

29th ANNUAL SOCIETY FESTIVAL Rollo Bay, PEI....

All our bands are booked. Musicians are heading to Rollo Bay, PEI July 4 – 6, 2014. It's the 29th Annual PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival. This is a family festival with a lineup that you won't want to miss!



Audie Blaylock & Redline



Shannon Slaughter & County Clare Band



Art Stevenson & Highwater

The Bluegrass Diamonds, NB, Simply Blue, NB, A New Shade of Blue, NS and A Blue Tie Affair, NS. We are very proud to feature our very own Island favourites including: Janet McGarry & Wildwood, Bluegrass Revival, Blue

Persuasion, Two + Three, Blue Zone and SK Bluegrass. Acoustic instrument workshops will be facilitated by band members who know their craft well. An open mic is scheduled on Thursday July 3rd, plus a children's program, concessions and most importantly, fun for the whole family.

Gate opens Wednesday July 2nd at 1:00PM. For advance tickets or information, check our website at: peibluegrass.tripod.com

Society members help with the organizing and carrying out of this Maritime Signature Festival. Each volunteer's effort is so appreciated.

Stay tuned....which may be hard for banjos! 😊

HEADLINE ACT NEWS.....

Audie Blaylock & Redline



"Audie Blaylock's mellow, wailing tenor and lightning-fast guitar picking have made him one of the names to watch in the world of traditional bluegrass."—ALL MUSIC GUIDE

Award-winning vocalist and guitarist, AUDIE BLAYLOCK is certainly one of the hottest Bluegrass artists today. Along with his band REDLINE, they are celebrating a load of #1 singles from numerous albums on the Rural Rhythm

Records label, and thrilling audiences with their incredible musicianship, impeccable harmony and highly entertaining stage shows.

AUDIE BLAYLOCK & REDLINE new single, **“A Natural Thing”** appeared on the charts recently. Audie’s recording, “I’m Going Back to Old Kentucky (A Bill Monroe Celebration), Rural Rhythm Records was on the top 30 hot singles. Fan’s comments:

- “Spend your money on this one, folks. It’s a keeper.” - “Somewhere, in the great Bluegrass world in the sky, I have a feeling that Monroe is smiling, and might even be joining in himself!”



Shannon Slaughter, raised in the rural North Florida town of Chiefland, was immersed in acoustic and country music at a young age by his family. His early influences include Merle Haggard, Randy Travis, Tony Rice, Keith Whitley, Ricky Skaggs, and the Osborne Brothers.

Shannon started his professional career with the Lost and Found in 1992, moving to Virginia that summer. In December Shannon joined the Larry Stephenson Band and was an integral sideman for 3 years. During his tenure with Larry, he recorded 2 CDs, toured throughout the U.S. and Canada, and performed on the prestigious Grand Ole Opry.

We are extremely excited to announce the hiring of 4 new musicians to County Clare! Cliff Bailey (bass/vocals), Stephen Burwell (fiddle), Jesse Daniel (mandolin, vocals), and Casey Foster (banjo /guitar) are the newest members of the band and we couldn't be happier and more blessed to have attracted such amazing people and talents.

The addition of Daniel on mandolin was precipitated by our decision to scale back Heather's role in the band for the time being. We've always heard that it takes a community to raise a child and we want little Rae's community to include family, friends, and bluegrass fans!

The new members of the band are a collection of great singers, songwriters, and musicians that are going to make the County Clare sound the best t's ever been. These guys have performed with the likes of Kenny and Amanda Smith and Randy Kohrs and have written chart topping songs for both Volume 5 and Rhonda Vincent.

<http://www.countyclareband.com/home>





Art Stevenson, guitarist, harmony and lead singer has been playing bluegrass music for 25 years, and was with award-winning Wisconsin River Bluegrass Boys, 1982 - 1996. He has appeared on Bill Monroe's Early Bird Bluegrass Show, IBMA Fan Fest, and the Renfro Valley Jamboree. In November 2000, Art received the "Favorite Male Bluegrass Vocalist" Award by the Minnesota Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association.

Stephanie Stevenson plays string bass, guitar, and sings lead and tenor in close duets with her husband Art. Rounder recording artist James King calls Stephanie "a female Paul Williams!"

Dale Reichert picks the 5-string banjo in a hard-driving, lightning fast style, sings baritone and bass vocals, and plays Dobro. **Bruce King**, mandolin and vocals, joined High Water in March 2001. Bruce has played with many of the state's best known bluegrass bands, including Alive And Pickin', The Rounders, Jerry Wicentowski, and Blue Eagle. <http://www.highwatermusic.com/the-band.html>



BLUEGRASS JAM NOTICES....

Friday Bluegrass Barn Jams

7 – 9 p.m. at Rob's Bluegrass Barn.
676-3184 / flyfishbanjoboy@gmail.com

Wednesday's Slow Jams with Caroline

7 – 9 p.m. Murphy's Community Centre,
Richmond Street, Charlottetown.
Call 569-2471

BLUEGRASS NEWS....people you may know....

Steve and Janet Thomas: Ashes of Love Benefit the Thomas' who lost their Nashville home to fire on New Year's Eve. Thomas played in Rollo Bay, PEI at the 2013 Bluegrass Festival with "Newton & Thomas."

