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Hello everyone,

Well folks I must tell you that I am so pleased with the October 2024 Gala, and not too shabby for my first one as President, if I do say so myself!

I am so thankful for the team we had putting this one together; there are so many moving parts to this effort and therefore so many people to thank! First and foremost a big thank you to the 2024 inductees, your commitment to your art and to the country music community in New Brunswick cannot be overstated.

Next a huge thank you to our Executive and Board of Directors, for your dedication and hard work:

- Linda Gaston, Executive Director
- Dwane Drost, 1st Vice-President
- Gary Morris, 2nd Vice-President
- Brent Buchanan, Secretary
- Bonnie MacElwain, Treasurer
- Frank Hartt, Director
- Tammy Morris, Director
- Derek Knowles, Director
- Ivan & Vivian Hicks, Advisors

And of course to our army of volunteers behind the scenes and crucial to the success of the evening, I can't thank you enough. The Fredericton Inn staff, JEM Sound, Rogers TV, our many sponsors, our Hall of Fame Band, all of the Hall members who were there to welcome our new members, what an incredible community we have built for country music in our province.

The work continues though as my daughter Laura, and our office wizard Cheryl, our photographers for the evening, sort through and edit the photos. I know Laura told me she took around 1600 across the events she was able to attend so it's a big job. I know you're all eager to see photos and I thank you in advance for your patience while we work on bringing those together. In the meantime there are many photos circulating on Facebook that were taken by others during the Gala – so keep an eye out for those!

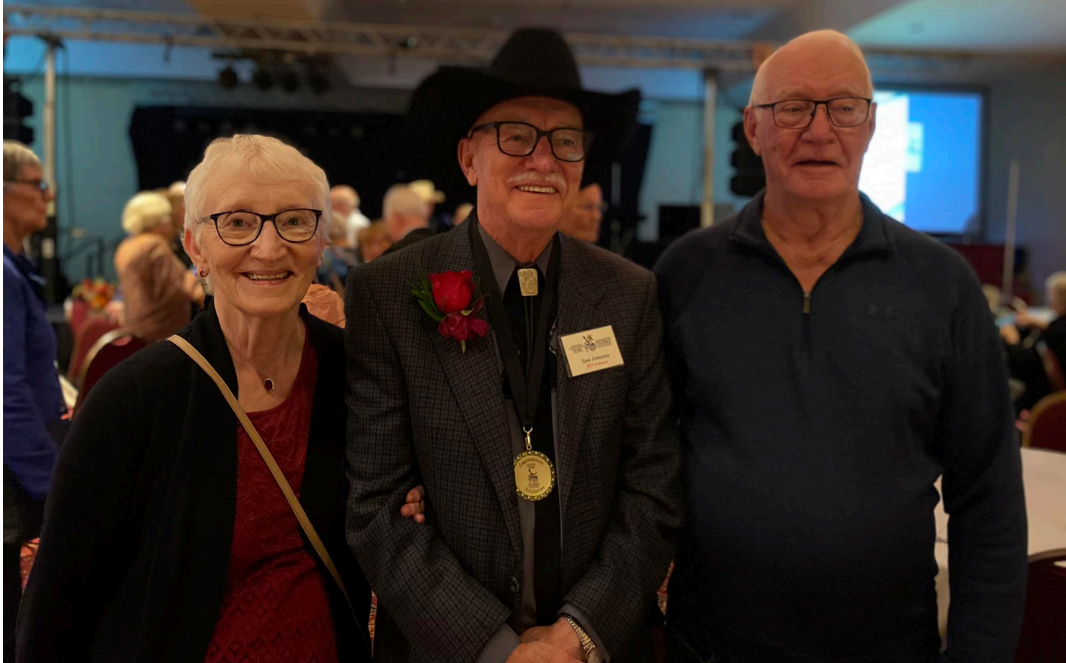
Work has also begun on the 2025 Induction and Gala celebration in Saint John, with events running from October 14th to 19th and the ceremony on the 18th. In the next few weeks we will begin putting together a committee and team and if you would like to volunteer your talents please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of the Executive/Board, we would be very happy to have you as part of the team!

We will be paying close attention to sponsorship in the coming months as well. If you have a business or know someone who is a business owner that you think would be interested in sponsoring the Hall please reach out as well – we will have sponsorship packages ready to hand out to potential sponsors very soon.

Below are just a few photos I found on Facebook, and again we'll have the official photos to you as soon as possible.



Reg Gallant, Allison Inch, Dwane Drost, Ivan Hicks (Vivian Hicks out of frame)
Tuesday afternoon community performance at Jim Gilberts Wheels and Deals



Hall member Sam Johnston and guests



Hall Member Brent Buchanan with 2024 Inductee Rik Reese



2024 Inductee Philip McGeehan



Hall members Claudette Norman and Joyce Boone with Caryle Hill and Joanne Swan



2024 Inductee Jason Barry



Hall President Reg Gallant and
2024 Inductee Brian Mallery



Hat winners Carl, Tom, Eddie and Gary enjoying their prize

As I mentioned these are just a few photos I 'borrowed' from others and more will be available on the Hall of Fame Website soon! Well I could gush about the Gala for many more pages but I must move on, here are some of the things happening for the month of November:

Kicking off the month strong was the 12th Annual K.V. Old Boys Show which was held on November 2nd at K.V. High School. With guests Jacob Chevarie, Tina Pacquet, Colby Mawhinney, Chelsea Golding and Bobby Burke and a band jam-packed with talent it was a great show as always!

