



March 2024

Issue 14

Hello everyone,

Hope you are all well and looking forward to spring and warmer weather! I know from a music stand point things are definitely heating up.

The 2024 Hall of Fame Gala tickets are now available and they will move quite quickly, folks are already booking rooms and calling for tickets so if you plan on attending I would not wait too long. I know it seems far away but it can creep on you pretty fast. The Board of Directors is working hard to ensure another successful year and this year's quintet of inductees are super excited about their induction so let's celebrate with them! Below is the official poster for the gala in case you did not see it please share it with all your friends and contacts, the full size version will be attached to the email:

Gala 2024

Hosts/Hôtes: NB Country Music Hall of Fame Board of Directors

October 19 Octobre, 2024
 Fredericton Inn - 1315 Regent St., Fredericton NB

Meet & Greet, Banquet & Induction Ceremony - 3:00pm
 Rencontre sociale, banquet & cérémonie d'intronisation

Concert - 8:00 pm
 featuring/en vedette Hall of Famers

Late Night Jam - Fredericton Inn - 11:00pm

Inductees/Intronisées
 Jason Barry Brian Mallery
 Jocelyn McNeill Rik Reese Phil McGeehan

Church Service with Gospel Music: Sunday, Oct 20th - 10am
 Venue tba- Fredericton NB

Free Live Music Series Oct 14-19th
 Watch our website & Facebook for info.
www.nbcmhf.com

TICKETS \$85 Gala Package (includes all events)
 Contact Sandra Reed: 506-472-0355
sanreed101@gmail.com (e-transfer available)





We had another successful 50/50 for the month of February and the winner was Betty Neess from Doaktown who took home a cheque for \$227.50 congratulations Betty!!

COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME
50/50
CASH RAFFLE

**Congratulations to
BETTY NEESS.**
You are the winner of
\$227.50 from our FEBRUARY draw.
We will be contacting you by email & phone.

*Thank
you!*

Grand Prize
Winner: Betty Neess
Grand Prize
One winner will receive 50% of the total jackpot!
Winner Pending

NB Loterie Licenses #1174722-144-0017
The NBCMHF is the owner of this draw.
This 50/50 is not affiliated with or sponsored by Facebook/Meta.

March's 50/50 draw is now live – please consider buying tickets to help support the Hall with programs and projects and maybe win a few bucks too!

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COUNTRY MUSIC
HALL OF FAME
1983-2023
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TEMPLE DE LA RENOMMÉE
DE LA MUSIQUE
COUNTRY
DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

50/50
CASH RAFFLE

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/nbcmhf>

In addition to continuing the 50/50 draws into 2024, and we appreciate your participation as it really helps us to move forward with Hall of Fame projects since we are a non-profit organization we depend on fund-raising and sponsorship, I would also like to mention other ways members can support the Hall. If you are a business owner or you have friends who is a business owner and would like to sponsor the Hall of Fame please reach out to us. We have various levels of sponsorship and these can be discussed with you to suit your business. Donations to the hall are also very much appreciated, so if you can, please do so and help us ensure the longevity of the Hall for generations to come.

And on that note, here is a message from our Executive Director, Linda Gaston:

'FRIENDS OF THE NB COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME' - VALUE ADDED CARD



To: Members & Friends,

Last month an email went out to the membership requesting assistance to help with the start-up of the NBCMHF Friend's Card. It will be a value-added card and we were asking members to find businesses that would offer discounts and/or offer a discount on personal CDs. The response to the request was not successful.

We are now asking for someone to spearhead this project.

Perhaps we need to go in a different discount direction such as:

- Looking for business franchises that are in several locations.
- Perhaps hotel chains would be interested.
- Restaurant franchises.

If you are interested in leading this project, please respond to:
nbcmhf.1983@gmail.com



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ALL HALL OF FAME MEMBERS
Have an upcoming event, video, song, etc?
Send it to us so we can promote you.
Message us on Facebook or
Email nbcountrymusic@gmail.com

**WE ARE
YOUR
HALL OF
FAME**



It goes without saying that we are actively seeking sponsorship as I mentioned above here is a breakdown of what we offer in advertising and recognition for your sponsorship or patronage of the Hall of Fame. There are many different levels of sponsorship to choose from. Please see below.

Sincerely,
Linda



Linda Gaston
Executive Director
New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame.
Nbcmhf.1983@gmail.com



Sponsorships Welcome!
2024 Gala Festival
Fredericton NB, Oct 14th – 20th

We invite you to sponsor the NBCMHF in any way that you feel comfortable, such as monetary donation, portion of expenses, door prize/s etc. Because our sponsors are just as unique as a live show, we are willing to tailor your partnership with your specific needs. Our sponsorship packages can be designed to fit the mold of your company. By participating as a sponsor, you will benefit from exposure in our promotional material as noted below.