Terry Poirier: The Spinney Brothers are



thrilled to introduce Terry Poirier as their new bass player. Terry is a native of NB, Canada and is the son of very well-known Canadian musician, Eddy Poirier. Terry has

spent the last 5 years as bass player for the contemporary bluegrass group, Newtown and is also a DJ, Webmaster and Music Librarian for "Worldwide Bluegrass Library." We are thrilled to have Terry Poirier join the Spinney Brothers band," states Rick Spinney. "We have known Terry for many years and respect his level of musicianship and dedication to Bluegrass music."

Terry is equally excited about joining a band of fellow Canadians stating, "I fully expect my new venture with the Spinney Brothers to be great and I'm looking forward to many shows and miles traveled with The Spinney Brothers."

BILL MONROE STAMP APPROVED, Feb. 21, 2014

The United States Postal Service has approved the Father of Bluegrass Music for a commemorative stamp. The Washington Post received a leak of a document by the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee containing a breakdown of the Postal Service's approved subjects through 2016. In the Music Icons series, we can expect Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin at some point this year, while James Brown and a reissue of the top-selling 1993 Elvis Presley stamp are scheduled for 2015. Other legends of American music, including **Bill Monroe**, Willie Dixon, Sam Cooke and Tammy Wynette have also been approved, with no definite time frame for their launch. The article quoted Susan McGowan of the Postal Service as saying that, even though the names have been approved, the list is subject to change at any time.

Three banjo players riding in a car. Who is driving? The Sheriff.



UPCOMING EVENTS....

15th Annual Bluegrass-Old Country Jamboree, March 28 & 29, 2014

Garden of the Gulf Quality Inn, Summerside, PEI
The Mark Boutilier Bluegrass Band, NS;
Timberland Express, NB, Joe Casey & Westwind.
Joe Casey 439-2344 joeandeleonor@live.com

St. Louis Bluegrass & Old Time Music Campout, June 27 – 29, 2014

Contact Eileen Brown for more information
eileenbrown45@hotmail.com or phone 882-3056

Evangeline Bluegrass & Traditional Music Festival , July 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2014

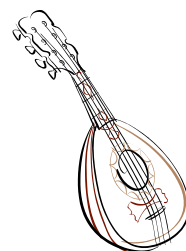
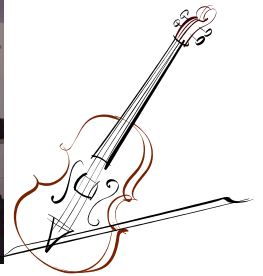
<http://www.evangelinebluegrassfestival.ca>

Pictures from Bluegrass Concert Feb. 23rd at the BIS

Bill Chalmers - MC



Blue Persuasion



Emery Gillan & Friends



Bluegrass Revival



MARK YOUR CALENDARS....

BLUEGRASS & OLDTIME MUSIC CONCERT

Sunday, May 4, 2014

2:00 p.m.

BIS Hall, North River Road

\$8 per person at the door



Great Crowd

Featuring bands: Two + Three
SK Bluegrass, Bluegrass Revival
Blue Persuasion...more
Coffee/Tea and cookies / 50/50
Proceeds: PEI Bluegrass & Old Time
Music Society



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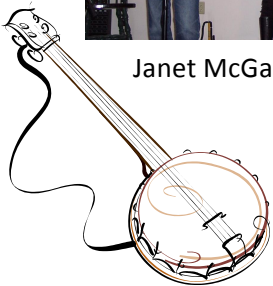


Are you interested?
Instrument Instruction
Workshop, Cost: \$40 pp
We need 18 to sign up
a.s.a.p.

Contact Shirley 566-2641 /
smedleyjay@icloud.com



Janet McGarry & Friends



Sincere Condolences to:

Emery Gillan on the loss of his sister in February. Pat MacKinnon on the loss of her sister, also in February. Love & Prayers to you and your family members.

Next newsletter comes out in June.

Send your news stories to:
smedleyjay@icloud.com



Foods to bring to a Bluegrass Festival?

Does anyone have any ideas for good take-along foods to bring to a camping music festival July 4-6? Most of us will be there at least 4 days. There will be a couple of small food vendors close to the stage site, but most of our eating is done at our camp sites. Planning in advance really helps so we can take in as much music as possible. Right now we have an annual-running list (so we don't forget) to bring snack stuff- trail mix, granola bars, fruit and cut up vegetables.....but was wondering if anyone had good ideas for things to make ahead of time?

Send your tips, recipes for both snacks and meals and we'll print some of these in the June newsletter to: smedleyjay@icloud.com :)

Thanks in advance!

Grilled Sausages or Hotdogs with Beans and Potatoes

2 cups fresh green beans / or 1 large can
4 potatoes, quartered
1 large onion, sliced
4-8 sausages (or hotdogs), cut into 1 inch pieces
1 teaspoon each salt & pepper
1 tsp vegetable oil + 1 tsp butter
1/3 cup H2O



Preheat an outdoor BBcue grill for high heat. On a large sheet of foil, place the green beans, potatoes, onion, and meat. Season with salt and pepper, sprinkle with oil, and top with butter. Tightly seal foil around the ingredients, leaving only a small opening. Pour water into the opening, and seal. Place foil packet on the hot grill. Cook 20 minutes, until meat is browned and vegetables are tender.

Bill Monroe – The story of the Father Of Bluegrass Music. Click on this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxdyOcNwfSA>