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# Central New York Bluegrass



## Association



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## Message from CNYBA President

Kay Betts von Sneidern

Another confirmation that Bluegrass people are the best! Last month I had an appeal out for a Newsletter Editor and this month our new editor is at work. Karen Campolieto has very graciously stepped up and taken on the responsibility. She is not only very capable, she is skilled and dedicated. **Thank you, Karen!**

In order to keep the newsletter coming to us regularly and in a timely fashion, there are some things we all have to know. If you have any news that has to do with events, classified ads or membership, they need to go to Shirley Stevens as soon as you know about them - - she will put it on the website right away and then send the information off to Karen for the newsletter. For regular columns, feature stories or anything other than membership news, classified ads or events, send them to me before the third weekend of the month. I will gather the information and send it on to Karen. She should **NEVER** have to go searching

out the news - - that is the job of each one of us. The deadline for the May newsletter will be **April 19**. Also, if you have an idea for something you would like to see in our newsletter, please let me know.

And, finally, this is most important: If you are able to receive your newsletter by email, please send Shirley Stevens your email address. Rising postage, paper and printing costs will leave a gigantic hole in our bank account if we have to keep sending so many issues through the post office and that will eventually force us to raise the dues - - something we really don't want to do



## CNYBA Jam and Showcase!

*Join us for exciting Bluegrass Jamming at 11 am  
Potluck Dinner at 1:30 pm  
Concert at 3 pm, featuring the Mark Allnatt Band*

*Sunday, April 19, 2015  
Marcellus American Legion Hall  
13 E Main St, Marcellus, NY*

*Traditional Bluegrass with a healthy dose of original tunes!*

Admission is \$10 (\$8 for members). Come for any part of the day...everyone is welcome! The Mark Allnatt Band includes Mark Allnatt on banjo and vocals; Ted Williams on mandolin/guitar and vocals; Karl Paisley on dobro/guitar and vocals; Henry Jankiewicz on fiddle; and John Dancks on bass. Band leader, Mark Allnatt was born in Cherry Creek, NY. Russ Tarby writes, "Mark began playing banjo on a dare. When he was 11, his eyes lit up



when his uncle held a five-string banjo in front of him. 'My uncle told me that if I could learn to play a song on it, he'd give me the banjo,' Mark remembered. Sure enough, Mark got the banjo, and he still plays the sizzling instrumental – "Cherry Creek Breakdown" – that he composed as a result of that childhood challenge.

In 2004, "Cherry Creek Breakdown" became one of the 13 tracks on "Black Dog," the Syracuse Area Music Award-winning compact disc by John Cadley & The Lost Boys." Come and join us for exciting Bluegrass!



## Macon Music by Bill Knowlton

If you're a regular listener to my WCNY Bluegrass Ramble show you know that rarely a Sunday night goes by without a number by UNCLE DAVE MACON. I remember Uncle Dave each week because I regard him as the greatest pioneer country music artist and showman America has ever produced.

Ironically I first heard Uncle Dave on a 78 rpm album my Father gave me for a Christmas present. I was around nine or ten years old, and Dad, probably thinking he was giving me a cowboy or western music album a la Gene Autry. But no, it was "Mountain Frolic," a reissue of a 1920's 78s by Bradley Kincaid, The Crockett Family, and....Uncle Dave Macon and His Fruit Jar Drinkers.

As a kid I just thought the name "Fruit Jar Drinkers" was hilarious, as was his wild no-holds-barred rendition of "Sail Away Ladies." But it was decades later when I was inspired to delve into the story of Uncle Dave Macon...something I continue to research to this very day.

I soon learned that he was the first superstar of the Grand Ole Opry, performing on WSM from late 1925 until a few weeks before his death in 1952. Then I found out that he was a Waggoner, hauling produce (and certainly Jack Daniels) between Murfreesboro and Woodbury Tennessee from 1900 'til trucks put him out of business in the late teens.

From then on he made his living as a banjo-twirling, cackling, singing balladeer and songster--on the road, on the air, and echoing out of phonographs through the 150 records he recorded between 1924 and 1938.

In upcoming editions of the CNYBA newsletter I'm going to share with you more interesting and entertaining information on "The Dixie Dew Drop," based on country music history chapters and newspaper articles, but also on the personal contacts I've made for over 45 years with his fans, fellow country music performers and broadcasters, historians, and most important, his wonderful family.

I look forward to writing these pieces and hope you'll enjoy them!!

## Coming Events

Please send event and festival information to Shirley Stevens at [stevenscny@aol.com](mailto:stevenscny@aol.com) or call 315-451-2801. Events will be featured on our Website Calendar, in this newsletter and occasional email updates.

