

24th Annual PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival, Rollo Bay July 3 -5, 2009

Rollo Bay Festival Committee: Charlie Hansen, Shirley Jay, Angela MacCormac, Alan MacRae, Glenda Johnston, Audrey Barlow, Emery Gillan



It won't be long and we'll be packing our camping gear for Rollo Bay to prepare the fields for all our faithful festival goers.

Over 500 recreational vehicles are expected to attend from all over Eastern Canada and the US to hear great bands and enjoy our genuine island hospitality. This year's main stage event will feature special guests Junior Sisk & ramblers Choice from Virginia, Kentucky's Summertown Road, and the very popular Doerfel Family from New York.

Junior Sisk (above pic) has lived most of his life in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia where he listened to and played the music that was born there. His songwriting helped The Lonesome River Band in its ascent to bluegrass stardom in the early 1990's, but it was his lonesome, haunting singing that earned him the devotion of traditional bluegrass fans a few years later

as a member of Wyatt Rice and Santa Cruz. Subsequently, he assembled Ramblers Choice, which released the acclaimed "Sounds of the Mountains" in 1998, and contributed to the IBMA award winning "The Stanley Gospel Tradition". A brief stint with The Lost and Found followed before Junior took over the lead vocal role for BlueRidge. Junior has been nominated many times for Songwriter and Male Vocalist of the year. Other band members include Junior's long time musical and songwriting partner, Tim Massey on bass, Darrell Wilkerson on banjo, Billy Hawkes on fiddle, and John Miller, the newest member of the band, on mandolin.



Summertown Road are a new group made up of four master musicians with many years of experience to fall back on. Jack Hicks, on banjo has played with such luminaries as Jim and Jesse, Bill Monroe, Del Reeves, The Whites, Lester Flatt and Sonny James and spent a decade with Conway Twitty. Jack is a prolific songwriter and owns a recording studio where he records many different genres of music. John Rigsby on fiddle and mandolin has played with Ralph Stanley,

The Bluegrass Strangers and Melvin Goins to name just a few. John has won a Grammy award for his work on fiddle and mandolin. Bo Isaac on guitar is a member of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and has played with Ernie Thacker, Dave Evans, and Larry Cordle along with appearances with IIIrd Tyme Out,

and Marty Raybon. Randy Thomas on bass has played with Dave Evans, Tony Rice, Hylo Brown, Don Reno, and the Marshall Family and is the rock solid foundation that the Summertown Road sound is built on.

The Doerfels consists of the oldest son and leader TJ, 19, on banjo; Kim, 17, on the fiddle; Eddy, 15, on



mandolin; Joey, 14, on bass and cello; and Ben, 12, on guitar. The whole family joins in on certain songs and adds humor to the act, making it entertaining for all ages. If you like country, gospel, and bluegrass, interspersed with a touch of blues, jazz, swing, and classical, you'll want to catch this outstanding, young talented band! See why "The Doerfel Family is a force to be reckoned with."* No strings attached!

A stellar lineup of Eastern Canadian Bluegrass artists is also featured this year including Close To Home www.closetohomebluegrassband.com/ from Nova Scotia, a very popular and talented band versed in traditional and contemporary Bluegrass and gospel music as well as the ever popular Bluegrass Diamonds www.bluegrassdiamonds.com, The Douthwrights, as well as our showcase winner from last year Mountain Rush and one of the finest bands to suit up in the maritimes for many years, Grassroots.

Island favorites also include, Bluegrass Revival, Jericho Road, Joe Casey & High Tenor, SK Bluegrass, Eastern Edition, Janet McGarry & Wildwood, The Wheatley River Band, The Grass Mountain Hobos, Driftwood Harmony, Wayne Brown and Friends, Bluestreak, and the Country Grass band.

PEIBOTMS President's Message:



Hope you are seeing signs of Spring now that we are in the month of March with daylight savings on the 8th,,,days are getting longer!

We've included Jerry and Bernice Murphy's 2009 Festival & Events Calendar for you to book some Festivals around your summer vacations (those of us who are not retired). See Jerry's website....go to: groups.google.com/group/jerrysnews?hl=en

Island Festivals are in their planning stages with many of you signed up to volunteer. We are a non-profit and volunteers run these festivals. It is your love for Bluegrass & Old Time Music and your enthusiasm that makes it all happen!!!!

