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Hi Members!

I am your Executive Director and new editor!

About me:

- *I love country music and the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame*
- *I love people & looking forward to working with you*
- *I use a creative approach to problem solve.*
- *I am a dependable person and a great organizer*
- *I am energetic and eager to learn new skills and share mine*
- *I have experience working as part of a team and individually.*

Linda Gaston

“Keep on the Sunny Side”

Message from President Ivan Hicks:

As our summer season is coming to a close, I hope you have been able to enjoy this time with family and friends.

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome our new Executive Director, Linda Gaston, to the Hall of Fame fold. Linda has had many years of experience working with organizations, helping to solve the various situations that could occur. She is a country music enthusiast and is very interested in the purpose of the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame. I am sure Linda will be a great asset to the Hall.

Over the last couple of years, there has been tremendous amounts of work and time gone into setting up our new Hall of Fame home at the Fredericton Inn. We have been so fortunate that Hall of Fame member, Dwane Drost, had the interest and ambition to take on this project and help establish a most respectful home for our Hall members. A big thank you goes out to Dwane. If you haven't been there

yet, take the time to drop in. I'm sure you will be amazed and proud. A number of folks have been involved in the project. A special "pat on the back" must go out to John Waite, the owner and manager of the Fredericton Inn for his support and encouragement and to Ovide Theriault of Dieppe for his many ideas and thoughts on setting up the displays, news designs etc.

I would like to see you at this year's Hall of Fame Gala being held in Sussex with co-hosts, Hall of Famers, Gary and Tammy Morris. The main event is on October 15th with the dinner, inductions ceremonies and late night jam at the Sussex Canadian Legion. The Gala Concert will be held at Sussex High School also on October 15th. However, there will be special country music events taking place throughout the town in various venues from October 10th to 14th and a church service on October 16th. Tickets for the Gala are available from Maurice and Sharon Fleming: 506-944-0313 or email sharon.moef@gmail.com Seats are selling fast!

Keep in mind that the 40th anniversary of our Hall of Fame will be celebrated in October 2023 at the Fredericton Inn. Preparations for this special anniversary have already started and will be most memorable. You must be there!

Four of our members have passed away in 2022 – Wayne Hachey, Al Kingston, Jeannie Clark and Al Sherwood. On behalf of our members, I send our condolences to the family members of the deceased.

Ivan Hicks

Out & About:

- The 4th taping of the Valley Music series was aired mid-August and featured Allison Inch, Tammy Morris, Tessa Brame, and Reg Gallant! The shows are taped at Gary's studio in Sussex. Check the Rogers cable channel or online for more info.
- The summer was very busy for many of our members. Reminder to send your performance photos, posters etc. so we can add them to the website or Facebook; send to: nbcmhf1983@gmail.com
- Our President Ivan Hicks & his lovely wife Vivian continue their very popular Fiddle Tunes every Friday on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IvanVivianDownHomeFiddle>

New Home of the NBCMHF - The Fredericton Inn, 1315 Regent Street, Fredericton, NB

Founded by Aubrey Hanson, July 2, 1983
Dedicated to the Preservation and Promotion of Good Old Time Country

If your travels take you to Fredericton, stop by to view this beautiful, professionally created location.
Thank you to the dedicated members that helped this to fruition.



Hall of Famer, **Bev Gaston**, is still accepting photos & clips to be placed for viewing on the tvs' at the F'ton Inn: bev.k.gaston@gmail.com or 506-476-4318

The date of the official opening will be announced after the Gala!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 INDUCTEES



Big John T-Bone Little, started his career at age six, playing drums at the British Methodist Episcopal Church in Niagara Falls. During his teen years, his father and uncle taught him to play guitar and dobro. During WW2, John, too young to enlist, got a job and bought his first guitar at a pawn shop for \$2.40; saved and bought his first Martin guitar for \$141. Big John was playing country music long before Charley Pride broke the ice for African Americans in the US. Conway Twitty wanted him to come to Nashville, said he would "make him a millionaire". However, because of John's experience of racism touring in the South, he refused. In the 50s, John formed a band, "The Hot Toddies", and wrote the hit "Rockin' Crickets" which led to a North American tour. He toured Canada for years opening for such stars as Ray Price, Conway Twitty, Audrey Williams, and Ernest Tubb. Big John played with many famous Canadian artists - King Ganam, Graham Townsend, Al Cherney, Abbie Andrews, Walter Ostanek, Ned Landry, George Hector, Art Marr Jamborees at Lily Lake and Club XL, Gene O'Connor, Jim and Audrey Chamberlain, Dutchie Mason, Greg Marks, Ronnie Black, Theresa Malenfont, Katey Day and many others. Among his awards are: Governor General's Award 1993 for the song "Bright Like a Rainbow", Saint John Local Legends Award 2006, Niagara Arts and Culture Wall of Fame induction 2014.



Growing up in Penobscis, New Brunswick, **Elva Kelso Greer's** family was always involved in music. At the age of twelve, her brother Howe McPhee taught her to play guitar. Elva's family sang and played music together on a regular basis. Music has been an everyday part of her life, playing for birthdays, anniversaries, house parties and shows at local halls. Over the years, Elva has been involved in organizing and performing at many music benefits. Elva fondly remembers the fun times she had with her music students while giving lessons on beginner guitar, keyboard, fiddle, piano, mandolin and dobro. She always shared her enthusiasm for music with her students. In 1968, Elva joined the Sussex Town and Country Orchestra, sharing the stage with many talented musicians and forming lifelong friendships. They travelled throughout New Brunswick playing many shows and always having a wonderful time. From 1975 to 1987, she was the Orchestra's acting secretary. Elva spent many wonderful weekends taking part in the open mic music at Jim Smith's "Old Mill Bluegrass Campout" at Lutes Mountain, NB. August 15th, 1998, she traveled to Saint John, New Brunswick for the NB Old Tyme Fiddle Orchestra in concert (founded by Winston Crawford & Jim Gerrior), where one hundred fiddlers performed. Elva has recorded three CDs, which include some of her compositions.