### March 27 to 28, 2015

**13th Annual Weekend Bluegrass Getaway at Bonnie Castle Resort**, Holland Street, Alexandria Bay, NY. Presented by the Thousand Island Bluegrass Preservation Society. All day jamming with concerts, from 7 to 10 Friday and Saturday evenings: \$15 per person per concert. Friday night – Louie Setzer and the Appalachian Mountain Boys; Saturday Night – The Delaney Brothers. Call Bonnie Castle for room reservations: 800-955-4511; For more information call Dick Bartlett at 315-658-2679

### March 27, 2015 – Friday: 7:30 pm - \$20

**Amy Gallatin Band** at the Nelson Odeon, 4035 Nelson Rd Cazenovia, NY. Enjoy their toe-tapping blend of heartfelt vocals, soaring harmonies and red-hot picking, traditional yet modern and distinct. Opening will be John and Cathy Cadley, one of the area's most entertaining and popular duos. Following in the tradition of great male-female duets like Ian and Sylvia and Emmylou Harris and Gram Parsons, they show how the simplicity of two voices and two acoustic instruments can produce powerful music. For tickets: [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/976112](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/976112).

### March 28, 2015 – Saturday: 6:30 pm

**Mountain Top Express** at the Pulaski Wesleyan Church, 4591 US Route 11 in Pulaski. Members include: Sheila Brown (lead guitar), Charlie (Dobro) and Rod (mandolin) Ingersoll, Mac Claflin (fiddle) and Karen Campolieto (bass).

### April 4, 2015 – Saturday: 7:30 pm - \$20

**Loren Barrigar and Mark Mazengarb** at the La Tourelle Resort, 1150 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY. Not Bluegrass, but Loren and Mark share a unique musical chemistry and stage presence seldom found among musicians. Their diverse repertoire of origin and arranged music consists of stunning guitar instrumentals as well as vocal duets, giving them wide appeal and strong audience connection. Influenced by Americana, Jazz, Country Western and Classical music, Loren and Marks unique style of guitar playing is largely built upon the thumb-picking techniques pioneered by guitar greats Merle Travis and Chet Atkins, and their songs feature Loren's superb vocals with some beautiful harmonies from Mark. Guitar playing like you've never heard before! With Paris Texas Duo featuring Bobby Henrie.

### April 11, 2015 – Saturday: 7 pm

#### Admission is a food contribution to the food pantry

**Diamond Someday Bluegrass** at the Hillview Community Church Coffeeshouse, 7382 O'Brien Rd., Baldwinsville, NY - Admission is a non-perishable food contribution for the Baldwinsville Food Pantry. Come and support local Bluegrass. Everyone is welcome!

### April 11, 2015 – Saturday: 12 to 5 pm - \$10

**Busy Bird Spring Fundraiser** at the VFW Post 1371, 207 Main St, Owego, NY. All proceeds help us keep the Busy Bird Bluegrass Festival in July affordable to all. This year we have moved to the VFW to allow for more space for picking, a cash bar and of course..... Great Entertainment! Joining this year are Mathews Family Tradition, Slewfoot, Melanie and the Boys, Plexiglass as well as Chad Darou and Stealing Time. We will be serving up some great food at Busy Bird prices. There will be merchandize, raffles as well as reduced priced advance festival tickets available. Bring your instruments and join in on some picking! Call 607-642-8925 for more details.

**April 18, 2015 – Saturday**

**6 pm doors open, 7 pm dinner, 8 to10:30 pm concert; \$25**

**Delaney Brothers Bluegrass** 22nd Annual Bluegrass Dinner Show at the American Legion Hall on Main St. in downtown Homer. The Delaney Brothers invite you to an evening of a tasty buffet dinner catered by the American Legion and two sets of great bluegrass music including dessert between sets. Call Vicky Delaney for reservations (607) 745-9933 or (607) 753-8365.

**April 18, 2015 – Saturday**

**8 pm (doors open at 7 pm) \$12; Senior (60+) and Students (10+) - \$10;  
Students (under 10) - \$5; Family - \$25**

**The Spinney Brothers** at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre, 15 N Main St Bainbridge NY.  
www.jerichoarts.com. To reserve seats please call Evelyn at 607-967-7228

**April 25, 2015 – Saturday; 8 pm; \$20**

**The Claire Lynch Band** at the Sodus High School Auditorium. Opening will be Rebecca Colleen & The Chore Lads. Doors open at 5:00 pm with a Meet and Greet in High School Cafeteria. For more information or to buy tickets, contact: Mike Garlock: Email: mgarlok@verizon.net; Phone: 315-203-1710 (H); or 585-485-9641 (C). Presented by the Sodus Rotary.

**May 16, 2015 - Saturday**

**8 pm (doors open at 7 pm) \$12; Senior (60+) and Students (10+) - \$10;  
Students (under 10) - \$5; Family - \$25**

**The Delaney Brothers** at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre, 15 N Main St Bainbridge NY.  
www.jerichoarts.com. You know them and love them! Follow them down to Bainbridge!! To reserve seats please call Evelyn at 607-967-7228

## **Bluegrass Fun at the Fair**

CNYBA has received an invitation from Nancy Morey, the Superintendent for the Witter Agricultural Museum and Carriage Museum at the NYS Fair. She would like some of our members to come and jam at the Museum during the Fair. They would provide parking and entry passes for anyone who would come in for the jam. This would be a great opportunity to promote Bluegrass and the CNYBA! Details will be worked out soon. If interested, email [cnybanews@aol.com](mailto:cnybanews@aol.com).

