

Central New York Bluegrass Association

From the President.....

A joint meeting of the boards of CNYBA and MVBGA was held on Saturday, January 24th. There were 19 attendees. There were three main agenda items:

Round-table discussion of mutual problems facing our organizations, and possible solutions.

Discussion of a joint jam/picnic for members and guests of CNYBA and MVBGA.

Discussion of a joint music event (one-day) to be presented this summer.

The round-table discussion led to an interesting exchange of ideas. Our organizations face similar problems, and we all went away with fresh ideas to try.

We also agreed on two action items. First, we will choose a location to hold a joint jam/picnic on a date to be announced later. This will be for members of both organizations and their guests. We will look for a place offering a covered jam area, as well as recreation facilities for those not interested in jamming.

It was also agreed to begin planning a one-day festival-type event to be held this summer. We will need three CNYBA members to work with three MVBGA members in the planning stages. We need to get the main planning completed by the end of February, as time is already short.

**FYI -- Newsletter
Deadline = 25th of month
prior to newsletter you
want your info. entered!**



In all, the meeting was informative and productive. I believe the joint projects we have planned are worthwhile, and will be fun as well. -- Dennis

CNYBA and MYSPACE

In November, we set up a CNYBA MySpace music account. This will allow us to provide information to our friends in an interactive environment. We'll also be able to upload music and receive updates on the activities our friends are involved in. Here is some information for those who aren't familiar with MySpace:

What is MySpace?

MySpace is a social networking site. This means you can connect with old friends, and make new friends. You can exchange information about mutual interests. It's a great way to exchange information about bands and musicians, or any other topic you may have an interest in. CNYBA has a MySpace Music account, so we can upload music to our page, as well.

How does MySpace work?

Each MySpace user creates a personal profile and has access to a number of different information "modules," including: (continued on page 6)

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FEBRUARY MEETING IS ON SUNDAY, FEB. 8, 2009

Note: Because of the quantity of information in this month's newsletter, the **What's Happening? Out and About** columns had to be deleted. Check our website: www.cnyba.com for that information. The columns will return!



*Diamond Someday joins
Bill Knowlton's
"Bluegrass Ramble"*



**Enter the CNYBA T-shirt
Design Contest!
Prize To Be Determined!**

**Submit your designs to Ed VanCott by
hand or email – evancott@twcny.rr.com
or by mail - 759 Village Blvd. S.
Baldwinsville, NY 13027**

PENNY MIDWINTER FESTIVAL

When: Saturday, March 7, 2009

Where: Vestal American Legion
Jensen Road
Vestal, NY

Cost: \$5.00 members, \$6.00 non-members
Music begins approx. 11 a.m.; Doors open at
10 a.m.

Two 50/50 drawings -- Food and Drink (sold
by American Legion)

Bands:

11-12 - Gulf Summit Express
12-1 - Bluestone Mountain Boys
1-2 - Slew Foot
2-3 - Lonesome Road Ramblers
3-4 - Plexigrass
4-5 - Mathews Family Band

Downstairs pickin' rooms galore!

For more info, contact Gene Clayton 607-
748-6671 or Sharon Gould 607-775-4163

Web site: [www.freewebs.com/
pennybluegrass](http://www.freewebs.com/pennybluegrass)

Diamond Someday Bluegrass Band is pleased to announce that Bill Knowlton has invited them to appear on his radio show, the "Bluegrass Ramble," on a monthly basis. Their first show was January 25. Starting in February, their 15-minute segment will air at 10:30 p.m. on each third Sunday of the month. The "Bluegrass Ramble" is on Sundays, from 9 p.m. to midnight (EST) over WCNY-FM (91.3) Syracuse, WJNY (90.9) Watertown, WUNY (89.5) Utica, and also on the web at www.wcny.org

Diamond Someday is a homegrown group with roots in the CNYBA and the Marcellus Jam (held in the American Legion Hall in Marcellus, NY, every Friday night). Known for their lively performances, the group features Shirley Stevens as the lead singer and guitarist, Tom Burr (leader of the group) on banjo, Karen Campolieto on bass and vocals, Ed VanCott on mandolin and vocals, Dick DeNeve on resonator guitar and Dave Wilson on the fiddle and yodel!

