

# --CNYBA NEWS--

## From the President.....

As you look through this month's newsletter, you may notice a few changes. Our board is in the process of establishing a written policy to be used for guidance in the production of the newsletter. Editor Ann DeForge has done a great job over the past several years. She consistently puts together a newsletter that is informative and visually appealing. We hope this written policy makes her job easier by offering guidance for some of the difficult decisions she makes on a monthly basis.

Ann is beginning to implement some of these policies this month. For example, we are following up on the committee recommendations concerning paid advertising in the newsletter. We will now be accepting paid ads from both members and non-member individuals and businesses.

We will strive with this policy to insure fair, equal newsletter access to all members and member bands. We will put info in each issue about how to submit advertising, articles, announcements, etc. We also want to make sure the published content is in line with our goal to support bluegrass and old-time country music.

If there are any newsletter issues you would like to discuss, you can contact me directly by phone or by email, or contact any board member. It's my hope we can build on high standards Ann has set for our newsletter, and that it will become an even more



valuable resource to CNYBA members in the future. --Dennis



### Please join us for the Annual Meeting on April 12, 2010

**NOTICE:** Our constitution states "A written notice of the Annual Meeting to be held the 2nd Sunday of April must be sent to each member prior to the stated meeting; and at said meeting the officers and board members will be elected for the ensuing year." Please contact **Ed VanCott**, 315-638-7617 or [evancott@twcny.rr.com](mailto:evancott@twcny.rr.com), if you wish to nominate someone for an officer's position or for the two board member positions.

**ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE:** The Annual Meeting of the Central New York Bluegrass Association will be held April 12th, 2010, 2 pm at Parkrose Estates, our regular meeting place. We will receive the results of the nominating committee at that time. We will then hold elections for officers and board members to fill vacant seats. Nominations from the floor will be accepted, but anyone nominated must have given his/her consent. Only current dues-paid-up members are eligible to vote. Officers assume their duties in September.



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## 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](http://www.tonytrischka.com)

### Tony Trischka and Territory

Mar 13, 2010 (Sat), 8:00pm to 11:00pm

The Tango Cafe

389 Gregory St., Rochester, N.Y. [Map]

*Notes: Banjo legend Tony Trischka will be making a rare appearance in Rochester and be joined by his band "Territory." Local folk/roots band, "Birds on a Wire," will be opening!*

**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.

## Bainbridge - Jericho Arts Council

### 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/jerichoarts/location.html](http://www.jerichoarts.com/jerichoarts/location.html)

## New CNYBA Members



**Salt City Ramblers** --Whitey Pickerton : guitar and vocals Kentucky Red : guitar and vocals Cajun Shrimp : mandolin and vocals Blind Jimmy Crawdad : mandolin and vocals Comfort Daniels : upright bass

### Upcoming Shows by the Salt City Ramblers

**Mar 10 2010 9:30P -- no cover**

The Bull and Bear Pub

125 East Water Street, Syracuse, New York 13210

**Mar 12 2010 8:30P** - Opening for the New Riders of the Purple Sage!! -- \$17 presale, \$20 day of show

The Westcott Theater

524 Westcott Street, Syracuse, New York 13210

**Apr 25 2010 7:00P -- no cover**

Shifty's

1401 Burnet Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13210



## 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/](http://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](http://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. - **NEW** **EVERY WEDNESDAY, May - October:** 6-9 p.m. Jam Session at Evergreen Hills Golf Course, 285 County Rt. 20, Oswego. For Info, contact John at 342-7888.



**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

**NEW** Great Blue Roots Radio

[www.greatbluerootsradio.net](http://www.greatbluerootsradio.net) Out of Rochester - features Progressive Americana, Bluegrass, Roots, and Zydeco music 24/7

**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](mailto:bristbro@gmail.com) OR Brother Don, WDM 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](mailto: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](http://www.wcny.org) and [Udmacon@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:jockey1170@verizon.net)



## PASSING OF A CNYBA FRIEND

### Roberta Marie (Bobbe) Huntress Erdman

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010

Bobbe Erdman, 81 - horsewoman, musician, entrepreneur and teacher - died February 20, 2010, at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center in Ogdensburg, NY.

