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bass on some of the tracks Blaine is a true humanitarian, has a big heart and played countless benefits and fundraisers.

ELMO MACDONALD (posthumously) – was born in Temperance Vale in 1938. He was a musician, songwriter, vocalist, announcer, and played the Mandolin, Guitar, Chord Organ and jaw harp. He also taught music lessons to children, assisted and helped other musicians and built musical instruments. Elmo was featured on CBC program Land and Sea. He has written and recorded over 25 songs and instrumentals – 10 of these are found on his CD 'Elmo MacDonald' and 3 others are on the CD – 'An Hour of Memories'. His 3 compositions on this CD are – "Fiddle Head Song", "Gaspereau Run" and "Oriental's Call". He has made high quality instruments and as a self-taught luthier made over 100 instruments which are played in the Atlantic Provinces, Toronto, Winnipeg, 3 American States and Bermuda. He played in several bands and groups at churches, charities, senior's home, parties and variety shows. Elmo also played with the 'Come Home Boys', a mandolin group, a Classical mandolin group in Nashville and a jam group in Montreal before returning to NB in 1989. He was also involved in producing several CD's

BREAKING NEWS

The Hall of Fame **frames have a new home**. Stay tuned for details of a grand opening! 'Tip of the Hat to HF' member **Dwane Drost** for his leadership in making this happen!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Have you checked out your H of F website lately? There is an exciting new feature on the site. Hall Member Nigel Mullin has been working hard on bringing the Hall of Fame Virtual Museum to life. **Thank you Nigel!**

Derek Knowles does a country classics TV program once a week. Check it out on **Rogers TV**.

Watch for - "**Fiddle Tune Friday**" with Ivan and Vivian each week on – Down Home Fiddle Productions Facebook page.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE – www.nbcmhf.com and on Face Book
Committee Ivan & Vivian Hicks - Bill & Prudie Harmer

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**GALA EVENT 2020
OCTOBER 17**

**École Carrefour Beausoleil
300 Beaverbrook Road, Miramichi**

Our Founder's Purpose and Personal Vision of the



- * **The sole purpose of recording, for history's sake, a photo and printed display of any artist from New Brunswick who has made a significant contribution to country music**
- * **To preserve and promote Old Time Country Music**
- * **To induct country music artists into the Hall of Fame at a yearly banquet**

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GALA EVENT 2020

The Miramichi Folksong Festival is pleased to once again host the Annual NBCMHF in Miramichi. Welcome one and all.

Official Host Susan Butler, C.M., O.N.B., L.L.D.

All events for the Gala will be held at **École Carrefour Beausoleil, 300 Beaverbrook Road**, which includes; **Meet & Greet – 4:00 pm; Banquet and Inductions – 5:00 pm; Concert – 8:00 pm** and a **Jam Session** following the concert. **Tickets are going fast, please check with Susan ASAP at: susanbutler@xplornet.com; Ph: 506 622-1780**

For further information and related activities before and after the Gala weekend, check our website – www.nbcmhf.com

INDUCTEES

Flo Durelle
Gary Hooper

Cheryl Ellis
Blaine Morrison

Elmo MacDonald (posthumously)

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR – GARY MORRIS

All Hall of Famers are invited to perform at the Gala Concert. We are looking for one song/tune from past inductees and 2 songs/tunes from the new Inductees.

If you have not already done so, please send name of song(s)/tune(s), key and copy of selection (charts would be great) to:

506 433-5599; email – gary@morrismusicld.com

FLO DURELLE – was born in Baie Ste-Anne in 1960 and now lives in Dieppe. Flo is of small stature with a very big voice. She just lights up when on stage. Flo sang at many talent shows, jamborees and amateur nights and fast became a popular attraction. She won just about every talent contest she entered. In the late 70's and early 80's, she became a full time member for the house band La Coquille run by Pat Doiron, former member of the Bunkhouse Boys at the age of 14. She played with her first professional 6-piece band, "Mornin' Sun", in the 80's. Then off they went to Nashville Tennessee for the recording of an album with Stan Campbell as their producer. Flo also recorded a duet with Hall of Fame Member, the late Johnny Burke written by Vince Gill and Ashley Monroe, titled "You Ain't Dolly and You Ain't

Porter", which stayed at the #1 position for 2 weeks. She was also invited to sing on a French television show with Patrick Norman. Flo also recorded a 12-song CD

– Listen to your Heart – some songs written by her or co-written by other local songwriters. She also toured with the group Calico for quite a few years across Canada. Her music has brought her many, many opportunities over the years and has enabled her to travel across the country and with modern technology has fans in England and France via radio stations, social media, etc. She still spends time in a recording studio putting down vocal tracks for someone else's recordings, doing background vocals, etc. Flo and her brother, Buff, have devoted many hours of volunteer work singing at fundraisers, etc.

CHERYL ELLIS – was born in Alliston, ON and lives in Moncton, NB. She has been singing country music for over 40 years and is a charter member of the Valley Jamboree. Cheryl is truly a team player not only on stage but also behind the scenes. She has served on NBCMHF Committees and is a driving force for the Valley Jamboree. Her sense of loyalty to her fellow singers/musicians is an example for many of us. She sings lead and harmony vocals, plays guitar and has released her first CD, Cheryl Ellis.

GARY HOOPER – was born in St. Stephen in 1940 and now lives in Ontario. He is a songwriter, vocalist, announcer and recording artist. His bands were – Gary Hooper and the Whips, The Country Cougars and The Gary Hooper Show. He produced and directed his own live radio programs over CHOO radio and a 6-hour Saturday morning program. He released 3 albums and had several hit singles. All were from a 1970 album on the Dominion label recorded in the RCA Victor Studio B in Nashville, TN. Gary and his band "The Whips" then launched into an extensive tour of the Mid Western States and Canada. In 1996 and 1998, he hosted and produced 8 one half hour TV shows and 1 one-hour show. In 2001, Gary released a Gospel CD "Keys to the Kingdom" and then "House on the Hill" under Hillside Records label. Gary was a founding member of the CCMR Jamboree which celebrated their 25th year in 2016. He has done many fundraising events and helping musicians in peril, donating CD's and with financial assistance to raise funds for charitable organizations.

BLAINE MORRISON – was born in Newcastle in 1942 and lives in Miramichi. A multi-talented musician, he plays guitar, bass, dobro. His bands were – The Limelighters, The Ranch Rockers and The Morrison Big Iron. He founded a full service music store, the first of its kind in the area, to offer instrument repairs, music lessons and sales all under one roof. Blaine headed the repair department when Miramichi Music was incorporated in 2002 and was manager for 6 years. He developed on the internet – CowboyMusic.com (now the Cowboy Music channel on Youtube) - to ensure music, particularly country, would survive by offering free lessons covering several sub-genres including Carter Family, Merle

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Haggard, Johnny Cash, Ernest Tubb, Alan Jackson, Hank Williams, etc . Much of the work for these 78 videos was done behind the scenes and he played lead guitar and

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