A great lineup of talented musicians will be part of these events in PEI this summer. Plan to attend....
PEI 24th Annual ...Rollo Bay, July 3-5.....566-2641
Evangeline July 10-12 Abram's Village...882-3056
Red Clay August 14-16, Tignish....882-3461.

Friday night Jams are in full swing at the Superstore on University Avenue 8:00 -10:00 p.m. with Gail Mullen and myself as your hosts. Sunday night Jams occur Sunday evenings at the Murphy Community Center with host, Caroline Jones. We're very appreciative that we can use these easy-access public spaces. Invite your friends to come and play or sit back and enjoy listening.

One successful fundraising concert occurred on Feb. 8th, and a 2nd one on March 8th and another April 26th all help to raise funds for the Society. Come out and bring a friend. We're seeing new people at the concerts who are interested in hearing this style of music..

See you at the jams, concerts and in Rollo Bay, Evangeline and Tignish! Take care folks!

Shirley Jay, President 566-2641

**"GOLDWING EXPRESS" The Bluegrass
Jamboree Show, March 28/09 at the Harbourfront
Jubilee Theatre in Summerside.**

Call Joe Casey 432-4310 for tickets!!!!!!

**BERNICE & JERRY'S 2009
FESTIVAL & EVENTS CALENDAR**

March 28 Bluegrass Old Country Jamboree
Summerside, PEI. 902-432-3410
April 26 E. H. Club Spring Bluegrass Jamboree Nine
Mile River, N.S. 902-883-7189
May 8 Truro Spring Bluegrass & Oldtime Show Truro,
N.S. 902-384-3013
May 28-30 Port George Camp-out Port George, N.S.
902-825-6530
June 5-7 Bluegrass & Acadien Festival Ste-Anne de
Kent, N.B. 506-743-6953
June 5-7 Full Circle Bluegrass Festival Skowhegan,
Maine 207-949 0868
June 11-14 Digby Fish & Game Bluegrass Campout
Haynes Lake, N.S. 902-245-4886
June 12-14 Memramcook Bluegrass Campout
Memramcook, N.B. 506-758-9663
June 18-21 Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival
Sidney Maine 207-873-6539
June 18-21 Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival Weston,
Vermont 802-463-1184
June 19-20 Stewiacke Newfie/Country Festival
Stewiacke, NS 902-639-2556
June 19-21 The Steeltown Bluegrass Festival Trenton,
N.S. 902-755-5717
June 19-21 Old Mill Bluegrass Spring Campout
Magnetic Hill, N.B. 506-858-8747
June 19-21 St. Louis Bluegrass & Oldtime Campout St.
Louis, PEI 902-882-3056
June 25-28 Fox Mountain Bluegrass Festival
Aylesford, N.S. 902-543-9732
July 3-5 Stan Rogers Festival Canso, N.S. 902-366-
2325
July 3-5 PEI Bluegrass Festival Rollo Bay, PEI 902-
566-2641
July 9-12 Basin Bluegrass Festival Brandon, V.T. 802-
247-3275
June 10-11 Stewiacke Newfie/Country Festival
Stewiacke, NS 902-639-2556
July 10-12 Evangeline Bluegrass Festival Abram
Village, PEI 902-854-3391
July 10-12 Fredericton Bluegrass Camp-out
Woolastook Park, N.B. 506-459-4823
July 17-19 Old Mill Bluegrass Festival Magnetic Hill,
N.B. 506-858-8747
July 17-19 Kempt Shore Maritime Acoustic Festival
Kempt Shore, N.S. 902-633-2535
July 23-26 Ossipee Valley Bluegrass Festival Cornish,
Maine 207-625-8656
July 24-26 The County Bluegrass Festival Fort
Fairfield, Maine 207-472-3802
July 24-26 Annual Nova Scotia Bluegrass Festival
Truro, N.S. 902-384-3013
July 24-26 Cape Tormentine Bluegrass Festival Cape
Tormentine, N.B. 506-538-2900

