

--CNYBA NEWS--

From the President.....



2010 Festival Report:

On July 16th the available festival committee members met at the Marcellus American Legion. We established the following work crews with the noted crew leaders:

Admissions/Gate - John Warner
 Stage Manager - Mike Bonczek
 Parking/Clean-up - Bob Hayden/
 Juergen Knauss

The time from now until festival weekend will fly by. It will be important for all members to help with promotion, and to volunteer for some duties at the festival. Many of you have already received a mailing with festival flyers; some more mailings will be going out shortly. Please distribute these to help get the word out. If you need more copies you can let me know, or you can download one from the website at www.cnyba.com. As last year, this is a group effort. We need your help to insure a successful event.

Joy Crouch is working on setting up a hospitality area for the performers, to insure they have access to cold drinks, light snacks, etc. This is important, because many of them will be traveling long distances on tight schedules. She will be soliciting donations of baked goods, bottled water, etc. to support this effort. If you can help her out, please contact her ASAP.

It's the hope of the festival committee that we gain a reputation as a real 'jamming' festival, and we've worked at inviting bands known to participate in after-hours picking. There will be plenty of areas for jamming, and we've scheduled plenty of open stage time to accommodate pick-up groups to accommodate pick-up groups that

would like to perform. If you are a player, please plan to attend and share your talents.

September Meeting:

Regular meetings are scheduled to resume in September (2nd Sunday) at Parkrose Estates. Due to the festival, there will not be a board meeting. The general meeting (2:00 pm) will be informational, but there will be very little business to conduct. By Sunday, I hope you are 'jammed out' because of the festival, but if not, the Parkrose activity room will be available at 10:00am for pre-meeting jamming.

CNYBA Officers 2010-2011

September is the month when the newly elected officers take over their duties. Incoming President Dave Underwood has many good ideas for our organization, and I believe he'll do an excellent job. He will be working with Vice-President John Brucher, Treasurer Jim Clark, and Secretary Ed VanCott to insure a successful year of promoting bluegrass and old-time country music.

Final Word From A Lame Duck

This will be my last 'From The President' column. I want to thank the CNYBA board, the officers I've worked with, and especially the members of CNYBA for the support you have shown me (and CNYBA!) over the past couple of years. I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone better through the projects we've accomplished. I am looking forward to working with the new officers and the board to continue our efforts promoting the music we all love. -- **Dennis**

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Calendar of Events: end of July and all of August

July 29, Aug. 5, Aug. 12, 19, 26 - Salt City Ramblers - 9 pm - Bull and Bear Pub, 125 East Water Street, Syracuse NY 13202, no cover.

July 30 - Jam at Chuck and Sharon Foulz's Barn - 2 pm - 164 Hager Drive, Pulaski, NY 13142. Ph# 315-298-2016; Email Sherona70@yahoo.com Bring a dish to pass.

July 31 - Salt City Ramblers - 8 pm - Westcott Theater, 524 Westcott Street, Syracuse, NY 13210-2549, \$10 cover.

Aug. 1 - Bill Knowlton's 38th annual BLUEGRASS RAMBLE PICNIC- 10 am - 7 pm.- Dwyer Memorial Park, Little York, NY. Free! Bands donate their services to the oldest bluegrass festival in NY, PA and New England. Use Preble, NY Exit on I-81 south of Syracuse. Held in a huge tent; food and beverages available. Parking lot picking and a band every half hour. Host Band: THE DELANEY BROTHERS!! Show includes **Lake Effect Bluegrass** and **Diamond Someday**, among others.

Aug. 5 - The Infamous Stringdusters - Oneonta Theatre, 47 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY Tickets are ONLY \$22.50 in advance / \$25.00 day of show and are available without service charge at PRINCIPALLY PRINTS - 49 Chestnut Street, Oneonta, GREEN EARTH - 4 Market Street, Oneonta, THE LATTE LOUNGE - 196 Main Street Oneonta, MUSIC SQUARE - Southside Mall 5006 St. Hwy 23, Oneonta, or online at oneontatheatre.com

Aug. 6 - 8 - 7th Annual Mohawk Valley Bluegrass Festival - Boonville-Oneida County Fairgrounds, Rt. 294, Boonville, NY. For info, contact Dick Satterly 315-942-2854, Bill Smith 315-865-4520 or Bob Converse 315-942-4165.

