

GENERAL MEETING
of the
PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society
Saturday, January 16, 2016 11:00 A.M.
Room 125, 40 Enman Crescent,
Charlottetown

Potluck Lunch & Jam after the meeting so
bring something for **Potluck** and
Instrument to Jam.

Storm date is January 23, 2016

To ensure a quorum is present, please
confirm your attendance:

smedleyjay@icloud.com
or leave a message at 566-2641.

Thank you.



**Joy, Peace, Good Health and Blessings to you
all as you enjoy time with family and friends
over the Christmas Season & a Happy New
Year 2016**

Elvis Presley- Bluegrass Christmas

I'll have a Bluegrass Christmas without you
I'll play some bluegrass while thinking about you
Decorations of red on a green Christmas tree
Won't be the same dear, if you're not here with me

And when those bluegrass snowflakes start falling
That's when those bluegrass memories start calling
You'll be doin' all right, with your Christmas of
white

But I'll have a blue, blue blue bluegrass Christmas

You'll be doin' all right, with your Christmas of
white,

But I'll have a blue, blue, blue bluegrass Christmas



**THE BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION
OF CANADA**

For more info:

info@bluegrasscanada.ca

<http://www.bluegrasscanada.ca>



Jam Sessions

Wednesday - Murphy Centre Bluegrass Slow Jams,
hosted by Caroline Jones, begin on Wednesday,
December 9th, 7 PM carolynjones@bellaliant.net

Thursday - There is now a slow Bluegrass Jam
happening every Thursday evening in the County
Fair Mall's new Community room in Summerside
hosted by Bill Walsh. Time: 7 pm - 9 pm.

Friday - Looking for Jam location; contact Shirley
at: smedleyjay@icloud.com

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!

What I Learned on the Internet about Bluegrass Music!



It was 70 years ago on, December 8, 1945, when 21 year-old Earl Scruggs and his guitar-playing pal Lester Flatt joined Bill Monroe and his Blue Grass Boys on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry for the first time. Scruggs' revolutionary style of banjo picking, in concert with Flatt's extraordinary guitar work and Monroe's singular mandolin, set music on a new course that would forever be known as bluegrass music. Or, as Mr. Monroe liked to call it, "My music."

Bluegrass lovers around the world owe these men a great debt for creating this unrivaled sound.

"Bluegrass has brought more people together and made more friends than any music in the world." – Bill Monroe

Pictured left to right: Bill Monroe, the Father of Bluegrass Music; Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs.

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Speak Up for Bluegrass Junction

It was announced that Sirius XM will be changing the musical format of channel 61, Bluegrass Junction, for 9 days. Instead of the 24/7 bluegrass signal so many listeners have come to love, they will broadcast Hanukkah Radio, in honor of the Jewish celebration of lights.

The network chooses from among its nearly 400 channels (80+ music channels via satellite) to pre-empt for seasonal programming each year. Why they chose one so prominent as bluegrass is an open question, and repeated attempts to reach someone this morning in their programming department have been unsuccessful.

The change will occur at midnight on Sunday, December 6, and Bluegrass Junction programming is set to resume on the 15th.

During the interim, subscribers will only be able to access the bluegrass channel online.

This is another sign of the diminished value the company sees in its bluegrass product since Sirius and XM merged in 2008. The two satellite radio players had both experienced difficulty penetrating the market sufficiently to become profitable, and it is widely believed that the merger saved them both.

–John Lawless – Bluegrass Today.

I actually learned of this occurring through Rhonda Vincent on her Facebook page. Below is her post.

"Dear Friends, I have learned that Sirius XM Radio is pre-empting our Bluegrass - Channel 61 for eight days.

This brings me great concern, and nothing against any other style of music, but the fact that they would devalue Bluegrass Music enough to think we would not miss it for 8 days. #KeepBluegrassOnSiriusXM

After all, many subscribe just to listen to Bluegrass music. I hope you will call and write to let SIRIUS XM.

