
BLUEGRASS BULLETIN

The Official Newsletter of the Northern Bluegrass Circle Music Society



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT: CAROLYN HOTTE



Winter Greetings. Thank you to everyone who came out for our Semi-Annual General Meeting on October 9th. It was a short but informative meeting. We, the executive, appreciate that some of the members make the effort to attend and share their thoughts and concerns. Now is the time to start thinking about next years executive and I'm encouraging you to get involved. I know that a few of us will not be returning to the board next year. Change is good we need change, new ideas and new members to take on a leadership role will ensure the future success of the NBCMS. The Annual General Meeting and Elections will be on February 12, 2014.

The Dale Anne Bradley band treated us to fine concert October 17th to kick off our weekend workshop. Her band along with all of the other instructors helped make our workshop a success again this year. These talented people provided us with a fantastic opportunity to listen to their stories, learn some of their tricks and to share the weekend with them. A big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers the camp would not be such a success with out you. Thanks also to Byron Myhre for donating a guitar for us to raffle and being there helping the participants with their instruments.

Congratulations to our raffle winners. If you missed it this year make sure you attend it next year it is a whole lot of fun.

We had a Halloween Jam/Concert/Party on October 27th.

We chose to move it away from the hall and try something different. We held it at one of Edmontons newer venues the Blue Sky's Café. It is a great place with a nice atmosphere and fantastic food. We started with a jam then took a break to listen to Mountain Spirit; Ron Mercer, Ian Johnston and Jean Coates and Whitemud Drive: Clem Bray, Don Pippins, Rainor Webb and Cameron Yule. Both bands put on an excellent show. Then we ended with Jamming. It was a fun day. Congratulations to our costume prize winners!

We say good-bye to Les & Arlene Eberhardt good friends and long time NBCMS supporters. Arlene was our treasurer for 7 years and Les earned volunteer of the year and was a whole lot of fun to jam with. They make their new home in Cochrane, AB. closer to their daughter, son-in-law and Grandson Milo. Enjoy your time with him/them and come back and see us when you can.

Mark your calendar our Christmas Jam will be on Wednesday December 18th. This will be our last Jam of 2013. We will take the next two weeks off so there will be no Jam on the December 25th or January 1, 2014. The weekly jam will resume on January 8, 2014.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season and all the best in health and happiness for the New Year.

Keep on Jammin'
Carolyn Hotte



NORTHERN BLUEGRASS

CIRCLE MUSIC SOCIETY'S

CHRISTMAS JAM

DEC 18 7:00 P.M.

BAND SCRAMBLE PIZZA

CASH BAR DUTCH AUCTION

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Dinner 6:30 pm
Dance 8:00 pm

w/Special Appearance
*by **Byron Berline***

\$40.00 Adults

Saturday May 24

CD Release Party
With Special Guest
Byron Berline

Concert 7:30 pm
 Celebrating the release
 CD's #59 & #60

\$40.00 Adults

Sunday May 25

Fiddle Gala
Concert 2:00 pm

Featuring Guest Fiddlers from across
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showcasing their own unique style of
fiddling and hosted by Calvin.

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MORINVILLE, ALBERTA



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Daniel Gervais / Gordon Stobbe (Wk 1)
Heidi Tinkham (Wk 1) / Mark Sullivan (Wk 2) ~ Fiddle
Kimberley Holmes ~ Piano
Craig McGregor ~ Guitar

(Additional instructors will be added as required)

CAMP CALVIN

2014

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July 26 - 30
St. Edouard, AB
(10 kms east of St. Paul, AB)

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**A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:
KAYLA HOTTE**

Howdy Friends & Neighbours,
Welcome to our Fall Bluegrass
Bulletin, filled with bluegrass
news to keep you warm as we
approach our coldest winter
months.

As always, it has been a hoot to
put this all together. If anyone
has anything they would like to
submit please forward it to my
e-mail hottekayla@gmail.com.

Cheers,
Kayla

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BON VOYAGE LES AND ARLENE



Photo by Carolyn Hotte

Two of our hardworking members and
volunteers have moved to Cochrane,
AB. Arlene served on the board as
Treasurer for 7 years.

