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Keeping the Tradition Alive

By Anne M. McPhee



Jenny McQuaid

It was something she has wanted to do for a long, long time and now she's done it. Jenny McQuaid has written her book, and it's now available for anyone interested in the history of Naufrage.

"*Naufrage and the Capes (1719 – 1900)*" was sponsored by the Big

Cape History Society, which was established in 1983 when it acquired the Monticello School which was built in 1840. The district of the Capes refers to the settlements on Route 16 along the north side of Eastern Kings from St. Peter's Bay to East Point, often referred to simply as "The Northside".

The book is full of stories of the earliest settlers to the area and covers information on the names of the first settlers, shipwrecks, difficult winters, roads and travel, spiritual nourishment and even the basic diet in the early days. By the early 1800s the population had grown and the issue of the "Land Problem" emerged followed by anecdotes on the efforts of early residents of the area to resolve the issue. Achievements were often celebrated "amid the strains of Scottish airs played by fiddlers in the group."

Jenny has captured the spirit and the courage of the people who emigrated from Scotland and settled here. Names like McCormack, MacDonald, McIntosh, McIntyre, MacKinnon and McPhee are still familiar names in the area.

Jenny has compiled a collection of stories that can be referred to for years to come. Many of these stories have been told over the years in the oral tradition but by putting them in writing, Jenny has ensured that they will live for generations. Thank you Jenny!!

Teresa Wilson is no stranger to keeping the oral tradition alive. She is a formidable storyteller by any description and played *Cecily* to Jenny's *Bridget*, telling bits of Northside history for many years in their comedy act, *Bridget and Cecily*. Teresa published a number of stories in the Souris Beacon years ago as well under such titles as "Echoes of Home" and "How 'bout a Smile".



Teresa Wilson

Time can seem long during the short days and long nights of winter but Teresa keeps busy listening to the old fiddle tunes and the many, many tapes she herself has made. She always has a story to tell anyone who calls or drops in for a cup of Northside tea.

The tradition of storytelling goes back to our Gaelic roots. In 1987, Dr. John Shaw wrote in his study "Gaelic in Prince Edward Island: A Cultural Remnant" (www.upei.ca/islandstudies/rep_mk_1.htm); "People shared songs, stories, witticisms, riddles, weather lore, prayers, beliefs, tunes, dance steps and the like at every available opportunity. Communal work was often lightened by the use of work songs. Songs and stories helped pass the time while waiting on tides or fishing nets or while doing repetitive handiwork such as weaving or knitting."

Teresa is working on her own book. She's writing it by hand and with her arthritis acting up most days, it's not always easy. Her sister Emmalina Crossman keeps her going. Emma just lives up the road, but her eyesight is all but gone, and she finds it difficult to get around outside. She depends on the many frequent phone calls she gets from Teresa throughout the day to keep her abreast of what is going on. During the last call of the day Emma always asks Teresa to read what she wrote in her book that day. On the days when Teresa finds it hard to write, she makes that extra effort, just for Emma.

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PEI Fiddlers Society AGM Report By Secretary Anne M. McPhee

The PEI Fiddlers Society held its annual general meeting on November 3rd, 2007. President Sheila Fitzpatrick discussed her goals for the Society which included the desire to increase the Society's membership, increase public awareness of the Society's activities and to promote everything fiddle, including all up and coming young fiddlers in PEI. Plans are in the works to profile Island fiddlers on our website. The Society is also working to network with other groups such as the Gaelic Society. Sheila commented on the number of fiddle events on the Island and how busy all fiddlers have been this summer. It is the desire of the Society to continue to support these activities.

Guest speaker Ray Brow introduced himself as a Board Member of Music PEI as well as being on the Board for the East Coast Music Awards. Ray is facilitating a project for our Society over the next two months. The Society has received a grant from the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs for the purpose of conducting a study of the small halls across PEI. An inventory of the halls will be compiled and made available to the public. He also told the group about a new festival to start in June 2008 called the "Festival of Small Halls". Approximately four halls in each County will be selected to host and celebrate PEI's music and dance heritage over a 7 – 10 day period. The majority of entertainers will be Islanders while one third of the entertainment will be from away.