Let them know how much we love Bluegrass music, and that we don't want to miss one second of bluegrass music on Sirius XM.

When I called, they gave me a simple, "sorry" it will be back on after the 8 days. I then ask for a manager, who offered a \$10 credit for the loss of Bluegrass.

Then I wrote the email addresses below, voiced my concern, and told them I'd rather not miss a second of Bluegrass music on Sirius XM.

Please call and write! Show them how important Bluegrass Music is to you!!

Call 212-584-5100

Email: scott.greenstein@siriusxm.com,
steve.blatter@siriusxm.com"

Bluegrass On The Tube

Get Bluegrass Music Videos sent to your email everyday by subscribing to Bluegrass On The Tube. Dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of bluegrass music -- past and present: <http://www.bluegrassonthetube.com/>

MORE Bluegrass news

"UPCOMING EVENTS"

Monday, December 14th, is the Bluegrass & Acoustic Music pot luck Christmas party & concert at Summerside Legion, 7:00-10pm. There will be an evening of open mic performers along with Blue Zone as backup band. Admission is FREE for those who bring something to share for potluck, or just pay \$5.00 admission. It should be a great evening of music and friendship so be sure to bring your instruments or music books and join in the fun. Thanks for your support all year, Merry Christmas & hope to see you all there!

The second annual Gospel Christmas Concert is coming up next Sunday, Dec 20th at 7:30 pm at Central Queens United Church in Hunter River. This will be a great evening of Christmas, Gospel & Fiddle Music and what a variety! We will have musical talent with Bluegrass Gospel by Janet McGarry, Serge Bernard Soulful Melodies by great gospel singer, Kendall Docherty, Carol Chipman-Francis will be singing some old favorites -Blair Coughlin will be on the bass and singing as well! Stephen D Gallant will be performing a number as well as keeping the sound going Brad Fremlin will perform a number on the musical saw and be our keyboardist for the evening and Niall MacKay will be keeping a steady beat on the drums! This and so much more! Join us for a night of music and Christmas Spirit!

Send your NEWS! We want to hear from you. Please send us your offerings for the **Spring 2016** Newsletter: smedleyjay@icloud.com

Recipes



Favorite Sugar Cookies Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 egg
- 1-1/2 teaspoons almond extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt

FROSTING:

- 6 tablespoons butter, softened
- 3 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 to 4 tablespoons 2% milk
- Food coloring of your choice, optional
- Colored sugar, edible glitter, nonpareils or frosting of your choice, optional

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, cream butter and confectioners' sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and extracts. Combine flour and salt; add to creamed mixture and mix well. Chill 1-2 hours.
2. Preheat oven to 375°. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/8-in. thickness. Cut with floured 2-1/2-in. cookie cutters. Place on greased baking sheets. Bake 7-9 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool.
3. For frosting, in a small bowl, combine butter, sugar, vanilla and enough milk to achieve a spreading consistency. If desired, tint with food coloring. Frost cookies; decorate as desired. Yield: 6-7 dozen.

Frosted Egnog Cookies Recipe



Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup eggnog
- 5-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

ICING:

- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 3 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/3 cup eggnog

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggnog. Combine flour, baking soda and nutmeg; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Shape into four 10-in. rolls; wrap each in plastic wrap. Refrigerate overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 375°. Unwrap and cut into 1/4-in. slices. Place 1 in. apart on

ungreased baking sheets. Bake 8-10 minutes or until set. Remove to wire racks to cool.

- For icing, in a large bowl, beat butter until fluffy. Add confectioners' sugar and eggnog; beat until smooth. Frost cookies. Store in an airtight container. Yield: about 13-1/2 dozen.