Aug. 6 - 8 - 2nd Annual Brantling Bluegrass Festival - Brantling Ski Slopes, 4015 Fish Farm Road, Sodus, NY. For info and to purchase tickets, visit www.brantling.com or email at bluegrass@brantling.com

Aug. 6 (5:10 pm), Aug. 7 (12 pm) - Salt City Ramblers - Sterling Stage's String Fling, 274 Kent Road, Sterling, NY, see www.sterlingstage.com

Aug. 7 - Diamond Someday - 2:30 pm - Vernon Center 33rd Annual Old Home Day

Aug. 12 - Diamond Someday - 6:30 pm - Betsy the Barge Summer Concert Series at Lock 20 on the Barge Canal in Marcy. For directions, see <http://www.diamondsomeday.com/schedule.html>

Aug. 13 - Farewell Concert of Andrea Asprelli of Boots n' Shorts and Atlantic Flyway - 8 pm - Kellish Hill Farm, 3192 Pommpey Center Rd., Manlius, NY 13104 or go to www.rhbamericana.com

Aug. 14 - Diamond Someday - 11 am - 2 pm and 6:30 pm - 11th Annual Brockway Truck Show -10 Main St., Cortland, NY. For directions, see <http://www.diamondsomeday.com/schedule.html>

Aug. 17 - Lake Effect Bluegrass - Southwest Oswego United Methodist Church, 7721 State Route 104, Oswego, NY. For more info, see <http://www.lakeeffectbluegrass.com/>

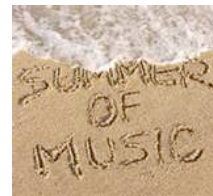
Aug. 18 - Diamond Someday - 7 - 8 pm - Homer Summer Concert Series - Village Green, Homer, NY

Aug. 21 - Salt City Ramblers - 8 pm - Harvest Cafe, 224 W. Main St., Montour Falls, NY

August 22 - Salt City Ramblers -4:30 pm - North Fork Music Park, 4952 Quarry Rd., Warsaw, NY. See more at <http://www.myspace.com/saltcityramblers#>

August 22 - 2010 Bethel Woods Bluegrass Jamboree - 2 pm - 9 pm - Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, 200 Hurd Road, Bethel, NY 12720. Ralph Stanley, Travelin' McCourys, Dan Tyminski, Rhonda Vincent, Cherryholmes; \$39 and \$19 reserved; \$15 lawn. For info, email: info@bethelwoodscenter.org or web site: <http://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/bwevents/eventdetail.aspx?id=127>

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August 22 - Jam at Chuck and Sharon Fultz's Barn - 2 pm - 64 Hager Drive, Pulaski, NY 13142. Ph# 315-298-2016; Email Sherona70@yahoo.com Bring a dish to pass **August 26-29 - Pickin' in the Pasture World Class Bluegrass Festival, Lodi, NY.** For more info, contact 607-582-6363 or alex11@empacc.net; or www.pickininthepasture.com

Aug. 30 - Lake Effect Bluegrass -12, 2 and 4 pm - New York State Fair - Grange Hall, New York State Fairgrounds.

Sept. 3 - Diamond Someday - NY State Fair at Grange Hall - Check with Shirley Stevens or Ed Van Cott for times they will be playing.

Sept. 10 - 11 - CNYBA 2010 Bluegrass Festival - Oswego County Fairgrounds, Sandy Creek, NY. Line-up includes Diamond Someday, Lake Effect Bluegrass and many others! See page six (6).



Hospitality Tent for CNYBA Festival Bands

We need volunteers to make cakes, cookies or brownies for the band members at our festival on Sept. 10 and 11th. I would like anyone who wishes to make something for the bands to email me at Antionet1@AOL or to phone me at (home phone) 315 593 1646 or (cell phone) 315 529 4142. If you don't want to or are not a baker, a donation of any type would be accepted

I plan to have fresh fruit, drinks, ice, and yogurts, donated cakes, cookies or whatever available for the band members; any help would be deeply appreciated. Please let me know ASAP what you can do for your association festival..... Joy Crouch

The Passing of a True Friend of Bluegrass

Ken Oakley of Deposit, NY, passed away on May 8th. Ken retired from 32 years of teaching mathematics at Deposit Central School in 1990. He was a founding member of the PENNY organization (host of the Wrench Wrench festivals) and a longtime member of the Southern Tier Bluegrass Association as well as the NYS Old Time Fiddlers. He was also active in the Gulf Summit, PA, jams in the 80's.

