

--CNYBA NEWS--



From the President.....



This is a busy time for the CNYBA board. We have many projects planned that will be taking shape in the next couple of months. These include a repeat of the highly successful Chittenango Falls picnic (June 13), the September festival at Sandy Creek (Sept.10-11), and an expanded Steve Kaufman workshop weekend (Nov.18-20). We're also reviewing our newsletter policies and working on a slate of officers for the April elections. And don't forget the showcase series, resuming in February with our traditional 'jam show'. It will take extra effort to keep the ball rolling on all these projects, and we can use your help. Please contact a board member to offer your help. Just an hour or two a week can go a long way to support bluegrass and old-time country music.

The monthly jam is an important part of CNYBA's support for bluegrass musicians. We want to make sure these jams are musically satisfying and fun for everyone involved. We had a similar questionnaire several months ago, but it's time to take another look at how we can improve. Please take a moment to consider the questions and offer your thoughts. No names are required – just your honest input, sent to me at **Box 74, Mt. Upton, NY, 13809**. If you wish, you can contact me directly at **607-764-8453**. All replies are confidential.

Please circle your response. Feel free to add your comments.

- 1) How do you participate in the jam? [Play] [Play and sing] [Sing]
- 2) How would you describe your musical ability? [Beginner] [Adv. Beginner] [Intermediate] [Adv. Intermediate] [Advanced/Pro]
- 3) How many jams do you participate in each year? [1-10] [10 - 20] [20+]

4) Please rank the CNYBA jam on a scale of 1-10 (1=bad 10=good) Rating:
Comments:

5) Are you interested in workshops to learn basic jam etiquette and songs? [Yes] [No]
Comments:

6) Are you interested in workshops to learn about playing your instrument? [Yes] [No]
Comments:

7) Are you interested in an organized 'slow jam'? [Yes] [No]
Comments:

8) Do you think jams need a designated leader? [Yes] [No]
Comments:

9) What suggestions do you have to improve the CNYBA jam?

THANKS. --- Dennis

Tony Trischka concert new date!

What: A Westcott Community Center concert

Who: Tony Trischka

Where: Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave, Syracuse, NY

When: Friday, March 12, 2010; 8:00 p.m.
(rescheduled from February 13)

Admission: \$15 (\$12 for WCC members)

For reservations, call the Westcott Community Center at (315) 478-8634.

Artist's website: www.tonytrischka.com

Tony Trischka is perhaps the most influential banjo player in the roots music world. For more than 35 years, his stylings have inspired a whole generation of bluegrass and acoustic musicians. He is not only considered among the very best pickers, he is also one of the instrument's top teachers, and has created numerous instructional books, teaching video tapes and cassettes. With fearless musical curiosity as the guiding force, Tony Trischka's "Territory" roams widely through the banjo's creative terrain.

"Territory" (Smithsonian Folkways/Ryko) is considerably more than a showcase for the virtuoso banjo playing of Tony Trischka, though that may seem like its principal function. The album is a full-bore banjo tutorial — Mr. Trischka's track-by-track notes include 20 tunings and occasional tips — and a familial jaunt through folk and bluegrass terrain.

Mr. Trischka provides a steady connecting line, weaving into his folk and bluegrass musical mix not only Celtic reels but also West African kora music and Hawaiian slide guitar.

Sponsored by The Folkus Project, a nonprofit organization that fosters and promotes traditional, contemporary, and multicultural folk music in Syracuse and Central New York.

Approximately 30 shows are presented each year between Labor Day and Memorial Day. To learn more about Folkus and the upcoming concerts, visit their webpage at www.folkus.org. Click on Join Folkus Fans to sign up to receive brief e-mails during the Folkus season (fall, winter, and spring) alerting members of upcoming concerts.



**North Water and Friends with
Bill Knowlton**

North Water & Friends CD's

North Water and Friends will hold a reception/party at the 'CHITTENANGO LANDING-CANAL BOAT MUSEUM' on **March 14, 2010**, from 1 to 4, Lake Street, Chittenango, N.Y. They have three CD's: "Live At The Wellwood, North Water And Friends," "North Water & Friends, Candle Light Concert, Songs of Hope Faith & Community," and "NORTH WATER- Americana, On & Off The Porch" (This is a 3 CD set-27 songs).

Their CDs are available at The Olive Branch Florist and The Lambs Ear Gift Shop on Rt. 5 in Chitt., The Seam & Stitch Shop, Rt. 5 in Canastota, and Sandy's Florist & Gifts Rt.13 in Canastota and Oneida Music Rt. 5 in Oneida.

