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From the President

Last month, the directors (officers and board members) of CNYBA were faced with an important and difficult decision; we needed to decide if a festival was practical in 2009. After much discussion, the board voted to postpone any multi-day festivals until 2010. This means there won't be a 'traditional' weekend-long festival.

I know the lack of a festival in 2009 will be disappointing to many members. It was also disappointing to the directors. However, our long-term goal needs to be organizing a festival that is properly located and staffed, financially sound, and musically strong. We believe the extra year will allow us to accomplish this goal.

It's especially encouraging so many members have signed up as festival volunteers. We will be putting a festival committee together immediately, to begin work on the 2010 festival. I expect to call on many of you for various tasks, and I know we can count on your support.

The showcase committee has been hard at work again this month. They are working on many issues, including improving publicity and attendance. They are also working hard to provide interesting entertainment to our members and the public, for a reasonable price. Please mark our showcases on the calendar and attend if you can. And since the best advertisement is word-of-mouth, please pass the word to everyone who might be interested.

There will be a **meeting on Thursday, Nov. 6th at 7:00 (Parkrose Estates) for those interested in the Youth (Outreach) programs.** This includes EVERYONE who wants to be involved. Please plan on attending, so we can get this program back on track.

We have been trying for several weeks to find a candidate to fill the secretary's position for the following year. Ann DeForge has been very gracious in working past the end of her term. However, she also has the newsletter to take care of and has given service "above and beyond." If you can:

- 1) Attend board and general meetings
- 2) Record the minutes/read at next meeting
- 3) Handle correspondence (this is minimal) each month

PLEASE contact me to volunteer. I'm begging....

Dennis

P.S. So is Ann, who is scheduled for rotator cuff surgery later this fall.....thanks for you help!



NOVEMBER MEETING IS ON NOVEMBER 9, 2008



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

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY: CNYBA meeting - Park Rose Estates, Liverpool -- Come meet and pick!

EVERY SUNDAY 1 p.m. til? Jammin' at Kellish Hill Farm, 3192 Pompey Center Rd. (1/2 mile north of Route 20), Manlius, NY. Good old fashioned bluegrass, gospel & country music. Can bring a dish to pass. Free for the young at heart! For information, call Kathy at 315-682-1578. See page 7 about our festival!!

EVERY 3rd SUNDAY: STBA meeting at the Tuscarora Elem. School, Addison, NY. Bring a dish to pass, your table setting, a friend, your musical instrument, and/or your listening ear. 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; children under 5, free. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages available. Pot luck dinner -- 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 with Rochester's own String Theory. Just come to Johnny's Irish Pub. If you have questions or need 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). All welcome -- listeners and players. Phone 455-2434 or 626-2594.

EVERY THURSDAY: 7 pm - Musicians Forum at the Art Council - 108 W. Miller St., Newark, NY. Bring an acoustic instrument for a round robin of shared music -- new and old. Listeners and players welcome. Jacqueline Grey, Ex. Dir. Information: 315-331-4593.

EVERY FRIDAY: 7 pm- Jammin' at the Legion Hall in the village of Marcellus. Come join the fun! Info: Sam and marion at 315-673-2329 or Jack Burns at 315-673-1844. \$2.00 donation for hall use. See our doings on page 7! **EVERY 1st FRIDAY: COUNTRY JAM - 7pm - ?** At the **VFW POST**, Main St., Camden, NY. All are welcome: bluegrass lovers, country, fiddlers, and listeners (ring buzzer for admission).

EVERY SATURDAY - Open Forum Acoustic Jam, 7 - 11 pm - At the **Legion Hall** (next to the Fire Hall) in **Lyons, NY** - Free beverages, musicians welcome, and no cover charge for hall use. **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- 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, W DYN 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

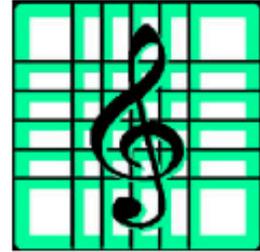
Barbara Heller Burns: Thursdays 3 pm; "String Fever" WSLU-FM (89.5) Canton, (88.9) Watertown, (91.3) Thousand Islands, and (91.7) Tupper Lake

Bruce Cutler: "Gospel Doings" is aired on WACK 1420 AM on Sunday at 6:30 am. For further information or to let Bruce know of happenings you would like mentioned, email jockey1170@verizon.net





**Central New York
Bluegrass
Association**



November Showcase
featuring

**Bill White
and White
Pine**

Bill White is five-time lead vocalist of the year and was inducted into the Central Canada Bluegrass honor roll. He and his group, White Pine, have been Canada's representatives to the IBMA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, and have four recordings, two of which won Central Canada Bluegrass recording of the year



and local favorite - **Lake Effect Bluegrass Band**
Saturday – November 15, 2008 – 2 to 5 pm

Admission \$10 (\$8 for Members)

Children under 16 free when accompanied by a paying adult

**Wacky Wyatt's - 85 East Genesee St. -
Baldwinsville, NY**



Come and enjoy these fine Bluegrass groups. As usual the extensive Tex-Mex menu of Wacky Wyatt's will be available.