Bobbe was born in DeKalb Junction, NY, on November 23, 1928, and was raised in Gouverneur, NY. She graduated from Gouverneur High School and earned her BA in music from Crane School of Music in Potsdam, NY, where she was a member of Phi Sigma Mu and Kappa Delta Pi. Bobbe was band director and music teacher. She played tuba in the Silas Wainwright American Legion Band and played bluegrass string bass for many years.

In 1953 Bobbe returned to her first love, horses. She trained and raced at tracks throughout New York, New England, Michigan and Eastern Canada. Driving her gelding, Seymour J, she set the women's world record time for a trotter. Her achievements were recognized in the '66-'67 edition of "Who's Who Among American Women."

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">A Blue Diamond Evening</h2>		
<p>Featuring <i>Acoustic Blue</i> and <i>Diamond Someday</i></p>			
Kathy Kinney and CNYBA present a benefit concert for the <b>Cystic Fibrosis Foundation</b> of Central New York	Friday, March 26, 2010 at 7 pm Cicero United Methodist Church, 8416 Brewerton Rd, Cicero NY		
	<p><b>Acoustic Blue:</b> 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. <a href="http://www.acousticblueonline.com">www.acousticblueonline.com</a></p>		
	<p><b>Diamond Someday:</b> 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! <a href="http://www.diamondsomeday.com">www.diamondsomeday.com</a></p>		
	<p>Advance sale tickets \$10, at the door \$15 12 and under, free For more information, or to be a <b>sponsor</b>, please call Kathy Kinney 315-572-2247</p>		





## *Ramblin' With Helen*

I received an email from **Bill Knowlton** too late for last month's newsletter, telling of the tragic death of our honorary member **Dave Nichols'** son Mark on Jan. 23rd due to a snowmobile accident in Cranberry Lake. A sympathy card was sent to Dave on behalf of our association.

**Homer Reynolds** called me as he didn't get my yearly Valentine's Day card sent, and said his shoulder surgery turned out not to be so extensive, and he is back to work already. Thanks for the call, Homer. **Sheila Gallup** called to let me know that **Janet Darrow's** husband Art lost his courageous battle with cancer the middle of January. They were "snowbirds" but have resided in Camillus most of their lives and always attended the jam sessions at the Legion in Marcellus on Fri. nights. Janet is the organizer of the music for the Park in Camillus, and many CNYBA members participate each year. There will be a memorial service in the spring (details will be in April Ramblin'), but I know a note to Janet would be so appreciated – 5500 Saint Lucie Blvd., Fort Pierce, FL. 34946. **Peg Miller** emailed to say they have had their third snow storm where they are in Tenn., but fortunately it melts fast!

On Sat., Feb. 6th, **Betsy Keough** and **Frank Allen** (both members of CNYBA) were married, with Sheila and John Gallup standing up with them. Sheila sent me an email saying it was a lovely ceremony, along with a picture of the happy bride and groom. A Wedding Congratulations Card was sent, along with best wishes for many years of happiness together. To my knowledge, this is the third wedding that I know of over the years between CNYBA members – **Pete and Mary Carr, John and Martha Crouch**, and now **Betsy and Frank**.

Expressions of sympathy were sent to **Maryann and John VanDusen** after receiving a call from Maryann on Feb. 16th, saying that their darling baby girl had lost her battle to live. We all know the

"miracles" that these two wonderful, giving people have done with previous babies, and as Maryann said, "this one was just too sick". During her short life, she had love and care from the best. Maryann and John, we know your hearts are heavy, and your arms are empty, but I hope knowing so many are thinking of you and keeping you in their prayers, that time will help to ease the pain of your loss. **PLEASE** take a moment and send them a note – 3381 Franklin St. Rd., Auburn, NY. 13021.

**Carol McGinley** sent me an email telling me that she forgot to pick-up her sheets of lyrics at our meeting on Feb. 14th, and if any of you hear of anyone mentioning that they found them, please get in touch with her at: 315-592-3354 or email: [guitar0130@aol.com](mailto:guitar0130@aol.com) or 31 Chestnut St., Fulton, NY. 13069. She would dearly like to have them back, as not sure some of them can be replaced, and she needs them when she plays at jams, etc.