Look for a feature article on this band in the March CNYBA Newsletter.



What's Happening? Out and About.....

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY: CNYBA meeting and pickin' - Park Rose Estates, Liverpool, NY. For more info., see our web site at www.cnyba.com/. **EVERY SUNDAY 1 pm till? Jammin at Kellish Hill Farm**, 3192 Pompey Center Rd. (1/2 mile north of Rt. 20), Manlius, NY. For information, call Kathy at 315-682-1578. **EVERY 3rd SUNDAY: STBA** meeting at the **Tuscarora Elem. School**, Addison, NY. Picking begins at noon; meeting called to order at 1:00 -- then lunch -- then back to picking. Info: Ken Pearson, Pres., 269 Dweight Ave., Corning, NY 14830 (607-936-3103)

FOURTH SUNDAY -- FINGER LAKES BLUEGRASS MONTHLY JAM, 2 pm - 7 pm, EXCEPT DEC. and MAY thru AUG. at the ONTARIO COUNCIL, 65 S. Main St., Canandaigua, NY. Bluegrass Acoustic instruments only. \$2.00 donation at the door; please bring a dish to pass. For further information, call: THE ARTS COUNCIL, 585-396-0087, JOHN at 585-924-3117 or BUTCH at 585-289-4845.

EVERY MONDAY - JAM from 7-10 pm at the American Legion, Rochester St., Hannibal, NY. For information, call Bob Simmons at 564-5412 or 591-3296 or Butch Spencer at 598-1159.

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT from 7 to 10:30 pm **BLUEGRASS OPEN MIC NIGHT** with **STRING THEORY** -- Bring down your banjo, mandolin, fiddle or acoustic guitar and sign up to pick. Just come to Johnny's Irish Pub. For more information, go to www.stringtheorybluegrass.com or call Jim Barbero at 585-489-0120. **EVERY TUESDAY: The Golden Link Folk Singing Society, Inc.** sing around 8 pm at 12 Corners Presbyterian Church, 1200 S. Winton Rd., 585-234-5004 or <http://www.goldenlink.org>

EVERY WEDNESDAY (thru the summer): 7-9 pm Jam Session at the **Hillview Baptist Church Hall**, O'Brien Rd., Baldwinsville, NY (off Rt. 48, near Soroco). Phone 455-2934 or 626-2594.



EVERY THURSDAY: 7 pm - Musicians Forum at the Art Council - 108 W. Miller St., Newark, NY. Jacqueline Grey, Ex. Dir. Information: 315-331-4593.

EVERY FRIDAY: 7 pm- Jammin' at the Legion Hall in the village of Marcellus. Info: Sam and Marion at 315-673-2329 or Jack Burns at 315-673-1844. \$2.00 donation for hall use. **EVERY 1st FRIDAY: COUNTRY JAM** - 7pm - ? At the VFW POST, Main St., Camden, NY. (ring buzzer for admission).

EVERY SATURDAY - Parish Fire Barn - Country and some bluegrass - 6 to 10 p.m. Once a month Northwind plays (\$3.00 a couple; pickers free for jams). For info, contact Dianne at 315-625-5040. **EVERY SATURDAY Open Forum Acoustic Jam**, 7 - 11 pm - At the **Legion Hall** (next to the Fire Hall) in **Lyons, NY**. **EVERY 3rd SATURDAY:** 8 am til. . . Stittville, NY - **The Mohawk Valley Bluegrass Association** and the **Stittville Vol. Fire Dept.** -- Breakfast and jammin' begins at 8 am. Info: 315-339-2771 or 315-225-2906.



AM-FM-AM-FM

Brother Don's Internet Radio Show 10am & 10pm every day at <http://www.wdyn.net> - Independent Bluegrass and Old Time Artists. Send your CD, cassette tape, or LP To: Brother Don, 2440 Welch Road, Geneva, NY 14456-9303, bristbro@gmail.com OR Brother Don, WDMY Independent Radio, 2844 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616 USA 1-800-816-4262

Larry Hoyt: "Common Threads" folk music, 2-5 pm; WAER FM (88.3) Syracuse - every Sunday except when SU athletic contests pre-empt the show.

