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Kay MacKenzie - Still Playing for the Joy of the Music

By Amy Swenson

I met Kay Mackenzie recently when her caregiver Connie MacDougall called me to ask if I would come by the Riverview Manor in Montague and tune Kay's violin for her. Kay had broken her hip and was in a wheelchair, but wanted to get back into playing her fiddle. I soon discovered that this cheerful bright-eyed lady with the beautiful long fingers had an interesting story to tell of her early years on PEI growing up in a musical family and learning to play the fiddle so well that she was in demand to play for dances, which was quite unusual here for a woman in the 1930s and 40s.

Kay, one of four children, was born to Murdock and Mary Munroe of Lyndale, PEI in 1919. Her father was a farmer who did his plowing with horses and never did have a tractor. His brothers all left to work in Boston, so he was left with three farms to manage. Murdock was much in demand as a fiddler, and often after working hard all day, he would take his fiddle to dances in Lyndale, Valleyfield, Montague and Heatherdale. Kay's family often had house parties where fiddling was featured, and her sister Christina played the guitar and step-danced and her beloved brother George Robert Munroe was a lively step-dancer as well, before he died of scarlet fever at the age of three and a half.

Young Kay was very interested in learning to play the fiddle, but her father did not give her his fiddle to try out until one day when she was ten. Legend has it that she started out to learn "Darling Nelly Grey" by ear from memory, and by the end of that day, she had the tune down. The family soon realized that they had another fiddler on their hands, and Kay often accompanied her father to the dances and she eventually gained a reputation of being as good a fiddler as her father. She also learned to play the guitar and



Photo by Anne M. McPhee

Kay MacKenzie, of Seal River and currently residing at Riverview Manor in Montague, is still putting out the tunes at age 93.

has many old photos of her accompanying various fiddlers at the house parties. She still has her \$9 guitar bought second-hand in Charlottetown many years ago, and it still is tunable despite never having been kept in a case! (This proves they don't make them like they used to!) Her dear nephew Gerry McCarty has now provided the old Yamaha with a sturdy case.

Kay has many fond memories of the dances and recalls, with a twinkle in her eyes, the dancing of some

of the "nice-looking" fellows of the era. She remembers Alec "Thresher" MacLeod, (so known because he owned a threshing machine) as a very good step-dancer who knew a variety of fancy steps and loved to step-dance all around the hall. Billy Troy was another lively dancer, and of course she remembers the dashing and talented O'Connor brothers; Emerson, Attwood and Newton from Milltown Cross, who were from a very musical family as well.

As well as working at the Ferguson Shipyard in Pictou, Nova Scotia during World War II, Kay worked as a maid and cook for several wealthy families in



Submitted Photo

Kay (Munroe) MacKenzie in her twenties.

Beverly, Massachusetts. One day, she just couldn't resist playing a violin she found upstairs in one of the homes she was working in. Kay was overheard by the lady of the house and this eventually led to her being given the instrument which she still has today. (Fortunately it does have a case!)

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Kay played at many gatherings of Islanders and other Maritimers in the States, often with her sister. She would always return home in the summers to help her father with the farming. In her late thirties, she married Lincoln MacKenzie, a retired Presbyterian Minister, whom she met at a dance at Valleyfield Hall. After their marriage, they moved to his family home in Seal River.



Kay playing her guitar this past summer.

Last month, we got Kay's guitar and fiddle tuned up and we had a bit of a jam session at the Manor. Wayne MacLean dropped by to try out the guitar, and Kay's nimble fingers zipped through one tune after another, her feet dancing away on the wheelchair all the while, and then she would pause and say with a big grin, "I played that too fast, I need to practice more often!" She has some old Scottish songs in her repertoire, including an old drinking song, published in 1911 called "Wee Deoch an' Doris", versions of popular songs of years gone by such as "Nobody's Darling but Mine", "Pigs in the Parlour" (or "Bear went over the Mountain"), "The Bull kicked Daddy", "Mrs. MacCarthy do you have a daughter" and many others. She lit into "Little Brown Jug" in G so fast that I was left in the dust, being used to a version in D played more slowly by my fiddle students! She plays "St. Anne's Reel" of course, and recalls that "Lord MacDonald's Reel" was often played for the dances. She enjoys hearing it again whenever I play it for her, and she always lights up when her caregiver, Connie, step-dances to the "Irish Washerwoman".