## **Show Support with a Nifty Pin!**

"Name tag" pins that identify us as members of the Central New York Bluegrass Association are available. The pins have your name and the name of the organization. They can be worn at CNYBA jams, meetings, festivals, or any place where we want to highlight the CNYBA. These sturdy pins are \$8.95 and can be ordered from Kay Betts von Sneidern, 65 Canton St., Baldwinsville, NY 13027; [ketts@twcny.rr.com](mailto:ketts@twcny.rr.com), 315-303-4684, or cell: 315-882-1652. This is a wonderful way to show support for Bluegrass in Central New York!

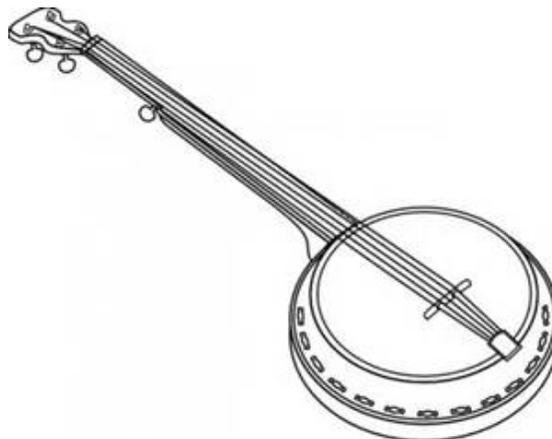
# The Inside Story



## Molly and the Badly BENT Bluegrass Boys

"It was like a nuclear explosion," said an audience member, after seeing and hearing Molly and the Badly BENT Bluegrass Boys at the CNYBA March 22 Showcase at the Marcellus American Legion Hall. In addition to hot instrumentals and soaring vocals, the group radiates joy and enthusiasm. It was an experience that everyone loved. Thanks so much to Molly and the Boys for coming! Our best wishes go out to Molly and her husband, bassist, Ted Andrejko. Their baby is due soon!

*Photo by Andrea Berthelette*



# Membership Notes



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Please notify us of anything that should be included here. Send an email to Shirley Stevens at [stevenscny@aol.com](mailto:stevenscny@aol.com)

A hearty Bluegrass welcome to our new members:

- Jeanette Ostrander, Baldwinsville
- James and Louise Hartman, Canisteo
- Cynthia and Don Larabie, Athens, PA
- Monica Ridgeway and David Taylor, Marcellus

Our friend **Betsy Keough Allan**, of Hannibal, was transported on January 12, 2015, to St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. She was diagnosed with a massive coronary and was on a ventilator in ICU in very critical condition. We're pleased to report that Betsy is now at home and recovering nicely! Halleluia!! Frank and Betsy are grateful for all your prayers. Cards can be sent to Betsy Allan at PO Box 500, Hannibal NY 13074

**George Hall** passed away in 2014. There will be a memorial planned for this summer here in New York and his ashes will be buried next to his wife's grave. The memorial will take place on Sunday, June 28, 2015, 2 to 6 pm at the Colocca Estate Winery, 14678 West Bay Road, Fairhaven NY. There will be a BBQ Buffet and Cash Bar. They will probably want an RSVP so they know how many to prepare for. We'll let you know.

**From Margaret Miller** on February 27, 2015: Dear Family & Friends, Just to let you know that we took Jerry to the hospital last night as he has been having severe pain and through a CT scan it was determined that the cancer has metastasized in several spots in his body. We are in the process of learning what options he has and making some difficult decisions. Please keep us in prayer as we go through this process..... Love, Peggy

CNYBA member group, **Boots and Shorts**, has just finished recording their latest album at Moletrax Studios. It is expected to be released in the spring. All the material is original and played live but for a few backing vocals. We will keep you posted!

**Peter Hoysic Passes on**

A long time member of CNYBA, **Peter Hoysic**, known to us as the (Doodle-Do Fiddler) passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. He is survived by eight children, his youngest and closest brother William, several caring sisters and brothers-in-laws, and nearly 50 nieces and nephews. Peter loved all kinds of music, built and played fiddle in several groups. His sense of humor and playful nature remained with him to the end. He gave his children the love of nature, gift of music, dance, laughter and art. A Memorial Mass was held at the Holy Cross Church, 4492 Lake Ave., Rochester, NY 14612 on Friday, March 27, at 11:00 am. Donations in his memory may be made to the church listed above. Those who would like to send a card or note of sympathy to his children, can do so to: Family of Peter Hoysic, 7396 North Centenary Rd, Sodus, NY 14551.

**Membership Application: CENTRAL NEW YORK BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION**

Please print this page, enter the information, and mail to CNYBA at the address shown below.

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**Check here**  if you are willing to receive the newsletter via email. It saves the Association money and is appreciated.

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