Brad Edmonson: WVBR (93.5 FM) Ithaca; **"The Salt Creek Show"** 6-10 every Sunday, playing a mixture of music. Saltcreek@wvbr.com

Bill Knowlton's Bluegrass Ramble: Sundays 9 - midnight WCNY-FM (91.3), WUNY (89.5) and WJNY (90.0) www.wcny.org and Udmacon@aol.com

Barbara Heller Burns: Thursdays 3 pm; **"String Fever"** WSLU-FM (89.5) Canton, (88.9) Watertown, (91.3) Thousand Islands, and (91.7) Tupper Lake

Bruce Cutler's "Gospel Doings" (Christian Country & Bluegrass) is heard on: WACK-AM Radio 1420, Newark NY, Sundays 6:30 a.m. **"Country Roots" (Secular Country & Bluegrass)** on: WETD-FM Radio 90.7; Alfred NY, Sundays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Contact Bruce at jockey1170@verizon.net

**Bainbridge - Jericho
Arts Council**

**Saturday February 27 8:00pm
Bristol Mountain Bluegrass**

Bristol Mountain Bluegrass featuring The Bristol Brothers has been warmly received by audiences and festival promoters for it's ability to "round out" a program by presenting an informed, lively, and musically exciting introduction to "the roots of acoustic music." Their shows feature a variety of vintage instruments played in several old time styles, filled in with stories about the music, its development, the historical and anecdotal

backgrounds to the songs and styles.

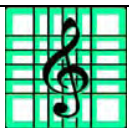
**Saturday March 27 8:00 pm
Annapolis Bluegrass
Coalition**

Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition is a top notch bluegrass band from Annapolis, Maryland and they are one of the hardest working bluegrass bands in the mid-Atlantic area. With musical roots that are deeply planted in the traditional, the Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition thrills audiences with their unique blend of traditional and contemporary bluegrass music.

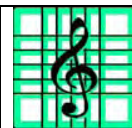
For Driving Directions: Go to

[www.jerichoarts.com/
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**Acoustic Desserts - in The
Gridley Inn, 36 W. Main St.,
Waterloo, N.Y.- Thursdays 7-9pm
--3/25/10- Rebecca Colleen & the
Chore Lads --** Bluegrass and
Traditional Country from this
talented Finger Lakes family band.



A Blue Diamond Evening



Featuring **Acoustic Blue** and **Diamond Someday**

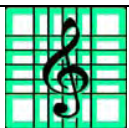
Kathy Kinney and CNYBA present a benefit concert for the
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Central New York

Friday, March 26, 2010 at 7 pm
Cicero United Methodist Church, 8416 Brewerton Rd,
Cicero NY



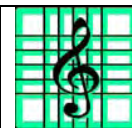
Acoustic Blue: a great country singer (Corey Zink) backed by a solid Bluegrass group. Acoustic Blue has quickly become the 'talk of the town' when Corey, Shaun Batho, Mike VanAlstyne and Bear Acker hit the stage. Audiences are pleasantly surprised to hear a George Jones approach to bluegrass music. The combined experience that Acoustic Blue brings to the stage resounds in a classy and dynamic performance. You can expect to hear some old favorites with a new twist, as well as original songs done with heart and soul. www.acousticblueonline.com

Diamond Someday: a local favorite in the Syracuse area. This group brings a spirited approach to a blend of traditional, original, and gospel, with some "new" grass thrown in. They will get you well warmed up for the wonderful Acoustic Blue!
www.diamondsomeday.com



Advance sale tickets \$10, at the door \$15
12 and under, free

For more information, or to be a **sponsor**, please call Kathy Kinney 315-572-2247





Ramblin' With Helen



As I write our monthly visit (1/23), I hope each of you are enjoying the beautiful sunny winter day that I am. We have been having some fantastic "snow free" days, but according to the forecast, Tuesday will bind us back to reality and more snow. Just after I wrote last month's Ramblin', I received Christmas cards from **Bert Mehlenbacher and Homer Reynolds**, and both wanted me to tell you they hoped each and everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. **Homer** also wrote that he was scheduled very shortly for surgery to rebuild his right shoulder as it is beyond repair. I'm sure he will be "restricted" for awhile, so let's brighten his days by sending a funny card (funnier the better) or a note to: 130 Lynnwayne Circle, Havelock, NC 28532. He has been a member for many years, and was very supportive when he lived in Port Byron. Another notice I received right after sending my article to our editor Ann, was from **Bruce Cutler**, (another long time and a very supportive member thru his radio programs) telling of his receiving an award from the "The United States Artists of Gospel Entertainers & Musicians." In previous years, he has also received awards from "The Christian Country Music Association (AKA) Inspirational Country Association" and also from the "The Country Gospel Music Guild." At the top of the email were pictures of all three of the beautiful awards – two were plaques, and the last one, a microphone on a beautiful wooden base and appropriately engraved to Bruce and Connie Cutler. Those who know them are well aware of that fact that Connie is totally blind, and Bruce's eyesight is badly impaired; however, both have overcome those obstacles and have diligently worked hard and are so deserving of these awards. **Congratulations to you both**, and seldom expressed, **Bruce**, your untiring efforts in promoting CNYBA and our aims are greatly appreciated.