Her family's love of music and encouragement of their children to learn instruments and dance has stayed with her and given her great joy all her life. Only a chosen few of us are able to boast that we have played the fiddle for 83 years!

PEI FIDDLERS SOCIETY AGM REPORT

The PEI Fiddlers Society held its 2012 Annual General Meeting on Saturday October 20th at the Sheltered Harbour Restaurant in Souris. All Chapters were represented and reported good numbers at their regular practices and performances.

Newsletter editor Anne M. McPhee reported excellent feedback on each issue and offered special thanks to regular contributors Amy Swenson, Barry Thompson, Carolyn Drake and Dorothy Griffin Farish.

Linda Moran read a letter received from Bishop Faber Scholarship recipient, Skye MacAusland plus an invitation to all PEI Fiddlers to attend the Cape Breton Fiddlers Association 40th Anniversary festivities in August 2013. A PEI Fiddlers Fiddle Jam is being planned for April 14, 2013 and something fun may be in the works for 2014. Find more information here and in future issues.

An election of officers was held and the following positions were filled by acclamation: President – Nathan Condon, 1st Vice President – Jason Campbell, 2nd Vice President – Marie MacIntyre, Treasurer – Paul Cheverie, Secretary – Lorraine McMillan with assistance from Anne M. McPhee. Welcome to all and stay tuned for an exciting year ahead.



Nathan Condon

President's Report by Nathan Condon

Fiddlers and friends,

To start off I am honored to be elected the new president of the PEI Fiddlers Society. I am looking forward to meeting with the executive as well as meeting the members of each chapter. I have big shoes to fill but I am up for the challenge.

Fiddle has been a part of my life for over 20 years. I have played on many stages across Canada as well as a few in the States. I play mostly Old Tyme fiddle music however I have a love for every style. I took step-dancing lessons from Libbe Hubley at age 5 in my home town of Kensington, PEI.

Although this is a short report, like I said, I am looking forward to working with each and every one of the chapters of the PEI Fiddlers Society. If there are any questions or concerns you may contact me at nathancondon@live.ca or by phone at 902-291-2063.



Eastern Kings Fiddlers

by Anne M. McPhee

It's been a busy fall season of music in Eastern Kings with no sign of slowing down as we move into the Christmas season.

Anne M. McPhee The Rollo Bay Fiddle classes began as usual on the Monday following Thanksgiving, October 17th. There seems to be a record number of beginner students, of all ages, in Kathryn Dau-Schmidt's classes this year and from all accounts they are loving every minute of it. One parent remarked at Kathryn's amazing patience and skill at identifying each student's needs and keeping them all interested and focused. They sure make a lot of progress in a short period of time.

The Kitchen Group also resumed their weekly practices and are hard at work developing this year's playing list that includes a number of sets of common tunes that many Islanders are familiar with and can join in with us if they wish. Anyone is welcome to come join the group or just come to listen.

We were delighted to host the PEI Fiddlers Society Annual General Meeting in Souris on October 20th. Everyone met in the meeting room at the Sheltered Harbour Restaurant on the waterfront and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all followed by a very productive business meeting. Some members of the Executive Committee recently met again to work out some ways to bring Island Fiddlers together and have decided on a Fiddle Jam to be held in April. A common list of tunes will be available from Executive Committee members and from Chapter reps in the weeks ahead. Their contact information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

Newly opened 21 Breakwater Restaurant in Souris held a book launch for the book "Tunesmiths".



Photo by Lorraine McMillan

Some members of the PEI Fiddlers Society Executive Committee includes: from left 1st Vice-President Jason Campbell, outgoing Secretary Anne McPhee, new President Nathan Condon and Treasurer Paul Cheverie. Not shown are 2nd Vice-President Marie MacIntyre and incoming Secretary Lorraine McMillan.