Call 315-277-1988 for more information -
www.cnyba.com.



The Folkus Project

- presenting folk and acoustic music in Syracuse and Central New York -

May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society
3800 East Genesee St, Syracuse, N.Y.
just inside the Syracuse city limits from Dewitt

Friday, Nov 21

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Farewell performance of Central New York
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To Reserve Tickets: For shows at May Memorial,
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For more information, check the Project's
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**JOIN US FOR OUR NOVEMBER 9TH
MEETING AT PARKROSE ESTATES --
BOARD MEETS AT 1 P.M., GENERAL
MEETING IS AT 2 P.M. PICKIN' ALL
MORNING AND INTO THE P.M.
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE.....
SEE YA THERE!!**

Andy Pawlenko CD Available

Out Behind the Barn

A CD of 14 favorite songs sung by
Andy Pawlenko.

Little Brown Shack out Back, The little shirt my Mother
made for me, Old Slew Foot and more.

Order online at www.ClipClocks.com

All proceeds from this CD will go
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Fund to help people in Oswego County NY
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CD compiled and burned by
Andy's Daughter Deanna Hubbard

\$12 each



Report on Chuck and Sharon's Barn Jam on Oct. 24th -- from Chuck Foulz

All had a great time, Folks started arriving just
after 2:pm and by 2:30 we already had more than
enough to start jamming, which we did. There was
TONS of food of all varieties. We took time to
eat about 5:30, and at that time there were about
20 pickers here. There was so much to eat, along
with visiting, that it was about an hour before the
picking resumed. We continued playing till around
10:30. After we ate at 5:30, another five or so
pickers arrived. We had so much food that some
of us snacked periodically the whole evening.
All in all, I would have to say we had at least 25
pickers which made for a fun-filled evening.



Save the Date -- Please plan to attend the annual CNYBA Christmas Party to be held at Wacky



Wyatt's, 85 E. Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY, on December 14, 2008 from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Dinner
will be served at 2:00 PM. The menu consists of BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork BBQ, Salt Potatoes, Baked Beans, and
Chef Salad. The cost will be \$16.00 per person, with the gratuity included in this price. If we can swing a
lower price, rebates will be made at the door. We are trying to keep the price as low as possible. Please send
requests for reservations, along with a check made out to "CNYBA" to Mark Sostrin, 207 E. Genesee Street,
Fayetteville, NY 13066. Please include the number of people and their first and last names. Please get your
reservations in early, no later than December 5th, so that we can provide a head count. Entertainment will be
provided by our own CNYBA membership and friends. Please let Kathy Kinney (kkinney53@yahoo.com or
315-277-1988) know if you want to entertain for this event (solos and groups). We will try to accommodate
everyone. Jamming will begin at 12:00 PM. You may email or call Mark Sostrin (msostrin@twenyr.com
315-637-6811) if you have any questions. It's bound to be a Very Merry Time. See you there!

Ramblin' with Helen

Our "visit" this month may be a bit short, due to the fact that I must get it to our editor prior to Oct. 26th, the day I leave for my annual "vacation" to attend the 139th Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session in Saratoga, something I've done each year since 1989, and prior to that went in 1956, 1962 and 1967, the years that I served as Matron in our local chapter. I received my 60 year pin and certificate this year, so you can see that Eastern Stars has been a big part of my life for many years.

When I received the dues for our long-time member, **Ellen Owen**, they were sent to me by her sister Grace Maker, who wrote that Ellen is doing better, still uses a walker due to her broken leg, and her short-term memory is gone due to her head hitting the mirror when she had her car accident last fall. Ellen's address is: Sedgwick Heights Adult Home, 1100 James St., Syracuse, NY. 13203, and I am sure she would enjoy some mail. Another faithful and long time member, "**Soc**" **Nellis** sent me a book of stamps and also enclosed a SASE when he sent his dues. He also wrote his usual interesting letter, telling about his wife Jan's brother, along with other of his family members', being flooded out by Hurricane Ike in Orange, TX. Soc recently celebrated his 86th birthday and is so thankful that his mind is still good, (at least he feels it is), and folks I can attest that it is, by the well-written, interesting letter he sends each year. Soc, thanks for your letter, the enclosures, your kind words regarding my efforts with the Ramblin', and our thoughts are with both you and Jan for the recent passing of relatives and friends, including those age 46 and 63 – far to young to be taken from you.