July 24-26 Down River Music Festival Neguac, N.B.
506-776-1303
July 30-Aug 2 Evergreen Ranch Bluegrass Festival St -
Louis de Kent, N.B. 506-743-8410
July 30-Aug 2 Fox Mountain Country Music Festival
Aylesford, N.S. 902-543-5053
July 30-Aug 2 Pemi Valley Bluegrass Festival
Campton, New Hampshire 603-726-3471
August 7-9 Clare Bluegrass Festival Saulnierville, N.S..
902-769-3860
August 7-9 Campbellton Bluegrass Campout
Campbellton, N.B 506-789-2708
August 13-16 Hank Snow Tribute Bridgewater, N.S.
902-354-4675
August 14-16 Kempt Shore Bluegrass & Oldtime
Festival Kempt Shore, N.S. 902-633-2535
August 14-16 Red Clay Bluegrass & Oldtime Festival
Tignish, PEI 902-882-3461
August 27-30 Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival
Sidney Maine 207-873-6539
Cancelled for 2009 Pictou Bluegrass Festival Pictou
N.S. 902-485-1161
August 28-30 Rogersville Bluegrass Festival
Rogersville, N.B. 506-384-8655
September 4-6 Stewiacke Bluegrass Festival
Stewiacke, NS 902-639-2556
September 4-6 New Richmond Bluegrass Festival New
Richmond Quebec 418- 392-6484
September 4-6 Bluegrass & Acadien Festival Ste-Anne
de Kent, N.B. 506-743-6953
September 4-6 The County Bluegrass Festival Fort
Fairfield, Maine 207-472-3802
September 10-13 Old Mill Bluegrass Fall Campout
Magnetic Hill, N.B. 506-858-8747
September 11-13 East Hants Club Invitational camp-
out T. B. A. 902-883-7189
September 11-13 Paul Bunyan Bluegrass Festival
Bangor, Maine 207-949 0868
September 19 NS Country Music Hall of Fame
Induction Blandford, NS 902-543-5053
October 17 Eastern Canada Bluegrass Music Awards
Truro, N.S. 902-864-1172
October 23-25 Nova Scotia Banjo Camp
Tatamagouche, NS 1-800-218-2220
November 5-8 Annual Laurie Blue Bluegrass Festival
Summerside, PEI 902-436-3333
December 13 E. H. Club Christmas Bluegrass
Jamboree Nine Mile River, N.S. 902-883-7189

Advance tickets for some festivals are available from
Bernice & Jerry Murphy. See them at the festivals.
Or before **June 5th**, you may contact them at
902-883-7189 or email jerry1939@eastlink.ca
to arrange pick up in Lantz, NS

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Daughters of Bluegrass

Interview with Janet McGarry

"First Canadian Daughter of Bluegrass"

Q. How were you selected to record on the Daughters of Bluegrass "Bluegrass Bouquet" 2008 recording project?

A. I was invited to be on the "Daughters of Bluegrass" project by Lorraine Jordan. I met Lorraine at the Fox Mountain Festival in Aylesford, Nova Scotia back in 2006. It was this time that she invited me and I travelled to Nashville, to the Blue Circle Records Studio, in March of 2008 to record my song for the project.

Q. Is it true that Tom T. and Dixie Hall wrote all the songs for this recording?

A. Yes, there are 17 songs on this project, and all are penned by Tom T and Miss Dixie Hall. They were joined by a couple of writers, Troy Engle and Billy Smith, on two of the songs.

Q. I heard the Daughters of Bluegrass, including yourself, performed at the 2009 Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music Association (SPBGMA)?

A. Yes, the Daughters had an official mainstage showcase on Friday, February 13th, as well as two showcases at the Good Home Grown Music Booth as part of the Trade Show. Video footage from all of these showcases can be found at www.janetmcgarry.com

Q. Did this recording win any awards?

A. This recording has only been released in September of 2008 so has not had the opportunity to be considered for awards yet, but it is hoped that it will make a good showing at IBMA 2009. Volume II of the Daughters of Bluegrass cd "Back to the Well" won "Recorded Event of the Year" at IBMA 2006.

Q. What's next for you in your career in Bluegrass?

A. In March of 2009, I will be attending Leadership Bluegrass in Nashville. This is a program designed to build commitment, motivate talents and instill enthusiasm for addressing the future of the bluegrass music industry. Class members represent a cross section of current and future leaders from various facets of the industry, as well as diverse regions of the country and world. This will be an excellent opportunity to network with, and foster good relationships with, others in the industry. Closer to home, we will be on the bluegrass circuit with a full calendar of dates throughout the Maritimes as well as a number of other venues. We're looking forward to a wonderful summer of bluegrass music.

Thank you for doing this interview. Tell our readers where they can obtain a copy of this recording.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this experience with our members through the newsletter. Copies of "Bluegrass Bouquet" are available locally at the Best of PEI Market on University Avenue, Charlottetown, PE; Stewart & Beck Home Hardware, Montague, PE or directly from Janet McGarry at www.janetmcgarry.com, or www.cdbaby.com.

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