Fred Shaw was born in Fredericton, NB and comes from a musical family, his mother being a church organist for many years and his father singing in the church choir. He began playing and singing at an early age and was influenced by his neighbor, Weyman Thornton, a singer/songwriter and also by his son, Laurel Thornton. Fred entered many talent shows, winning his first at age thirteen in New Maryland, and participated in many kitchen parties and benefits. In 1993, Fred and his family moved to Sussex, N.B. and became very involved in concerts and fundraisers all over the province as well as some in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Fred is a Wilf Carter tribute singer and loves keeping his music alive. He is known for his yodeling and country style of music. Fred was invited to attend the Wilf Carter Tribute Show in Canning, Nova Scotia as a special guest along with Randy Holler from Alberta, as well as several other entertainers. Fred became friends with Waylon Jennings and Jessi Colter in the early eighties and attended over 40 concerts in the New

England states and Atlantic Canada, occasionally helping the Waylon crew with security. Fred was a full-time guest with "C Company" band from River Glade, NB for nine years. He released his first CD, "The Silver Eagle" in Fredericton.



Noel Nason hails from Upper Hainesville, New Brunswick, and was born on December 18, 1949. He is known far and wide as the man who knows over one thousand songs. He bought his first guitar at age seventeen and, with friends, helped form their first band "The Living End". Noel credits his father's side of the family for his musical background, but the love of country music, from his mother. His musical influences would include Buck Owens, Merle Haggard and several others. He became a member of the band "Midnight Special" in 1986 and performed various places throughout the province of New Brunswick. He received the Merit Award in 2010 and has appeared on Woodstock Old Home Week, the Fredericton Exhibition, the Atlantic National Exhibition, the Port City Jamboree, the Valley Jamboree, the Miramichi Opry and Crime Stoppers of New Brunswick. In 2018, Noel had the opportunity to perform on the stage of Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theatre, in Nashville, Tennessee with fellow Hall of Fame Member, Brenda Best. He has also gone on to become one of the regular performers on the New Brunswick Showcase. Noel released a CD of cover songs a few years ago and is still performing today with his band "Country Connection" at the Royal Canadian Legion and Ste. Annes Court in Fredericton.



Ralph Henderson was born in Ontario, 1944, and moved to NB when he was just thirteen days old. His childhood was spent as a member of a large family of fourteen. At eighteen, he met Lynn Morrell, a local girl, whom he married in 1966. They were together for 46 years and raised four children. Ralph bought his first guitar with 50 cent pieces he had saved. He played and sang most evenings at home. It took many years and coaxing from Lynn to persuade him to venture out and sing at jams. Winning a "Talent Search" contest in 2003 opened doors for Ralph who was soon performing in country music shows most weekends. Four years later, his wife Lynn joined him on stage and they enjoyed some good times singing Johnny Cash and June Carter songs together. Ralph and Lynn made a CD together in 2009 which sold over 525 copies. Ralph passed away in 2012 from cancer. The "Man in Black" is gone, but never forgotten.

PRESENTING OUR 2022 GALA FESTIVAL, SUSSEX N.B.

Gala Event

NEW BRUNSWICK
COUNTRY MUSIC
HALL OF FAME

Événement Gala

TEMPLE DE LA MUSIQUE
COUNTRY
DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

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
Big John T-Bone Little - Niagara Falls ON
Noel Nason - Upper Hainesville NB Fredrick D. Shaw - Sussex NB
Ralph Henderson (posthumously) - Bay View NB

Church Service with Gospel Music: Sunday, Oct 16th
Venue: th

Tickets:
Gala Package \$65 (incl all events) (incl tax & service fee)
Concert Only \$25 adv. (incl tax & service fee)

Tickets available at:
Naurice & Sharon Fleming 1-506-944-0313 sharon.moef@gmail.com

Information: www.nbcmf.com Gary Morris 506-433-5556 gary@morrismusicid.com

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For tickets: 506-944-0313 sharon.moef@gmail.com

Special Live Music Events
Featuring Hall of Famers

Oct 10 - Kiwanis Nursing Home -
Oct 11 - J's Diner - 5:30pm-7pm
Oct 12 - Taste & See - 12:30pm-1:30pm
Oct 13 - Smitty's - 5:30pm-7:30pm
Oct 14 - Mike Pub & Steakhouse - 9pm-11pm
Oct 15 - Hall of Fame Gala Event
Oct 16 - Church Service

**** Reminder: To those that are performing this year, submit your songs to ivan@ivanhicks.com ****

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This year's guitar fundraiser is now live. Get your tickets now. \$2 each or 3 for \$5.
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Thank you, Susan Butler

After 40 amazing years Hall of Famer, Susan Butler, has passed the torch on to another to be Director of the Miramichi Folksong Festival; the longest running festival in the country!
We wish Susan, as they say in the Miramichi, "the very best."

Those who have passed in 2022:

"Music, once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit, and never dies." "Music touches us emotionally, where words alone can't." "Where words fail, music speaks." "Music is the universal language of mankind."

Remembering fondly:

Wayne Hachey – Feb 27
Al Kingston – June 13
Jeannie Clark – June 23
Al Sherwood – July 10

Attention Board Members:

Hall of Fame Board Meeting on Sunday September 18, 2022 @ 11am
White Point Lodge, close to Havelock NB

See you there 😊