"The mandate of the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame is to record for history's sake a photo and printed display of an artist in New Brunswick who has made a significant contribution to country music, which is an essential part of our New Brunswick culture."

YOUR SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS
YOUR BRAND VISIBILITY INVESTMENT INCLUDES....

Gold (\$1000 or more)

- 3 Table-top cards
- Logo on website
- Logo on big screen at the concert
- Logo in Gala booklet & placemats
- 2 Free Tickets for \$1000
- 1 Free ticket for every additional \$500

Silver (\$500)

- 2 Table-top cards
- Logo on website
- Logo on big screen at the concert
- Logo in Gala booklet
- 1 Free Ticket

Bronze (\$250)

- 1 Table-top card
- Logo on website
- Logo on big screen at the concert

Friend

- \$50 to \$100 - Recognition on our website



2024 SPONSOR ENROLLMENT FORM
New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame Gala Festival
October 14-20, 2024

Thank you for your support and for taking advantage of this opportunity to become a partner in presenting this annual festival for the people of New Brunswick and for all those who come from away to enjoy.

Please circle the chosen level of sponsorship:

Gold – Silver – Bronze – Other

AMOUNT - _____

Business/Organization:

Contact Name &

Address _____

Phone and email:

Method of payment:

Cheque - payable to NB Country Music Hall of Fame

e-Transfer – nbcmhf.1983@gmail.com

Receipt required (please circle) – Yes No

** Both of these pages will be attached to the email for the column.

Company logo and information would be provided to us for addition to the program. We also offer continuous scrolling advertising on our two large monitors located in the Hall itself. Contact Executive Director Linda Gaston, President Reg Gallant, or any board member for personal design and layout information.

Thank you Linda, and as always if you have any ideas or want to get involved in supporting the Hall don't hesitate to reach out to Linda, myself, or any member on the Board.

Next, here are some upcoming events for the months of March and April:

On March 8, myself and Anna Thibodeau will be entertaining at the Minto seniors' hall as our January date was cancelled due to weather, here's the poster:



On March 15, member Claudette Norman and her granddaughter Zaida Norman will entertain at a coffee house in Oakhill NB, here's the poster:

Oak Hill Community Hall

COFFEE HOUSE

CLAUDETTE & ZAIDA NORMAN

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH **731 ROUTE 745**
DOORS OPEN @ 6:30PM **OAK HILL, NB**

FREEWILL OFFERING, CANTEEN SERVICES, 50/50, OPEN MIC
FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT & SCENT FREE
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 506-466-0186

On March 23 member Tom Hoyt and the 'New Brunswick Country Music Showcase' will have a 'History of Country Music' concert at the Fredericton Motor Inn see poster for details:

DOMINIQUE JEAN DAN O'BRIEN MARTY HALL NELLIE SPINNEY NOEL NASON PAUL DEMERCHANT STEVE KNOX NATALIE THIBODEAU

with Richard Jones, Alan Gray, Lee Howe, Phil McGeehan & Colton Craft

Creative ads by Trevor

MARCH 23

FREDERICTON INN
A Breath of Maritime Hospitality

THE HISTORY OF COUNTRY MUSIC

2000 2010
1990
1980 1960 1970
1950 1940
1930
1920

\$45
Incl. Taxes

Take a Musical trip with us through time!

CALL **506-455-1430** TO BOOK YOUR SEATS AT THE TABLE

New Brunswick COUNTRY SHOWCASE

On April the 14 the 'Git'er Boilin' show will be at the playhouse in Fredericton for a Country/Gospel show the poster is below:




























Don Cormier presents

Git Er Boilin

Playhouse

COUNTRY & GOSPEL SHOW April, 14, 7 pm

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jamie Farkas | Old Bob & Uncle Teddy | Stuart Doucette drums |
| John Fraser | Gerald Fortin - Mark Fisher | Bob Slaunwhite -bass |
| Sons of Grace | Lana Munn | Kathy Legere - Granny |
| Dave Slaunwhite | Lee Howe (Guitar) & Rachel | Steve Waylon |
| Dave Theriault | Carl Mountain man Urquhart | Who's in the canoe? |

'AL Irvine'
Law & Mortgage Pro's
'SAYS'
Y'all Have Fun

On April 20, member Dwane Drost is hosting a concert with his band 'Where Rivers Meet' at the Kin Club in Nashwaaksis here is the poster:



**Country Music,
Old Time Rock & Roll,
& Gospel**

**WHERE
RIVERS
MEET**

Featuring:
from left Bernie Clarkson, Lorrie Yerxa,
Rick Morehouse, Jason Cleghorn,
Jim Hadley, Dwane Drost,



