

## Music Notes for September 2022

Hello everyone,

It is September already and getting closer to our Hall of Fame ceremonies in Sussex on October 15<sup>th</sup>! That being said there are lots of activities going on for the month of September.

I cut it close with the column this month, only getting to sit down and write it out today and the reason for that is twofold. The first reason is that I have been very busy the last two weeks with engagements and the second is that I try to wait until the last minute to write the column in case there are last minute additions.

Last night, August 31<sup>st</sup> was the 'Country Music Showcase' hosted by Steve Lyons at the new Irving Fieldhouse in Saint John. The Fieldhouse is located near the Exhibition Park grounds and is a very large venue. We had a sell-out show with over 500 in attendance! Some of the featured performers were Joyce Boone, Mark Hill, Haley McMillan, Mike Emmerson, Melanie Petrie, Steve Lyons, Scott Medford, and many others! Tonight, September 1<sup>st</sup> is the Valley Jamboree show featuring, Ivan & Vivian Hicks, Gary & Tammy Morris, Maurice Fleming, Jenn Morris, Allison Inch, and others! Same venue and set to be another great show!!

Here are some notes from Ivan:

August was a very busy and interesting month for us with a number of engagements to play at; entertaining friends and visitors to our home; making preparations for this year's New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame Gala in Sussex; and of course, doing the many things that are required around the home (ie: lawnmowing etc)

We made welcome Jolly Tours from Cornwall, ON in early August – in with a motorcoach tour for an evening of music and touring our home and property. In 2000 and 2002 we did Cross Canada Tours with a convoy of RVs and since those tours, most years we have hosted a reunion at our home. This August we had 30 folks who dropped in to socialize, tell a few memory stories, have a potluck meal and of course enjoy some music – a great afternoon and evening.

The third annual Levee on the Lake event was held from August 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> at Silver Lake in Sackville NB, and proved to be most successful. There were a number of artists present including: J. P. Cormier and Dave Gunning, a great Canadian fiddler - Shane Cook, and his band from Ontario, the local Lumber Jills, also local bluegrass band - Third Harmony from Moncton, the Barra MacNeils and fiddler Andrea Beaton from Cape Breton and many more. Not only were there a number of concerts on an outdoor stage and in a large tent as well as at the Music Barn, over the four days there were some 30 free workshop sessions such as on various instruments, step dancing and square dancing. They also included session featuring traditional indigenous arts such as basket weaving and guided food harvesting walks, beading and quill bracelets. Something of interest also was that there were many agents present who came to observe the artists to possibly invite some to come to their events. These agents came from across Canada; many from the US including from Dollywood; and also agents from Scotland, Ireland and even Australia. There were many highlights at the Levee on the Lake but perhaps the one highlight for us happened when J. P. Cormier invited 14 year old James Nelson to come on stage with his guitar and the two of them picked two tunes together – some good.

September looks like another interesting month starting with September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be appearing with the Gary Morris Show at the Saint John Exhibition.

Then Jolly Tours, from Cornwall, ON will be coming back to our home on September 7<sup>th</sup> for another tour and concert.

Our Sussex Avenue Fiddlers will be starting a new season of practices on September 14<sup>th</sup>, (7pm at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church Hall, Woolridge St, Riverview NB). Anyone is welcome to join in with us on these Wednesday practices. This first practice will include a CD launch in memory of Chris Townsend, a Sussex Avenue Fiddler who passed way at the age of 99. Chris was always a supporter of the young fiddlers and their accomplishments in music. So six young fiddlers from our area were invited to participate in a recording entitled "Youth in Music" – a selection of fiddle tunes in celebration of Chris Townsend. We know she would have loved this project.

Other September dates:

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – Variety show – St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, Riverview NB. Admission \$10 at the door. This is a fundraiser for the church roof.

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm – Fiddle Doo – Golden Age Club, St. Antoine NB. (No potluck). Donation at the door. All are welcome to play or come listen and enjoy the fellowship.