The show on February 15 will feature an original song by Joy Crouch, another CNYBA member who is often seen at the Marcellus Jam. Joy is a fine singer and songwriter. Diamond Someday is proud to be performing her song, "Lilly Rose." The group will also be performing "I Wonder Where You Are Tonight," "My Walking Shoes Don't Fit Me Anymore," and that old fiddle classic, "Rubber Dolly."

Bill Knowlton just celebrated the 36th anniversary of the "Bluegrass Ramble" (congratulations, Bill!). There's always the best of Bluegrass and pre-Bluegrass music on his show, plus announcements of everything that's happening in the CNY Bluegrass world. Diamond Someday joins groups such as Bill and Maggie Anderson (from Virginia) and Joe LaMay and Sherri Reese (from Kentucky) who also do monthly 15-minute segments.

Be sure to join the radio audience!



- UPCOMING EVENTS TO PLAN FOR -

Saturday, February 28, 2009 – 1 to 5 PM

CNYBA Jamming

at Wacky Wyatt's, 85 East Genesee St., Baldwinsville, NY
 Tickets \$10 (\$8 for members) – under 16 free when accompanied by an adult

There'll be jamming for everyone as well as onstage performances by local groups, both established or pick-up. Individuals are also welcome to perform. Please call Kathy Kinney at 315-572-2247 if you would like to perform on stage.

As usual, Wacky Wyatt's food and beverages will be available.



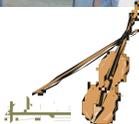
BRISTOL MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS



The Central New York Bluegrass Association is proud to present this group on **Sunday, March 29, 2009**, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Wacky Wyatt's

85 East Genesee St., Baldwinsville, NY
 Tickets \$10 (\$8 for members) - under 16 free when accompanied by an adult

SAVE THE DATE! More info to follow!



Alaska Bluegrass Cruise

This year's cruise to Alaska will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver. There will also be a talent contest for the bluegrass cruisers with prize money for participants who finish first, second, or third. The contest will be held before Doyle's performances, so even if the cruisers don't finish in the top three, they can always tell their friends they opened for Doyle Lawson! All you have to do is sign up for the cruise. There are still a few spots left. Contact the people below for more information or any questions you might have: Greg and Carla Hosner at cottagemusic@earthlink.net or www.alaskabluegrasscruise.com or 1-888-509-8163.

JERICHO COUNCIL OF THE ARTS

The Town Hall Theatre is located in the center of Bainbridge, New York, business district, on state route 7, just off Interstate 88. **Saturday, February 28, 8:00 PM-- The Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition** is a top notch bluegrass band from Annapolis, Maryland. Having roots in traditional bluegrass music, the Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition thrills audiences with their unique blend of traditional and contemporary bluegrass music. **Ticket Information:** Ticket prices will be as follows, unless otherwise noted. **General Admission...** \$12.00, **Seniors and Students...** \$10.00, **Family...** \$25.00. Some events will vary in price at the discretion of the presenters. All shows 8:00 PM Curtain, unless otherwise noted. Tickets are available at the door the night of performance or reserve ahead by calling **607-967-7228**. Table reservations are available!

