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BLUEGRASS CIRCLE SHOWCASE II BY LINDA SABOE

Prairie Sky Bluegrass



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A weekend of great Bluegrass music was a fantastic way to celebrate a 15th anniversary! It simply doesn't get any better than the weekend of July 25–26. On Saturday, Fort Saskatchewan's Dow Centennial Centre came alive as 15 NBCMS bands and 12 tweener acts performed an eclectic mix of Bluegrass Music and a smattering of what participants described as traditional, New grass, cowjazz, string band, folk, western, blues, roots and boomer folk. However described there was no shortage of tight harmonies, blazing instrumentals along with traditional, original and 'grassified' songs and tunes.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY CAROLYN HOTTE

Summer greetings! Summer is upon us and I hope you are enjoying it. We have had a busy few months at the club and I hope you were able to attend some or all of the events.

On April 30th we presented Lost and Found with Anna Somerville and Marc Ladouceur opening the show, both bands did an outstanding job.

May 18th we hosted our first Bluegrass Swap Meet, it was well attended; we had musical instruments, CD's, DVD's, books, clothes and many more items. We plan on having another one in May 2012. Start gathering up your stuff, as you know one person's junk is another ones treasure.

On May 25th we hosted our Annual Member and Volunteer Appreciation Night. We had pizza, prizes, and bluegrass Karaoke, 14 people signed up, it was an entertaining evening. Thanks everyone for participating and for your willingness to try something different. This year's volunteers of the year for 2011/2012 are Karen Jones and Doug Reid. Congratulations, both of you are well deserving of this title.

June 25th we hosted our "Bluegrass Circle Showcase II" Thank you all for attending it was a fantastic day! 15 bands and 12 tweener acts performed. I am humbled by the talent that we have among us. Thank you to all volunteers for the many hours and months of planning of this event, the Dow centre staff, the sound technicians and the stage hands, the bands, Tweeners, families, friends and fans of bluegrass music. Well done everyone! We did hire a professional videographer to record the event and it should be ready at the end of July.

Congratulations to the Music Merit Award recipients. This year there were 4; Terry Ruddy using his for vocal lessons, Evelyn Ruddy is going to the IBMA to further her knowledge, Kayla Hotte is using hers toward her tuition at GMU and Linda Saboe will use hers for vocal lessons. All of you are a value to the NBCMS thank you for your contributions.

June 26th we hosted a Homecoming Jam at the place where we began the Fiddlers Roost. We jammed from 1:00-5:00. It was a true homecoming we reminisced about the past and shared stories. Thanks Don Lecky for doing the sound and Bernie for providing your place for the Homecoming Jam and 15 years ago for the NBCMS to plant its roots..

The Workshop information is out and classes are filling fast. Check it out on the website where you can register using PayPal or drop by the club and pick up a brochure. This year's workshop theme is Bill Monroe, featuring High Country (highcountrybluegrass.com/),

Chris Jones (chrisjonesmusic.com/) and Sally Jones (sallyjones.net/) and many other local instructors. A concert with High Country is booked for Thursday October 13th. Check the website for more information.

September will be upon us before we know it. It is International Bluegrass Month! We will be celebrating all month. Bill Monroe's 100th Birthday is September 13th and our September 14th jam will be Bill Monroe Night, we will have a Bill Monroe Tribute band to play us some tunes, a Bill Monroe Museum, a silent auction and a Bill Monroe trivia contest. If you have any Bill Monroe items that you would like to display at the museum or any items you would like to donate for the silent auction please let anyone of the executive know.

September 14th is also the date of our Semi Annual General Meeting it will follow the Tribute Band. Each executive will give a brief report that will be followed by an open discussion. Plan to attend.

September 23 Dan Crary and Thunderation (thunderation.com/artists/thunderation/) will kick off our concert season. Look for details inside and check the website often for updates.

Check out the new look of the website Shawn has revamped it. You can now register on-line for the fall workshop, purchase concert tickets and become a member or re-new Memberships, using PayPal visit bluegrassnorth.com and check it out

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Stop by and pick some! The Jam continues all summer.

Keep on Jammin'

Carolyn



NBCMS FALL BLUEGRASS WORKSHOP AT CAMP HE HO HA, AB

Fill up on bluegrass. Discover something new on your instrument, learn a new song or two, meet up with old friends or make new ones. There is something for everyone from the beginner, to advanced player at the 12th Annual Fall Workshop at Camp HE Ho HA. Your weekend will include daily classes of exceptional instruction, buffet style meals morning noon and night, warm and comfortable dorm style accommodations, lots of rooms for jam sessions, evening performances, and beautiful walks around picturesque Lake Isle.