The event was hosted by Anastasia ResRoches who played a number of her tunes and shared the stories behind them. Brent and Kevin Chaisson also shared some of the tunes they wrote. Mylène Ouellette accompanied many of the numbers on keyboard while baby Louis-Gabriel was cuddled by numerous willing arms.



Photo by Anne M. McPhee

Zavallennahh Huscroft

A special guest from British Columbia was featured as well. Zavallennahh Huscroft or Zav, described as "an innovative, spunky violist, composer, educator and community builder", delighted the large crowd with her skill on her 5 stringed viola. All in all it was a delightful concert in the intimate setting of 21 Breakwater Restaurant which opened earlier this year but has quickly become the go to venue for great food, service and atmosphere.

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Ivan Hicks

The Chaisson Trio with Peter, Kevin and Lem Chaisson opened the concert with some wonderful tunes and songs which delighted the Hicks almost as much as



Peter Chaisson

having the opportunity to play at the Show Hall themselves. Ivan and Vivian had the audience enthralled with a number familiar tunes as well as enjoyable pieces that are well known in their area of New Brunswick. Then Ivan picked up the guitar and



Vivian Hicks

Vivian joined him at the microphone for some wonderful songs. When Ivan picked up the fiddle again, people in the audience took to the sidelines to do some waltzing and later, Norma Arsenault, one of the famous Arsenault sisters, got up on the stage for some lively step-dancing. For the finale, the Chaisson Trio joined the Hicks on stage for some more great tunes. What a show!! The crowd was mesmerized the entire evening and thoroughly enjoyed every minute.

Next up is the Celtic Ladies and their Christmas Concert series. What a great way to celebrate the season!!



Frank Lechowick

The Morell Fiddlers

by Frank Lechowick

The Morell Fiddlers started meeting seven or eight years ago. We now meet every Thursday night from 7:30 - 9:30 in the Morell Pharmacy building (side entrance). We

get together to play some tunes, new and old, tell stories and carry on. There is no standard format or official leader, but the tea break in the middle is sacred.

The core crew includes Leonard and Linda Deveaux, Emmett DeCoursey, Philip Bradley, Shirley MacKenzie, Renie Webster, George Johnston, Lorraine Praught, Francis Stewart, Frank Lechowick, and pianist Marion Pirch. Most of these fiddlers have taken lessons from Sterling Baker, Allan MacDonald or Kathryn Dau-Schmidt.

Other musicians and guests are welcome and often drop in. We were proud to make our debut at Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival this past July.

For further details contact Linda or Leonard Deveaux at 961-2061. Come join us any Thursday night!



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The Morell Fiddlers made their first public appearance at the Fiddle Doo in Souris last May.

Celtic Ladies Christmas Concert Series 2012

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Amy Swenson

Southern Kings Fiddlers by Amy Swenson

Fall has been fun for our group. We challenged ourselves to play 9 tunes with harmony at Sturgeon Ceilidh October 21st. Four members played the harmony parts and the rest (14) played the main parts. Gary Hughes accompanied us on piano with Margie Carmichael on octave mandolin and Wayne MacLean on guitar, so we all made quite a racket, a pleasant one by all accounts. For the first tune, Da Slockitt Light, we were led by Harrison Klein, age 6, on his 1/8 sized fiddle. He played along with us very well, but at his next lesson, he pointed to the two measures where he lost his place "because I started listening to the harmony". I don't think he is the first one to have ever done that!

We are working on some new tunes with a view to playing again next July at Rollo Bay, and are getting transcriptions made of some tunes on Kinnon Beaton's latest and wonderful CD, Tunesmiths (available from daughter Andrea's website). One of my students found a great tune from Kinnon, a delicious slow air called Jane Andrews (on the Failte Airs and Waltzes CD) – we hope to learn that one too. Our member Hughie Jackson recorded a lovely, previously unwritten waltz – the Pictou County Waltz – and Cindy Bell graciously wrote it down for us. It is about 40 years old and is becoming a favorite tune. We don't know who composed that one.