Six members of the PEI Gaelic Society attended the AGM, including their chairperson, Wanda MacGregor. They talked a little bit about the history of Gaelic on the Island and how their Society was formed about a year ago. The group's mission is to showcase the language using the Total Immersion Plus method (TIP). Wanda and the group lead the PEIFS members in learning a few phrases and a song in Gaelic. Everyone had a great time.

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Another Successful Fiddle Doo and Potluck

On October 20, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 7p.m., the New London Community Complex was the place to be for lovers of great fiddle music. Organizer, Mary Smith was thrilled with the large turn out, "It was wonderful to have so many of our Island fiddlers and accompanist come together for the event." Some members from the Prince County Fiddlers and the Queens County Fiddlers were among the entertainers at the Fiddle Doo.

The afternoon also included an off-Island fiddle group: The Winston Crawford Fiddlers out of Sussex, New Brunswick. People also came over from NB just to listen. The New Brunswick group were thrilled to have an opportunity to hear some of the different styles of our Island Fiddlers. Approximately 300 people attended the Fiddle Doo. Fiddlers and listeners enjoyed an afternoon of great music and food. A special thanks goes out to those who helped, brought food, entertained and came to enjoy the music and fellowship.

The next Fiddle Doo & Pot Luck will be held on February 2nd, 2008 at The New London Community Complex. For more information call Mary Smith at 902-963-2356.

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Eastern Kings Fiddlers Report By Anne M. McPhee

The Monticello Ceilidhs have continued throughout the fall with Urban MacAdam doing a fine job as emcee. Peter and Kevin Chaisson have played on a number of occasions as well as Francis Mac-

Donald, Allan MacDonald, Francis MacCormack and JJ and Tim Chaisson. All top notch players who liven up any evening for listeners and dancers alike.

Every now and then the unexpected occurs in Monticello. One night, wild raucous laughter started at the door and made its way around the hall like quick fire when comic Jenny McQuaid arrived, quite a few weeks early for Halloween, decked out in her finest silliness.



Jenny McQuaid - a bit early for Halloween

Another night, Sheila Fitzpatrick "came back" with her growing son Matthew and her new husband



Sheila Fitzpatrick

Robert. Robert got a good looking over and the gold seal of approval from everyone there while Sheila presented PEI Fiddlers Society Life Memberships to some worthy recipients. Then, to everyone's delight, Sheila played a few tunes. The Monticello crowd beamed with

pride remembering how Sheila got her start there as a youngster.

The Goose River Dances with fiddler Peter Chaisson continue to attract large crowds as well as at the square dances in Lorne Valley. There will be a New Year's Eve Dance at the Goose River building including a terrific dinner. The event starts at 9:00pm.

Rollo Bay Fiddle lessons started up again on October 15th. There are about 25 fiddlers coming weekly. Kathryn Dau-Schmidt teaches beginner and

intermediate classes while Peter Chaisson leads a small but dedicated group of more advanced fiddlers with a focus on the style of playing.

A new feature offered this year in Rollo Bay is guitar accompaniment lessons that have proven to be a runaway success. Expecting 6 or 7 students, there are currently 18 people of all ages enrolled. It has been necessary to break into two smaller groups – a beginners group focussing on the chords and an intermediate group learning to accompany the fiddle and sing a few songs. Jimmy Townshend and Peter Chaisson help out with calling out the chords while Lemmie Chaisson has been kind enough to play fiddle to the guitars. It's been great fun!

The Kings County grown "Celtic Ladies" presented their Fall Concert Fundraising Series in Churches across Kings County. The Chaisson Family new CD "Generations" was released on Sunday November 18th at the BIS.



(l-r) Mary Warren, Viola Fitzpatrick, and Jenny McQuaid give the crowd a few steps



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Southern Kings Report by Sheila FitzPatrick

I guess now that I have moved to Montague, I can be considered a Southern Kings fiddler! Once we get the house finished and before the baby comes in March, we will have to host a fiddlers' party, and

you're all invited!

Although there isn't an organized group of players in this area as such, there are definitely lots of great players and students taking up the instrument. Sterling Baker plays regularly throughout the summer months at Orwell Corner and at the BIS Hall. In several passing conversations with him, Sterling voiced a familiar complaint...not having enough time to practice at home or to learn new tunes. We talked about how nice it would be to get a group of players together on a monthly basis, if not more regularly, to do just that. To play and learn tunes from each other. If there are others in the area that would up interested, please get in touch and perhaps we could organize something.