Both have an active role in
representing the NBCMS at events
across the continent. Les has been
recipient of the Volunteer of the Year
Award. These cheerful ambassadors of
bluegrass will surely be missed!

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DALE ANN BRADLEY CONCERT REVIEW

By KAYLA HOTTE

On Thursday, October 17, friends gathered at the Capitol Theatre in Fort Edmonton Park to watch 5 time IBMA Award Winning female vocalist of the Year, Dale Ann Bradley. The Concert was pre-workshop welcome party, open to the public, and a wonderful warm up for the weekend to come.

The Dale Ann Bradley Band opened the evening with her hit 'Somewhere South of Crazy'. It was a strong start to show and showcased bass player Steve Gulleys' magnificent tenor singing.

The band featured Phil Leadbetter on Dobro, Greg Hodge on mandolin, Steve Gulley on bass, James Dean on Banjo,

And of course Dale Ann with her powerhouse singing and guitar playing.

Some highlights from the show were familiar tunes such as an energetic rendition of 'In Despair' and Clinch Mountain Backstep, a tune we often hear at the Wednesday Night Jam.

They closed the evening with another Dale Ann Bradley hit 'Next to Nothing'. A good time was had by all at this well attended event.



Photo by Doug Reid

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

BY ANNA SOMERVILLE

PHOTOS BY DOUG REID

The NBCMS hosted the 14th Annual Acoustic Music Workshop the weekend of October 18 -20th. Altogether, 142 enthusiastic people with instruments and voices gathered to indulge themselves in 47 hours of musical instruction and unlimited jamming.

This good natured group participated in as many activities that were offered. There was catching up to do with friends, tunes to show off and lessons to be learned. Some of us had been there many times and almost half of us had never been before; by all accounts it was a friendly weekend.

Fortunately, there are enough of us who have been attending long enough to keep the fast paced weekend stay on the tracks.

This year's instructors, like instructors from other years, have sent hardy thank you's for inviting them to spend time with our community. The hospitality and friendly atmosphere at the workshop registered very strongly this year; those are nice things to receive when you are traveling away from home.

A whole new group of volunteers showed up to work alongside the year-in year-out volunteers; the workshop could not get off the ground without this group. I love it when community comes together to get a job done. Collectively, we can keep the workshop running so it may continue to offer a place for the creative,

musical side of ourselves to spend a few short days together. As the Workshop Director, I welcome any suggestions to make the workshop an event you want to attend. If you can see a place for yourself as a volunteer please let me know.

Keep the workshop date of **October 17 - 19, 2014** in the back of your mind and then bring it forward around August when it will be time to sign up again. I hope everyone returns with a few more musical goals and a welcoming smile to share with the people finding the workshop for the first time.

I love the workshop...let's do it again.



Anna Somerville
NBCMS Workshop Director.

Workshop Photos
Courtesy of Doug Reid





A HALLOWEEN BOO-GRASS JAM

October 27, 2013

Blue Skies Cafe



**THE DAY INCLUDED
PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL BANDS
WHITEMUD DRIVE AND
MOUNTAIN SPIRIT.
OF COURSE, THERE WAS LOTS OF
JAMMING TOO!**



AND BEST COSTUME GOES TO...



**BOB, COLLEEN AND
JUSTIN WHALING
DRESSED AS A FAMILY
OF WIZARDS AND
WITCHES**



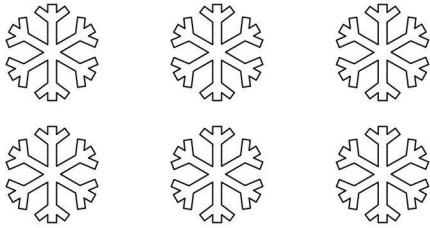
**JIM MALMBURG AS
COWBOY JIM**



**AND KAYLA HOTTE AS
CLEOPATRA**

**THE AWARDS WERE
PRESENTED BY
MANDO-LINDIANNA**

SOME IDEAS TO HELP YOU KEEP WARM THIS WINTER



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The Winter Jam Camp...what's that all about?

