

**GENERAL MEETING  
of the PEI Bluegrass  
& Old Time Music  
Society**

**Sat., Sept. 20, 2014  
12:00 P.M.  
Royalty Centre  
Room 125, 40 Enman  
Crescent, Ch'town**

Bring something for the  
**Potluck** at 11:30 a.m..  
Bring your **Instrument to  
Jam** following the meeting.

**To ensure a quorum is  
present, please confirm**

**your attendance:**

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

**Thank you.**

**30th Eastern Canada  
Bluegrass Award  
Show**

**Saturday Oct. 18, 2014  
7:00 PM  
Cobequid Education  
Centre, Truro, NS**

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/ \$18 Door**

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**29<sup>th</sup> Festival Report**



*Bluegrass Diamonds*

Our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival continued in spite of Tropical Storm Arthur! Our Gate was down but we were able to pay our bills with funds raised in previous years. A power outage and high winds caused the stage show to move indoors. John had his generator set up to deal with the on again, off again situation. We were very grateful for everyone's efforts to keep things going! This is a festival to remember!

We are moving forward now and planning for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival. The US bands that have been hired to date: Lonesome River Band, Clay Hess Band & Ned Crisp & Bottomline. The Bluegrass Diamonds are booked with more Maritime and PEI Acts to be announced.

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**COMING to PEI 2015...**

**Lonesome River Band**



For three decades the Lonesome River Band has been one of the top bands in the bluegrass format. One of the reasons for that is that their sound always continued to evolve. The band is made up of multi award winning banjo player, Sammy Shelor, guitarist Brandon Rickman, fiddler Mike Hartgrove, mandolinist Randy Jones and bassist Barry Reid. The Lonesome River Band has just celebrated its 30 year anniversary on top of the bluegrass world with that special traditional yet contemporary sound that keeps the genre alive.

**The Clay Hess Band  
Clay**

Hess is a veteran in the bluegrassworld having been a sideman for many internationally known groups including Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder, Sierra Hull, Mark Newton, and MountainHeart as well as a stint at Dollywood with True Blue. Clay is a Grammy Award winner as well as an educator. The Clay Hess Band

is comprised of Clay Hess on guitar and vocals, his son Brennan Hess on guitar, Irl Hees on bass, Nick Keen on Mandolin and Zach Gilmer on banjo. All in all the Clay Hess Band is a dynamic group that features traditional and contemporary bluegrass at it's best.



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**Ned Crisp and Bottomline**

Bottomline is one of Kentucky's premier bluegrass bands with great family Entertainment from a dynamic high energy band. Bottomline is a hard hitting traditional band showing a mastery over their instruments. They are known for their flawless harmony and incredible vocal range. Ned Crisp says "my number one goal is to perform to the best of my ability and speak through the music we play". We hope that our music will give the listener a break from the stress of daily life and allow them to sit back and relax for a short while and rejuvenate. Bottomline's latest CD, Taking The Back Roads Home is now available.



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**(.....More 2014)**

This will prove to be an outstanding lineup in 2015 and along with the bands from across the Maritimes and all our local groups we look forward to a weekend of fine bluegrass music.

The Children's Program enjoyed Audrey and John's hand-made, hand-painted instruments (mandolin, guitars, fiddles, banjos, plus one bass) again this year. Each year, the children are allowed to choose which instrument they would like to "play" on stage and they get to take them home. Thank you to the Barlows and Ellen Arsenault who were involved to make this program possible.

Thank you to all those who helped with this year's Festival: John, Electrician, Albert Shepard, Field tasks, Bob Sharples who continues to support us with his field lining equipment, Gate Volunteers, Glenda's Stage Crew, Emery's Ways & Means folks, the Dump station (Gerald & Fern Heustis) and others. We cannot do this without you!  
**Festival Committee**



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***What I Learned on the Internet about Bluegrass Music!***

**LAURIE LEWIS.....**  
 Lewis is one of those people who can do it all musically. The two-time IBMA Female Vocalist Of The Year is a gifted singer, fiddler, guitarist, bandleader, and teacher.

**DEL MCCOURY.....** [Berklee College of Music](#) is set to honor Del with an American Roots Master award when he performs with his band in Boston on September 12. Berklee has accepted bluegrass and old time musicians to study for the past decade under what they describe as American Roots program.

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 Please send us your news for December 2014 newsletter.

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