Amy Swenson has continued to be busy with teaching. She taught at the Vernon River Community School this Fall and will be teaching at the Murray Harbour Community School Fiddle classes, beginner and advanced, starting in early January along with Kenny Chapman.

December 9th there will be a concert raising money for the Anglican Churches restoration fund at the Kings Playhouse in Georgetown. Amy will have about 20 young fiddlers performing carols on stage and in the new year, she is looking forward to becoming a Grandmother! Congratulations Amy! The Kings Playhouse in Georgetown hosted the

Island launch of the new CD for Kinnon & Andrea Beaton back in October. The show also featured Betty Lou Beaton on piano and Sandy MacDonald on guitar, both of whom are on the new recording. The music was of course amazing and for anyone who hasn't gotten a chance to pick up the new CD, they are available at the Kings Playhouse for \$20. You can phone 1-888-346-5666 for more info on how to get one.

The Centre for Performing Arts in Montague is now offering fiddle and violin lessons for all styles and levels. For more information phone 902-838-2787.

In September, fiddlers Jackie and Carl Webster of Cardigan were video taped for posterity by members of a German TV crew that were here shooting a documentary on the Maritimes. They wanted to take part in an authentic Island house party which was held at John Webster's house in Cardigan. Along with family and friends, other musicians on hand included Courtney Hogan, Garth Matthews, Eddy Quinn and myself.

Congratulations to the members of Fiddlers' Sons who were recently awarded the Country Recording of the Year award at the 2007 PEI Music Awards. Courtney Hogan has been performing regularly this Fall with the group.

As you can see, there is lots going on in the area, along with all the regular events such ceilidhs in Sturgeon and the Lorne Valley square dances.

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Queens County Fiddlers Report By Carolyn Drake

The Queens County Fiddlers got back together at St. Pius X Hall on Wednesdays, Sept. 12 and have been enjoying good turnouts at their weekly practices. The practices have been led, for the most part, by Vince Keoughan, with occasional input from other members.

The many returning members are happy to welcome a few new faces to the group including Daniel Hughes from Montague, a young fiddler who has just started coming to practice. The group is also happy to welcome back Daniel McKenna who missed much of last year after recovering from an accident.

Most of the group's time has been spent in practice sessions for the first part of the fall, with the exception of playing in late October at a benefit concert at Park Royal United Church. Tentative plans are underway to play some tunes at a few seniors' homes before Christmas and early in the new year. The group hopes to play for a residents' night concert at the Prince Edward Home in Charlottetown.

Looking ahead, the Queens County fiddlers are planning to hold their annual meeting in February. Members will be informed of the details as the date gets closer.

As usual, members have been busy outside the group. If you happen to run into Ward MacDonald, be sure to ask him about his upcoming Festival of Small Halls and his recent visit to Ireland. The festival sounds like a great venture.

Courtney Hogan is also having a busy fall. Recently, shows included playing on Nov. 23 with Fiddlers' Sons in Summerside and on Nov. 24 at the Extreme Kitchen Party in Georgetown. She also hosted her own Christmas ceilidh on Nov. 29. Looking ahead, she will play at a Christmas ceilidh with Gordon Belsher and Glen MacEachern on Dec. 6 in Stratford and at the Children's Wish Foundation concert on the mainstage at the Confederation Centre, Dec. 8.

The group's best wishes go out to Dalvay Scott, who is having major surgery in Halifax.

Belated congratulations to Kenny and Elvira Stewart of Brackley Beach on their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Awards Gala Features Island Dancers

Step dancing took centre stage at the recent PEI Music Awards Gala. Members of the Judy MacLean Dancers (Judy, Bethany MacLeod, and Paige LeClair) opened the awards gala at the Confederation Centre of the Arts with an arrangement to "Squiggly's," a piece from the recording of PEI's Celtic Tide.

The dancers would also like to congratulate former Celtic Tide member, Timothy Chaisson who was a winner of 5 awards on the evening.

The Judy MacLean Dancers were also on hand for a Christmas concert at the Confederation Court Mall on November 24 preceding the Charlottetown Christmas Parade. Dancers Bethany MacLeod, Vanessa Bernard, Kristyn Visser, Emily Jewell, Sarah Jenkins, Barrington Duffy, and Alice Cheverie all took part along with fiddler Chad Mooney. A big crowd thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment.