Ken was also a talented writer and historian and was known throughout central New York for his books on the local bluegrass scene. These include *The Rooney Fest*, *A History of Bluegrass in New York and Northeastern Pennsylvania*, and *Jehile, the Blind Fiddler from Lawton, Pennsylvania*. Ken was a great storyteller, and he will be sorely missed at festivals in the southern tier of New York.





Ramblin' With Helen

When it gets time to write my "visit" for the Aug. newsletter, it becomes a reality that our summer is "flying by fast"! I hope all of you have been able to keep cool during our record-breaking number of 90-degree days -- a job I can attest to! Since our last "visit," **John and Maryan VanDusen's daughter, Nada**, passed away unexpectedly on June 1st. Many of us have gotten to know her, as she and her husband Christopher have attended several of our events. Services were held on June 4th at White Chapel Funeral Home in Auburn. The family requests that donations in Nada's memory be sent to the Fingerlakes SPCA of CNY, 41 York St., Auburn, NY 13021. Expressions of sympathy were sent, and I am sure that mail would help both John and Maryan - 3381 Franklin St. Rd., Auburn, NY 13021.

When I received **Frank and Joyce Howlett's** renewal, Frank included a note saying Joyce recently had a knee replacement and was doing good with therapy done at home. I sent Joyce a "thinking of you" card from CNYBA.

Along with **Bert Mehlenbacher's** renewal, he wrote a nice "newsy" letter. He spent his 20th winter in FL and experienced a "first" -- snowflakes in March! Bert is now living at Sandy Pond during the summer months and hopes to be able to make some of our meetings and events. He also reported seeing several CNYBA members at the Thousand Island Bluegrass Festival and said that he is still "making a mess on the fiddle"! Now, Bert, we all know different about that last remark, and thanks for keeping in touch.

CNYBA's "Bluegrass Heaven" received another member when our beloved **Olive Loucks** passed away on June 14th. The beautiful "Witness to the Resurrection" service in memory of Olive was held at the Whitelaw Presbyterian Church on June 19th. **Thanks to Joy and Ray Crouch's** going out of their way to come and get me, I was able to attend the service, a privilege I'll cherish forever. At the cemetery, while waiting for all to gather around the grave site, I noticed on the headstone next to where Olive was to be buried, the name **Lee**, and reading further, headstone was that of our beloved former members **Lyndon and Lily Lee** -- thus proving the statement that it's not only a small

world in life but also in death. We have three of our most beloved CNYBA members side-by-side. Contributions may be sent in Olive's memory to Whitelaw Presbyterian Church, 8665 N. Main St. Rd., Canastota, NY 13032, and I know that Vernon would enjoy mail at 629 Lakeport Rd., Chittenango, NY 13037 -- or a phone call to him at 315-687-3178. A CNYBA expression of sympathy was sent, and I talked to Vernon a few days ago. He says it is lonesome, but his friends are keeping him busy.

Mary Phillips sent me an email, which included her thoughts of our annual Picnic, which she wanted to share with you all: "Ted and I thought the place for the picnic was great, really pretty and right by the water. I'm sure there was some difficulty for some people though, as you had to walk quite a distance to the pavilion from the parking lot. (Not the association's fault) The food was fantastic!! Hotdogs, hamburgers and coffee were furnished, and there was a nice variety of great desserts! Although there was a nice attendance, I thought it would be larger as two associations were being represented. There were two groups of musicians playing some great music for listening. One little problem I saw: some food was spilled on the floor and left there, along with some dirty plates left on the table. Hopefully those who left them came back and cleaned up. However, the weather cooperated, was nice, and it was good to mingle with association friends. We had a good time. -- Mary and Ted." Mary has been busy spending time with her two granddaughters, as their mother had to go to England for two weeks, came home for a short time, went back to Buffalo as one of the girls made her first communion, and then to Boston for a week as their mother had another conference to go to. The whole family went with her. The latest visit was back to Buffalo, where their son and Grandpa Ted took the two little girls to a father/daughter dance.. Mary and Ted, those girls will have such wonderful childhood memories of the good times spent with Grandma and Grandpa -- enjoy every chance you get!

