



CNYBA NEWS

FROM THE PREZ.....

Just wanted to let everyone know what's going on.

Our Christmas party will be at Marcellus Legion on Dec. 12. We will have a meeting at 1:00 pm and jamming will start about 11:00 am; bring a dish to pass and ten dollars at door to help association defray expenses. Bristol Mountain Bluegrass band will play later in afternoon (see flyer on page 5).

We did not vote on moving the meeting place as of now; we will keep that on hold. The Kaufman/Atkinson concert was very good, although not very many people attended.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas party. Meanwhile, **Happy Holidays** to all. -- **Dave**

THANKS AND FAREWELL

This is my final newsletter for CNYBA, and I want to thank those who have assisted me in this effort over the past few years. First of all, none of my work would have been possible if it weren't for two wonderful women: **Helen Weldon** and **Shirley Stevens**.

Helen always came through -- early, too -- with her **Ramblin'** column and sent me updated news about shows and artists that we could feature in the newsletter. It was her earlier and terrifically designed newsletters from which I learned to create this



publication. In addition, Helen kept the membership lists up-to-date so that all members received their printed or emailed copy of the newsletter each month. Whenever I had a question, Helen was always 'johnny-on-the-spot' with the needed answer. **You are an amazing asset to CNYBA, Helen.**

Shirley Stevens has also been a God-send. Her knowledge of computer technology has saved the newsletter from more than one major disaster. Shirley's particularly calm approach to problems has been enormously helpful too. Every month Shirley has produced the address lists for the mailing labels on the printed newsletters. She always had the list updated and out to me in plenty of time for me to attach them to the newsletters. Finally, like Helen, Shirley always came through whenever I had questions about just about anything CNYBA-related. **You, too, are a wonderful gift to CNYBA, Shirley.**

Last, but certainly not least, I cannot retire without thanking **Dennis Crawford**. His communications about events, concerns, association matters, and bluegrass music have proven **absolutely invaluable** in the last two years. In addition to CNYBA, the Jericho Arts Council is lucky to have you helping them now too. Thanks to all! -- **Ann**

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Ramblin' with Helen

How time flies – hardly seems as tho it's time for not only our last “visit” in 2010, but also the last one I will be doing. I know that there are many who will miss these monthly “visits”, but also know of several who will say, “about time”! Whichever category you fall in, just remember, all things have to come to an end sometime, and now is the time for me to retire my “Ramblin' with Helen”.

THANKS to **Lori Thompson** and **Louise Chave**, for your kind words and best wishes when you sent your renewals. It was sad to learn in our November newsletter that CNYBA lost money on our festival this year. To help us get our treasury built back up, **Joy Crouch** is planning a benefit on **SAT., APRIL 30th, 2011 at the Kellish Farms, Pompey Center Rd., Manlius, NY. PLEASE save this date, and volunteer to help her efforts** be a huge success. It will be held from **1 to 7, at the cost of \$10. for Adults**, and 14 and under will be free when accompanied by an adult. She suggests that you consider bringing your camper, and staying over, as there will be lots of jammin' after 7 p.m. on the 30th! **For further details, call Joy at: 315-593-1646, or 509-4142, or email: Antionet1@aol.com.** Bands committed to date are: **John Cadley and Lost Boys, Lake Effect Bluegrass, and the Marcellus Jammers.** If you can't come and want to support these efforts, send a **donation** made out to **CNYBA, and send it to Joy Crouch, 3105 County Rt. 95, Fulton, NY. 13059.** (If you want your donation not to be announced, please send a note along with it.) **PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE, SAT., APRIL 30th, 2011, and plan to attend.**

I had an email this week from **Peg Miller** wishing me a Happy Thanksgiving, and telling me that they are leaving Nov. 30th for their home in North Carolina, and will come back on May 1st. Folks, I hope you have a healthy, fun-filled winter away from the snow and cold – enjoying Thanksgiving with your family in NY and Christmas with your family in NC.

It's never too early to start planning the bluegrass festivals you want to attend, and **The BRANTLING BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL in Sodus, NY** will be held on **Thurs., Aug. 4th** thru

Sat., Aug. 6th. Bristol Mt. Bluegrass, Plexigrass, Mountain Heart and the Delaney Brothers are some of the bands that will be appearing. I sent the email that Mike Garlock sent me to our editor, and asked her to put it elsewhere in this newsletter. Speaking of our editor, **Ann DeForge**, since this will also be your last issue as our editor, I wish you the very best in the future, and hope you and **Butch** really get to enjoy all the traveling and bluegrass festivals, etc. that you have planned for the future. It has been a pleasure working with you since you took the newsletter over for me. I replied to Mark's email, and suggested that he really should consider joining CNYBA.

