

PEIBOTMS General Meeting

Date: Sat. January 23, 2010

Time: 1:00 PM

**Place: Atlantic Superstore
Community Rm. Univ. Ave.
Charlottetown.**

****Bring your instruments for a Jam**

NOTE: To ensure a quorum is present, please confirm your attendance by e-mailing

asjay@eastlink.ca OR leave a phone message at 566-2641.

Thank you. Shirley

*MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR*



25th Annual PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival

Plans are well under way for the 25th annual PEI Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival on July 2, 3, & 4, 2010 at Rollo Bay.

US bands in place for the 25th are Ralph Stanley II from Virginia (above pic), Barry Scott & Second Wind from, Tennessee, and The Midnight Ramblers from Virginia. Ralph Stanley II is the son of bluegrass icon, Ralph Stanley and has been playing bluegrass as long as he can remember. He was and, at times, still is, part of his father's band and still tours as part of that unit. Ralph II's band is made up of a number of members of The Clinch Mountain Boys and some members that he has recruited to match his own particular sound. Barry Scott & Second Wind is made up of Barry Scott on guitar and vocals, Travis Houck on dobro and vocals, Jason

Leek on bass, and Matthew Muncey on mandolin and vocals. Barry Scott was lead singer and guitarist for Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver for nine years and gives the band a Doyle Lawnesque sound. The Midnight Ramblers are a young band from south western Virginia and have toured extensively in Europe and are excited to make their first visit to Canada. We are negotiating with a fourth band from East Tennessee by the name of Brand New Strings. They are made up of Randall Massengill on guitar and vocals, Mike Ramsay on mandolin and vocals, Stuart Wyrick on banjo, Tim Tipton (formerly of Blue Moon Rising) on bass, and Matt Leadbetter (formerly of Blue Moon Rising) on dobro. We hope to have negotiations finished by the time you read this newsletter. Maritime bands booked are, the ever popular Spinney Brothers, The Bluegrass Diamonds, New Ground, and Simply Blue. The festival will be rounded out by a strong contingent of island bands with applications received from all active bands. We hope to see you all at the festival.

**2010 MEMBERSHIP FEES
are due January 1, 2010.**

**Mail \$10.00 Fee per person to:
PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music
Society, Box 2812, Charlottetown,
PEI C1A 8C4**

President's Message:

Fall activities included our annual Campout at the 'Sun n' Shade' Campground, the Annual Meeting, and Potluck. Bluegrassers shared their talents on stage in the hall. Thank you to everyone who helped out to make the Laurie Blue Festival a success.

We've had a great year folks and couldn't have done it without all of you volunteers.

I hope that each and everyone of you have a blessed Christmas and I wish you all good health in the New Year 2010! The 2009-10 board members include:

Glenda Johnston, Vice President
Charlie Hansen, Treasurer
Angela MacCormac, Secretary
Alan MacRae, Board Member
Leonard Perry, Board Member
Pat MacKinnon, Board Member
Joe Casey, Board Member

Thank you.

Shirley Jay, President

Report on the 5th Annual PEI Laurie Blue (Memorial) Bluegrass Festival

In spite of a wrongly forecast Wind Storm and H1N1 Flue Hysteria, the 5th Annual Laurie Blue Bluegrass Festival was again a success in 2009. The weekend program consisted of a reception/meet & Greet Friday Afternoon, Grand Opening & Concert Friday Night, Instrument & Vocal Instructional Workshops Saturday Morning, a Songwriter's Circle and Matinee Concert Saturday afternoon, Saturday evening Concert, Sunday morning Gospel Concert and a Sunday afternoon Matinee Concert.

Thanks to all the Bands who performed, the music was great : Beartracks from upstate New York , Eddie & Rose Poirier & Grass Line from NB, Simply Blue from NB, along with the following PEI bands Janet McGarry & Wildwood Flower, Bluefield Grass, Jericho Road, Driftwood Harmony, Bluegrass Revival, SK Bluegrass, Country Grass, Glenda & Charlie, Wheatly River, Eastern Edition, Dunromin Four, and On the Road Again . The 4 open mike acts were also well received.

Special thanks go to all the Volunteers who took part in the production of the festival and in the weekly Fund Raising Concerts (over 20 from April till November) ... without your help , it just couldn't have happened. Thanks to the Causeway Bay Linkletter Hotel & Convention Center for all the great services offered to the Society , bands & hotel bluegrass guests.



(Above Pic) Prince County Hospital Foundation representative accepts donation from President, Shirley Jay.

Thanks to the Organizing Committee: Eileen Brown & Audrey Barlow (Stage Managers), Charlie Hansen (Sound Production Tech), Wilma Jones & David Tingley (Gate Co-ordinators), Leonard Perry (Ways & Means), Marina Blanchard (Security Co-ordinator) and Guy Cormier (Committee Chairperson).

Thanks again to John Barlow who video taped & photographed most of the weekend performances and other festival activities .

You will soon be able to see most of these pics on the Society website. Through our year round Fund Raising Concert's 50/50 draws , the Society was again able to donate \$1,000 to the Prince County Hospital Foundation.

We have now begun organizing the 2010 6th Annual Laurie Blue Bluegrass Festival.

Guy Cormier - Organizing Committee Chair

2009 Eastern Canada Bluegrass Music Award Winners
Congratulations to all the Players/Singers of the Year.....

Banjo - Darren Richard
Bass- Terry Mumford

Dobro – Dan Fraser
Fiddle – Christal Thibault
Guitar – Allan Spinney
Mandolin - Trevor Boutilier
Band - New Ground
Male Vocalist – Allan Spinney
Female Vocalist - Christal Thibault
Vocal Group – Spinney Brothers
Gospel Performance - Spinney Brothers
Individual Entertainer - Roger Gauvin
Recording – Ryan Roberts
Most Promising Band – the Mark Boutilier Bluegrass Band
Composer - Ryan Roberts
Promoter – Jerry Murphy
Emcee – Serge Bernard
Radio/DJ - Wayne Dugas (Cifa)
Master Awards for Being Five Time Winners in Their Categories presented to: Trevor Boutilier for Mandolin Player, Allan Spinney for Male Vocalist and Ryan Roberts for Composer.
The Fan of the Year Award went to Doug & Irene McRae of the Truro Club

Congratulations to Serge as 2009 Emcee of the Year!

Bluegrass & Old Time Music Jams/Workshops

Friday - 8:00 PM Ch'town Atlantic Superstore Community Room

More info - Call Shirley 566-2641

Sundays - 7:00 PM Murphy Rec Centre

Check Friday's Guardian for details.

More info - Call Caroline 569-2471

Cost: \$2.00 at the door for Jams.

Workshop cost is \$5.00 per person

Visit the PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society website at:
www.bluegrasspei.com
Please send your news items for the March 2010 newsletter, two weeks prior to the 1st of the March to: