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CNYBA

## CNYBA Annual Picnic

**Saturday August 16, 2014 - Noon until....  
at the most beautiful venue in Central New York  
Apple Festival Grounds  
Route 20 Lafayette, NY**

Come for the picnic, bring a covered dish,  
your instruments, and your good ole tunes

Camp from Thursday to Sunday for a full  
weekend of jamming in the loveliest setting in  
Central New York

At that time, nominations for officers and  
members of the board will be voted on



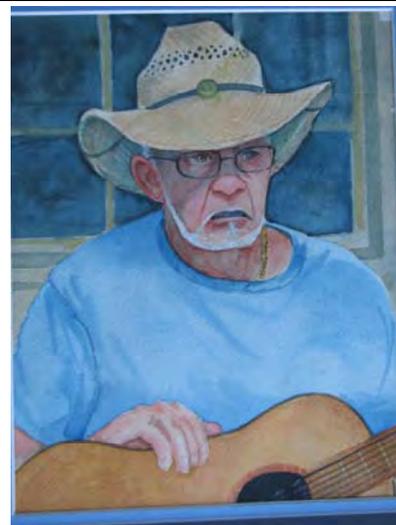
Next regular meeting: Saturday, September 12, 2014  
10 AM till 3 PM

Business meeting at 1 pm  
Lamsom Road Community Church  
2259 Lamson Road, Phoenix, NY 13135

Regular meetings are held every 2nd Saturday – Sept to May (except Dec)  
If you're looking for a good place to meet musicians who share your love of  
bluegrass music - or to learn some new or old songs - this is the place!

**Ron DePeyster**, 77, of Baldwinsville passed away Tuesday June 10, 2014 at his home under the care of Hospice and his loving family. Friends and CNYBA members came together to provide Ron with an old-fashioned sacred musical eulogy at the funeral and at the reception afterwards. We wish his wife, Rose God's comfort and love and look forward to seeing her join us again at Friday night jams! They have been loved by all, and Ron will be sorely missed for his wonderful smile, laughter, humility, and gentle kindness.

Our heart-felt prayers go out to Rose. Condolences can be sent to 2036 Recreation Lane, Baldwinsville, NY 13027



## Bill Knowlton's 42nd Annual Bluegrass Ramble Picnic

New York's longest running bluegrass festival  
 Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
 Dwyer Memorial Park in Little York

*This year's picnic is dedicated to the memory of Ray Delaney!*

- 10:00 Gospel Way
- 10:30 Salmon River Boys!! (at all 42 Picnics!)
- 11:00 The Easy Ramblers
- 11:30 Larry Hoyt & the Good Acoustics
- 12:00 Diamond Someday
- 12:30 Dan Duggan & Peggy Lynn
- 1:00 Dyer Switch
- 1:30 Joe LaMay & Sherri Reese w/ Jim Stout
- 2:15 Off the Wall
- 2:45 Lake Effect
- 3:15 The Cadleys
- 3:45 Spare Parts with Gene Clayton
- 4:15 Sean Martin Band
- 4:45: Slewfoot
- 5:15 Atkinson Family
- 5:45: Northwater
- 6:15: THE DELANEY BROTHERS BLUEGRASS BAND (HOSTS!)



**Free and open to the public**

**Food sales, local crafts, & plenty of porch picking!**

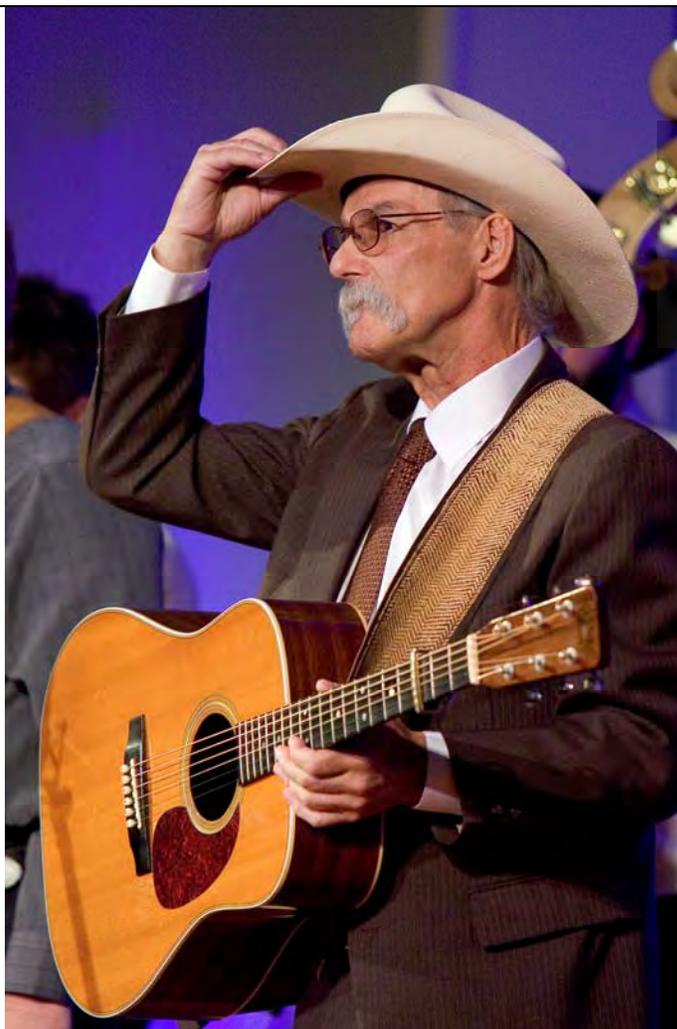
# Remembering Ray

*From Steve Millett of Lake Effect Bluegrass*

In 1997, the Delaney Brothers played a show in Pulaski for WSCP 101.7 FM. I was new to the local Bluegrass scene and was intrigued by the Delaney Brothers sound. The fraternal harmonies of John & Ray were phenomenal. After the show I met the band and instantly took a liking to Ray. He was so gracious about answering the millions of questions I bombarded him with. I started going to Bluegrass festivals shortly after our first meeting, and he always greeted me with a smile and handshake.

In 2002, I became a member of Mac Claflin & Lake Effect Bluegrass and our paths started crossing more frequently. I studied the Delaney Brothers intently with a desire to reach the level of musicianship and achieve the fan base they had. Our band had its growing pains through the years and several personnel changes, but in recent years we started getting noticed by promoters and the fans. During this time, Ray always found time to sit down with me for an hour or two at the festivals we both played at to talk to me. He reminisced about the early days of *his* band, and how Andy Pawlenko and The Smokey Hollow Boys helped *them* out. How important it is to honor the fans, promoters, and sponsors of any and all venues the band would play at. Ray was always more than willing to offer his advice about managing a band whenever I asked him

He told me about their trips to the IBMA and SPGMA (Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America) awards, their visit to Bill Monroe's Old Home Place and to his grave in Rosine, Kentucky. Ray said that when he visited the gravesite it was like a religious experience. So on his advice in 2010, our band went to the IBMA awards and also stopped in Rosine on the way down to Nashville. He was right. It was amazing to stand at the foot of the grave and pay homage to the man that created a type of music cherished by so many.



Through all the awards and accolades the Delaney Brothers received during their 30 plus years of performing, Ray was always very humble about the awards and never once bragged.

Everyone that ever met Ray Delaney knew he was a special, gentle man and I thank the Lord every day for the opportunity to have met him myself and to call him my friend. Though he is gone from this Earth now, his memory and knowledge passed on to so many in the music community, will live forever.



*From Shirley Stevens of Diamond Someday*

Ray Delaney was a wonderful friend to me and Diamond Someday over the years. Besides being a great musician, Ray was one of the most gracious, encouraging, and kind men that I have known. From the first time I heard the Delaney Brothers many years ago, I've always appreciated his mic work...his love for the music, his fellow musicians, and the fans always shone through!

This was confirmed at Ray's memorial service. Story after story echoed the theme: when you met Ray, he instantly became your best friend and supporter. What a guy!! Diamond Someday played for several years at the Brockway Truck Show in Cortland, a gig that Ray helped us get. Each year, we would play in the center of town on a flatbed Brockway Truck that was parked in the center of all the action. We loved it! Ray was usually there to listen and to help whenever he could. One year, we were asked to play an additional set at the barbeque, held at the Brockway Truck Museum site later in the day.

There are many stories we could tell about Ray, but this one image will stay in my memory forever. We began to play "Waltz Across Texas." I looked out at the audience and was thrilled to see Ray and his beautiful wife, Vicky, come up and start dancing to this lovely waltz. They whirled around the floor, their very presence encouraging others to do the same. Vicky was surely a great source of love, strength and comfort for Ray, as he was for her. They were a wonderful couple! I treasure this moment.



Ray taught us all about living to the fullest. How we miss him. May we all be stronger, more loving, more comforting, more encouraging, more enthusiastic...remembering Ray.