Mary and Ted Phillips have a “new member” in their household – a stray, very young and malnourished young cat! Mary is not a cat person, BUT just couldn't resist taking it to the vet for shots, spaying, etc. and letting it have a good home – **WHAT A LUCKY CAT!!**

This ends all the news I've heard about since our last visit. Nov. has been a very busy month for me, having to have a sonogram, MRI and a CT, and going to doctors. I'm now in the “wait and see” mode until March 1st, 2011. Just pray there isn't a blizzard on that day, as I have two tests scheduled, and the following day back to the doctor for results. Well, folks, I want to wish each and everyone a very **HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON, prosperous NEW YEAR, and may God's richest blessings be yours always.** Remember – the nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

-- Helen --



Let us remember the true reason for
the Christmas season!



Calendar of Events for December



December 4 - 2-10 pm- Old Time Bluegrass, Country and Gospel Saturday

Celebration Jam and Concert at Kellish Hill Farm - Jamming in the heated music barn

and the lodge. Signup sheet for pick up bands later in day for stage time in the music barn. Pot Luck supper at 5 pm and jamming into the night. John Cadley and Cathy Wenthen to perform on stage at 7pm. Donations encouraged to keep music flowing at Kellish Hill Farm. Come listen or bring an instrument to play.

December 5 - Concert at 5 pm - Atkinson Family Bluegrass at Antwerp United Methodist Church,

2 Academy St, Antwerp, NY, 4 pm Soup, sandwiches, apple crisp, ice cream, tea, coffee and cider. \$8.00 per person, \$20.00 family. Call Pam Lalonde for more info 315-727-1953

December 11 - 8:00 pm - Atkinson Family Bluegrass - at [Nelson Odeon](#), East Syracuse, NY - FMI --

315.655.9193 or info@nelsonodeon.com

December 11 - 8 pm - Cincinnati Creek at the annual Local Favorites Fundraiser at the Park

Coffeehouse in Holland Patent. Other performers include Rattlin Bog and Alexis Loomis.

December 11- 7 - 9 pm - Lake Effect Bluegrass at the Hillview Coffee House, 7382 Obrien Rd,

Baldwinsville, NY. Admission cost is just a non-perishable food item for the Baldwinsville Food Pantry.

December 10- 7:00 pm - The Delaney Brothers Bluegrass and Blue Lightning at Holland Patent

School Auditorium, Rte 365, Holland Patent, NY - Sponsored by MVBGA Free will offering will be taken -

Refreshments will be served.

December 12 -- Bristol Mountain Bluegrass and CNYBA meeting, eating, and entertainment (see

flyer on page 5)

December 15- 9 pm- free - Boots n' Shorts at Al's Wine and Whiskey Lounge, 321 S. Clinton Street,

Syracuse. For more information, go to www.bootsnshorts.com

December 19- 1-10 pm -Tickets \$10. Old Time Christmas Celebration at Kellish Hill Farm. Pot

luck supper at 5 pm. Please bring something to pass for this extra special dinner. Also, please bring a gift for under

the tree to be used for the traditional gift exchange, if you want to be included in this treat. Come listen or bring

an instrument to play. Our site is www.rhbamericana.com. Only 20 minutes from downtown Syracuse- 4.2

miles from Route 92 in Manlius or .5 mile North of Route 20. The address is 3192 Pompey Center Road,

Manlius.

Important Notice from the CNYBA Board

"The cost of mailing a paper copy of the newsletter takes up a large portion of our membership dues. If you have access to email, and are willing to receive the newsletter electronically in place of a paper copy, please contact Shirley Stevens at stevenscny@aol.com, or at PO Box 536, Liverpool NY 13088; or leave a message at 315-451-2801." We truly need to build up our resources for future shows and festivals.

Thanks for your help in this!





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/. **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 (except second Mon.) - 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 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. - **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 SATURDAY - Parish Fire Barn** - Country and some bluegrass - 6 to 10 p.m. Once a month **Northwind** plays (\$5.00 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.



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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 OR Brother Don, WDMY 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'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

NEXT MEETING IS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT MARCELLUS LEGION HALL



Central New York Bluegrass Association

Holiday Party

For ALL friends of Bluegrass and Old Time Country Music

December 12, 2010

American Legion, Main St., Marcellus

11:00 AM Open Jam

Bring your instruments.

3:00 PM-Holiday Dinner Feast!

Please bring a dish to pass.

5-8 PM Music!

Bristol Mountain Bluegrass



Bristol Mountain Bluegrass

\$10.00 per person at the door

Plus a dish to pass if you are joining the Feast.

Limited seating, RSVP by December 5, 2010

Contact Kathy Kinney 572-2247 or Sue March suem4508@aol.com



MIDWEST BANJO CAMP

We're delighted to announce that Midwest Banjo Camp-2011 is now officially open for business, our latest website is up at <http://www.midwestbanjocamp.com> and we're now taking registrations. As usual we've got a fantastic staff lined up, and all the makings for an exciting, rewarding program.

At MBC, you can study old-time or bluegrass banjo with some of today's best players and teachers in both styles. Our program features hands-on classes, demonstrations and two faculty concerts, and still leaves lots of time for jamming with your fellow banjo enthusiasts.