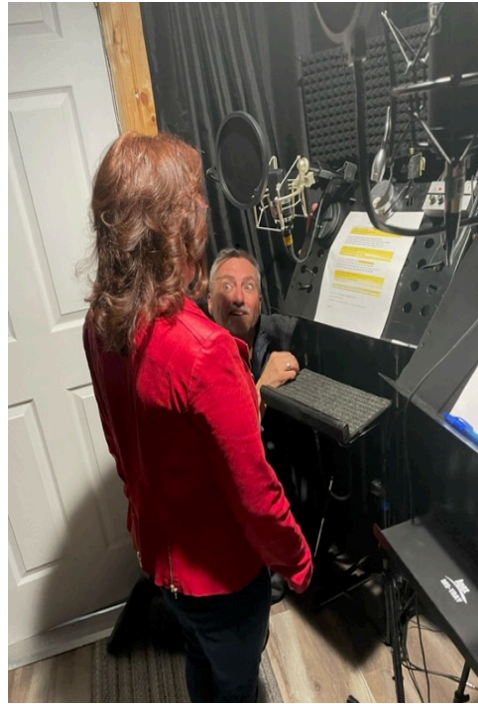
**Come Join
Us At**

*Canteen &
Door Prizes*

\$15 Admission

**Kin Club Of Nashwaaksis
141 School St, Fredericton, NB
Saturday, April 20th, 2024 - 7:00 pm (Doors Open at 6:00)**

Also in the news, member Flo Durelle will be releasing a new song on March 28 she is seen in the following photos with studio owner and steel guitar player extraordinaire Andre CoCo McGraw. Congratulations on the new song Flo can't wait to hear it!



Members Randy Vail and Fred Shaw along with Derek Earl (who is member Jeannie Clark's son) entertained the fine folks at the Kiwanis Nursing home on February 17, I am sure a good time was had by all, thank you for sharing boys!



I thought it would be fun to share a little throwback picture of a band I played in for many years called 'Black Jack'. We made some great music over the years, sadly our bass player Bill Lowther (seated) passed away a few years ago, his brother Chuck Lowther is on the right and on the left is my brother and member Claude (C.J.) Gallant and I am to the right of him. We did a lot of 'outlaw music' back then so we dressed the part for our promo photo! Early 70s, what a time!



It's time for our monthly feature...

Who is making waves in Country Music?



As always I continue to watch out for who is doing what in the country music scene in NB and I have received information that young country artist Riley Taylor from Burton will be on country star Brett Kissel's maritime tour as an opening act! Brett actually asked folks on Facebook to contact Riley for him as he didn't have his info but wanted him on the maritime tour. I sent the e-mail to Riley and he contacted them and the rest worked its way out. Congrats to this fine young singer! The future looks bright.

THE EAST COAST PRODUCTION GROUP PRESENTS

BRETT KISSEL

THE COMPASS TOUR

NATIONWIDE



WITH VERY SPECIAL GUESTS
J A D E
EAGLESON
& RILEY TAYLOR

MONCTON
CASINO NEW BRUNSWICK

APRIL 4, 2024

DOORS OPEN - 7 PM | SHOW STARTS - 8 PM
TICKETS STARTING AT \$65.99 plus tax/fee

NEW MARITIME ROSENAU TRANSPORT LTD. INVICTUS DRIVING FORCE SPARTAN CONTROLS BLUEMARVEL DEUCE NEW BRUNSWICK 96.9 FM

This month I want to include a special shout out to all the folks that host jams and fiddle-dooos around the province. There are many such events around the province and I know I couldn't list them all but it seems to me that the biggest percentage of these jams are country music related, and it gives everyone who loves to play a tune or sing a song time to shine.

It is not intentional if I miss an area or organizer, there are just so many, but hats off to folks like Gary and Karen Sturgeon, Felix Bennett, Gary Williams, Irene Jewett, Len Tonge, Caryl Hill, and everyone else for keeping the spirit and music of the country genre alive and well! If you know of any jams being hosted in your region send me the details and I'll be sure to include that information in upcoming columns to help spread the word!

Ivan and Vivian Hicks are in Florida getting some much deserved down time and in case you are wondering about their future role with the Hall, it will be as advisors to the Board from time to time – we won't let them get very far removed!

Please stay tuned to our website for more exciting news and be an ambassador for the Hall by promoting it every chance you get, this will ensure our visibility and status in the province as a historic and cultural organization for the future.

I want to close by saying that we are pleased to be your board of directors and I am very happy and excited to be the President of this prestigious organization. On behalf of the Board: Dwane Drost (1st Vice-President), Gary Morris (2nd Vice-President), Bonnie MacElwain (Treasurer), Brent Buchanan (Secretary), Frank Hartt, Derek Knowles, and Executive Director Linda Gaston, we thank you and appreciate your contributions to country music in New Brunswick. And of course to all our volunteers and all those behind the scenes thank you!!

Well folks we will have more to report in our April edition, until then...

Keep it country!



Reg Gallant
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