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A Word from our President, Carol Penney



Hello everyone!

Spring is in the air and the Executive and Board of Directors are 'springing' into gear as plans get under way for the NSCMHF 2009 Induction Ceremonies. Tickets may be obtained by contacting Arthur Brown (902) 543-2050,

Carol Penney (902) 644-3135, any of the Board members, or by e-mailing the NSCMHF at info@nscmf.ca. Our new Inductees can be found on Page 4 of this newsletter.

We are always looking for new members. If you would like to know more about the NSCMHF and/or become a member, we would be pleased to hear from you. You may join for only \$5.00 per year up to a maximum of \$25.00 for 5 years. As operating costs go up each year, we always

appreciate the financial support of our members and Inductees. I want to acknowledge and thank Associate Director Don Haggart for the very successful fundraiser he organized last December and for his donation. Don is a faithful supporter of the NSCMHF... Thank you Don.

There are several other fund-raisers being planned over the next few months. Watch our website for updates and come out and join us when we are in your area. We would love to see you.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME WILL HOST A FUNDRAISER MUSICAL EVENT.

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009

WHERE: HEBBVILLE FIRE HALL

TIME: DOORS OPEN 1 PM FOR 2PM

ADMISSION: \$6.00

50/50, RAFFLE BASKET & CANTEEN.

COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT AFTERNOON WITH NSCMHF MEMBERS LORIMER HIGGINS, RON DEADDER, JOYCE SEAMONE, & 2009 INDUCTEE, DALE VERGE & HIS BAND, DOIN COUNTRY!



Nominations for the 2009 Inductees closed February 15, 2009

Arthur Brown, Chair of the Nominating Committee for 2009 Inductees to the NSCMHF, announced that the 2009 Judges have reviewed and selected inductees based on criteria set up under the Rules & Regulations for induction to the NSCMHF. The names of the

2009 Inductees to the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame [can be found in this Newsletter on Page 4.](#)

The committee noted again this year that several nomination forms had to be rejected because the form was not fully completed. It is important to note that ALL

portions of the Nomination Form must be filled in to avoid disqualification under the Rules & Regulations.

Arthur was pleased to announce that the Judges reviewed and selected two of the nominees submitted. Their final decision was presented to the Board of Directors by the judges in early April.

Congratulations to the 2009 Inductees!!!



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Recent Fundraisers for NSCMHF: Guppy's & Nine Mile River

UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D:

Country Music Special

Canning Lions Hall
Saturday, May 2, 2009
Door open at 6:30 PM - Show starts at 7:30PM
Admission \$8.00
Canteen / Door Prizes / 50/50
Draw MC - Jim Crowell, Music provided by Lynne Crowell, Jamie Cotter, Chet Brown, Shirley Reid & Art MacAulay, Graham Moorehead, Gordie Giles, Carl Dalrymple, & Paul Moulaison Proceeds: NSCMHF & HS Tribute

Mothers Day Show

Wolfville Legion
Sunday, May 10, 2009
Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
50/50/Canteen/Door Prize/Draw for a Meal for Two
Hosted by Harold Hunt & Carroll Edwards for the NSCMHF
Entertainment by the Bauchmans, Harold Hunt, Nathan Haley, Lois Lutz & Friends, Charlie Purcell, Carroll Edwards.

SUPPORT THE NSCMHF & ENJOY MUSICAL SHOWS WITH THESE TALENTED MUSICIANS!!!

Guppy's Restaurant owner, Karl Hall in New Germany helps the NSCMHF each year by donating a % of the meals eaten during a one-day event where musicians play for their supper.

Thanks to Bernice for taking this event under her wing and making it so successful. Performing for folks were Karl Levy & The Whitney River Boys, Lorimer Higgins & Shirley Spidle, Brandon Foster, Ron DeAdder, Dale Verge & Doin Country.

It was a great show and well received and a big thank you to Guppy's again this year!



A successful and entertaining evening was held on March 22nd at **Nine Mile River Jamboree** where Jim Hamilton hosted an evening of entertainment on behalf of the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame. Arthur Brown was on hand to help out with the logistics of the evening. Country Folk, the houseband, provided the backup for a jam-packed evening of musical entertainment. Don Haggart, Lloyd Langille, Lorimer Higgins, Carl Elliott & Sons, Rusty Roach were among those sharing their talents. Thanks to everyone who came out & supported NSCMHF.

Goodbye to our Friends:



Vernon Currie, a member of the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Music Hall of Fame died in January, 2009. Vernon will be remembered for his contribution to country music over the years as the host of a Dartmouth Cable TV talk show, as a musician and member of the Lunenburg Fiddlers and as a hard-working volunteer for NSCMHF. The Lunenburg Fiddlers played in his honour at his Memorial Service and Vernon's eulogy was given by friends and colleagues. Vernon will be missed by his fellow Board and NSCMHF members, as well as by family and friends. Nova Scotia country music has lost a good friend!



The Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame lost a friend from Nashville mid-March 2009. Iva Lee Roberts, who accompanied her husband for many years during performances at the Hank Snow Tribute in Bridgewater, died after a short battle with cancer. Kayton Roberts, a member of the Rainbow Ranch Boys, toured with Hank Snow for over 30 years. Iva Lee was an accomplished pianist and a favourite with the Tribute crowds. She was a gracious lady and will be missed at the Tribute by her many country music friends.



