

GENERAL MEETING
PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society

Saturday, January, 18, 2020 10:30 A.M.
Room 212, 40 Enman Crescent,
Charlottetown
(Storm date: Jan. 25, 2020)

To ensure a quorum is present, please confirm your attendance:
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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 2020



JAM SESSIONS

Wednesday Murphy Centre Acoustic Slow Jams are hosted by Caroline Jones at 6:30 PM jonescb@eastlink.ca or 902-940-9565

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!

Send your NEWS! We want to hear from you. Please send us your offerings for the Spring 2020 newsletter by February 23, 2020: jonescb@eastlink.ca



PEI BLUEGRASS & OLD TIME MUSIC SOCIETY CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & JAM



A number of members and friends attended the Society Pot-luck Christmas Party at the Beaconsfield Carriage House in downtown Charlottetown on December 7, 2019. After we had a meal of delicious food a jam took place.



The acoustics in this building are awesome. A great time was had by all. It was wonderful to have some dancers. It is hoped that there will be even better participation in 2020.

**35th Annual
PEI BLUEGRASS AND OLD
TIME MUSIC SOCIETY
FESTIVAL
DUNDAS FAIR GROUNDS
July 3, 4 & 5, 2020
298 Route 314, Lot 55,
260 Little River Road, Dundas,
Prince Edward Island C0A 1G0**

The 35th annual festival will be held at the beautiful Dundas Fair Grounds in Dundas, PEI for the second year. The grounds are a very level, spacious and convenient venue for a festival. Lots of camping space and a large indoor airconditioned space in case of bad weather.

PHOTO OF STAGE & SEATING AREA.



Planning is already underway for our second year at Dundas Fair Grounds for parking to meet handy cap requirements, quiet area, and spacing of the lots, entrance location, band parking, and inclement weather requirements. And yes folks, there is plenty of green space for a great weekend on these large grounds, it has been well maintained with many improvements over the years.



Aaron and Hannah Stiff, members of the Stiff Family Band, are well known musicians across Canada who now reside on Prince Edward Island. This year, Aaron and Hannah volunteered to do the Children's Program and spent a couple of hours teaching the children songs for their (above pictured) stage performance. The little wooden instruments are made and painted by John Barlow. Each child gets to choose an instrument to play on stage and they are allowed to keep them.

The fairgrounds were established during the Second World War in an effort to assist with the war effort and have continued since. The approximate 100 acres have been used each year for agriculture competitions and fairs, the competitors and audience come with many modes of camping gear for those weekends.

The Dundas Fair Grounds location is close to larger centers:

50 minutes to Charlottetown;

20 minutes to Montague;

20 minutes to Georgetown;

20 minutes to Souris; and only

40 minutes to Wood Islands Ferry.

We are looking forward to seeing all our music friends and making new friends at this wonderful location this summer.

Thank you to the many members of the Society who contribute so much of their time and abilities to help make the festival and society work. Without your contribution of hard work and skills the festival would not be the success it is.

The Board of Directors consist of:

Shirley Smedley Jay, President

David Clarke, Vice President

Pat MacKinnon, Treasurer

Ann Chaisson, Secretary

Glenda Johnston, Board Member

Mark van Ryn, Board Member

Albett Shepard, Field Marshall

We need to support our Board of Directors as much as possible. Just ask what you can do to help or volunteer for an activity.

FUNDRAISING CONCERTS

The Society will hold fundraising concerts at the wonderful venue, The Historic Beaconsfield Carriage House, 2 Kent Street, Charlottetown. \$10 per person at the door.

CONCERT DATES....

- **Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020, 2-4 p.m.**

- **Sunday, Mar. 1, 2020, 2-4 p.m.**

- **Sunday, April 5, 2020, 2-4 p.m.**

Featuring local bands including:

Jericho Road, Stiff Family, Janet McGarry & Wildwood, Bluegrass Revival, Wednesday Jam group and others.

Come out and enjoy the music and the beautiful surroundings. Bring family and friends. Hall is Wheelchair Accessible with plenty of free parking close by on West Street and in the large provincial government parking lot.