This past week, I received two beautiful packets of blank cards that **Jan** picked up when she was shopping, and before that, I had received some blank ones from **Ann DeForge** and **John Gallant**, who also included some sympathy, get-well, thank you and "Thinking Of You" cards. **THANKS** to all of you; I assure you they will be used. Right after the Oct. newsletter came out, **Vernon Loucks** called and said they have some cards and will bring them to the "**Jammin' for Joy**" benefit on

Nov. 2nd. Thanks to **Shirley Stevens**, who has offered to take me. I plan to be there, and will tell you all about it next month. **Pat McLaughlin** sent a check for Joy, and asked me to get it to someone, and, Pat, it was done. They were so sorry they couldn't make it, but wanted to help make the endeavor a success. Some of our CNYBA members have made the newspapers this past month – a nice picture and write-up of the **Diamond Someday Band**, who played at Marcellus on Oct. 18th, appeared in the special entertainment section of the Auburn Citizen.

Plan to attend **CNYBA's NOVEMBER SHOWCASE**, featuring **BILL WHITE** and the **WHITE PINE BAND** from Canada, and a local favorite, **LAKE EFFECT BLUEGRASS BAND** (**Neil Shortslef** is a member of this band, and a long-time member and supporter) on **SAT., NOV. 15th** – 2 to 5 p.m. at **Wacky Wyatt's**, 85 E. Genesee St., Baldwinsville, NY. Adm. Is only \$8.00 for members, and \$10.00 for others. These showcases are just one of the ways our new slate of officers and board members hope will bring our treasury to where **once again we can sponsor our own Bluegrass Festival, maybe in 2009 IF we all support them.**

I received my **CD "Out Behind the Barn"** with the late **Andy Pawlenko's** favorite songs, and it is fantastic! This would make a wonderful Christmas gift for yourself or someone – see the ad on page four. I am positive you won't regret it!

Last month I mentioned about my donation of postage to return renewals, cards, etc., and a big **THANK YOU** to the following who sent stamps, or a check made out to me for postage: "**Soc**" **Nellis, Ray Crouch, Dean & Joanne Bartholomew** and **Sharon Foultz**. These generous donations will most certainly take care of many renewals, cards and the Christmas Cards I will be sending to those members who are confined to their homes or in nursing homes, etc. as I know mail is always welcome.

I hope that the "**Music Jam Session**" at the **Chuck and Sharon Foultz Barn** on **Fri., Oct. 24th** was a huge success.

Speaking of Sharon, I had an email from her asking for prayers for her granddaughter who had to have cancer cells removed. Please keep both Sharon and her granddaughter in your prayers and that the surgeon was able to remove them all.

I saw **George and Bibianne** in our local diner on Fri. evening, Oct. 10th, and he said they were going south in two weeks, so am sure as you read this they are enjoying the warm weather. **Donna Walter** called and told me that her surgery went fine; no further surgery is needed, and they were getting ready to close their beautiful summer home and head to their winter home in Lillian, AL. I've tried several times this past week to call her, and receiving no answer, assume they also should be enjoying warm weather. That terrible word **SNOW** has already appeared in our forecast, and it is way to early (at least for me) to do so! On one of those beautiful fall days we enjoyed last week, **Ray and Joy Crouch** came to visit me, and, as always, Joy has a very positive outlook on her upcoming radiation treatments. We all know she has a strong faith in prayer, so I ask you all to keep her in your daily prayers that the treatments will do what they are supposed to do, and Joy just keep that faith and your smile.

Well, I guess this takes care of all the notes, emails, etc. I have saved for this visit, and please keep them coming so I will have something to either enlighten or bore you with in Dec. I just got a message from Shirley Stevens, that **our Vice-President, Bill Light is scheduled for open-heart surgery on November 3rd**. Bill is, and always has been, a very supportive member of CNYBA, so I ask you to please keep him, Donna and their family in your prayers that his surgery is a success, and he has a speedy return to good health. **Please send a card or note to: 211 Allen St., E. Syracuse, NY. 13057**. Give him some time, and then I'm sure he would welcome calls at: 315-463-4186 or email: wlight1@twcny.rr.com. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Bill.

Don't forget to check us out online at www.cnyba.com

Once again, I must remind you that if your date is circled on your newsletter, your dues are due now. Nov. ones are also due.

