

Music Notes for March 2022

Hello everyone, hope you are all well and safe and as tired of winter as I am!

As we roll into March the days are starting to get longer and the weather, well it is March after all... There are a few things I would like to report on for this month.

First, it is with deepest regret and sorrow that I must inform you of the passing of Hall Of Fame Member Wayne Hachey on Sunday afternoon. Wayne passed at the age of 81 after a battle with Alzheimer's and Covid. I received the news today from his wife Janet and while I knew it was coming, it left me deeply saddened. Wayne was the bass player and back up singer in many groups and was a regular on my Port City Jamborees for a while. Wayne also played bass for the Hall of Fame concerts as part of the all-star band and we did bus tours together. Wayne's full bio can be read on the Hall of Fame website for those who would like to read about his accomplishments. I know we will all miss him, his jokes, and his excellent musicianship and back-up vocals. Condolences can be sent to the family via MacMillan funeral home in Bathurst. There will be a memorial later on in the spring for family and close friends. Rest in Peace old friend and go rest high on that mountain, your work here is done. I have included a photo of Wayne and his obituary for those who would like to see those (below).

Things are starting to open up and by March 14th all restrictions will be lifted, however, I hope people will continue to protect themselves as they see fit and as they feel comfortable, there's nothing wrong with being cautious and taking your time. The boosters are now available to all New Brunswickers, even though passports and other restrictions will no longer be in place.

I am planning a small concert in Lorneville for April 23rd to ease back into things. While it won't be a full on Jamboree it will let me gauge interest and crowd sizes with the hope of returning to full on shows some time in the summer. It would be great to see active members in the music business networking with each other to share info in the hopes of finding new venues to play at for everyone, don't hesitate to reach out to me with any information you'd like me to share.

We had our first successful virtual Hall of Fame Selection committee meetings and annual board meeting and it went very smoothly. I would like to take this time to offer my congratulations to the 2022 inductees! In no particular order they are: Big John "T-Bone" Little, Ralph Henderson (post-humously), Noel Nason, Elva Greer, and Fred Shaw! The Gala and concert will be held on October 15, 2022, in Sussex N.B., and will be hosted by Gary and Tammy Morris. I am looking forward to this one and I hear ticket requests are already coming in so if you are planning on attending request them sooner rather than later.

At the Gala last year Marjorie Dobson was presented with the Pioneer Award by president Ivan Hicks, I am including a photo (below) and biography of Marjorie's achievements for you to read as well as a description of the Pioneer Award (both attached to email).

I am also including this note from Ivan pertaining to some of the things they are involved in:

Since the beginning of this year, we have been able to keep ourselves busy in so many different ways and we find the days move along very quickly.

With the music end of things, we have continued to do Fiddle Tune Friday every week on Down Home Fiddle Productions Facebook which also keeps us practicing for upcoming programs.

At the same time, we are getting very familiar with the virtual medium.

In February, we did a 30-minute virtual presentation for a couple in Bathurst who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. This was well received by these folks.

We just recently received an invitation from Jay Ungar (Ashokan Farewell composer) to record a waltz for his virtual Waltz-a-thon event to help raise funds for his Ashokan projects. We met Jay and his wife, Molly, years ago at an event in Roxbury, NY. For years this couple has continued to promote music in various ways through workshops, music camps and music education centre in their area of New York State.

We also have a number of playing dates coming up over the next few months including senior homes, bus tours, Levee on the Lake in Sackville, NB and others.

The Board of Directors has voted to bring on Linda Gaston in a supporting role of Executive Director on a part time basis to help steer and manage Hall growth and business. Linda is the wife of Hall member Bev Gaston and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position. Her keen interest in the Hall of Fame and it's future will be an asset and she will give it all the attention it deserves. Welcome Linda and thank you.

Well folks, that just about does it for this month. Please send me any information that you think Hall members would be interested in and you would like included in music notes.

Thank you for your support!

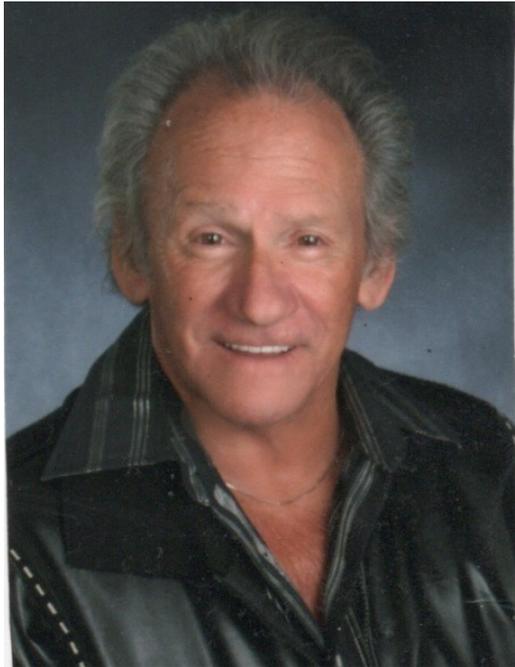
Reg Gallant
N.B.C.M.H.F. (2009)

Photos:

Marjorie Dobson receiving her Pioneer Award:



Wayne Hachey Photo and Obituary:



Obituary

Born April 27, 1940 in Blackville, NB. Passed away February 27, 2022 in Pointe Verte, NB at Joanne Nursing home at the age of 81.

Wayne is survived by his loving and devoted wife Mary Janet Clair Guitard Hachey; 3 daughters Roxanne Schaffer (Murray) Rhonda Hachey and Michelle Stewart all of White Court Alberta; stepson Peter Blair (Stacey) of Airdrie Alberta; 5 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren Slone and Jamison and Little Kendra; one stepsister Lois (Porter);

brother Ronnie (Heather) of Miramichi; sister in law Dale Ann (Paul) Leblanc, Susan Guitard (Dale); Brother in laws Collin Guitard, Floyd (Linda) Guitard. Several nieces and nephews and special friend Derick Knowles (Lorraine) of Petit Rocher and Jimmy Ross (Linda) of Illinois USA.

Wayne was predeceased by his parents Leo and Lillian (Underhill) Hachey of Blackville NB and by his grandparents and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Wayne was a musician his first appearance on stage was at the age of 10. It was life long love affair with music. At the age of 17 he joined the band called the Arrows, after moving to Fredericton he played in the NB College and University circuit with Beau Hunk, Rocky Mountain Rangers and Al Sherwood's York Country boys. He was a regular on the Earl Mitton's weekly CBC radio show and then joined Jim and Jessie's Maritime Touring Band. His last performance was in Victoria Corner, NB at a gospel concert in 2020. He was inducted into the NB Hall of Fame in 2002.

A funeral service in Blackville, NB will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements are in the care of MacMillan's Funeral Home, Black Point.

<https://www.macmillansfuneralhome.ca/obituary/Wayne-Hachey>