Chad Mooney



Alice Cheverie

Don't see what you're looking for? Tell us!



Barry Thompson

Prince County Fiddlers By Barry Thompson

The Prince County Fiddlers have been meeting regularly on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. Since our last report, we have enjoyed performing at Wedgewood Manor and Andrews Lodge in Summerside, as well as Chez Nous in Wellington. We are pleased to welcome Jason Campbell from Park Corner to our group. Jason is a senior student at Kensington Intermediate Senior High school. Although Jason is new to the instrument, he has had the opportunity to attend the Gaelic College in St. Ann's, Cape Breton and has made remarkable progress.

Cathy Campbell continues to offer fiddle instruction to students prior to our weekly practices on Monday evening. She also instructs students at the "Stepping Out" dance studio in Kensington. Nathan Condon also offers instruction in Summerside.

The Prince County Fiddlers had their annual meeting on Monday, November 26th chaired by Mr. Alan Crozier. Officers for the coming year of 2008 were re-elected and remain Barry Thompson (President), Leith Thomson (Vice President), Robert Gallant (Secretary/Treasurer) and Jim MacDougall (Music Director). Currently our group is comprised of 16 active members, with new members always welcome!

On Sunday December 2nd, we are pleased to partner with the Long River Players and Lady Slipper Dancers to present the second annual "Christmas Ceilidh" to benefit charities in our district. A special thank you to our corporate sponsor for this event, The Malpeque Bay Credit Union. The event begins at 2:30pm at the Murray Christian Education Centre in Kensington. We will also perform a Christmas concert for the residents of Wedgewood Manor on Monday, December 3rd.

The Prince County Fiddlers wish everyone a Merry Christmas, health, happiness and lots of music for 2008.

Sessions in Charlottetown and Victoria

Sunday afternoon sessions at Brennan's in Charlottetown are continuing through the winter and they have been joined by a regular session at the Palmer Room in the Victoria Community Center.

Sessions will continue once per month starting in December and Irish dance sessions should be starting soon also. Check the BUZZ for details.

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Acadian News by Dorothy Griffin-Farish

The first Pumpkin Festival was held in Summerside in October, featuring two weekends of music and fun. The first Pumpkin Festival was well attended and all agreed that it should be a yearly event.

On Friday, October 19th, Anastasia DesRoches, Brent Chaisson & Mylène Ouellette played at the Brothers Two Restaurant from 5 to 8 p.m. On Saturday, October 20th, the Centre Belle Alliance featured an exposition of poems and drawings by children on autumn themes. A delightful concert was presented at the Jubilee Theatre in Summerside on Sunday afternoon, October 21st. Entertainers included the Pendergast family from Western P.E.I.; the Chaisson family from Eastern P.E.I.; and Angèle Arsenault & her invited guests, giving the audience a terrific variety of entertainment.

On Friday, October 26th, at the Centre Belle Alliance musicians Bertrand Desrasp on fiddle, Alain Turbide on piano, and Louis-Charles Vigneault on guitar gave a high-energy three-hour concert. These talented players come from the Magdalen Islands and they always put on a great show. This was followed by a two-hour jam with locals and visitors joining in, including: Edward P. Arsenault, Karine Gallant, Marie Livingstone, Brandon Arsenault, Ward MacDonald, Anastasia DesRoches, Carole Gallant, Samantha Gallant and Diane Ouellette on fiddles; Brent Chaisson, Orrin Livingstone, Claudette Arsenault, Marcia Arsenault, and Amand Arsenault on guitars; with Paula Arsenault, Marie Livingstone and Mylène Ouellette taking turns on the piano. Many step dancers couldn't resist taking to the floor. The great entertainment combined with delicious food and a festive atmosphere was enjoyed by all.

On Saturday, October 27th, the Shipyard Market in Summerside was a beehive of activity with displays of quilts, crafts and artwork. Lucie Bellemare and Maurice Bernard demonstrated their incredible painting skills.

Chris Gilfoy made very impressive pumpkin sculptures. A food bar was there, as well as face painting. Lively music was played from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. by fiddlers Edward P. Arsenault, Jocelyne Arsenault and Marie Livingstone, with Orrin Livingstone, Claudette Arsenault and Marcia Arsenault on guitars and Paula Arsenault on piano. From 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. there was singing by Mario Robichaud, accompanied by Rémi Arsenault and Peter Arsenault.