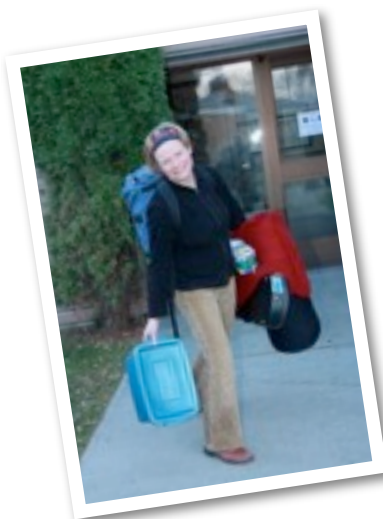
The user friendly nature of bluegrass creates the perfect setting for learning more about your instrument, the music and the community of bluegrass players. Treat yourself, pack up you instruments, songbook and bedroll and join us at Camp He Ho Ha for a great event that fills up fast. Make October 14th to the 16th your weekend of music.

This year the instructors are a combination of familiar and new. Butch Waller and his long established band High Country will be joining us from San Francisco. High Country has earned its place as the West Coast's premier traditional bluegrass band. Their blend of banjo, mandolin, fiddle, dobro, guitar and bass delivers the upbeat excitement of true bluegrass music. Each member also has a background in teaching. We would also like to welcome Chris & Sally Jones. Both

are accomplished performers with a background in teaching. If you are a satellite radio listener you will recognize the name Chris Jones from the Bluegrass Junction radio show. Brought back by popular demand are Curits Appleton, Rob Baker, Marc Ladouceur and Carolyn Hotte. Bob Remington, out of Canmore, will be joining us for the first time.

Some websites of interest:

- www.HighCountryBluegrass.com.
- www.ChrisJonesMusic.com. www.SallyJones.net.
- www.robertremington.wordpress.com
- WWW.CampHeHoHa.com



I have been an active member of the NBCMS for over a decade. Attending the Fall & Winter Workshops have provided me with a lot of musical and social enjoyment and I feel privileged to be named this year's Workshop Director. I am so excited with this year's lineup of instructors. Be sure to sign up!

Anna Somerville

Visit the website

www.BluegrassNorth.com for information on classes and how to register. Or contact Anna Somerville



SEPTEMBER IS INTERNATIONAL BLUEGRASS MONTH!

"Bluegrass has brought more people together and made more friends than any music in the world. You meet people at festivals and renew acquaintances year after year!" - Bill Monroe

September 13, 2011 marks
the 100th Birthday of
The "Father of Bluegrass"



William Smith Monroe
September 13, 1911 - September 9, 1996

Thanks for the music! R.I.P.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING ALL MONTH!

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THE IAN PORTEOUS STRINGBAND

WILL BE CELEBRATING BILL MONROE'S ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

Ian Porteous, Gord Oaks, Dallas Petry and Braden Gates will be doing a 30 min performance at the semi annual general meeting at the wednesday jam on Sept 14, 2011

ANNA SOMERVILLE & MARC LADOUCEUR

Photos by Doug Reid



With Matt Hotte and Marc Ladouceur.

This was the opening act for Lost and Found. This is some of our local talent and they put together a stellar show for us all.

BLUEGRASS CIRCLE SHOWCASE II BY LINDA SABOE

This was a weekend that all NBCMS members should be proud of. Most of the bands met each other at our Wednesday night jams and have participated in NBCMS workshops, concerts, open stages and band scrambles. The level of skill demonstrated clearly showed the amount of work all performers had done to participate. The "Tweeners Acts" allowed an opportunity for individuals to show their skill and kept the show moving along while the next band was set up. Justin Whaling's performance of "Heavens' Got an Angel" resulted in a flood of tears and resounding applause. While Justin was my personal favourite, every band and tweeners' performance was outstanding. If you missed the show, you can purchase DVDS of the entire performance at our Wednesday night jam.

The success of an event like this is only possible because of the volunteer work of so many members. Carolyn Hottes' outstanding planning and organizational skills were complimented by very capable MCs (Randy Mabbutt, Blaine MacIntyre, Sue Decker and Anna Somerville); NBCMS's calm and reassuring back stage hand Ian Johnson; an army of sound, stage crew and DOW center volunteers; the many NBCMS volunteers who kept the green room well stocked and helped with the membership table; Fred and Karen Jones who welcomed all performers to the event.

The cost of this event was around \$10,000 (per person the cost is about the same as the workshop) and that money largely came from the Casino account. Thanks go to Terry Ruddy for organizing this event and to the many volunteers that worked the Casino. NBCMS is fortunate to have Arlene Eberhardt manning the treasury and somehow always balancing the budget and allowing for the occasional extravaganza! Needless to say many of us have improved our musicality by participating in our Wednesday jams, Open Stages and Band Scrambles and the annual Workshop. Thanks go to Ron Mercer and the past and present workshop directors along with their volunteers. Each Board member and director played a role in this event happening. This amazing day hosted by our small club was a day to be proud and highlights the importance of our volunteers and all of the good works done by past and present executive and Board members. Take a minute sometime to thank them for their hard work!