Keep in mind this year's New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame Gala is October 15<sup>th</sup> in Sussex, NB, hosted by Tammy and Gary Morris. There are various free live music events all week leading up to the Gala, plus a church service on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the Gala are available through Maurice and Sharon Fleming: ph 506-944-0313 or [sharon.moef@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.moef@gmail.com)

See you there

Thank you Ivan for sharing this information with us!

Hall member Claudette Norman sent in the following:

On Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, the newly formed Mariners Alumni Association hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Outdoor Kitchen Party at Fundy Middle & High School in St. George. It was very well attended and the event had lots to offer; kids activities, a market, silent auction, food stalls, memorabilia display, beer garden and non-stop music from noon to 10 pm by many local musicians. Most of whom had been students of Fundy High or surrounding schools before Fundy existed. Zaida (present student) and I did a 50-minute set and I also co-hosted the open mike segment. A great time was had by all and we can't wait for next year!



Thank you Claudette for sharing this with us!

Once again I will mention the upcoming concert on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lorneville Community Center. It will feature Hall members Reg & C. J. Gallant singing many country classic favorites! The show is called 'Classic Country Mem'ries'. Tickets for this show are \$15 and can be reserved by calling 506-738-2941 or you can send me a message on Facebook messenger or email, and there will be tickets at the door. Here is the poster:

A poster for a concert by "THE GALLANT BROTHERS". The title is in large, bold, black letters at the top. Below the title are two circular portraits: the left one shows a man in a cowboy hat labeled "REG", and the right one shows a man with glasses labeled "C.J.". Between the portraits is a silhouette of a guitar with a cowboy hat on top. At the bottom, a black-bordered box contains the following text: "Lorneville Community Centre", "Saturday September 24th, 2022", "Doors open at 6pm / Show starts at 7pm", "Tickets: \$15.00", and "To reserve tickets in advance please call 738.2941".

The Gagetown Fair is back this year from September 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> and will feature daily entertainment Friday Saturday and Sunday! The lineup is long and promises to be lots of fun if the weather holds!

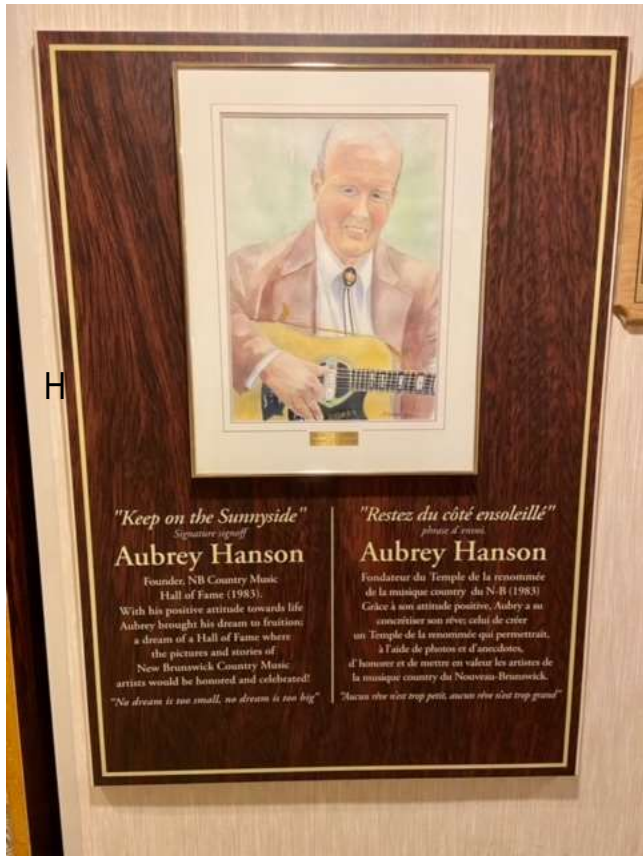
There are end of season festivals being held throughout the Maritimes. The most recent being the Rogersville Bluegrass festival, which was held this past weekend and featured headliner Rhonda Vincent the queen of Bluegrass as well as many other fine local artists and bands!