On November 3rd Simply Country presented 'The Country Gentlemen Show' at Nashwaaksis United Church, featuring Hall members Reg Gallant and Noel Nason along with Fred Harris, Calvin Brewer, and Mike Wheeler. Another excellent show to kick off the month!

On November 9th Steve & Anna Music present 'A Country Music Showcase' in Lorneville at the Community Centre, see poster below for details:



Present
A Country Music Show Case
Lorneville
Community Center

Tickets on Sale at the door **Only** \$15.00 each

Saturday Nov 9th 2-5 PM

50/50 Hear your favorite Country Songs Performed by the Regions Finest **Canteen Door Prize**

				
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On November 17th Dwane Drost presents 'Music on the Nashwaak' at Taymouth United Church, see poster below for details:

Gospel

Music on the Nashwaak

When:
Sunday Nov 17th
2pm – 4pm

Where:
Taymouth United Church
2049 Rte 148
Taymouth, NB

Featuring New Brunswick's Country Music Hall of Famers Dwane Drost & Sam Johnston

With Jim & Kim Hadley, Rick Morehouse, Charlene Johnston

Price: \$10.00
a light lunch will follow

Also on November 17th Bob Burgess concerts are back for the season with the first to be held at the All Season Inn & Banquet Room, see poster below for details:

BOB BURGESS & Friends COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

**Sunday – November 17 – 2:00 pm
All Seasons Inn Banquet Room**

Tickets \$15.00 at the door

Guests Include

**Geordie Roberts – Susan Layton
Herb Isbill – Cheryl Addison**

The Band

**Bob Burgess – Drums and Vocals
Mike Hanlon – Bass Guitar
Phil Bustard – Guitar
Crystal Jones – Fiddle
Steve Sears – Guitar and Vocals**

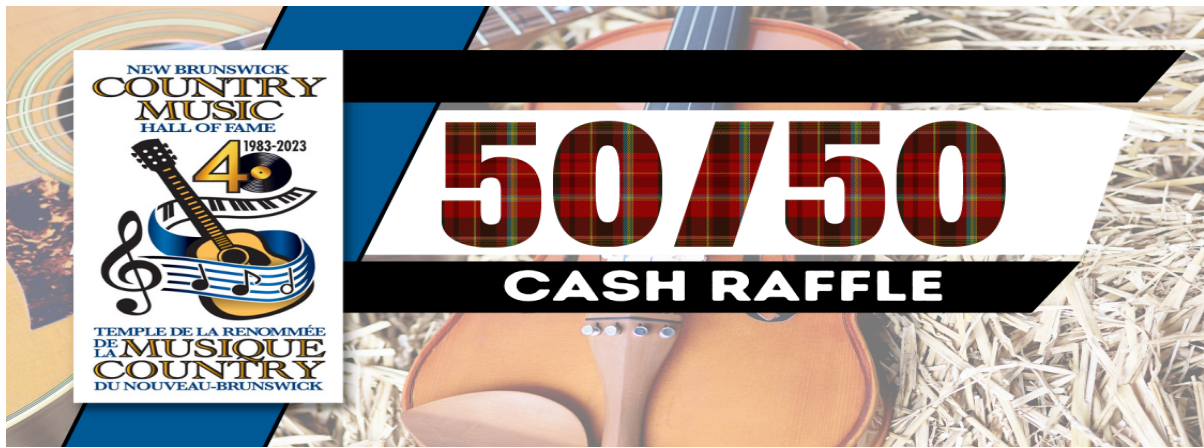
50/50 Draw – Canteen

Proceeds going to Local Charity.



November is also our month of remembrance and I encourage all to get out and support the poppy campaign and attend your local Remembrance Day service. We must never forget their sacrifice, now more than ever. Support your Legion and its members and veterans! “We don’t know them all but we owe them all” – Lest we forget.

Our 50/50 raffle draw is back for the month of November and you can participate through the Hall of Fame website. Please consider buying tickets to help support the Hall with programs and projects and maybe win a few bucks too! The more tickets we sell the larger the pot, so please support your Hall of Fame and pass the word on to friends and family too!



And with that congratulations to our October 50/50 draw winner:



It's time for the return of our monthly feature...

Who is making waves in Country Music?



My featured artist in our who is making waves in country Music in New Brunswick is not an 'up and comer' in the business but rather someone who has been around for awhile and has gained much success as a writer and show promoter.

She recently penned a song called 'That Long Ago When' which was featured at this year's Gala and was a real poignant opener as the song was performed by Joyce Boone, Claudette Norman and Joanne Swan with full video of past inductees and accompanied by Dave McNeill on guitar and the original track. It was spectacular and you can hear it on the Hall of Fame website.

Who is this lady I have been talking about? Her name is Caryle Hill and she has penned many songs and been a part of the early days of the Capital City Jamboree and has coordinated many shows and fundraisers.

It just goes to show you the depth of talent in our province from our seasoned entertainers to our younger generations that are coming along in our footsteps. Keep up the good work Caryle; Aubrey is smiling!

As always, please remember to send me any information you would like me to pass along before the last week of the month previous to the column coming out and I will post it for you!

Until December's column, take care, support local live music, as Aubrey Hanson would say 'Keep on the sunny side' and as always...

Keep it country!



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