## ***Report on the 2014 TUG HILL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL from John & Katie Brutcher***

We're back for what should be yet another exciting year of bluegrass music, and looking forward to bringing you our feedback from all our travels and sharing our adventures with you. Hoping to see ya all out there on the fields with us.

Ominous skies, downpours, nor blustery winds could stop the newly initiated four-day Tug Hill Bluegrass Festival from beginning. This was not how we expected to start our bluegrass season, but the phenomenal line up, to this annual trek, did not disappoint. After several wardrobe changes, to keep dry, John and I, along with a new member of the CNYBA, Mac Claflin and his wife Cathy, made our way to the main festival tent where OFF THE WALL kicked off the festival, a local band from the Camden, NY area.

From Nashville, THE GRASCALS, hit the stage with two shows, playing their first big hit, "Me, John & Paul" and "Are You Up To Getting Down Tonight". "Weary Cowboy" and "Time", written by our very own local songwriter, John Cadley were also performed. They continued with more hits and even the TV theme song to American Pickers, from the HISTORY channel. They also performed the beautiful "I AM", which is a song about the children at St. Jude's Hospital.

Down pours continued on Friday, as we waded through mud and followed the sea of multicolored umbrellas to the main tent. The LAKE EFFECT BLUEGRASS band, led by Steve Millett out of Caughdenoy, NY, got things up and tapping with their new, reconfigured band including newest members Shawn Martin on mandolin, Gordon Lyons on banjo, and Charlie Ingersoll on dobro. Dave Willson, their fiddler, pleased the audience with his yodeling and Karen Campolieto kept a reliable, steady beat on bass.

DARIN & BROOKE ALDRIDGE'S program included their new release "Home". I did not know that Becky Buller is now part of this duo as their fiddle player. They played, "The Window Sill Song", which Becky co-wrote with Tom T. & Dixie Hall. I always wondered how she was able to make that "trill" sound on the fiddle and now I know. It was exciting to watch her perform this.



Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers



The Grascals



Mike Compton

photos from the Brutchers

John & I were really looking forward to seeing JOE MULLINS AND THE RADIO RAMBLERS, having heard them so often on the radio - they did not disappoint. A very professional group that does it all out of the Ohio, with a new CD, "Hall of Fame Bluegrass". One band you should definitely check out. Of course, what would a Tug Hill Bluegrass Festival be without AUDIE BLAYLOCK & REDLINE. They come in fast and hard driv'in and they leave even faster and hard driv'in, but this is another band that can do it all. They played a crowd favorite, "Drink Up and Go Home", a sensitive number, "Fools Such As I", and the classic, "Back Up Push".

An advocate for the mandolin, MIKE COMPTON is a one man performer, at least on this occasion, playing his mandolin and singing. It was an interesting presentation, and quite entertaining. I'm glad I saw him. THE CROWE BROTHERS, from Maggie Valley, NC, delighted us with some of their hits In order to get the "chop" sound of a mandolin, their bass was outfitted with a tambourine. Talk about innovation. It sounded pretty darn good, too. THE LINDSEY FAMILY BAND took to the stage for two sets. It's wonderful to watch these kids grow up and see how musically talented they've become. The host band for the festival, THE ATKINSON FAMILY BAND was tremendous performing everyday tolerating all the rain and mud.

By now, we had enough. We let the weather get the best of us and we headed home. By 9PM, I was sitting in my hot tub with a glass of wine saying . . . ahhhh!



The Lindsey Family Band

*The Traveling Bluegrassers ~ John & Katie Brutcher*

## ☆☆☆☆☆☆ Festivals ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

**July 30-August 2, 2014 –Brantling Bluegrass Festival** 4015 Fish Farm Road - Sodus, NY  
*Lonesoe River Band, Grascals, Rebecca Colleen & Chore Lads, Paris Texas with Bobby Henrie, The Cadleys, The Grill Billies, Higher Mountain Bluegrass, **Diamond Someday**, and others*  
 Advanced tix \$40 until May 1<sup>st</sup> Peter McDonald (315) 331-2365 [www.brantlingbluegrass.com](http://www.brantlingbluegrass.com)

**August 3, 2014 – Bill Knowlton’s 42nd Annual Bluegrass Ramble Picnic** – Little York, NY

Dwyer Park 10 am – 6 pm **FREE** - info [udmacon1@hotmail.com](mailto:udmacon1@hotmail.com), 315-457-6100, or by listening Sunday night to Bill Knowlton’s “Bluegrass Ramble,” 9 pm to 12 am WCNY-FM (91.3) Syracuse [www.wcny.org](http://www.wcny.org)