The only thing you are expected to do is
jam. The food is good, the company is
good and it's good for you.

The Winter Jam Camp January 17 - 19th is
not an instructional weekend it is a
jamming retreat. We all head out to Camp
He Ho Ha where we jam, eat the home
cooked food, enjoy the winter wonderland
scenery and **do not** sleep in the dorms.
Instead of sharing a dorm with 13 other
people, you share with one other person.
Best thing to do is find a friend to share a
room with and then sign up. For those of
you have signed up before... I'll see you
there, for those who have never been
before....don't miss out on a great
weekend of jamming.

The camp can only accommodate 48
people so don't leave signing up to the last
minute.

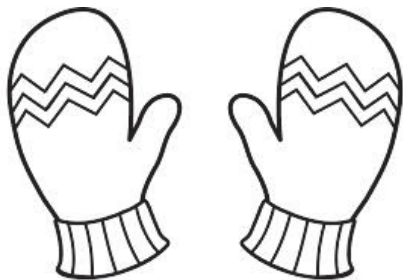
This year we are going to add the song
swap.
Sign up and find out what that's all about!

Go to www.BluegrassNorth.com to sign
up on line or download the registration
form and mail it in.

Anna Somerville
780-718-3070

Take in a 'Mercer House Concert'

Ron Mercer has a beautiful basement where many of our local bands have had the opportunity to perform in a casual, comfortable environment among friends. Those attending the concerts can expect chairs and their own table, a cozy atmosphere, and are welcome to enjoy some of Jean's deviled eggs. Ron and Jean supply water and pop and you are more than welcome to bring other refreshments to enjoy. They try to keep the acts almost always bluegrass. Admission is \$15 and every show has been a sell out. Ron's advice is, "when you get the e-mail from me, answer in the first week or you're probably going to be on the waiting list". For more information (and to avoid that waiting list) contact Jean at jeancoates@hotmail.com



Get On Board with the NBCMS Board

Some inspiration from Anna Somerville

We are in need of a few positions on the board. I plan on continuing as the Workshop director but without a treasurer in place for next year the workshop will have to fold. The Wednesday night jams will close its doors and all the time and effort past and present members have committed will cease to matter.

I have volunteered hours and days and weeks and a few years learning how to launch the workshop, but all of that will not count if we lose our funding. We will lose our funding if the position of President and Treasurer are not filled.

Please take a moment to consider what will happen if there is no longer a club to bring us together. You may not rely on the club for your musical connection right now but remember how you felt when you first found the club?

I guess it's time to find out if the NBCMS and the programs it offers is something people want to see continue. After checking with yourself please check with family and friends to see if they have a desire to volunteer with an organization. The NBCMS is a welcoming community and a worthwhile organization to lend time to.

Thanks for considering becoming a volunteer with the NBCMS

If you do see yourself in a leadership role...Don't hesitate! Jump on board!

If you do not see yourself in a leadership role but would like to support the club please make someone on the board aware of your desire to contribute as volunteer andwelcome aboard!



Hear ye! Hear ye!

Calling All NBCMS Members

Annual General Meeting and Elections

7:00 p.m. Wednesday February 12, 2014

Pleasantview Community Hall 10860-57 Ave.

Get Involved! Your Club Needs You!



NO BLUEGRASS JAM

December 25 or January 1, 2014

Weekly Jam Resumes

January 8, 2014

Blueberry Bluegrass and Country Music Festival 2013



A big **thank you** to all of the people who helped set up and run the NBCMS hospitality Booth at the Blueberry Bluegrass Festival this year. It was fun....thanks for stopping by.

NBCMS Winter Jam Camp 2014

Join us for a weekend of fantastic non-stop, play all night Bluegrass Jamming!

What: 3 days and 2 nights of unstoppable fun and jamming.

Location: Camp HE HO HA

Date: Jan 17 - 19, 2014

Cost: \$199 for Members, \$249 for non NBCMS Members

Price includes Hotel style room (must share with one other person), and Meals + Snacks at Camp HE HO HA

Register on-line <http://www.bluegrassnorth.com/index.php/club-events>
or at the Wednesday Night Jam

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