



Picks N' Licks

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PEI 2nd Annual Laurie Blue (memorial) Bluegrass Festival & 11th Annual Bluegrass Jubilee Concert

Things went very smoothly for the Festival.

The Bluegrass guests stayed at the Loyalist Lakeview Resort & Convention Centre, where the event was held. It was a great weekend of music and socializing which included a Meet & Greet Workshop with the feature band "The Jeanette Williams Band" followed by a reception and opening ceremonies. There were stage shows in the Ballroom with Bethany Coughlin & Angle Band, Driftwood Harmony, Bluestreak, Blue Horizon, Janette McGarry and many more. Rooms were provided for jamming (as well as jamming in rooms & hallways of specified floors) and Workshops & Video/film viewing throughout the weekend.



This year the Jubilee Concert was moved to Friday night with performances by The Jeanette Williams

Band, Bluestreak, Blue Horizon and Nudie & the Turks.

A big Thank You goes out to the Board of Directors, Tourism PEI, CFCY, the Loyalist Lakeview Resort and all the other sponsors for their support. Also, thanks to the entertainers, Mcs, Sound Tech & Security personnel. If it were not for the Organizing Committee the joy that this event brings would not happen, so thank you very much to the organizers & volunteers for your time and efforts.

A guitar draw was held on Saturday evening and the winner was Emery Gillan. Throughout the weekend there were 50/50 draws, which ranged from \$32.50 to \$225 that went to the following winners: Leona Comeau, Robert Arseneault, Larry Jones & Frank Brown and John Petipas.



Now it is time to start preparing & organizing the 2007 event.

General Meeting

The General Meeting was held on Sat. Sept. 30th/06 at the Sun n' Shade Campground Rec Hall, Borden, PEI.

The results of the vote for the PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society's Executive & Board Members

are as follows:

President - Shirley Jay
Vice President - Serge Bernard
Treasurer - Charlie Hansen
Secretary - Angela MacCormac
Membership Chair - Al MacRae
Member-at-Large - Guy Cormier
Member-at-Large - Joe Casey

2007 MEMBERSHIP FEES are due January 1, 2007. Payment can be made at one of the Jams or by mailing the Fee of \$10.00 per person to PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society, Box 2812, Charlottetown, PEI C1A 8C4

Eastern Canadian Bluegrass Awards - Two PEI Award Winners

Serge Bernard receives Radio/TV DJ of the Year



&

Janet McGarry receives Female Vocalist of the year



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22nd Annual PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival

The preparations for the 21st Annual PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival were a great success and already plans are well underway for our 22nd annual festival at Rollo Bay July 6, 7 and 8, 2007. Major bands from The United States highlighting our festival for 2007 will include Lonesome Will Mullins



and the Virginia Playboys from the State of Virginia



and New River Line from the State of Kentucky.



Returning to our stage for a second appearance will be the Bluegrass Brothers from the State of Virginia, one of the most entertaining, hard driving and appreciated bands we've ever had at our festival.

Bill Elliott and the Economy Mountain Boys, a relatively new band on the maritime music scene will be making their debut on our stage for 2007 along with the Bluegrass Diamonds, the Douthwrights, Grass Roots, Nudie & the Turks and other well known Island Bluegrass Bands. Early on, we obtained a renewed commitment from the "Field of Dreams" festival site and the contract is about to be signed, and we've opened discussions with potential new sponsors in hopes of increasing our revenue streams, maintaining reasonable gate prices while growing our festival and giving our patrons even more reasons to come to our festival. Particularly, we will be exploring new marketing opportunities within the greater RV'er (Recreational Vehicle Owner) community. "Bluegrassers" know the entertainment value of our festivals and it is a given that most "bluegrassers" are RV'ers, but do all RV'ers know about bluegrass festivals? RV'ers is one of the fastest growing communities anywhere and we need to show them that there is much more to RV'ing than campgrounds; and one of the biggest, safest, cleanest worry free family fun and most entertaining value for their bucks anywhere these days is bluegrass festivals...and we welcome RV'ers!. In fact, the Rollo Bay festival grounds is one of the more amenable grounds to RV's and accommodates over 600 of them every year.

We need to promote our festival to this growing community by advertising for example in the Good Sam Club, or perhaps explore the opportunity of making a splash at an RV convention this spring.