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Upcoming Events at Kellish Hill Farm

Kathy Kellish
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February 20, 2009 - Friday - *The Pompey Hill Chill Dance*: Harvey Nusbaum and the Salt Potatoes -- Barn dance. Refreshments and snacks available. 7 to 10 pm Tickets: \$7.00 - under 16 free with paying adult

March 7, 2009 - Saturday - *John Cadley and the Lost boys* on the Hill with a possible dance at the end of the evening. Refreshments and snacks available. 7 to ? pm Tickets: \$7.00 - under 16 free with paying adult

March 21, 2009 - Saturday - *Winter's Last Hurrab*: Lake Effect and the New North Country Troubadours will be here. Refreshments and snacks available. 7 to 10 pm Tickets: \$7.00 - under 16 free with paying adult

March 28, 2009 - Saturday - *Spring Has Sprung on the Hill Dance*: Harvey Nusbaum and the Salt Potatoes Barn dance. Refreshments and snacks available. 7 to 10 pm Tickets: \$7.00 - under 16 free with paying adult

New York Musicians Index and Archive information:

There is an exciting new resource that will interest every musician working in New York State. The New York State Music Index and Archive (NYMIA) is a **free** online database providing information and access to all aspects of the music industry in NY state.

With a grant from the New York State Music Fund, NYMIA is an easy to use resource that will help working musicians create their art. There are thousands of contacts in the database presently: arts organizations, granting agencies, record labels and repair shops, venues and artists, legal aid, rights organizations and even health care for artists. The database delivers all information on music related goods and services without any advertising.

The goal of the NYMIA is to facilitate the everyday business of music-making through contacts and links. In this way anyone can learn about artists, grants, upcoming festivals, etc.

To be sure the NYMIA is always up-to-date and relevant, we need the participation of everyone in the music business statewide.

Please visit our site at <http://www.nymia.com>. The New York Musicians Index and Archive was

Don't forget to check us out online at www.cnyba.com

conceived and created by ARChive, a New York City based not-for-profit. With over two million recordings, ARC is the largest collection of popular music in the world. Learn more at <http://www.arcmusic.org>



At the Gridley Inn

ACOUSTIC DESSERTS Doors open at 6:30 pm;
36 WEST MAIN ST. Music from 7-9 pm;
WATERLOO, NY No admission charge;
315-539-5192 ----- Delectable desserts, coffee, tea and other beverages available.

2/5/09 - Bristol Mountain Bluegrass

2/12/09 - The Wastrels

2/19/09 - Andrew and Noah VanNorstrand Band

2/26/09 - Brian Coughlin

The list of shows for March, April and May will appear in later newsletters.

On January 3rd, I received an email from our long-time member and well known musician (used to have her own band) **Carol McGinley**, telling me that she would be relatively uncommunicative for awhile due to a fall on Dec. 30th and fracturing her right wrist (of course she is right handed). Our thoughts, prayers and wishes for a speedy healing are with you.

Ramblin' With Helen:

With no chance of any type of quality life in his future, it is indeed a blessing, but I shall miss those visits when he came to Cato to get his car serviced, to play golf, go to an auction in the vicinity, or just to bring me homegrown vegetables, and blackberries.

Joy Crouch called me the day after our meeting to tell me she had only one more radiation treatment and that her burns were healing rapidly. I sent her a reply and asked her to the results of her MRI, and received an answer that the MRI won't be done for awhile yet, but LIFE IS GOOD, and GOD IS GREAT! Please keep her in your prayers that the result will show that the cancer is gone.

Speaking of Jan. 3rd, I wish to **THANK EACH and EVERYONE** who answered my daughter's request for a "CARD SHOWER" for my 80th birthday! Our president's was the first one I received. You've heard of the saying - "12 Days of Christmas"; well, I had "12 Days of Birthday" and more. I haven't gotten my mail yet today, but so far the grand total is 128 cards!! **SPECIAL THANKS** to our member **Lou Cicconi** who sent me a \$1,000. a week lottery ticket and hoped it was a winner. Lou, it wasn't the big winner, but it was a \$2.00 winner! **Ed Zacholl**, another one of our members, sent me a nice letter and a CD of a song that he wrote a few years ago about my Ramblin' Column which he knows everyone enjoys as much as he does. **THANKS, Ed**, for the CD (really is neat) and your very kind words regarding me and the Ramblin'.

