

VICTORIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

*Bringing people together for the preservation, enjoyment
and advancement of bluegrass and related acoustic music.*

Message From the VBA Board

Hi VBA members and welcome back from summer! Though we hate to see it go, autumn means the start of a brand new season for the VBA. Some changes have occurred on the VBA board since the annual general meeting in June. Our good friend and devoted board member Pharis Romero has moved to Horsefly, BC. Congratulations Pharis on your new home! We will miss you. Al Planiden has stepped up to become VBA's President for 2010-11, and Victoria Pang has joined the board as Vice President. Congratulations and welcome to both of you!

Well that sure was a fun-filled summer, and we hope everybody enjoyed it as much as we did. All the festivals and workshops provided ample opportunity for everyone to keep actively involved in the music scene. At the Orange Hall this summer, we 'switched things up' a bit, and had volunteers continue to moderate jams upstairs. A special thanks is needed for those involved: Doug, Colleen, Liz, Cluny, Kelly, Pharis, Luann, Victoria, Marlene, Linda, Patty, Barbara (hopefully we listed everyone).

Stephanie Moneo will be helping us out as she continues booking the hosts for the slow-pitch jams this season! Already she has a good line-up of people, and we are looking forward to getting back into slow-pitch action! Thank you Stephanie.



Clover Point Drifters

Our first 'Special Concert' of the season happened on September 11 and featured the Creaking Tree String Quartet. It was a great success and perfect way to kick off what looks to be another great season of music. Membership applications are available at the hall or on our website. Be sure to get one and take advantage of the price breaks for shows and workshops, and jams!

And remember...

"Keep on the Sunny Side!"

- The VBA Board of Directors

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VICTORIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION TUESDAY NIGHTS

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VBA Membership

\$ 25 single
\$ 40 couple

VBA Tuesday Night Bluegrass Jams

Sept. 14, 21 @ 7:30 PM

Orange Hall, 1620 Fernwood Road

Slow Pitch, Moderated Circle and Festival Bluegrass Jams. Players of all levels welcome. Players \$2 members; \$3 non-members; listeners by donation. Contact Al Planiden, president@victoriabluegrass.ca

Open Stage Feature Night

Sept. 28 @ 7:30 PM, Orange Hall

Admission \$5 for members, \$7 non-members

7:45 - 8:45 Open Stage *

9:00 - 10:00 The Clover Point Drifters

Contact Kelly _____

The Clover Point Drifters are a local Victoria band that has been playing together for over 10 years. It all started in Alan Law's basement as a jam with some fellow musicians who shared a love of Bluegrass and acoustic music. More than a decade later The Drifters are a local favourite and are still having a blast playing everything from Bill Munroe to Randy Newman. We are anxiously awaiting the release of their CD later in the season. One never knows what might happen at a live Drifter's show, so come on out and enjoy an exciting evening of fun and music!

*To sign up for the Open Stage, contact Jeb Gordon at vicbluegrass@yahoo.ca
Your Admission is FREE



VBA Membership Benefits

- Great deals on ticket prices for special concerts , feature nights and merchandise
- First to hear about our events through our monthly newsletter
- Paying that toonie instead of a toonie-and-a-loonie on jam nights
- Voting at our Annual General Meeting
- Supporting Orange Hall and the promotion of bluegrass and acoustic related music

Go to www.victoriabluegrass.ca to download a membership form.

VBA and High Tide Entertainment present:

Jayme Stone

featuring Casey Driesen, Grant Fordy & Greg Garlson

Friday, October 1

Herman's Jazz Club, 753 View Street

Doors 6:00 PM , Show 8:00 PM

\$13.00 + service charges for VBA members,

\$18.00 + for non-VBA members

VBA members must e-mail in advance (hightideconcerts@shaw.ca) to get on reserve list in order to pay member price at the door, and bring membership card to event.



[A Polyrhythmic Journey to Mali and a Tiny Symphony Inside a Light Bulb: Jayme Stone's Global Banjo Adventures](#)

Influenced by Japanese poetry and Brazilian literature and featuring what he calls a "tiny symphony that takes place inside an imaginary light bulb", Stone's album, *The Utmost*, won the 2008 Juno Award for Instrumental Album of the Year. Jayme Stone keeps an ear to the ground. His curiosity and unlikely set of reference points started early with the quirky physics of the banjo, which led to a mysterious librarian who stocked his local public library with a vast trove of banjo recordings, and landed him long-lasting lessons with a series of maestros, from Béla Fleck to Bill Frisell.

Stone is at work on a new album that explores music based on folk dances from around the world: hornpipes, mazurkas, straphspeys and sambas from Sweden, Scotland, Brazil, North America and more. The album will feature fiddle pioneer Casey Driessen, gravity-defying guitarist Grant Gordy, Gaelic songbird Julie Fowlis, nyckelharpa craftsman Olov Johansson, trumpet great Kevin Turcotte and others. Recording is set for spring 2010 with an album release in fall 2010 (Canada) and spring 2011 (US and Europe).

Jayme Stone websites: <http://www.jaymeston.com/> & <http://www.myspace.com/jaymestone> and search for the event info on facebook.

Musicians helping Musicians

This summer, at the BC Bluegrass Workshops at Sorrento, Doug VanDine collected about 200 sets of used strings (guitar, banjo, mandolin and fiddle) from many very generous participants.

He now has to find individuals who are travelling to places in the world where musicians are unlikely to be able to get strings for their instruments -- places like Cuba, rural parts of Mexico, the islands of the South Pacific, and some of the less developed African nations.

If any VBA members or non-members are travelling to such locales and wish to take some used strings as gifts to the local musicians, please contact Doug _____
They would be doing their fellow musicians a great service, and it's a great way to meet locals!

Bluegrass Happenings

In British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest
(all events in Victoria BC, unless otherwise indicated)

Ongoing

- Sundays** **James Whittall & The Pickits** at **Swans' Brew Pub**, 506 Pandora St., 8:30-11:30 pm
Sunday Afternoon Hootennany at **Logan's Tavern**, 1821 Cook St., 4 pm
Hosted by Carolyn Mark. Free admission. More info: 250-360-1832
- Appalachian-Style Old-Time Jam.** This jam is no longer happening at the Bent Mast Pub.
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- Mondays** **Old-Time String Music Jam** at **Spiral Cafe**, 418 Craigflower Rd., 7-9:30 pm
More info: www.myspace.com/thespiraloldtimegroove.com
Tune Lists & Samples: www.spiraloldtime.googlepages.com
- Tuesdays** **VBA Bluegrass Jam** at the **Orange Hall**, 1620 Fernwood Rd., 7:30-10 pm
Slow Pitch, Intermediate & Advanced Circle Jams. Players of all levels welcome. Admission: players \$2 (non-members \$3), listeners free. More info: Kelly Sherwin _____
- Wednesdays** **Cornerstone Bluegrass Jam** at Cornerstone Cafe & Resource Centre, Fernwood at Gladstone. Featuring premier acoustic string band musicians. Enjoy some hot coffee or chocolate while listening [for free] to local top acoustic roots musicians jam it out with each other, organized by the Fernwood Bluegrass Coalition [FBC], a group of local business/promoters/musicians.

Other Happenings

- October 8** **Bowker Creek** The Deep Cove Folk Club presents Bowker Creek at the St. John's United Church, 10990 West. Saanich Rd., Deep Cove. Open stage starts at 8:00, admission \$5.
For more info phone: 250-384-9419