Finally, we have a great team already at work for our 2007 festival. I encourage all of you to join us in making our festival an even greater one by becoming an integral part of it, make it your festival by working closer with one of our chairpersons, we have a lot of fun working together and living our festival from the inside is a great experience...join us!...Alan MacRae, Glenda Johnston, Shirley Jay, Angela

MacCormack, Emery Gillan, Charlie Hansen and myself.

Serge Bernard.
Festival Chair 2007

All 2006 Eastern Canadian Nominees & Winners

Banjo Player of The Year

Ryan Dillman
Darren Richard
Rick Spinney Winner

Vocal Group of The Year Bluegrass

Diamonds Winner
Bluegrass Tradition
Spinney Brothers

Bass Player of The Year

Vincent Cormier
Terry Mumford
Craig Simm Winner & Master

Radio/TV DJ of The Year

Serge Bernard Winner
Charlie Hansen
Wilson Moore

Dobro Player of The Year

Frank Doody Winner
Joe Doucette
Dan Fraser

Mandolin Player of The Year

Richard Bourque
Trevor Boutilier Winner
Ron Savoie

Most Promising Band

Blue Horizon Winner
Roxeen & Ryan
Shady Lane

Composer of The Year

Frank Doody
Ryan Roberts Winner
Larry Rushton

Fiddle Player of The Year

Brett Decker
Fraser Martin Winner & Master

Eddie Poirier

**Assoc'n Participation Award
Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc
Winner 75.84%**

East Hants Bluegrass Assoc
Truro & Area Bluegrass Assoc

Recording of The Year

Blue Horizon
Janet McGarry
Spinney Brothers **Winner**

Emcee of The Year

Gene Antle **Winner**
Serge Bernard
Wilson Moore

Guitar Player of The Year

Richard Bourque **Winner**
Adam Kavanaugh

Alan Spinney

Gospel Group of The Year A New

Shade of Blue **Winner**

Gospel Connection
Spinney Brothers

Individual Entertainer

Roger Gauvin
Fraser Martin
Rick Spinney **Winner**

Band of The Year

Bluegrass Diamonds
Bluegrass Tradition
Spinney Brothers **Winner**

Female Vocalist

Buffy MacNeil
Janet McGarry **Winner**
Roxeen Roberts

Male Vocalist

Shane Douthright
Dean Simm
Allan Spinney **Winner**

A few other special awards;

Fans of the year award went to
Maurice & Anne Marie Melanson of
the Clare Nova Scotia area

**A Lifetime Membership to the
Downeast Bluegrass & Oldtime
Music Society** was presented to Colin

Welner of the Moncton area for
outstanding achievement

**A Lifetime Membership to the
Downeast Bluegrass & Oldtime
Music Society** was also presented

to Len Beck, originally of Halifax area,
now residing in New Brunswick for
outstanding achievement

**A 5 year anniversary as a Bluegrass
DJ on radio/TV** was given to John
Petitpas of CITA in Moncton

**A 25 year anniversary as a Bluegrass
DJ on radio/TV** was given to Fred
Isenor of Milford Rec TV

Bluegrass & Old Time Music Jams

Slow Jams are held every Sunday
7:30-9:30pm @ the Murphy's
Community Centre (formerly the
Basilica Rec. Centre). It is anticipated
there will be workshops for paid-up
members 6:30-7:30pm. Contact
Caroline 569-2471

Advance Jams on Friday 8-10pm @
the Charlottetown SuperStore
Community Room.

Instruments for Sale...

Seagull Guitar & Hard-shell Case for
sale asking \$325.00. O.B.O.
Alcivar Guitar, No Case for sale asking
\$225.00. O.B.O. Call Ken
1-506-734-2764

Banjo Camp Workshop

Ross Nickerson has 20
years of teaching experience and
has written "The Banjo
Encyclopedia". He will be providing
valuable insight into common
obstacles that hold back banjo
students August 24-26, 2007. at the
Tatamagouche Learning Centre,
Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia. For
further information visit

www.banjoteacher.com or contact
Ross @ (866) 322-6567

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22nd Annual Joe Val Bluegrass Festival

Feb. 16-18, 2007 at the
Sheraton Framingham Hotel.
Check their website
www.bbu.org/jvhome.htm

Dale Ann Bradley is the real
deal, a Primitive Baptist preacher's
daughter raised in the rural
southeastern Kentucky crossroads of
Williams Branch, where family and
faith came first. Women are reshaping
the bluegrass sound, and Bradley, with
her mountain pure soprano, her knack
for storytelling, and her true-life roots,
is one of those creating that exciting
music. Dale Ann Bradley will release
her new solo album, *Catch Tomorrow*,
on Compass Records on October 10,
2006.