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Thank you to Caroline Jones for compiling the newsletter and others who contributed news. Hope to see you at the General Meeting, Concerts and Jams throughout 2020. Merry Christmas and all the best to you and your families in 2020. Yours in Bluegrass, Shirley



Janet McGarry & Wildwood



We wish to welcome Jason Ramsay to the Wildwood fold - he's a great musician, loves the music and made a lot of friends on the bluegrass circuit already. Denise MacLeod is on maternity leave with baby Jack, and we'd like to wish her and Shane congratulations and a quick return to Wildwood.

We would also like to thank Dylan Ferguson for singing and playing with us over the past three years, and we wish him well in his new endeavors. Jason joins an amazing Wildwood alumni over the last nearly 20 years including Charlie Hansen, Glenda Johnston, Ryan and Roxeen Roberts, Kyle Legere, Naomi Patkai, Albert and Mona Arsenault, as well as NB Hall of Fame Inductee Eddy Poirier and his grandson Bryan Poirier, all of them talented artists in their own right and have made us proud to share the stage with.

We had a great summer performing at the bluegrass festivals and events, and finished the season with a show at the "Sounds of the Island" stage during Old Home Week festivities. It's always a fun event, with big crowds - a real homecoming!

We had two shows scheduled for early November, the 8th and 9th, in Woodstock and Norton, NB, which, unfortunately had to be cancelled due to inclement weather, but we're working with the promoter to reschedule for Spring 2020 - stay tuned. And, closer to home, we have two Christmas shows to celebrate the season. We will be in Kinkora on December 8th and on December 14th. at the Milton Community Hall.

Janet & Serge recently performed to a full house concert, hosted by Ivan & Vivian Hicks, in Riverview, NB, on November 24th. They have

another gospel/Christmas concert scheduled for Sunday, December 15th at a cool new venue, called The Red Dirt Girl Music Room, hosted by Jeannie Cameron, located at 140 Dunk River Road, near Summerside.

We would like to thank all our loyal supporters; we appreciate you so much, and we invite you to watch for upcoming shows at www.janetmcgarry.com and on Facebook.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Janet, Serge, Gail and Jason!

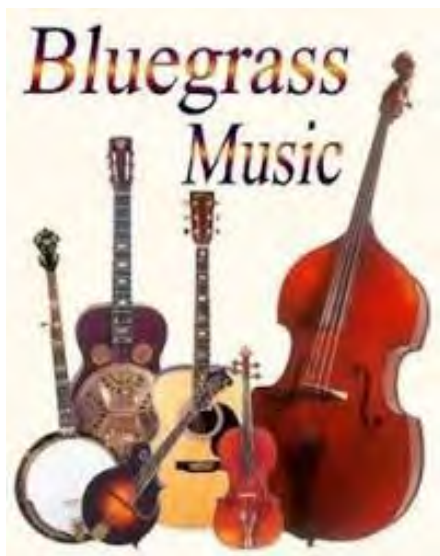
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34th Eastern Canada Bluegrass Music Award Winners

The Downeast Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Society is pleased to announce the winners for the 34th Annual Eastern Canada Bluegrass Music Awards, held on Oct. 19, 2019 in Truro, NS:

Banjo Player of the Year:

Greg Hamilton (Oxbow Mountain Boys)

Bass Player of the Year:

Chantel O'Neil (Eastwind)

Dobro Player of the Year:

Andrew Sneddon (The Bluegrass Unit)

Fiddle Player of the Year:

Matt Hayes (Munro)

Guitar Player of the Year:

Charlie Bourque (Oxbow Mountain Boys)

Mandolin Player of the Year:

Al Ryan (Oxbow Mountain Boys)

Male Vocalist of the Year:

Matt Lunn (Matt Lunn & Echo Mountain)

Female Vocalist of the Year:

Natasha Richard (Third Harmony)

Individual Entertainer of the Year:

Brian Hazlett (Oxbow Mountain Boys) Master (5time Award Winner)

Vocal Group of the Year:

Third Harmony

Gospel Performance of the Year:

Janet McGarry & Wildwood

Most Promising Band of the Year:

Dirt Road Alliance

Band of the Year:

Oxbow Mountain Boys

Recording of the Year:

Third Harmony

Composer of the Year:

Ryan Harvey

Promoter of the Year:

Chantal O'Neil

Emcee of the Year:

Marilyn Singer

Radio / TV DJ of the Year:

Nancy Keddy - Bluegrass Atlantic (CIOE 97.5FM Sackville, NS) Master (5time Award Winner)

Participation Award:

Truro & Area Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Society for having the highest percentage of 2019 ECBMA ballot returns.