**THANKS** to **Raymond and Bell Brown, Lou Cicconi, John Peterson, Bob Deverell, Scott Langille and Martin Lovell** for their additional contributions enclosed with their renewals, and **WELCOME** to new members **George Balleneledt of Sayre, Pa., and Joie Smith of Savannah, NY.** who joined CNYBA since our last visit. Remember our **meeting on Sun., March 14th**, and the **"Blue Diamond Evening" on Fri., March 26th** at the Cicero United Methodist Church. -----

**Helen**



## CNYBA Band Profile--

### North Water

Performing old time bluegrass and country blues music since 1984, *North Water's* popularity has grown throughout the East Coast. There are many groups performing bluegrass and old time music, but one characteristic of *North Water's* uniqueness and fame is the authentic sounds they recreate from our American music past. *North Water* presents clean beautiful harmonies, claw hammer banjo and old style harmonica with soul and accuracy. It has been noted that *North Water* has a very relaxed and natural performance style. Both Dana Klipp and Clifton Chandler are consummate musicians who perform effortlessly with each other.

Dana Klipp performed in connection with Elizabeth Cotton on many occasions in the past, including the Philadelphia Folk Festival. *North Water* played in Washington, D.C., for Elizabeth. They have also played many times on WCNY in Syracuse, at the Bluegrass Ramble Festivals of Central New York, and numerous college and coffee house engagements. Kirkland Art Center in Clinton, New York, and the Market House Music Hall in Oswego have also enjoyed the warm excellence of this duo.

In 1987 at the old time music competition, in conjunction with Uncle Dave Macon Days, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, *North Water* won second place honors. Again, in July 2009, Cliff Chandler returned to Murfreesboro and competed in the Old Time-DeFore Bailey Harmonica competition. Cliff won first place honors and did a solo performance on *WSM Grand Old Opry* radio.

These many years have created quite a journey for this duo, and their dedication to old time bluegrass has only grown stronger. They both agree that *North Water* has become the center and most significant of all their work. Both see a future of significant performances and a series of recordings

that could best capture *North Water's* immense repertoire and keep alive the music of our early American heritage.

*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 for sale (see titles in last month's newsletter). 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.  
----- **CNYBA is proud and pleased to have North Water as members!**



**North Water -- Cliff Chandler and Dana Klipp**

## Come Advertise With Us!

This newsletter, in email format and/or print format reaches over **300** people **11** times a year, people in Central New York and in many other places, from Canada and Maine to Tennessee and Florida. You can reach these readers at low cost with an advertisement in our newsletter.

You need not be a CNYBA member to put an ad in the newsletter. Just choose your size (see right column), set up your copy in pdf format, email it to [deforges@hotmail.com](mailto:deforges@hotmail.com), mail your payment to John Warner (see address on page one), and you're all set. Colored ads will appear in color in the email version of the newsletter, and the print version will contain a black and white version of your advertisement.



CNYBA can help you turn your big ideas into profits from interested customers!!



## Paid Advertisement Sizes and Costs

**Basic Sizes:** **1/4 page** = \$15 monthly (\$12 members), \$150 annually (\$120 members); **business card size** = \$10 monthly (\$8 members), \$100 annually (\$80 members)

**Font:** no smaller than -- Times 9 pt. -- in 1/4-page ads

**Payment:** make checks payable to CNYBA

**Format:** send copy in pdf format, via email to --

**deforges@hotmail.com** **Note:** If you do not have access to email, send your ad, with payment, to Dennis Crawford (see page one for address) and he'll handle everything.



## Classified Advertising

(such as -- instrument sales, lessons available, looking for band members, other music-related items)

**Cost:** 20 words free to members; two-month limit on free ads; after that, regular pricing kicks in

**Others** -- First twenty words = \$3.00; 5¢ per additional word. Phone number counts as one word.





# JOIN THE CENTRAL NEW YORK BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

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

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

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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](mailto:helwel80@yahoo.com).

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Happy St. Patty's Day

*Check your membership  
renewal date!*

MARCH MEETING IS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010