Bradley turned to GRAMMY award
winning banjoist and Compass Records
co-founder Alison Brown to produce
Catch Tomorrow. Sitting in with
Bradley and Brown is an all-star cast of
roots music's finest including Jim
Lauderdale, Tim O'Brien, Jeff White,
and Steve Gulley (Mountain Heart).
Stand out tracks include an exquisite
gospel duet with Larry Sparks on *Pass
Me Not*, a traditional country duet with
Marty Raybon (Shenandoah) on
Holding on to Nothing, and a
collaboration with Irish super group
Lunasa on *When the Mist Comes
Again*. She also delivers some hard
driving bluegrass on the self-penned
Run Rufus Run, Julia Belle, and the

soon to be classic *Rita Mae* with the help of her past and current band mates including Michael Cleveland, Jesse Brock, and longtime co-writer Vicki Simmons.

“When you’ve got the desire to write and sing, it’s who you are,” Bradley says. That desire pulled Bradley from the hardscrabble life she knew as a teenager in rural eastern Kentucky all the way to a nod as Traditional Female Vocalist of the Year from the SPBGMA and to her current status as one of the most respected musicians in bluegrass. Along the way she lent her voice to the famed Renfro Valley Barn Dance and The New Coon Creek Girls, and saw her solo debut, *East Kentucky Morning*, chosen as an editor’s pick at *Billboard*. Long time fan Alison Krauss comments: “Dale Ann Bradley is one of the most gifted vocalists bluegrass and country music has ever heard. She is a dream.”

Dale Ann Bradley’s dreams for this record, and for her career, are about the connecting power of the music itself. “It’s important to express something long lasting. Music has the power to be a healing thing.”

Bradley will launch *Catch Tomorrow* with appearances at this year’s International Bluegrass Music Association convention taking place in Nashville September 25 – October 1, 2006.

TODAY IN MUSIC HISTORY

December 1st

Carter Stanley 1925-1966:
One half of the Stanley Brothers, Carter died in Bristol, Tennessee, in 1966. He was 41. Inducted IBMAH 1992.

Nov. 21st

Flatt & Scruggs recorded their first session for Columbia Records 1950.

Thought For Today: Your life either sheds light or casts a shadow, and it’s all up to you.

Did you know.....

Ralph Stanley received the National Medal of Arts from President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush. The medal is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and is the nation's highest honor for artistic excellence.

Alison Krauss rode the Santa Train through Appalachia on November 18th, 2006 to help distribute 15 tons of toys and gifts to thousands of people in the region for the Christmas season. The 110-mile route traveled through 14 towns in Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky before ending in Pikeville, Kentucky. Now in its 64th year, the Santa Train also carried Naomi Judd, Patty Loveless, Travis Tritt and Rebecca Lynn Howard.

The Grand Ole Opry was cancelled due to rioting in the streets of Nashville on April 6, 1968. Martin Luther King had been shot two days earlier, and the Nashville Police imposed a 7:00 PM curfew. This was the only time an Opry performance had to be canceled, and WSM broadcast an Opry show that had been recorded in the past.

Charlie Louvin will release his first album in over ten years on February 20th, 2007, which will feature appearances by George Jones, Bobby Bare Sr., Tom T. Hall, rocker Elvis Costello and alt-country singer Tift Merritt. The album will include classic Louvin Brothers material as well as songs popularized by country pioneers including Jimmie Rogers and the Carter Family.

In 1950 Maybelle Carter hired Chet Atkins to play in the Mother Maybelle Carter and The Carter Sisters Band. It was not long before Chet was making a name for himself in

Nashville’s recording studios as a top notch session musician.

Thought For Today: The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable.



Visit the PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society website at:
www.bluegrasspei.com

Please send your news items for the March 2007 newsletter, two weeks prior to the 1st of the March to:

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