I had a call from **Maxine Cleaveland**, mother of our members **Perry and Sandra Cleaveland**, telling me of the passing of her brother Paul Garrett. I'm sure many of our long-time members will remember him, as he always attended all of our events, the tapings at WCNY, festivals and wherever bluegrass music was being played. It was his "best loved music" and his record collection, per Maxine. Expressions of sympathy were sent to all three on behalf of our association. The past week **Kathy Kinney** called to say that someone asked her to let me know that **Art Darrow** (he and his wife Jane lived in Camillus and were members from 2005 to 2007) is under hospice care in Ft. Pierce, Fl. Please keep them in your prayers. **Kathy** also told me about her "Big Show" coming up on March 26th – (see details on page four). **Theresa Caltabiano** sent her renewal, and asked me to change it from family to senior, as she lost her dear husband Morse on Nov. 14th, 2009, after 62 years of happiness. I included her receipt and membership card in a sympathy card on behalf of CNYBA members, and please keep her in your prayers. They joined several years ago, and are dear friends and followers of **Eugene and Evie Pritchard**, both wonderful musicians and long time members.

Tom Burr sent his membership dues, (had been sending Diamond Someday's dues as a band), saying he was no longer playing with the band, and Shirley would send that renewal. A few days later, I received them from Shirley, explaining that due to arthritis in his hands, Tom had to quit playing, and that **Butch Spencer** has joined the band. Tom is still working with them and helps record the monthly radio show for **Bill's "Bluegrass Ramble"** radio show on Sun night. **Tom**, we wish you the very best, and to **Butch**, "the new kid in the band"; and to **Diamond Someday**, may 2010 be good to each of you.

I hope many of you saw the nice write-up, including a picture, in the Dec. 27th Sunday Post Standard of our members **Anne and Bill Brosseau**, upon being named **HEROES of Conservation**, along with four other individuals. Here is why they were chosen: "The Trail Blazing Couple" – Bill and Anne Brosseau are no strangers to the 100 or so miles of trails maintained by the Onondaga Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club in Onondaga and Cortland counties. The two have been active in work parties and monitoring the trails for several decades. Today, they're 80 and 78, but they still get out regularly doing a little maintenance, stocking register boxes with fresh tablets, replacing registers and reporting sections in need of repair. Essentially, they act as the eyes of the chapter's trail boss, Tony Rogriguez. The couple also likes to paint blazes, the colorful markings on trees that help hikers stay on the right path. In 1997, they volunteered to reblaze the entire local trail system. Bill pulled out all the old nails and collected crumbling plastic, while Anne followed behind with her paint brush and bucket of latex paint, marking the trees with the appropriate color. The past year the couple received the Fingerlakes Trail Conference Clar-Willis Trail

Award for all their years of effort. I sent a note of congratulations to them on behalf of CNYBA, and also thanked them for taking charge of the coffee and goodies at our monthly meetings.

When **Gail Fox** sent their renewal, she included some cards for my use, along with a note saying she enjoyed our newsletter so much, and also hopes they can make our festival this year. She, like me, and I'm sure many others, can't wait until Spring arrives! **Loren Teachout** sent the "Salmon River Boys" band renewal, (they are the longest paying band membership) but just didn't have time to write his yearly letter, which he knows I look forward to. He indicated he'd try to get to it, but no promises. I fully understand Loren, as your "plate" is more than overflowing with owning and running a business, looking after your Dad in his own home, visiting your Mom regularly, playing with the band, and hopefully being able to spend some time with your dear wife Flo.

WELCOME to new members: **Mike Dixon**, Central Square; **Betty Jerred, Fulton, and Mark Petrie**, Baldwinsville. **THANK YOU** to the following for your additional donations included with your renewals – **Marianne Hauer, Ray Packard, Tom Burr, Samuel and Gail Fox, John and Mary Anne Burns, Betty Jerred, Theresa Caltabiano and Clinton Whitter**. There was another member who sent a donation and requested not to have it mentioned in the newsletter. I assure you that I will honor any request not to mention your name, but during my working career, I was supervisor of a department of several workers, and later of the business office, and found a "Thank You" went a long way as a morale booster and increased work performance. Therefore, I will continue to mention your additional donations of support unless enough requests indicate to do otherwise.