On Sunday, October 28th, patrons at Anson's Lady Slipper Restaurant in Slemon Park enjoyed not only their brunch, but musical entertainment as well, provided by Peter Arsenault on fiddle, Hélène Bergeron on piano and Gary Gallant on guitar. This was followed by Caroline Bernard and her special guests.

In other news, the exhibit "The Gallery of Our Ancestors" had its opening at the Acadian Museum in Miscouche on November 18, 2007. The exhibition, featuring 80 charcoal portraits and photos of Island Acadian ancestors, was opened by 103-year-old Mrs. Céline Arsenault (nee Richard) of Miscouche and formerly of Urbainville, P.E.I. The program also included singing by Alyre à Calixte's four daughters (Yvonne, Thelma, Mélina, and Louise), as well as a number of fiddle tunes by young fiddler Josh Desrasp accompanied by Louise Arsenault.

Eddy Arsenault with his violin, his brother Amand on guitar, accompanied by Fred Arsenault on guitar and Dorothy Griffin-Farish on piano, continue entertaining the seniors at Summerset Manor, Wedgewood Manor, Parkhill Place and Andrews' Lodge. Eddy and Amand, plus other musicians from the local area, also entertain the residents of Chez Nous in Wellington.

Now that days are shorter and the weather is colder, families and friends in this area will be getting together with flying fingers and feet, practicing for upcoming musical events during the Christmas season and beyond. Merry Christmas to all and all the best for 2008!

Donagh Fiddle Program Still Going Strong

By Sheila FitzPatrick

Ronita Baird, music teacher at Donagh Regional School, has been running a traditional fiddle program at the school for six years now. It is available for students from grades 5 to 9 and each year boasts up to 40 students. The successful program was very well received by students and the community and a lot of fundraising has been done to help cover the cost of instruments and supplies. The school now owns 52 violins, 1 cello and 1 viola.



Fiddle Students at Donagh Regional School

Fiddle students have enjoyed many performing opportunities including school and community events as well as special outings such as seniors' Christmas parties at the Delta Prince Edward Hotel. They will be opening their own school Christmas concert at the school on December 18th at 6:30pm.

One student of Mrs. Baird's is also a very

active member of the Queens County Fiddlers. Matthew Reid is an accomplished young fiddler and plays regularly for school events.

Over the years, the program has invited several guest fiddlers in to play and instruct the group. This winter they hope to have several fiddlers into the class to play for and talk to the students about the music.

Presently, Mrs. Baird is working with several other individuals on developing a province wide curriculum for music programs such as the Donagh model. The involvement in fiddle music by the community and youth is very important to making sure it will continue to grow and develop.

It's nice to see this program be so successful and hopefully it will catch on in other schools as well. If anyone would like to visit the Donagh fiddle students or to lend support in any way, you can contact Mrs. Baird at the school at 569-7720.



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The Eastern Kings Meeting Place has been in operation since October 2004, promoting the 45 communities within the Souris Regional High School district. The site changes daily with the popular scenic Today In The Life of Eastern Kings "photo of the day". In addition, the site photographers and writers attend community events to showcase our culture, past, current interests and way of life.

Each week, area citizens who spend time volunteering, as well as those who reside outside the site borders are recognized as Volunteers of the Week. Musicians including Frank Blackett, Bennett Campbell, Kelley Carpenter, J.J. Chaisson, Kevin



Waldron Leard

Chaisson, Lem Chaisson, Peter Chaisson, Rikka Cheverie, Kathryn Dau-Schmidt, Elmer Deagle, Pat Dunphy, Melvin Ford, Emery Gillan, Jenn Grant, Angela MacCormack, Anne M. McPhee, Andy Mooney, Chad Mooney and Gary Peters have been nominated and featured. Many

more names have been submitted and will be honoured in the weeks and months to come.

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Always wipe the body, fingerboard, and strings clean after playing, to remove rosin dust and dirt. Pay particular attention to wiping hand moisture off strings and fingerboard, and removing rosin dust from underneath the strings.

A 100% cotton cloth picks up dirt most effectively. However, whatever the material, make sure to launder the cloth frequently.

Placing a small blanket or cloth over the top of the instrument will help protect it, especially if it doesn't fit snugly in the case.

Occasionally check under the tailpiece to make sure that the string adjuster lever is not pressing against the belly of the instrument. Over extension of the lever can damage the varnish and wood.