Sharon Fultz sent me an email regarding their attendance at the Madrid Bluegrass Festival. While there, they met up with **James Reams and the Barnstormers** at the songwriting workshop, and when Jim found out they were from CNYBA, he asked about me and asked her to give me his regards. If all goes as planned, I hope to attend our festival the day their band plays for us. Sharon said it rained off and on the first two days, and she learned to add rain gear and boots to

Ramblin' (cont.)

their camping list for another year. Thanks, Sharon, for relaying Jim's message to me.

I've had letters, clippings, etc. sent to me regarding the Ozark Inn and Wayne Schram and The Ozark Mt. Boys, which I'd like to send on to the lady who inquired about them. I've sent two emails (haven't been returned) but have received no replies. I'm hanging onto them in hopes maybe she will still answer, or perhaps she has contacted someone else. If any of you have heard from her, please pass this information onto her, or put her in touch with me again. **Thanks to Fred Sevier and Lee Saunders** for sending the material to me.

Sharon Volles sent me a nice newsy letter telling about her 12-year-old grandson, Nicholas, who is participating in Tractor Pulls and, so far, has gotten 3 firsts and 2 seconds in the two pulls. Of course, Grandpa **Norm** enjoys them also and is still busy making calls to farmers when machinery repairs are needed. The whole family is attending a church in Marietta, and this has proven to be a wonderful and refreshing experience for them all. So good to hear from you, Sharon, and we wish each of you the very best always -- still waiting for you to come and visit!

Please keep **Joy Crouch** in your thoughts and prayers, as she is scheduled for a biopsy on a spot that showed up on her recent MRI. . . you have mine, Joy.

THANKS to the following for their additional monetary donations included with their renewals: **Barbara Aman, Roger Edwards, Rev. John McCaffery, Jean McWhorter, John Crouch**; to **Al and Ann DeForge, David and Winnie Jones** for postage stamps, and to **Bert Mehlenbacher** for his most generous monetary donation and a book of stamps. The monetary donations help our treasury, and the stamps help me in the expense of sending back dues cards and receipts and mailing cards to members when I hear of someone who needs one.

Well, folks, I'm sure I've gone way over my "allotted space" with my visit this month and promise to be briefer in the next issue. **Remember our festival on September 10th and 11th and our September meeting on the 12th.**

Helen

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Central New York Bluegrass Association presents the...

Friday & Saturday, September 10th & 11th

2010 CNYBA Bluegrass Festival

At the Sandy Creek Fairgrounds, Sandy Creek, NY

From 81 north or south, take exit 37 and follow fairgrounds signs

Gates open Friday at 9:00am ~ Please vacate no later than 1:00pm Sunday



Performing on Friday

- Diamond Someday
- Boots 'n Shorts
- Dave Nichols & Spare Change
- The String Band
- The Cabin Fever Band



Tickets:

Advanced sale both days ~ \$45.00
\$40 for Members of a Bluegrass Org
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Single-day admission ~ \$20.00
\$17.50 for seniors and members
of Bluegrass organizations

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For the weekend - \$50.00, Single day - \$25.00
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John Warner
PO Box 274
Sherburne, NY 13460

Orders must be received by AUGUST 20TH
Pick up advanced sale tickets at gate day of show.
Please provide proof of age or Bluegrass Org for discounts
when picking up your tickets

Food available from the Sandy Creek Grange
Many vendors have been invited to attend

- Bill Knowlton, Howard Bonner & Mike Bonczek - MCGs

Appearing on Saturday

- Lake Effect Bluegrass
- Lonesome Road Ramblers
- Erich Royer's One Man Bluegrass Band
- Bill White and White Pine
- James Reams and the Barnstormers



- Guitar Raffle - Donated by Dave Nichols of Custom Pearl Inlay (Malone, NY)
- 50/50 raffles will be held throughout the festival

- Covered seating in stage area - show continues rain or shine
- No alcohol in performance area
- Pets must be leashed at all times
- No pets in the performing area

Open stage : 11:00 - 1:00 and 5:00-6:00 each day.
Open stage will be available from 11:00 - 1:00 and 5:00-6:00 each day to encourage the formation of pickup groups, jam' groups, etc. to perform. Sign up with the stage manager for the open stage slots. Judges will be circulating throughout the grounds and inviting jam groups to participate in the open stage.