Here are the particulars:

Dates: **June 3-5, 2011**

Place: **Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan**

Times: Check-in opens 11 AM on Friday, June 3; Camp ends 2:30 PM on Sunday, June 5

Website: <http://www.midwestbanjocamp.com>

The "**Pre-Camp**": Our low pressure Pre-Camp Program takes place this year on the **evening of Thursday June 2 and the morning of Friday June 3**. It consists of staff-led jams, Q & A sessions, and demonstrations. We also plan to hold a square dance on Thursday evening. **Check-in** for the pre-camp begins at **3:30PM on Thursday June 2**.

We're proud to announce our instructors for 2011:

Old-time Banjo: Cathy Barton Para, Paul Brown, Bob Carlin, Dan Gellert, Michael Miles, Ken Perlman, Art Rosenbaum, and Mac Traynham.

Classified Ads

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Guitar Lessons: Bluegrass Rhythm and Flatpicking, Old-Time Fiddle Tunes, Swing and much more! Contact Jason Borisoff 607 279-7989 jayboris3@yahoo.com

Terri McMurray is our primary instructor for old-time novices.

Bluegrass Banjo: Janet Beazley, Ryan Cavanaugh, Bill Evans, Murphy Henry, Bill Keith, James McKinney, Jim Mills, Alan Munde, and Eric Weissberg. Mike Sumner is our primary instructor for bluegrass novices.

Fiddle Tracks: This year we have two fiddle tracks – one for bluegrass and one for old-time.

Old-time Fiddle. Our principal old-time fiddle instructor this year is Alan Jabbour. Old-time fiddle classes will also be taught by Paul Brown and Dan Gellert.

Bluegrass Fiddle. Our principal bluegrass fiddle instructor for 2011 is Byron Berline. A couple of bluegrass fiddle classes will be taught by other instructors.

Guitar Track: Our principal instructor in the guitar track is David Grier. A couple of guitar classes will be taught by other instructors.

Bass Track. We expect to have a bass track but we are still working on the particulars. Check our website periodically for updates

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us at info@midwestbanjocamp.com. As usual, you can find more information, instructor bios, registration forms etc., on the website: <http://www.midwestbanjocamp.com>.

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Note From Our New Editor

Please send your articles and news for the **JANUARY 2011** newsletter directly to me before **December 24 (Holiday deadline)** via one of the following methods:

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| e-mail | Smarch1@twcny.rr.com |
| personally | Friday nights at the Marcellus Legion jam |
| regular mail | 4139 South St Rd, Marcellus, NY 13108 |
| telephone | 315-396-5123 |

I look forward to receiving your articles, schedules, ideas, and input! -- **Sue**

Plan for the summer!

BRANTLING BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL BAND LINE-UP 2011

Many people asked Helen Weldon for information on this festival last year, so here's your heads-up for 2011! Location: **Brantling Ski Slopes, 4015 Fish Farm Road, Sodus, NY**

Thursday Aug. 4, 2011 -- Bristol Mountain Bluegrass, Plexigrass, Mountain Heart
Friday Aug. 5, 2011 -- Rebecca Colleen and the Chore Lads, Dorothy Jane Siver, Alaska String Band, Allegheny Blue
Saturday Aug. 6, 2011 -- Bristol Mountain Bluegrass, Delaney Brothers, Lake Effect Bluegrass, Dixie Beeliners

For more information, contact -- Michael Garlock, 18 W. Main St., Sodus, NY 14551, 800-801-9120, norther1@rochester.rr.com

Note-- Deadline for ads, articles, show flyers, event info, etc. is the 25th of the month prior to the one in which you want your material printed. Summer deadline is July 20th. Deadline for Christmas Holiday is December 24th

IBMA Kicks Off Professional Development Webinar Program

In an effort to continue professional development opportunities for the bluegrass industry beyond the annual World of Bluegrass Business Conference based in Nashville, the International Bluegrass Music Association is kicking off a series of online "webinars" on various topics.

There is a webinar coming in December. Attendees may register by calling 615-256-3222 or 888-GET-IBMA, at \$40 for IBMA members or \$50 for non-members.

Participants at IBMA webinars will dial into a toll-free conference call number and simultaneously click a link on their computer screens to enter the virtual classroom. Questions will be taken throughout the training in a Q&A box located in the corner of each participant's computer screen. The session will be recorded for future use as an educational podcast on IBMA's website.

The second seminar, entitled "Music Success in Nine Weeks," featuring Ariel Hyatt, author of a book by the same name, is the one for December. Stay tuned for a specific class date and time in December. Hyatt is returning by popular demand for more interaction with IBMA members.

IBMA members are welcome to submit ideas for future webinars to nancyc@ibma.org.

For more info...

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Ariel Hyatt: <http://musicsuccessinnineweeks.com/>

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*Check your membership
renewal date!*