**August 8 - 10, 2014 - 2nd Annual Oneonta Hills Bluegrass Festival** – Oneonta, NY

Susquehanna Trail Campground and Music Park, 4292 Hwy 7 - *Jim Gaudet & The Railroad Boys, the Stable Hands, Gravel Yard, Melanie & the Boys, Barrington and more.* Free camping, hot showers, restrooms, dump station, water. Dean Tribe (607) 432-1122 [www.oneontahillsbluegrass.com](http://www.oneontahillsbluegrass.com)

**August 8 - 10, 2014 - Bluegrass in Greenville**

1/2 mile west of Greenville on State Route 81. 5143 Route 81, the lands of Chris Ahlf. Atkinson Family, Remington Ride, Smokey Green, Michelle Canning & Rough Edges, Nitro Ride, The Bluegrass Brothers, Scott Eager & High Lonesome Sound, and more. Primitive style overnight camping Tents to motor homes welcome. Workshops Saturday & Sunday <http://www.freeholdaviation.com/bluegrass12.htm>

**August 15 - 17, 2014 – CNYBA Jamming & Camping** –Apple Fest Grounds, Lafayette, NY  
 Route 20 Bluegrass and Old Time Country Jamming/camping weekend, free sites, modest electric - Beautiful grounds, nominal donation, come on out!

**August 15 - 17, 2014 - Hickory Fest 13th Annual Music in the Canyon** - Wellsboro, PA  
 Stoney Fork Creek Campground - *Claire Lynch, Hillbilly Gypsies, Verlon Thompson, Driftwood, Uproot Hootenanny, Harris Brothers, Well Strung, Mama Corn, Coal County Express, & others* Open mic, field picking, food/craft vendors, pool. Benefits Cancer Society (570) 439-1549 <http://www.hickoryfest.com>



**Membership Application for the CENTRAL NEW YORK BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION**

**Benefits include:** Monthly CNYBA News & Notes (except Summer) to learn what's going on in the local and wider Bluegrass community, receive discounts at selected CNYBA events, the satisfaction of supporting bluegrass and old-time country music and encouraging others to join in!

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**New** or  **Renewal** - **Active** \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ **Senior (62+)** \$9 \_\_\_\_\_ **Family** \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ **Band** - \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

*Gift Certificate:* To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

What instrument (s) do you play? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you with a band(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Areas/activities you are interested in volunteering for: (check all that apply)

Publicity \_\_\_\_\_ Mentoring \_\_\_\_\_ Performing \_\_\_\_\_ Fund-raising \_\_\_\_\_ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail your re/membership form to our Membership Coordinator & Chair of Sunshine...*

**Ms. Helen Weldon - 2446 Hillview Dr. #17 - Cato, NY 13033** (until September)

*Festivals continued*

**August 21 to 24, 2014 – Pickin' in the Pasture Bluegrass Festival - Lodi, NY**

*Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper, Junior Sisk, James King, Jesse Alexander, Goldwing Express, Danny Paisley, Lorraine Jordan, Dale Ann Bradley, Spinney Brothers and more.* Gates open noon Wed, workshops, camp shuttle, free camping, vendors, field picking (607) 582-6363 [www.pickininthepasture.com](http://www.pickininthepasture.com)

**August 29 - 31, 2014 - North Branch Bluegrass Festival of Bridgewater, Vermont**

3 days of shows - *Chasing Blue, Cricket Tell the Weather, The Green Mountaineers, Fox Point Rounders, Jersey Corn Pickers, Crunchy Western Boys, Moonlight Ramblers, Cold Chocolate, Bondville Boys* - Wed Potluck Picking Party, Thurs Open Stage, Fri Spaghetti Dinner - (802) 672-3042 [www.pickvermont.com](http://www.pickvermont.com)

**August 29 - 31, 2014 – Wrench Ranch – Coventryville, NY – Labor Day Weekend Festival – great field picking – real country!**

Ok, so you went and missed Tony Trishka at Armory Square (where's my little fiddle?) but don'tcha dare be a slacker about catching this great banjo man too!

Get out there and hear the **Mark Alnatt Band** - The stars have so generously granted you the following 3 chances!

- 1) **Saturday, August 9th 7pm Amber Community Center**  
2223 Amber Rd. Marietta NY
- 2) **Saturday, September 13th 2:30 pm Petit Library**  
105 Victoria Place, Syracuse NY
- 3) **Saturday, September 27th 2 pm Central Library**  
The Galleries of Syracuse, 447 South Salina St., Syracuse, NY



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