Golden Master Award:

Eddy Poirier in recognition of his continued & ongoing contributions to Bluegrass in Eastern Canada, after having been named a Master in a category.

Lifetime Member to the Downeast Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Society were presented to John Flynn (NS) for his contributions to Bluegrass, the Annual Nova Scotia Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Festival, and the Downeast Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Society.

Fan of the Year: was awarded to two couples: Charlie & Donna Bourque (Prospect, NS) and Claude & Rejeanne Laverdure (Mexico, Maine)

Congratulations to: Janet McGarry & Wildwood for Gospel Performance of the Year
Information is taken from downeastgrass.com

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It's a joke.....

"What's your favorite pickup to put on a banjo?" "F-150"

How can you tell if there's a banjo player at the door? He can't find the key or he doesn't know when to come in.

The International Bluegrass Music Awards (IBMA), 2019 Winners.



As we celebrate our own Bluegrass Music Awards on Canada's East Coast, Bluegrass is celebrated on the International stage in Nov. 2019. The IBMA awards ceremony was held in North Carolina. Below is a list of the results from the awards show.

- **Entertainer of the Year:** Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers
- **Female Vocalist of the Year:** Brooke Aldridge
- **Male Vocalist of the Year:** Russell Moore
- **Vocal Group of the Year:** Sister Sadie
- **Instrumental Group of the Year:** Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper
- **Song of the Year:** "Thunder Dan" Sideline (artist), Josh Manning (writer), Tim Surrent (producer), Mountain Home Music Company (label)
- **Album of the Year:** Del McCoury "Still Sings Bluegrass" Del McCoury Band(artist), Jerry Salley (producer), Billy Blue Records (label)
- **Gospel Recording of the Year:** "Gonna Sing, Gonna Shout" Claire Lynch (artist), Jerry Salley (producer), Billy Blue Records (label)
- **Instrumental Recording of the Year:** "Darlin' Pal(s) of Mine" Missy Raines with Alison Brown, Mike Bub, & Todd Phillips (artist), Alison Brown (producer), Compass Records (label)
- **New Artist of the Year:** Billy Strings
- **Recorded Event of the Year:** *Swept Away*, Missy Raines with Alison Brown, Becky Buller, Sierra Hull and Molly Tuttle
- **Banjo Player of the Year:** Kristin Scott Benson
- **Bass Player of the Year:** Missy Raines
- **Dobro Player of the Year:** Justin Moses
- **Fiddle Player of the Year:** Michael Cleveland
- **Guitar Player of the Year:** Billy Strings
- **Mandolin Player of the Year:** Alan Bibey

A Summerside Bluegrass and Acoustic Music Fundraising Concert....

...happens every Monday night 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Summerside Legion. Open Mic performers 7:00-7:30 pm. Admission: \$5, 50/50 draw /door prizes. Bring a friend and acoustic instruments for a jam after the concert. For anyone interested in the Open mic, contact John Campbell at 902-439-6830. Proceeds to: Summerside Bluegrass & Acoustic Music Festival, Causeway Bay Linkletter Hotel, Nov. 6 - 8, 2020.



**Find current Bluegrass News at:
<https://bluegrasstoday.com>**

Our 2020 PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival line-up will feature:

The Little Roy & Lizzie Show

The Dave Adkins Band

Jeff Brown & Still Lonesome

The Spinney Brothers

Bluegrass Diamonds

Janet McGarry & Wildwood

More bands to be announced.....

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The Spinney Brothers

The 35th annual PEI Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival features: The Little Roy & Lizzy Show, The Dave Adkins Band and Jeff Brown And Still Lonesome as well as perennial favourites, The Bluegrass Diamonds, back for their 29th appearance.

Other maritime bands will be added later in the fall.

Also all your island favourites.

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

We will also have a full lineup of acoustic instrument workshops, open mic on Wed July 1st & Thur July 2nd, 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 Monday 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.