Winter Fantasy Cupcakes Recipe



Ingredients:

- 1 to 2 cans vanilla frosting (16 ounces each)
- Cupcakes of your choice

SNOWMEN:

- Coarse sugar
- Chocolate wafers
- Semisweet chocolate chips and miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- Orange candy slices
- Additional vanilla frosting
- Blue food coloring, pearl dragees, blue jumbo diamond sprinkles and edible glitter, optional

Directions:

- Frost cupcakes, reserving some frosting for decorating as desired.
- For snowmen cupcakes: Dip the top of each cupcake in coarse sugar; gently shake off excess sugar. For stovepipe hats, microwave chocolate wafers for a few seconds to slightly soften as needed. Use a serrated knife to cut two narrow strips from opposite sides of each wafer. (Large center piece will form crown of hat; one strip will form the brim.)
- Add chips and mini chips to cupcake to form eyes and mouth. Cut a small piece of orange slice to form the nose.
- Stick brim of hat, rounded side up, into top of cupcake; insert hat crown into the top edge. Secure with additional frosting. Color frosting if desired; place in a resealable plastic bag. Cut a small hole in corner of bag. Pipe a decorative hat band; add dragees and sprinkles if desired. Sprinkle cupcakes with glitter if desired. Yield: varies.

BLUEGRASS TODAY		Posted December 1, 2015		NATIONAL AIRPLAY AWARDS
		Reflects actual airplay logged for previous month.		
LM	Rank	ARTIST	Total Spins	
3	1	RUSSELL MOORE & IIRD TYME OUT I'm Leaving You and Fort Worth Too (Break-A-String) Russell Moore	1547	
D	2	FLATT LONESOME You're The One (Mountain Home) Dwight Yoakam	1131	
13	3	STEVE GULLEY & NEW PINNACLE You're Gone (Rural Rhythm) Steve Gulley, Adam Haynes	1067	
14	4	DALE ANN BRADLEY The Stranger (Pinecastle) Dolly Parton	989	
18	5	GIBSON BROTHERS An Angel With Blue Eyes (Rounder) Drusilla Adams Smith, Bill Church	928	
6	6	BAND OF RUHKS Rendezvous With Danger (101 Ranch) Harley Allen	752	
D	7	SHOTGUN HOLLER Relatively Easy (Dry Lightning) Jason Isbell	746	
D	8	THE STEELDRIVERS Long Way Down (Rounder) Tammy Rogers, Liz Hengber, Jerry Sailey	728	
D	9	DOYLE LAWSON & QUICKSILVER I Told Them All About You (Mountain Home) Cliff Friend	704	
15	10	BIG COUNTRY BLUEGRASS Country Livin' (Rebel) Tim Jamison	702	
2	11	FLATT LONESOME You'll Pay (Mountain Home) Danny Roberts, Paul Harrigill	683	
D	12	STEEP CANYON RANGERS Radio (Rounder) Graham Sharp	611	
D	13	LORRAINE JORDAN & CAROLINA ROAD W/KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS Runnin' Water (Pinecastle) Kentucky HeadHunters	603	
1	14	CHRIS JONES & THE NIGHT DRIVERS Laurie (Mountain Home) Chris Jones, Jon Weisberger	591	
10	15	SIDELINE Mountain Girl (Mountain Fever) Jake Landers	574	
D	16	GRASS CATS I've Got My Baby On My Mind (New Time Records) Sanger D Shafer	533	
7	17	MOUNTAIN FAITH City Lights (Mountain Fever) Summer McMahan	532	
D	18	BECKY BULLER Home (Dark Shadow) Becky Buller	475	
12	19	CROWE, LAWSON & WILLIAMS Standing Tall & Tough (Mountain Home) Paul Humphrey	455	
R	20	STEVE GULLEY & NEW PINNACLE She's A Taker (Rural Rhythm) Steve Gulley, Tim Stafford	424	

31st Annual (2015) Eastern Canada Bluegrass Music Award Winners

The Downeast Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Society is pleased to announce the winners for the 31st Annual Eastern Canada Bluegrass Music Awards:

Banjo Player of the Year:

Ryan Dillman (Shadow River)
5 Time Winner - Master Award - 2003, 2004, 2012, 2014, 2015

Bass Player of the Year:

Brian Hazlett (Shadow River)

Dobro Player of the Year:

George Grant

Fiddle Player of the Year:

Matt Hayes (Monroe / Russell Sawler Band)

Guitar Player of the Year:

Jeff Nauss (Eight Wheel Drive)

Mandolin Player of the Year:

Waylon Robicheau (Shadow River)

Male Vocalist of the Year:

David Doyle (Shadow River)

Female Vocalist of the Year:

Karen DeCoste (Bluegrass Tradition)

Individual Entertainer of the Year:

Darren Richard (Bluegrass Tradition)
5 Time Winner - Master Award - 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Vocal Group of the Year:

Shadow River

Gospel Performance of the Year:

Shadow River

Most Promising Band of the Year:

Next Generation

Band of the Year:

Shadow River

Recording of the Year:

Shadow River

Composer of the Year:

Ryan Dillman

Promoter of the Year:

Danisha Comeau

Emcee of the Year:

Brian Hazlett

Radio / TV DJ of the Year:

Nancy Keddy - Bluegrass Atlantic (CIOE 97.5FM Sackville)

Participation Award:

East Hants Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Association

Lifetime Member:

Cora Wynn

Fan of the Year:

Virginia Hubley

Information is taken from downeastgrass.com

The International Bluegrass Music Awards (IBMA), 2015 Winners.



As we celebrate our own Bluegrass Music Awards on the East Coast, we are also celebrating Bluegrass on the International stage as well. On October 2, 2015, the IBMA awards ceremony was held in North Carolina. Below is a list of the results from the awards show.

- **Entertainer of the Year:** The Earls of Leicester
- **Female Vocalist of the Year:** Rhonda Vincent
- **Male Vocalist of the Year:** Shawn Camp
- **Vocal Group of the Year:** Balsam Range
- **Instrumental Group of the Year:** The Earls of Leicester
- **Song of the Year:** *Moon Over Memphis*, Balsam Range
- **Album of the Year:** *The Earls of Leicester*, The Earls of Leicester, Jerry Douglas, producer
- **Gospel Recorded Performance of the Year:** *Who Will Sing for Me*, The Earls of Leicester
- **Instrumental Recorded Performance of the Year:** *The Three Bells*, Jerry Douglas, Mike Auldridge, Rob Ickes
- **Emerging Artist of the Year:** Becky Buller
- **Recorded Event of the Year:** *Southern Flavor*, Becky Buller, with Peter Rowan, Michael Feagan, Buddy Spicher, Ernie Sykes, Roland White, and Blake Williams
- **Banjo Player of the Year:** Rob McCoury
- **Bass Player of the Year:** Tim Surrent
- **Dobro Player of the Year:** Jerry Douglas
- **Fiddle Player of the Year:** Michael Cleveland
- **Guitar Player of the Year:** Bryan Sutton
- **Mandolin Player of the Year:** Jesse Brock



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Thank you.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- 2016 Membership Fees, \$10 pp, may be paid before the meeting begins.
- Please bring the enclosed agenda/minutes with you to the meeting.
- Storm date will be put on all radio stations, if necessary.

Tentative Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda January 15, 2016
3. Approval of Minutes October 24, 2015 as circulated
4. Business Arising from the minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Other Reports
 - a) Festival
7. New Business
 - a) Social/Ways & Means Committee – schedule event
 - b) Fundraisers
 - c) Jams
 - d) Newsletter
 - e) Other
8. Next General Meeting: Sept. 24/16 or Oct. 1/16



PEI BLUEGRASS & OLD TIME MUSIC SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES: October 24, 2015

