awards in Nashville on October 24. Australian bluegrass and country artist **Kristy Cox** received the 2013 Capital News Australian Independent Female Vocalist of the Year Award, for the current single "I Hate That I Still Love You" from the album, Miles and Timezones. Kristy also received the Australian independent Artist of the Year Award.

Bluegrass/folk/rock musician **Chris Hillman** was recently awarded the FAR WEST Best of the West 2013 award by the West region of Folk Alliance International. The Awards honor individuals who have maintained an enduring presence in the folk and acoustic music scene in the West, inspiring others by embodying folk values and traditions.

Congratulations to **Bluegrass Underground** who has gotten recent national press attention on NBC Nightly News and American Profile Magazine.



Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, TN has recently established a new scholarship honoring bluegrass legend **Ricky Skaggs**. The Ricky Skaggs

Endowed Scholarship has been established as part of the Students First campaign. Those interested in making a donation to the scholarship can contact the Carson-Newman Advancement Office by phone (865-471-3245) or email.

Haywood Community College in Clyde, NC, recently received a \$20,000 matching grant from the **Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Partnership** (BRNHAP) to develop and implement an Appalachian Heritage Arts Music

Program at the college. Music Heritage is identified as one of the core interpretive themes for the BRNHAP focusing on traditional music with significant history in the region.

Congratulations to **Jeremy Chapman** (The Chapmans) and **Shaylon (Gray) Chapman** who were married in Missouri on October 26.

CHECK IT OUT



Gourd Banjo

Ed Bonjokian sent this link. Check this out: Asheville News, NC..... Joshua Grant, Grant Custom Banjos, shows how to make a banjo out of a Gourd.

http://wlos.com/shared/community/features/craft-corner/stories/wlos_gourd-banjo-417.shtml

Bluegrass Jamming Pointers

by Pete Wernick

Bottom lines:

1. Be in tune. Before starting and whenever in doubt, use an electronic tuner.
2. Be on the right chord.
 - a. Remember the chord progression.
 - b. If necessary, watch the left hand of someone who knows the chords.
3. Stay with the beat.



Q: How are an investment portfolio and a banjo player alike?

A: Eventually they both will mature and make some money!

Q. Do you know why there are no banjos on Star Trek?

A. Because it's the future.

Chocolate Coconut Balls

(Gluten Free & Peanut Butter Free)



Ingredients:

- 1 170 ml can Thick Cream (*Small Can*)
- ¼ cup Butter
- 1 tsp Pure Vanilla
- 3 cups Coconut (*Unsweetened, Feathered or Desiccated*)
- 4-5 cups Icing Sugar

Directions:

Put cream, butter and vanilla in mixer bowl and mix until combined. Add coconut and icing sugar, 1 cup at a time mixing until combined. Put in fridge until firm (2-4 hours or overnight).

Roll into balls and put back in fridge. Melt chocolate chips in top of double boiler pot. Dip coconut balls in melted chocolate. I use two forks and place on a large sheet of wax paper. Let sit until chocolate has firmed up. Enjoy!

NOTE: The thick cream is not evaporated milk, however, you will find it next to the evaporated milk on the supermarket shelf. Delicious chocolate balls for folks who do not enjoy peanut butter chocolate balls. :):)

Brown Sugar Buttons



Ingredients:

- 1 ¼ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- ½ cup cornstarch
- icing sugar for decorating

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Beat butter, brown sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add flour and cornstarch. Mix until dough forms.

Roll into ¾" balls. Place on prepared cookie sheet, flatten slightly (to about 1/2")

Use a wooden skewer to poke 4 holes to make buttons.

Bake in preheated oven 10-11 minutes. Remove from oven, re-poke holes while still warm. Place on wire rack to cool. Dust with icing sugar.

Rollo Bay Festival Flyer is included in this newsletter. Check our website's Festival page for more bands to be added from PEI.
peibluegrass.tripod.com

***Do you have any tips for the newsletter?
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***Please send them to us at:
smedleyjay@icloud.com***

Next Newsletter comes out in March 2014



PEI BLUEGRASS & OLD TIME MUSIC SOCIETY INC.
Membership Fee Form
(January 1 to December 31)

NOTE: NEW RATE - \$15 pp/ \$25 Family

Membership provides opportunities to learn about Bluegrass and Old Time music, assist with organizing workshops, Jams, host concerts, and quarterly newsletters. Members are provided with a ballot to vote for your favorite skilled entertainers, in all categories, for the Eastern Canada Bluegrass Music Awards.

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Single \$ 15.00 Cash Ck# _____

Couple/Family \$ 25.00 Cash Ck# _____

Check boxes of your interest:

- Volunteering Newsletter Festival Jam/Workshop
 Socials Concerts Other

Send fees with this form to: PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society Inc.
PO Box 2812
Charlottetown PEI C1A 8C4



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DATE: Saturday, January 18, 2014

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

PLACE: Rm. 125, Royalty Centre,
40 Enman Crescent, Charlottetown

BRING a plate of food to share and your musical instruments to Jam after the meeting.

