



## *Happy Spring!*

Here's a small version of our newsletter, well, actually a few highlights for the last two weeks of April 2009.

Our website has some new changes!!!

[www.victoriabluegrass.ca](http://www.victoriabluegrass.ca)

## ARCHIVES

Wendy Anthony has been managing and updating our website since.....oh.....about....5 years, give or take.

Wendy has also been active in the bluegrass & old-time community collecting/creating archives, researching music and creating website links for all to enjoy and explore various tunes.

This year, Wendy has created an Archive link on our website! The history of the VBA is now right at your fingertips! You can find history dating back to 2001:

- Who played at the concerts?
- Who were the board members?
- Who held workshops?
- Who won bursaries?

We thank Wendy for all the hard work she has put into managing our site over the years. Another behind-the-scenes individual that has been with the VBA longer than most of us!!! The website has helped people over the years find bluegrass music and events in the community. We wouldn't be servicing our mandate if the website didn't exist.

*Keep on the sunny side!!*  
VBA Board of Directors

## OTHER HAPPENINGS:

### APRIL 25:

#### **Shearwater Bluegrass Concert** **Knox Presbyterian Church**

2964 Richmond Road

Doors: 7:30 pm, Concert: 8

**Shearwater**, **Tammy Fassaert** (*bass, vocals*), **Dave Clarke** (*guitar, vocals, song-writer*) & **James Whittall** (*mandolin*), has won Monday Magazine's 2009 M Awards for "Favourite Roots Group";

Admission: \$15; Long & McQuade, Larsen's Music and Ivy's Bookshop;

More info: Dave Clarke:

[dave@daveclarke.ca](mailto:dave@daveclarke.ca) &

[www.shearwaterband.com](http://www.shearwaterband.com)

### APRIL 25:

#### **Corner Grass** (*Sidney*)

St. Paul's United Church

5th St. and Malaview Ave, Sidney

Doors 6:30 pm, Show from 7 - 9 pm;

**Corner Grass**, a popular trio featuring: **Jim Sadlish** (*fiddle*), **Clarence Boudreau** (*guitar*) & **Luann Burton** (*standup bass*), performs a blend of Bluegrass, Old-Tyme, Gospel, Texas swing, and Traditional

Admission: \$5, or \$15 for families );

More info: Jim Sadlish

## FEATURE ACT on April 28:

**The Clover Point Drifters** are a bluegrass band from Victoria. Their repertoire consists primarily of traditional bluegrass songs, with a sprinkling of country, folk, blues and pop melodies served up in the bluegrass style. Their songs feature close heartfelt duet and trio harmonies, backed by strong banjo, dobro and mandolin accompaniment.

**Clover Point Drifters** features:

**Alan Law** (*guitar, lead & harmony vocals*), **Larry Stevens** (*resophonic guitar, lead vocals*), **Mike Kraft** (*banjo, harmony vocals*), **Dan Parker** (*mandolin, lead vocals*), **George Robinson** (*bass, lead vocals*)

More Info:

[www.cloverpointdrifters.com](http://www.cloverpointdrifters.com)

We're happy to have these guys close of our Feature Act season. But don't forget that **MAY 2008** is an open mike all night! Last chance to shine on stage in front of your peers until September.

FREE VBA MEMBERSHIP DRAW during the show!

Email Jeb for open mic sign up at 7:30 pm:

VBA Members \$5 – Non \$7