Don Miller, well known to the musical scene in NS, passed away last month. Don was a musical memorabilia collector and was an avid Wilf Carter fan and had loaned the Hank Snow Centre many country music artifacts over the years. He was well known at the Hank Snow Tribute as a performer and for his wonderful country outfits. In 2008 at the Hank Snow Tribute, he won Best Dressed Single. At his memorial a tribute song was performed by a friend in which he found Don & Wilf Carter performing together in heaven. He will be missed by his many musical friends.



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UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D:

New Germany Jam

A musical jam is in the planning stages. This will be held at the New Germany Anglican Church Hall and all proceeds will be for the NSCMHF. More details to follow when finalized.

Country Music Show

Keep the date June 14th open so you can attend a great show which is being organized at the Chester Basin Legion. Bernice Levy is co-ordinating this show which will begin at 1 p.m. Lineup of musicians and details are being worked on as we speak!

Memories of NSCMHF Induction Ceremonies



Who is this person?

This female performer earned a #1 DEBUT hit in the 1970's a rare occurrence for a new female artist. She sang in church, school, variety shows, contests, and on radio and TV. Following graduation, she moved to Ontario, travelled with a band in Canada, Holland, Germany, Denmark, and Sweden. Not only does she sing but she is a songwriter, poet and author. She is a loyal, dedicated worker with the NSCMHF, HSCMC, & Hank Snow Tribute. In 2004 she became the Music Co-ordinator for the Fox Mountain Country Music Festival. You can see her on Eastlink TV as the host of "In

Conversation", a local show where she interviews Nova Scotians who have interesting stories, talents or job experiences to share with the audience. She has received many honours, and this year at the ECMA's she was presented the Stompin' Tom Award for her long-time contribution to music in Nova Scotia. She performs with



her band Total Country and

*"I look forward from this moment on, to DARE TO LIVE MY DREAMS, but, there will always be a somewhere in between."
- Mystery Lady -*



Two Nova Scotian Fiddlers celebrated milestones this year!

John Afton McLellan hit the 101st mark and performed at a party with close friends and relatives & with 50 fiddlers. He takes no medication, lives in his own house in Elmsdale N.S., and only stopped driving last year because of faltering eyesight. Clementine, his wife of 75 years, died a few years ago "The good Lord had no use for me up there so he left me here," he says, laughing. McLellan offers "the old stock answer" when asked the secret to a long life: "No liquor, no smoke, and I didn't chase no women." Like many centenarians, he comes from durable stock. His mother's family were so long-lived that the standing joke was that "they had to kill one of them to start a cemetery."

Lloyd Tattrie celebrates 96 years and has played the fiddle for over 80 years. Bluegrass and old-time dance music are the genres closest to Tattrie's heart; music that gets people moving and having a good time. "We grew up with it. That was the tradition," he said. **BEST WISHES TO YOU BOTH FROM YOUR NSCMHF FRIENDS!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
IMPORTANT DATE—
INDUCTION CEREMONY 2009
SEPTEMBER 19, 2009**

Date: September 19, 2009
Place: Blandford Community Hall
Time: Doors open at 3:30 p.m.
Agenda: Full Course Turkey Dinner, Awards,
Entertainment by Inductees
Tickets: \$20.00



For tickets to the September 19th event, contact Arthur Brown at 543-2050 or any NSCMH Director. Make sure you buy your ticket early as they are going fast!

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INSTRUMENTALIST INDUCTEE

FLOYD SPICER

Floyd and his wife, Joann Newman (a member of 'The Newman Sisters') live in Hammonds Plains. Floyd's love of Steel Guitar began as he followed in the footsteps of his brother Gary, a member of 'The Family Brown'. Floyd continued to play steel guitar in Nova Scotia while pursuing a career with MT&T and currently as a Tour Bus driver. He is an accomplished lead guitar player on pedal steel, electric and acoustic guitar. He has played over the years with 'The Silver Dollar', 'Johnny Gold' and several other bands in Nova Scotia. Years ago in a series of shows which were held at Prince Andrew High School and sponsored by CHFX, Floyd performed on stage with a number of prominent singers and musicians. He currently plays with 'Country Folk', the houseband for the Nine Mile River Jamboree and is well-known throughout the Nova Scotia country music scene. Floyd has also played in his wife's band. He and Joanne have played and sung together in a series of shows over the years. He has played extensively across Canada and overseas. His bandmates speak very highly of his musical abilities. Floyd is a well-rounded and accomplished musician as well as an excellent harmony singer. Floyd has certainly proven he has what it takes to be a Hall of Famer. Congratulations Floyd!



The Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame needs you!

The Board of Directors is putting out the call for nominations to the Board. Should anyone be interested in being part of an interesting and challenging Board of Directors who are committed to the Mission and Vision of the organization, please contact Carol Penney, President.

VOCALIST INDUCTEE

DALE VERGE

Dale, from Port Mouton, has been singing for over 6 decades. His unique voice and love of country music is well known to Nova Scotians. He has played on stage in Canada and in Europe and with Carroll Baker, Kitty Wells and Anne Murray as well as numerous Nova Scotia musicians. Dale, along with his wife, Sue, performs regularly with his band 'Doin Country' throughout Nova Scotia and has released 3 CD's. His many country outfits have earned him awards and he takes pride in his country roots. Dale has been the recipient of many commendations, plaques and appreciation for his many charity appearances. He has been a regular participant at the Hank Snow Tribute since it's inception spanning almost two decades. He also performed at all other Hank Snow fundraisers. He has performed in many communities to help raise monies for many charities. Dale epitomizes the country music ethos by bringing traditional as well as current country favorites to his audience. Dale keeps alive for the younger generation a continuance of country songs that would have long been forgotten. Dale brings to each song his unique vocal rendition and puts his heart and soul into all performances.

Congratulations Dale!

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