TO ENSURE A QUORUM is present, please confirm your attendance by e-mailing smedleyjay@icloud.com OR leave a phone message at 566-2641.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- 2014 Membership Fees *see **NEW RATE** may be paid before the meeting begins.
- Please bring the **enclosed agenda/minutes** with you to the meeting, if possible.
- Storm date (Jan. 25/14) will be called into all radio stations, if necessary.

Tentative Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda January 18/14
3. Approval of Minutes September 21/13 as circulated
4. Business Arising from the minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Other Reports
 - a. Festival
7. New Business
 - a. Establish Social/Ways & Means Committee
 - b. Fundraisers
 - c. Jams
 - d. Newsletter
 - e. Other
8. Next General Meeting: Sat. Sept. 13, 2014

NOTE: After the meeting it will be time to eat and Jam!!!

PEI BLUEGRASS & OLDTIME MUSIC SOCIETY INC.
ANNUAL MEETING – September 21, 2013
Royalty Centre, Room 125, Charlottetown, PEI

1. Shirley Jay, Past President welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with 14 members present.

2. Agenda September 21, 2013

MOTION: Approval of September 21/13 agenda as circulated. Moved by Dave Clarke. Seconded by Gerald Huestis. Motion carried.

3. Minutes of January 19, 2013

MOTION: Approval of January 19/13 minutes as circulated. Moved by Earl Shephard. Seconded by Paul Whiteway. Motion carried.

4. Business Arising from the minutes – None

5. Treasurer's Report/Other financial related decisions

Pat MacKinnon presented the financial report. Current balance is \$43,241.45 in general funds and \$510.00 in US account.

MOTION: To approve the treasurer's report as presented. Moved by Pat MacKinnon. Seconded by Allan Jay. Motion carried.

Charlie Hansen explained the changes in Federal funding concerning the PEI Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Festival. A special committee would need to be formed involving some residents from the Rollo Bay area to be eligible for future funding.

Charlie Hansen presented a proposed budget for the 29th Annual PEI Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Festival in 2014.

MOTION: Approval of the proposed budget for 29th Annual PEI Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Festival in 2014. Moved by Charlie Hansen. Seconded by John Barlow. Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion to designate any current Society funds to Society functions of 2013-14. Moved by Pat MacKinnon. Seconded by Dave Clarke. Motion carried.

6. Festival Report

A big THANK-YOU to everyone who helped at the 28th PEI Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Festival. We all need to pitch in to make the event the winner it has proven to be over the past number of years.

The band selection is well underway for the 2014 festival. The US bands have been selected and the maritime bands applications are under consideration.

MOTION: Charlie requested that \$25,000.00 be made available for the US bands for the 30th PEI Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Festival in 2015. Moved by Charlie. Seconded by Allan Jay. Motion carried.

MOTION: Gate fees will be adjusted upward for 2014 PEI Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Festival. Moved by Charlie Hansen. Seconded by Gerald Huestis. Motion carried.

MOTION: Island bands performing at the Festival will receive an increase to \$400.00. Moved by Pat MacKinnon. Seconded by Paul Whiteway. Motion carried.

7. New Business

MOTION: Membership fees will increase to \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple. Moved by Earle Shephard. Seconded by Audrey Barlow. Motion carried.

Jams will be organized on Wednesday evening thanks to Caroline Jones. Shirley will organize a Friday evening Jam.

f) Nomination for the 2013-14 Board of Directors resulted with the following names standing:

Joe Rooney, Shirley Jay, Pat MacKinnon, Glenda Johnston, Charlie Hansen, Ivan Bulger, Albert Shepard.

MOTION: Approval of the nomination for the Board of Directors for 2013-14. Moved by Earle Shephard. Seconded by Fern Huestis. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

29th Annual PEI Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival

at The Festival Grounds In Rollo Bay, PEI - July 4, 5, & 6, 2014



Audie Blaylock lineBand
And Redline

The 29th annual PEI Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival features: Audie Blaylock and Redline, Shannon and Heather Slaughter and County Clare from Alabama, and Art Stevenson and Highwater from Wisconsin as well as perennial favourites, The Bluegrass Diamonds, back for their 21st time.

Other maritime bands will be added later if the fall.

Also all your island favourites.

Island bands will be added in due course according to availability.



Shannon & Heather
Slaughter - AL

We will also have a full lineup of acoustic instrument workshops, open mic on Wed July 2nd & Thur July 3rd, and lots of concessions and fun for the whole family.

Check our website at: www.peibluegrass.tripod.com for more information on the festival

Gates open Wednesday July 2nd at 1:00PM.

For advanced tickets or information call:

Glenda Johnston (902)569-4501, or Shirley Jay (902)566-2641



Art Stevenson & Highwater - WI

We are in constant contact with many other bands and hope to present the finest lineup in the maritimes this summer.

Stay tuned for more information on bookings.

We reserve the right to change the program without prior notice.



The Bluegrass Diamonds - NB