I had a nice email from **Jerry and Peg Miller** on Jan. 8th saying they arrived in NC and were settled in their snug little cabin. They have had some strong winds, a bit of snow, but NO shoveling, and will be back the 1st week in April. **Donna Walter** called and said they arrived, and were settled in, and she was attempting to make herself (with Bob's help) clean out at least one drawer or cupboard a day. Do have a good winter folks, and keep in touch.

WELCOME to Diana Carpenter from Boonville, and THANK YOU to Raymond and Belle Brown for your generous donation towards expenses when you sent in your dues. Speaking of dues, **I have only received 10 renewals since our last newsletter**, so PLEASE check your label, and if circled, take a minute and send them to me. Remember, if there are no changes, you don't have to send the newsletter form - **JUST SEND YOUR CHECK**, as I have all your information in my card file.

Bert Mehlenbacher was one of our members whom I sent a Christmas card to, and I received a nice thank-you note from him. He left for Florida the 2nd week in December; the weather is great, he plays golf a couple times a week, and am sure he is enjoying, and even playing lots of good bluegrass music.

When long-time member **Wally Meier** sent his renewal, he included a note saying he'd like to sell his stand-up bass and could I help him with this. Wally bought it from Bob McBlane in Preble, NY about 10 years ago for \$2,000.00. It is a second-hand plywood German-made instrument that Bob set up for him with a new bridge and strings. You'll find an ad for the instrument at the end of this column. So, if any of you might know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know about this instrument.

I was sorry to have missed the January meeting, but it wasn't due to not having a way, as **Pete Carr** called me on Sat. and offered to come get me. I didn't like the weather forecast, so told him to wait until better weather. As it turned out, I'm glad I was home to receive the call from my sister-in-law telling me that my brother George (who had a massive stroke on Nov. 19th) had passed away at 1:15. Burial with military honors will be in the spring. With no chance of

Yesterday afternoon, the phone rang, and it was **Mike Hadden** from Canada calling. Mike told me he has been a member since the early 90's, and that our beloved **Thayle Phair** gave him an application at the festival in Gouverneur.

Each year when he renews, he always sends \$10. in US cash in a Christmas Card with a nice message. When I got his renewal this year, his stamp had not been canceled, so I took it off and sent it back with his card and receipt, telling him it wasn't anything I could use, but knew he could. We had such a nice visit regarding all the festivals there used to be, how bluegrass is alive and doing very well in Canada, and he wanted me to express his wishes to each of you for a wonderful year in 2009. I asked about **Howard Bonner**, and he said he seems to be doing very well.

I also had a call from **Lois Artlip** asking if I got the pkg. of blank cards and stamps that she had sent me in Nov., as she didn't bother to insure them. I sincerely thought that I had mentioned them in the Dec. newsletter, but after checking out both the Nov. and Dec. issues, find I did not. My sincere apology Lois, and assure you both helped, and will continue to help. She said she had a good holiday season and spent some time out-of-state visiting her son and daughter and their families. **Better late than never – thanks so much Lois.**

During the week, I received a phone call from **Shirley Miller**, asking me to verify Deanne Hubbard's address. as Shirley's letter in which she ordered some of Andy's CD's had been returned as not at that address. I called Deanne, and she emailed me that they have been having some substitute mail carriers delivering the mail, but thinks she has gotten it straightened out now. She told me the **sales of the CD's are going very well.** While talking to Shirley, she said they went to the **Bill Knowlton's** radio show taping at WCNY, and both bands were excellent. I also had an email from Bill telling me of the recent passing of the Delaney Brothers' mother. Our sympathy goes out to both of them.

Well folks, this ends all the stickm' notes, emails, etc. that I had in my folder so guess it is time to bring this visit to a close. **THANKS to each of you who have sent expressions of sympathy to me on the passing of my brother.** With his passing, both of my living siblings live a long ways away— one in Texas and one in Kansas, so shall

really miss George, but know he is in a far better place.