On November 19, Sheila Fitzpatrick has agreed to give us a workshop, and Richard Wood will be teaching us some time in the early spring when he gets a bit of a break from touring. In December, we have a practice on Dec 10 at Gillis Lodge and hope to play again at Perrin's Villa so that our most senior

member, Ambrose Casey, can join us for a tune or two.

In January the fiddlers will continue practices in Montague at the Active Communities Rural Development building at Brooke and Main on alternate Monday nights. (For information call Urban Chaisson at 962-3865, visitors are welcome.) I will be teaching Community School violin classes for beginners and more advanced at Murray Harbour on Monday nights from January to mid-March. Over the past 14 years that I have been leading that class, I have made many friends and musical companions and look forward to seeing them again in the New Year. Happy Holidays from all of us in the Southern Kings County Fiddlers!



2012 Christmas Stars Concert for the QEII

Some great talent will be on hand Dec 22nd at 6:00pm at Jack Blanchard Hall including: incredible fiddler Richard Wood; recording artist Kelley Mooney; Bluegrass icons Janet McGarry & Serge Bernard; PEI's Country Gentleman Lester MacPherson; Celtic Wizard Lester Stubbart; The Judy MacLean Dancers with present and former dancers: Kristyn Visser; Paige LeClair and Bethany MacLeod; Vanessa Bernard; The Saunders Sisters; RhythmDance featuring these great steppers (Fiona MacCorquodale, Mallory McInnis, Grace Peardon, Alice Cheverie); and Madison McPhee and Alyssa Dalton. What a time!!



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Richard Wood dazzles the crowd at the Christmas Stars Concert

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Queens County Fiddlers by Carolyn Drake

The Queens County Fiddlers have been enjoying a busy fall season of practicing and playing with a good turnout of fiddlers at our regular practices on Wednesday evenings and plenty of opportunities to play for people in and around Charlottetown.

More than a dozen members kicked off the fall season in fine style and had a great time at a 50th birthday party for group member Carolyn Drake, held at the Haviland Club in mid-September.

Then on Oct 17, the fun shifted to The Emily, a large apartment complex in Charlottetown, where we were invited back for a second evening of music to entertain the people who live there. It was also a great chance to help celebrate the birthday of Muriel Matheson, who organized the get together. There was plenty of great music, great food and, of course, birthday cake.

A small group of fiddlers played tunes at a Charlottetown nursing home, MacMillan Lodge, on Oct 19, and Karsen McKeown and QCF president Tammy MacEachern played at Beach Grove Home on Oct 27.

The group was pleased to receive a return invitation from Speaker Carolyn Bertram to play for the Speaker's Tea following the opening of the fall session of the legislature on Nov 13. The gymnasium of Murphy's Community Centre was packed with people and food and decorated in P.E.I.'s distinctive tartan colours. Fourteen fiddlers, accompanied by Jennifer Garrity on piano, played a mix of slow airs, waltzes, strathspeys, reels, jigs and marches for close to 90 minutes.

A large group of fiddlers also turned out for a regular practice night held on Nov 21 at the Prince Edward Home. We'll have a chance to wear our Santa hats and play a few Christmas carols along with some lively tunes in December when we play two Wednesday nights in a row at Andrews of Charlottetown and Geneva Villa.

The group is taking a break for Christmas after Dec 12 and expects to resume practice on Jan 9, but watch your e-mails to be sure. We have been pleased to welcome some new faces this fall, including Georgia-Rae Connolly, who was the recipient of the Queens County Fiddlers scholarship this past summer. As always, new fiddlers and accompanists of all levels of experience are welcome to come by our Wednesday evening practices, as are people who just want to listen. Remember, those long winter evenings provide a great time for learning new tunes. Practices are at our new meeting location on the second floor of the Long and McQuade building in Charlottetown. 🦋



Photo by Judy MacLean

The Cheverie's were recently featured at the Sunday Night Shenanigans in York. From left: Gerry Cheverie of Ottawa, past editor of this newsletter and peifiddlers.com webmaster; his son Paul Cheverie; and Gerry's brother, Father Charlie Cheverie. Lester Subbert is on the guitar in back.