The list of venues and festivals is long and I would not want to miss any, but one of my favorites that I have played on is the Stewiacke River Country Music festival in Nova Scotia, great shows and great folks too!

There is a lot of music being played out there and we are fortunate indeed to have such a vibrant musical community no matter what the genre of music. There is something for everyone!

The Hall is looking awesome and here are a couple photos to share if you haven't been there yet!





Hall member Vivian Hicks sent in the following information:

Dear Hall of Fame Members;

The NBCMHF 2022 Gala is fast approaching. For the past several years the Gala organizing committees have held a draw for a new Yamaha acoustic guitar. The proceeds from this fundraiser go toward the costs associated with presenting the Gala.

We thank Hall Member, Gary Morris of Morris Music, Prime time Productions and Yamaha Canada for donating the guitar and case for our 2022 Lottery.

There are just a few weeks left before the Gala. This message is sent to ask you to assist with this fundraiser. We could send a group of tickets to you to sell or maybe you would prefer to just purchase a group of tickets.

I have attached a copy of the guitar draw 'poster' with details. (\$2 each or 3 for \$5)

Anything you can do to assist will be most appreciated.

You may send cheque payable to **NB Country Music Hall of Fame** to:

NB Country Music Hall of Fame  
c/o Ivan Hicks  
1631 Rte 112 Upper Coverdale, NB  
E1J 1X9

OR

**e-transfer** to: [sharon.moef@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.moef@gmail.com)

**Please:** Indicate name you wish to have on the tickets **AND** full address and phone and/or email. I will enter your tickets in the box.

Million thanks

Vivian

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**Hosts/Hôtes: Gary & Tammy Morris**

**October 15 Octobre 2022**

**Induction Ceremonies, Reception & Banquet  
Cérémonie d'intronisation, réception & banquet**

**3:30pm to 7:00pm**

**Royal Canadian Legion – 66 Magnolia Ave, Sussex, NB**

**Concert – 8:00 pm**

*Featuring/en vedette Hall of Famers*

**Sussex Regional High – 55 Leonard Dr, Sussex, NB**

### **Inductees/Intronisées**

**Elva Kelso Greer - Intervale NB**

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**Noel Nason- Upper Hainesville NB    Frederick D. Shaw- Sussex NB**

**Ralph Henderson (posthumously) - Bay View NB**

**Church Service with Gospel Music: Sunday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> -**

Venue tba

#### **Tickets:**

**Gala Package \$65 (incl all events) (incl tax & service fee)**

**Concert Only \$25 adv -(incl tax & service fee)**



#### **Tickets available at:**

**Maurice & Sharon Fleming 1-506-944-0313 sharon.moef@gmail.com**

**Information: www.nbcmhf.com    Gary Morris 506-433-5556 gary@morrismusicltd.com**



Gary Morris has let me know that Rogers TV in the Saint John/Sussex area will be airing his show "Valley Music" next week:

- Wed Aug 31 - 8:30pm
- Thur Sept 1- 5:30pm
- Sat Sept 2 - 9:30pm
- Sun Sept 3 - 5:30pm

If you are a Rogers customer, tune in for some great country music!

And the following is from Hall member Brent Buchanan:

I had a great chat with Gary Morris about the show tonight and the upcoming Gala/Concert feel free to give a listen

<https://www.iheartradio.ca/purecountry/fredericton/audio/new-brunswick-country-music-hall-of-fame-member-gary-morris-chats-with-brent-about-a-show-tonight-in-saint-john-and-the-upcoming-induction-and-gala-in-sussex-1.18445688?mode=Article>

Thanks very much Brent !

Carol shared a recent photo of our very own Gerry Taylor who is still convalescing and we wish him a speedy recovery.



I think I will close for now as there are lots of things to do. I have to make up posters for some gear that I am selling off (PA equipment). Just trying to downsize a little not getting out of music just yet! If you're interested or know any one that might be give me a shout!

Keep it country folks and we will see you at the Gala!

Reg Gallant  
N.B.C.M.H.F. (2009)