1. Welcome Shirley welcomed everyone to the General Meeting.
2. Approval of Agenda October 24/15 Motion: To approve agenda. Moved by Dave Clarke. Seconded by Vans Bryant. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes January 17/15 as circulated Motion: To approve minutes. Moved by Audrey Barlow. Seconded by Bruce Martin. Motion carried.
4. Business arising from the minutes Q1. Social Committee Plans? A social committee needs to be formed to start organizing some events. Vans has offered to be part of the committee. Need someone to head the committee. At the end of the meeting, new member, Deloras Boudreau joined the Social and Media Committee.
Q2. Ideas for how to attract new members? Offer perks of some sort. Reduction at the gate for members. Jams should be free for members.
5. Treasurer's Report Current Balance Share \$5.83 Canadian Account Balance \$22,447.18 US Account Balance \$31.94 Cdn
Loss for 2015 Festival \$2,251.21
 - a) MOTION: To carry bank funds forward to next fiscal year. Moved by Pat McKinnon. Seconded by Caroline Jones. Motion carried.
 - b) Approval 2015-2016 Society and Festival budgets
MOTION: To approve income and expenses for 2015.
Moved by Pat McKinnon. Seconded by Audrey Barlow. Motion carried.
MOTION: To approve proposed Festival budget for 2016.
Moved by Glenda Johnston. Seconded by Albert McKinnon. Motion carried.
MOTION: To decrease membership fees to \$10.
Moved by Ivan Bulger. Seconded by Audrey Barlow. Motion carried.
MOTION: To give permission for Board to increase the gate fees at the festival if they deem necessary for 2016.
Moved by Bruce Martin. Seconded by Ivan Bulger. Motion carried.
 - c) Approval US / Band budget 2017
MOTION: To approve 2017 US/Band Budget of \$19,500.00 US + Exchange Rate
Move by Albert Shephard. Seconded by Bruce Martin. Motion carried.
Moved by Pat McKinnon. Seconded by Caroline Jones. Motion carried.
6. Other Reports a. Festival Report - Shirley thanked the members for the help with the festival in 2015 to make it so successful. Regarding Peter's passing, Shirley talked to Kenny Chaisson and other family members about continuing using the Field of Dreams and the use of the field is still available for our

festival. Shirley and Glenda will meet with the family and confirm use of the Field of Dreams and will aim to have the contract signed at that meeting.

b. The three US bands are hired Stacy Grubb, Volume Five, and Farm Hands Band.

7. New Business

a) Festival 2016 update

b) Nominations/Elections/Band Selection

- Shirley, Glenda, & Denise will sit on the committee for the Maritime Band Selection for 2016.

- Pat McKinnon nominates Shirley Jay as President, Allen as Co-President, Denise MacLeod as Secretary.

- Glenda Johnston nominates Pat McKinnon as Treasurer. Pat nominates Dave & Glenda as members-at-large.

MOTION: That nominations cease. Moved by Vans Bryant. Seconded by Allen Boland. Motion carried.

Caroline will continue leading Murphy Centre Jams.

c) Fundraisers/Sponsors

d) Newsletter – Thank you to Ellen Arsenault / Allen Boland

e) Bluegrass Jams/Promotion and preservation of Bluegrass & Old Time Music in PEI: Everyone asked to put ideas, suggestions on flip chart. Suggestions include: Sell memberships at Jams, Concerts, Festival;

8. Next General Meeting: Saturday, January 16 NOTE: After the meeting it will be time to eat and Jam!!!

Thank you to everyone for coming; thank you for a great meeting with good ideas offered for the Society Membership and the Festival.

9. Motion to Adjourn by: John Barlow

31st Annual PEI Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival

at The Festival Grounds In Rollo Bay, PEI - July 1, 2, & 3, 2016



Volume Five

The 31st annual PEI Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival features: Volume Five, The Farm Hands Quartet and Stacy Grubb, as well as perennial favourites, The Bluegrass Diamonds, back for their 23rd time. The local and regional bands will be announced as soon as we have them finally booked.

Also all your island favourites.



Farm Hands Quartet

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

We will also have a full lineup of acoustic instrument workshops, a children's program, open mic on Wed June 29th & Thur June 30th, and lots of concessions and fun for the whole family.

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



Stacy Grubb

Gates open Wednesday June 29th at 1:00PM. For advanced tickets or information call:

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

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.



Bluegrass Diamonds





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

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 \$ 10.00 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.
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