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Prince County Fiddlers by Barry Thompson

Barry Thompson

The Prince County Fiddlers have been holding our regular practices as usual. We continue to meet at Community Connections, 701 Water St. West, Summerside. Due to work and other commitments by our members, we have not performed in the Community as a group to date. Jackie Biggar, Peter Robinson and Darlene Harding played for a dance in October at the Andrews Lodge in Summerside. The evening consisted of fiddle tunes and songs performed by other entertainers. We played for the residents of Wedgewood Manor on November 26th.

A special thanks goes out to Mary Smith who faithfully made the trek from Rustico to play keyboard for us again this summer. This was the

third summer Mary has helped us out. She also continues to play for us on other occasions through the winter months. We appreciate her loyalty to our group and to traditional music. Mary organized another successful Fiddle Doo and Potluck held in Kensington in October. A goodly number of fiddlers and accompanists, singers and fans were in attendance. Ivan and Vivian Hicks were able to attend and made a welcome contribution to the afternoon.

Jason Campbell and I attended the Annual General Meeting held in Souris in October. Congratulations to Nathan Condon on being elected President of the PEI Fiddlers Society for the ensuing year. Also to Jason Campbell for being re-elected vice-president.


All the members of the Prince County Fiddlers wish to extend sincere best wishes to all for the Holiday Season. 



Photo by Carol Gallant

Some of the members of the Prince County Fiddlers play for the residents at Chez Nous Community Care Facility in Wellington on Sunday, August 6th. From left: Libbe Hublely, Eddie Arsenault (a resident), Jim MacDougall, Jacky Biggar, Patsy Bulger, Leith Thomson, Barry Thompson on guitar and Peter Robinson in the back on Bass Guitar.



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Dorothy
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Acadian News by Dorothy Griffin-Farish

How time flies! Here it is almost Christmas again. Greetings to everyone and best wishes of the season!

Since the last newsletter was published a number of events took place in our area. Some of these include: The Pumpkin Festival, which was held from October 17th to the 28th at the Centre Belle-Alliance in Summerside. Music was a big part of this festival, along with a craft fair, cooking workshops, and a number of other features such as storytelling, an entrepreneurs luncheon, the 12th Annual Historic Ghost Walk, various arts and crafts. The musicians included Alex, Zoé and Jacques Arsenault, Sylvie Toupin, Hélène Bergeron, J.J. Chaisson, Louise Arsenault, Peter Arsenault, Anastasia DesRoches, Caroline Bernard, Patricia Richard, Rémi Arsenault, Albert, Chrystel and Julie Arsenault, singer-songwriter Mario "FAYO" LeBlanc, Ronald Bourgeois and his musicians, and the Big River Band. A fiddle workshop entitled "From the West Coast to the East Coast: Meet and Share of 2 Fiddlers" was given by Zavallennahh Huscroft and Anastasia DesRoches. During this festival music was provided to the seniors at Wedgewood and Summerset Manors. As in previous years, the Pumpkin Festival proved to be very popular and successful.



Photo by Anne M. McPhee

Zavallennahh, Brent Chaisson, Anastasia DesRoches and Mylène Ouellette put on a wonderful performance at a special event held before a packed house at 21 Breakwater Restaurant in Souris.

Numerous house parties, hall presentations, etc. have been held to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of Egmont Bay and Mont Carmel parishes. These are too many to mention individually.

The Friday Night Jammers are performing each Friday at the Boys' and Girls' Club in Wellington. Many members of the group perform at other functions outside the Evangeline region. Dorothy Griffin-Farish represented the group at the Fiddle Doo held in Kensington on Saturday, October 27th. The Jammers were one of the performing groups at the "2 to 2" benefit show for the Village des Sources l'Étoile Filante held at the Expo Centre in Abram Village on November 17th. Norman and Paula Arsenault, part of the Jammers, along with family members, were also entertainers at this benefit show. Many other local entertainers performed at the "2 to 2".