Our meeting is **Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th** – so here's a chance to bring your "special Valentine" to the meeting, enjoy wonderful bluegrass music, and then treat her to a Valentine's Dinner out on the way home. Until our next visit remember – When you think you have no more to give, when your CNYBA cries out to you for help, you will find the strength if you try hard enough. -- Helen



The Smith Opera House

82 Seneca St. Geneva, NY...315-781-

LIVE...1-866-355-LIVE (toll free)

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Friday, February 5, 2010

Live: Claire Lynch 8pm

\$15 general admission~~~Claire Lynch's sweetly pure voice has always been in high demand. Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt, Ralph Stanley and Emmylou Harris (among others) have called on her to sing on their records, while Lynch's original songs have been covered by A-list folks in the acoustic world.

But it's Claire Lynch leading her own band that garners the most accolades – including two Grammy nominations, countless specialized awards and other nominations - along with reverent standing ovations for her shows at prestigious music festivals and theaters.

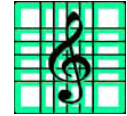
With Central New York's own:

Bristol Mountain Bluegrass~~ Traditional Bluegrass Music since 1979





CNYBA Showcase Jam



Sunday, February 21, 2010 – 11 am to ???

American Legion Ralph Share Post 297
13 E Main Street, Marcellus, New York 13108

Featuring... Performances along with informal playing and singing from some of Central New York's finest musicians.



All are welcome to come and jam! Enjoy the open (circle) jam for everyone and performances by local groups, either established or pick-up. Plenty to warm the hearts of the many fans of Bluegrass and Old-Time Country Music. Please **call Kathy Kinney at 315-572-2247** for information, especially if your group would like to perform.

Presented by The Central NY Bluegrass Association

Admission \$10 (\$8 for Members)
Children 16 & under free with paying adult
www.cnyba.com



Hot food and warm beverages will be served!
For more information, or to sign up to perform, please call
Kathy Kinney 315-572-2247 or email: CNYBAContactUs@aol.com



Fund Raiser for Bill Knowlton's Bluegrass Ramble Show Sat. Feb.27th 2010 1pm-10pm- Donations

**Kellish Hill Farm is proud to host this event
for the Oldest Running Bluegrass and Acoustic
Old Time Country Music Show in the Northeast USA.
16 Bands will Headline this Event**

John Cadley, Tri County Gospel, NorthWater, Andrea & Jason from Atlantic Flyway, Larry Hoyt & the Good Acoustics, Tug Hill Symphony, Bruce Gerow & Al Piatrowski, McCarthy/Paisley Band, Back to Country, Lake Effect, Folkstrings, Blue Lightning, Diamond Someday, Salt Potatoes, Entwyned and Joanne Perry !!!!

Our talented musicians will be the emcees for this grand event.
Pot Luck dinner at 5:30 pm, please bring a dish to pass.
WCNY, because it is publicly funded, needs our support to keep shows like Bill's on the air. BlueGrass Ramble has had the same host for 37 years. Way to go Bill !!

Directions: Kellish Hill Farm-3192 Pompey Center Road, Manlius, NY..5 mile North of Rte 20 or 4.4 miles South of Rte 92 in Manlius. www.rhbamericana.com.



Upcoming for CNYBA ----

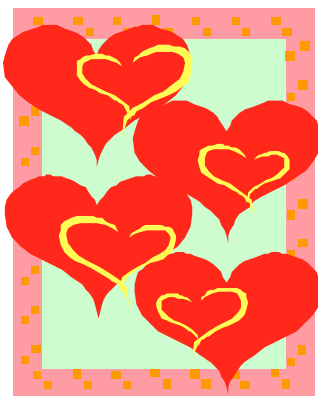
Officer and Board member elections

At our **April meeting** we will vote on the next year's officers and two open board member seats.

Please contact **Ed VanCott** , 315-638-7617 or evancott@twcny.rr.com, if you wish to nominate someone to these positions.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Member **Richard Albo** submitted the winning design (below) for the T-shirt design contest held in 2009. Check it out!! ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓



*Happy Valentine's Day to
One and All !!*



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What band(s) are you with?

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*Check your membership
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