Rough camping included in ticket price - There is electric and water hookup available for \$15.00 per night -
Some of the sites have waste hookup at no extra charge. All hookups are first come-first served. There is a dump station available at no charge.

BLUEGRASS BLOSSOM

Cheryl Bergeron



At the still tender age of 13, Dorothy Jane Siver is making a considerable name for herself in some of the best Bluegrass fields. Enveloped by the gift of music from early childhood, Dorothy Jane has continued to grow, flourish, and shine brightly for her family, fans, and followers.

The Siver family history of Bluegrass and the talent for music goes back at least one generation to “Vic” Rice, granddad and fiddler. Vic Rice (Dorothy Jane’s great-grandfather) was a familiar fiddler in the Adirondacks / Long Lake area who played for movie money and entertained local crowds. The tradition continued in her mother Jennifer, who wrote poetry as a teen, which is a foundation to her current musical composition. Her father Ron joined in the musical heritage with his family too.

But it is Dorothy Jane Siver who began leading her family forward at age 4 with piano lessons. Dorothy Jane actually started singing as a baby and then her parents helped her grow into her talent through lessons with private tutors, as well as weekly public school sessions. Even though Dorothy Jane’s piano skills are rarely heard in her current music style, the classical training is evident throughout her music. That’s part of the reason mom and dad enrolled her in classical violin lessons at age 9, to help support and build on her tremendous talent.

Somewhere between age 10 and 11 dad, Ron picked up Brian Wycklund’s parallel fiddle book and Dorothy Jane made the switch to Bluegrass. Jim Bevins became her Bluegrass teacher in 2007 and the family joined in on making music at the same time. Dorothy Jane still receives classical music training to augment her impressive Bluegrass / Folk skills. While classical training tends to be very structured and regimented, Bluegrass gives Dorothy Jane a chance to express her musical self more enthusiastically. Plus, she has learned guitar, upright bass, and a bit of mandolin along her Bluegrass / Folk music way. However, Dorothy Jane said that she wants to become much more proficient at mandolin and she is working really hard to become so.

By age 11 Dorothy Jane had begun writing some of her own songs, has since completed 2 of her own original works, and collaborates with mom, Jennifer on plenty of new compositions. More importantly and with great excitement, at age 11 Dorothy Jane Siver was awarded the Lake Champlain Young Fiddler of the Year title. From all that I’ve heard and know about Dorothy Jane there are oodles more awards waiting for her as she blossoms in Bluegrass and Folk music.

Inspired by her musical idol, Rhonda Vincent, Dorothy Jane keeps growing forward in her talent and promise. She’ll be part of the Brantling Bluegrass Festival along with Rhonda Vincent during the first weekend of August 2010. Dorothy Jane has also been in the studio at the Ampersand Label in NJ recording her first CD.

Dorothy Jane’s favorite musical moments happened when she was performing in NC recently. She was on stage at the Six Strings Café’ playing tunes with a couple of Bluegrass greats, Lorainne Jordan and James King. Dorothy Jane was also on stage with the Bethesda Bluegrass Boys at Lil John’s Mountain Music Festival in NC. Basically, she spent the entire NC weekend meeting and/or jammin’ with lots of famous Bluegrass folks and has some spectacular memories to add to her developing memoirs.

Dorothy Jane, who is now leading the Siver Family Bluegrass Band, has lots more in store for 2010 and beyond. She was asked to play fiddle with Carolina Rose and the Bluegrass Girls at the Bill Monroe Home place in June 2010 and Dorothy Jane will be on stage at the prestigious Floyd’s Country Store in Virginia the day after Thanksgiving, November 26th 2010.

Someday, Dorothy Jane wants to attend East Tennessee State University (ETSU) to further her music training and eventually become a teacher in the field. She has already learned, accomplished, and experienced so very much at just age 13 that I am certain Dorothy Jane will help Bluegrass / Folk music blossom even more and she will bring out the very best in her students of the future.

Learn more about Dorothy Jane Siver at www.dorothyjanesiver.com/!

The author kindly submitted this article for our newsletter. You can contact her in the following ways: Cheryl Bergeron, Great Blue Roots Radio, 1354 Buffalo Rd, Ste 2, Rochester NY 14624 - 585-366-0111 (office) 585-478-6675 (mobile).

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