Amand Arsenault and friends, including Zack Cormier, Fred Arsenault, Leona Cheney, Paula & Norman Arsenault, Edward P. Arsenault, Margaret Gallant, and Dorothy Griffin-Farish, entertain at various seniors' homes and manors in Summerside and at the Chez Nous in Wellington. Amand's brother, Eddy, who is now a resident at the Chez Nous, entertains at that home.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Reggie Arsenault of Mont Carmel. Reggie died on November 8th. His wife, Mary Anne, is a member of the Arthur "Joe Bibienne" family who were noted in the Evangeline region for their music. Reggie's daughter, Colette Aucoin, and grandson, Zakary Cormier, perform with the Friday Night Jammers. A Celebration of Life in honor of Reggie was held on November 12th at Le Centre Belle-Alliance, Summerside.

Christmas is always a colorful, cheerful and musical time in the Evangeline Region. Concerts are being prepared to celebrate the season. Check the media for upcoming events.

Merry Christmas/Joyeux Noel to all!



Safely Home

Francis (Reg) Grady
Oct 16, 1926-2012

Predeceased by his beloved wife Mary "Rose" Grady. They were both Life Members of the PEI Fiddlers Society. Reggie and his VW bus will be greatly missed at the Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival.

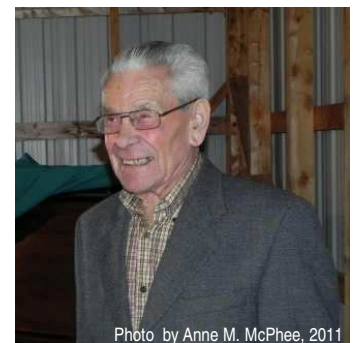
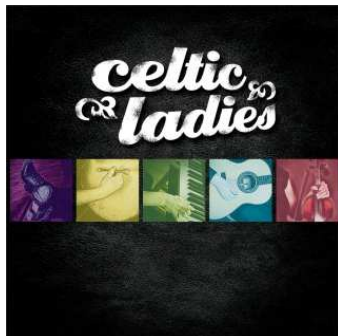


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Celtic Ladies Launch Christmas Series and Their First CD

It's an extra busy time this December for Celtic Ladies. With preparations for the holiday season underway, the popular group is launching not only a seven show Christmas concert series, they are also releasing their debut, self-titled recording at the same time.

As in their live shows, the recording *Celtic Ladies* features the group's lively style of traditional and contemporary Maritime, Irish and Scottish songs, ballads, fiddle and piano tunes. From the haunting tale of Spencil Hill to the foot-stomping Blue Eyed Suzie, the disc features some of the band's favorite numbers including The Parting Glass in three part harmony and their own version of the traditional song Wagoner's Lad.



Celtic Ladies new CD

With no official launch being planned, the new recording will be available at the Ladies' Christmas concert series that includes Vernon River Hall on Dec 7th, the Eastern Kings Community Centre in Munns Road on Dec 8th, St. Paul's Anglican Church in Charlottetown on Dec 9th, Cymbria Lions Centre in South Rustico on Dec 13th, the Souris Show Hall on Dec 14th and 15th and St. Mary's Church in Montague on Dec 16th. All shows are at 7:30pm. More information on advance ticket sales can be found at www.celticladies.ca. The Celtic Ladies Christmas show is always a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Celtic Ladies include step dancer Jaime Bell on percussion and mandolin, Sheila FitzPatrick on fiddle, accordion and harmony vocals, Jocelyne Ludgate on bass and lead and harmony vocals, Darla MacPhee on piano and accordion, and Jon Matthews on acoustic guitar, bass, percussion, lead and harmony vocals.

A Letter from Skye

Thank you lots for the scholarship to the Gaelic College! It was an honour to be the first recipient of the Bishop Faber MacDonald Scholarship. I had a fun time learning Gaelic song, weaving, guitar and new fiddle tunes!



Skye MacAusland

I was surprised when they woke me up in the morning at 7:00am. With Bagpipes!!! I also liked how we had a cafeteria to eat in! We had trays and we got to pick what we wanted to have!

In the morning and afternoon, I went to all my classes. First was guitar, then weaving and Gaelic song. I liked the weaving building. After that we went back for lunch, then we had a little break, like maybe an hour, then I finished up the day with two classes of fiddle. One of the classes is pipe music on the fiddle . . . (but I still like PEI fiddle music best!)