PLEASE check your label and SEND ME YOUR DUES if it is circled. I truly believe our officers and board members are doing their best to lead us in the right direction, and **YOUR MEMBERSHIPS are needed to help them continue this trend. SEND THEM NOW.** I hope each of you has a very **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** spent with family and friends, and until our next visit – remember: You should always leave loved ones with loving words, as it might be the last time you see them.

Helen

Things You'd Love to Say at a Jam, But Shouldn't

"I'm probably not listening to you."

"I tried to be good but I got bored."

"I decided to put myself in charge."

"Have you all gone mad or is this the Post Office?"

"10 years of practice uninterrupted by progress."

"If you can't walk on water, don't criticize my break."

"Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak."

Taken from Bob Turner on <http://www.acousticbylines.com/quotes-jokes-stories/nottosay.htm>

"Favorite bumper sticker spotted in Telluride: 'Paddle faster, I hear banjos'." — Warren Epstein, "Diverse bluegrass entranced Telluride" *The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, Jun 29, 2007

News at the speed of Bluegrass! -- Check out the Bluegrass Blog:

<http://www.bluegrassblog.com>

Lilly Brothers and Don Stover to WV HOF (adapted from the BluegrassBlog website)

POSTED BY RICHARD THOMPSON ON 08.24.08 @ 11:50 AM

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Attention CNYBA members: In the 1980's when he lived in Massachusetts, your former president, Butch DeForge, played in the "Berkshire Mountain Boys" band with "B" Lilly and Herb Applin.

Recently, the West Virginia Music Hall Of Fame announced the names of those to be inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall Of Fame this year. Among them are the Clear Creak, Raleigh County, bluegrass trio the Lilly Brothers and Don Stover.

Michel Burt 'B' Lilly (born December 15, 1921, died September 18, 2005) and Charles Everett Lilly (born July 1, 1924) began performing together as a brother duet act, Everett playing mandolin, banjo and fiddle, and 'B' playing guitar. While still only teenagers they made their radio debut in 1938, playing a guest spot as the Lonesome Holler Boys on the Old Farm Hour on Charleston's WCHS.

In 1939, they began performing regularly at the newly-established WKLS Beckley, where they performed together and with other musicians, such as 'Speedy' Krise. In the summer of 1945 they moved to WNOX Knoxville where they worked with Lynn Davis and Molly O'Day for a while and then formed the Smiling Mountain Boys with fiddler Burk Barbour and Paul Taylor, a banjo player who was also from West Virginia.

Three years later the Lilly Brothers moved to Wheeling's WWVA where they were the star turn in Red Belcher's Kentucky Ridge Runners group. Everett and 'B' cut a single for Page Records and 'B' and the recently befriended fiddler 'Tex' Logan helped Belcher do a couple of sides for the same label. Also, at about this time the brothers cut four songs for the Cozy label.

Early in 1952 the brothers were persuaded by Logan to move to Boston where they were joined by banjo player Don Stover (born March 6, 1928 - died November 11, 1996). They got their first job playing on WCOP's Hayloft Jamboree and from there the Confederate Mountaineers, as the quartet was known, worked at various clubs such as the Hayloft Jamboree and the Boston Jamboree, but most notably at the Hillbilly Ranch. For 18 years, with only a brief interlude when Everett re-joined Flatt & Scruggs and Stover toured with other bands, they played constantly in Boston area. As a result they have been **credited with bringing bluegrass to New England and with influencing such future bluegrass artists as Peter Rowan, Jim Rooney and Bill Keith, among others.**

In the 1960s they also appeared in concerts at several major colleges and at folk festivals. In 1970 the Lilly Brothers and Don Stover made the first of several successful tours of Japan. They recorded for Event Records, Folkways and Prestige International (Bluegrass Breakdown - Rounder) and, in 1960, a set of live recordings Live At Hillbilly Ranch (released in Japan; Globe Japan; 1965).

The death of Everett Lilly's son, Jiles, in January 1970 brought to an end the brothers' career in Boston (**not "B"s** -- see above) and, although they briefly had a TV show on WOAY Oak Hill, West Virginia, their partnership was intermittent thereafter. There were a few festival appearances, concerts and local events each Summer, the Japanese tours and a Gospel album What Will They Leave Behind (County; 1973), but effectively The Lilly Brothers and Don Stover had retired from professional music. The Lilly Brothers' career was later chronicled in a 1979 documentary True Facts in a Country Song.

The late Joe Val once said of the Confederate Mountaineers' influence on urban Massachusetts, "Those guys hit home like a bombshell. Nobody'd ever heard anything like that before." David Freeman of County Sales has gone as far as saying that they "have a sound that is about unique in bluegrass" and "haunting and earthy." In 2002, the Lilly Brothers and Don Stover were inducted into the International Bluegrass Music Hall of Honor (as it was known then).

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

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