Periodically check to make sure that the feet of violin shoulder rests have not worn through the protective rubber tubing. Replacing the tubing when necessary will help preserve the areas where the feet contact the instrument.

Peter Dawson, a well-known luthier, composer, and recording artist in Ottawa, has a website at : www.peterdawson.ca

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Events Forecast

Regular Events

Sundays 8 pm	Monticello Ceilidh	Monticello Log Hall	Rte 16, Monticello	902-687-3368
Sundays Dec 16 2-5pm & Monthly	Roy Johnstone	Brennan's Pub and Eatery	Charlottetown	902-675-2541
Sundays 6:30 pm	Sturgeon Ceilidhs	St. Paul's Parish Hall	Sturgeon	902-962-3918
Every other Monday	Ceilidh Kitchen Party	Bingo Country, Riverside Dr.	Charlottetown	902-940-6702
Tuesdays 7:30 pm	Ceilidh	Lower Hall Freetown United Church, Freetown	Charlottetown	902-836-3844
Tuesdays 9—10 pm	Bluegrass & Country Jam	Summerside Legion, 340 Notre Dame Street	Charlottetown	902-886-2935
Wednesdays 8 pm	Square Dance	Old Lorne Valley School	Lorne Valley	902-687-2584
Wednesdays 8 pm	Ceilidh	Silver Threads	Souris	902-687-2396
Thursdays 7:30 pm	Kitchen Party	Brennan's Pub and Eatery	Charlottetown	902-675-2541
Fridays 8 pm (after Nov 1st)	Friday Night Ceilidh	St. Peter's Circle Club	St. Peter's Bay	902-961-3421
Fridays 8 pm	Music, Song and Dance	Benevolent Irish Society	Charlottetown	902-892-2367
Every Other Friday 7:30 pm	Drama Club Ceilidh,	Murray Harbour Hall	Murray Harbour	902-962-2157
Saturdays 9 pm	Goose River Dance	Goose River Hall	Goose River	902-961-2205
Every third Saturday 8:00 pm	Reuban's Jamboree	Sea View Hall	Sea View	902-836-3844

Special Events

Sunday Dec 2nd 2—5 pm,	Palmer Room	Victoria Playhouse	Victoria	902-675-2541
Friday Dec 14 2:00 pm	Mary Smith and Friends	New London Community Complex, New London	New London	902-963-2356
	(Turkey Dinner 4:30 pm Advanced tickets required for turkey dinner)			
Sunday, Dec 30 2—5 pm	CD Release - Troy MacGillivray	B.I.S. Hall, North River Rd.	Charlottetown	902-863-1067
February 2nd 2—7 pm	Fiddle Doo and Potluck	New London Complex	New London	902-963-2356
Monday Dec 31	New Years Eve Dinner and Dance with Peter Chaisson	Goose River Building	Goose River	902-961-2205

For up-to-date events, visit: www.peifiddlers.com

Meeting Place *cont.* from page 10

The Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival, the community ceilidhs in Monticello, Munns Road and Rollo Bay and the Bluegrass Festival are regularly visited. Waldron Leard of Kingsboro, the chief photographer and webmaster *Eastern Kings Meeting Place (cont)* as well as guest photographers, chronicle these events to promote the occasions for future visits, as well as for future generations to view. Digital photography allows for viewing all around the world, within days - and even sometimes hours, after the photos are taken. Leard enjoys the project for he has appreciated

traditional music since his youth. He recognizes the many gems that reside in Eastern Kings, and feels the many talented musicians are hidden treasures, who are deserving of local, national and international recognition.

In the summer of 2007, the site commenced shooting videos. While there are still technical bugs to work out, the abundance of talent in Eastern Kings is now visible in motion and sound. The positive comments from this venture are gratifying to the site owners, whose primary goal is to accentuate the area's positives in all they do.

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Gerard F. (Gerry) Cheverie
May 1997

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Mondays 7:30pm - Community Connections, 836-3844

Queens County Fiddlers Parkdale
Wednesdays 7:45 - St. Pius X Hall, 569-4592

Eastern Kings Fiddlers Rollo Bay
Mondays 7:00 - Rollo Bay Consolidated School 687-1521

Acadian Fiddlers Wellington
Fridays 8:00 - Boys & Girls Club 436-5532

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