Sunday saw some of us at the Fiddler's Roost for our "Homecoming Jam", a great ending to a wonderful weekend of celebration. Well done NBCMS!

DAN CRARY AND THUNDERATION

September 23, 2011 show featuring the Dazzling fingers of the great guitar wizard Dan Crary and his band Thunderation. Dan has a new release out and it might be with him on this day.

Opening for D.C. & Thunderation is the BILL MONROE TRIBUTE: (B. Myhre {fiddle}, M. Hotte {5 string}, K. Hotte {doghouse bass}, M. Ladoucer {guitar} and R. Baker {mandolin}). These guys are going to perform a tribute to the late great Father of Bluegrass ... Bill Monroe.

This concert is being held at "La Cite Francophone"
8627-91st Street Edmonton Ab. T6C-3N1. This is a NEW VENUE.

Tickets available at the usual outlet soon. \$20.00 members, \$25.00 non-member.

Doors 7:30 and show at 8:00.



Congratulations! Karen Jones and Doug Reid!



NBCMS Volunteers of the Year 2011/2012



It is with great pleasure that we recognize both Karen Jones and Doug Reid as Volunteers of the year! . Both are very deserving of this recognition. Karen has been right hand to the membership director, has helped with the workshop registration for the past 5 few years, was on the Bluegrass Circle Showcase II Committee and has always been ready to take on many tasks. Doug has captured us through his camera lens for a while now. He has interviewed bands, wrote many concert reports and articles for the newsletter. Congratulations to both of you! Both have received club merchandise as well as admission to all of our events for the next year.

The executive would like to thank all the many volunteers that step up when needed. It is because of you that we can do the many things we do. We are all members of the NBCMS working toward a common goal Promoting Presenting and Preserving Bluegrass Music. Keep up the good work!

LOST AND FOUND REVIEW

“ I love the music, the surroundings and it’s so gratifying to be on stage with the band performing and sharing the music”



“Television killed imagination”

- Allen Mills

“there’s no such thing as retirement”

- Allen Mills

HIGH COUNTRY -

It is being held at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital located at 10230-111th Ave. Edmonton Ab.

T5G-0B7

This is a NEW VENUE that we are trying out. Parking is weird, and you will most likely need to park on the streets. High Country is an "oooooooo" band from the Western California Bay Area. They consist of 6

musicians, playing the 6 standard Bluegrass Instruments. These guys are "gonna' tear your face off" with their Traditional sound & harmonies. Too cool for words ... H.C. knows their roots yet offers up new songs & tunes that one can only be reminded of

BLUEGRASS FROM CALIFORNIA- OCT 13, 2011

Ancient Tones. The 1st time I saw H.C. was in 1981, at this now defunct

"real" Bluegrass, chek out this concert.



festival. When the boys walked onto stage a rush of excitement filled the air as the audience anticipated their first note. Gosh that was 30 years and about 5 CD's later H.C. is still tearing down the house. If you want some

Doors 7:30 & Show at 8:00. Tix available at the regular outlets real soon. \$18.00 members \$20.00 non-member and if you have purchased a pass to the Fall Workshop at camp He-Ho-Ha and can show your completed registration and or your receipt to the workshop, Tickets are a measly TEN BUCKS!!!! 10 bucks. 10 Dollars. I'll SEE YOU THERE!!!!

ROB



LOST:

Club Microphone, last seen at the Hawrelak Picnic in early June.

IF FOUND:

Please return to Carolyn Hotte

Calendar of Events

July 29 -31	Blueberry Bluegrass Festival	Stony Plain, AB
Aug 19-21	Northern Lights BG Festival	Big River, SK
Aug 21-26	BCBW Week 1	Sorrento, BC
Aug 28-2	BCBW Week 2	Sorrento, BC
Oct 13	High Country	Glenrose Hospital
Oct 21-23	NBCMS Fall BG Workshop	Camp HEHOHA
Sept 23	Dan Crary Concert	La Cite Francophone

July 29, 30, 31 2011

Heritage Park
5100 - 41 Avenue
Stony Plain, Alberta, Canada

The NBCMS library is now OPEN. It has been remodeled and edited with a new inventory system. (Thanks to Don Bourassa).

Please note: The loan period is TWO weeks.

If you find NBCMS marked items in your collection, please return them so they can be shared with other members.

2011 Blueberry Bluegrass Festival Lineup

Here are some of the artists at the upcoming 26th Annual Festival:

- [The Grascals](#)
- [Connie Smith](#)
- [Back Porch Swing](#)
- [Woodbend](#)
- [The Gates Family](#)
- [Acoustic Mayhem](#)
- [Canadian Legends](#)
- [Doyle Lawson](#)
- [Marty Stuart](#)
- [Fiddle River Band](#)
- [Blue Horizon](#)
- [Marc and Anna](#)
- [The Kayla and Erin Show](#)

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