To all of you folks in the sunny south enjoy it, and those here in the frigid north, please keep warm, don't overdue shoveling, and to everyone please keep in touch, as it is the only way my Ramblin' will continue. Until our next visit – ♥**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**♥ – and **here is how one child answered the following question on her science test: How can you delay milk from turning sour? Keep it in the cow! - Helen**

Bass For Sale:

Type: plywood, German-made; bridge and strings 10 years old (but hardly ever played because of the owner's back troubles)

Additional materials: instructional videos and DVDs included in purchase price

Asking: \$2,000 - exactly what I paid for it when I bought it

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CNYBA and MYSPACE (cont. from page 1)

Mail - Send messages to your friends

Instant Messenger - Chat online with friends

Mood - Share your current mood with all of your friends

Bulletin - Post updates so your friends can see them right away.

School - Connect with other people who attend(ed) the same school

Blogs - Share your day-to-day life, poetry, news, etc., with the world

Photos - store photos online for others to see (and comment on!)

Once you have your profile set up, you can send a friend request to CNYBA. Once you are accepted as a friend, you can receive automatic notices if the CNYBA site is updated. You can also receive CNYBA bulletins, and subscribe to the CNYBA Blog. (see page 7)

CNYBA and MYSPACE (cont. from page 6)

Uh, what's a Blog?

Blog is a contraction of 'web log'. It's like an online journal providing news and commentary on a subject, in this case CNYBA activities, and bluegrass-related subjects.

What is on the CNYBA MySpace site?

On the CNYBA MySpace site, you can read the latest Blog entries and check the schedule of upcoming events. You can see a list of our friends and explore their MySpace sites with a click of the mouse. In the future we'll be posting pictures in the on-line photo albums. We also hope to post music recorded by CNYBA members.

What makes MySpace different from the CNYBA website?

MySpace is more interactive. You view our friend list, and check their profiles. You can send a message directly to CNYBA without having use an email program. You can add comments to the photos in the albums. You will be able to listen to the music we upload to our space.

How do I find the CNYBA MySpace site?

Here's the URL (the web address) : <http://www.myspace.com/cnybluegrassassoc>

Just type (or cut/paste) it into your browser.

If you need help accessing our MySpace, or if you need more information about MySpace or CNYBA, you can send email to CNYBA@live.com.

-- Dennis



LOST TIME

WHAT: a Folkus Project Concert

WHO: **Lost Time**

WHERE: May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society
3800 East Genesee St., Syracuse, NY
(just inside the Syracuse city limits from Dewitt)

WHEN: Friday, February 6, 2009, at 8 pm

ADMISSION: \$12.00

Featuring rich harmony singing, clean picking and dazzling instrumentals, **Lost Time** has become a central part of the bluegrass scene in upstate New York. John Burton, banjo and baritone; Perry Cleaveland on mandolin; Ted Lambert, rhythm and lead guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, bass, and lead and harmony vocals; Justin Lambert on acoustic bass; and Taylor and Reid Buckley on twin fiddles have a knack for presenting traditional and progressive bluegrass and acoustic music in a unique and entertaining style. Every tune is like a well-orchestrated dance where each member get his chance to shine. More at www.losttime.org

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\$12 each





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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Choose your membership: Active - \$10. _____, Senior (62+) - \$9. _____

Family - \$15. _____, Band - \$20. _____

Gift Certificate**

** To _____ From _____

What instrument(s) do you play?

What band(s) are you with?

Areas/activities you can assist us with: (check all that apply)

Publicity _____ Mentoring _____ Performing _____

Your occupation _____ Fund-raising _____

Other skills _____

Make checks payable to CNYBA and mail to Helen Weldon, 2446 Hillview Dr., #17, Cato, NY 13033; 315-626-2603, e-mail: helwel80@yahoo.com.

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*Check your
membership re-
newal date!!*

PLEASE KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT -- RENEW EARLY!!!!