We finished our day at 3:00. Of course we didn't just hang around the room so we had extra activities to finish our day. Sometimes we went to the beach to go swimming or play in the sand. One time had a sand-castle building contest! Sometimes we would just stay at the buildings and play sports. We also had bonfires, movie-nights or just crafts. You can never have too much fun at the Gaelic College! One of the nights we had a talent show and I played the fiddle in it. And on the last day (Friday), we had a concert for the parents!! I played a song on the guitar that I learned in only a couple days!!

I am hoping that the next person that goes to Gaelic College will have as much fun as I did!!

Thank you once again!

Sincerely,

Skye MacAusland



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P.E.I. Fiddlers Invited to Cape Breton Fiddlers 40th Anniversary Celebrations

The Cape Breton Fiddlers' Association has invited the P.E.I. Fiddlers Society and, in fact, any fiddlers from P.E.I., to help them celebrate the group's 40th anniversary during a special three-day event being held August 16 - 18, 2013.

The event will be held at the Gaelic College of Celtic Arts & Crafts, St. Ann's, Cape Breton, N.S.

The P.E.I. Fiddlers have been asked to perform as a group and to join the Cape Breton Fiddlers group on stage. We're hoping to get as many fiddlers from across P.E.I. to join us in this event.

Aaron Crane has agreed to direct the group and arrange to have the group get together to practice. He will provide a list of tunes, sheet music and sound clips of the music we will be playing to anyone interested in joining the group. Contact your local Chapter Rep for more info.

Accommodations are available in the nearby Baddeck area as well as St. Ann's at hotels, B & Bs and campgrounds. More information will be available in the new year.

Cape Breton Fiddlers' Association Welcomes the World on its 40th Anniversary

Friday, August 16th, 2013

"Come Learn New Tunes!" 2:00 p.m.

Various fiddle groups join Cape Breton Fiddlers' Jam Session - 7:00 p.m. Square dance to follow

Saturday, August 17th, 2013

Lecture Series - 11:00 a.m.; Workshops - 2:00-5:00

Fiddle ~ Piano ~ Guitar ~ Step-dance

Concert - 7:00 p.m. Square dance to follow

Sunday, August 18th, 2013

"Celebrating Forty Years"

Finale Concert - 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Full concession facilities are available throughout concert times, and there will be plenty of free parking! For further information, please call: 902-849-8476; 902-295-3411; 1-800-565-0000

www.capebretonfiddlers.com/index.php?/festival-2011-information.html



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Queens County Fiddlers played on the outdoor stage at St. Ann's in 2009. All PEI Fiddlers are invited to play here in August 2013.



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Events Forecast

For up-to-date events visit www.peifiddlers.com; or check local listings

Sundays 2 - 5 pm	Weekly Music Sessions	Old Triangle Irish Alehouse	Charlottetown	902-892-5200
Sundays 2 - 9 pm	Sunday Music Jams	Expo-Festival Centre	Abram Village	902-854-3300
Second Sunday 2 - 4 pm	Kitchen Party/Ceilidh	Cotton Centre	Stratford	902-569-2732
Third Sunday 1:30pm	Ceilidh	Seniors Active Living Centre, UPEI	Charlottetown	902-628-8388
First and Third Mondays 7:00pm	Ceilidh Kitchen Party	Bingo Country, Riverside Dr.	Charlottetown	902-940-6702
Tuesdays 8 pm	Georgetown Ceilidh	Kings Playhouse	Georgetown	902-652-2053
Tuesdays 7:30 - 11:00 pm	Accoustic Jam	Expo-Festival Centre	Abram Village	902-854-3300
Wednesdays 8 pm	Ceilidh	Silver Threads	Souris	902-687-2396
Wednesdays 9 pm	J.J. and Koady Chaisson	Old Triangle Irish Alehouse	Charlottetown	902-892-5200
Fridays 8 pm	Ceilidh & Dance	St. Peter's Bay Circle Club	St Peter's Bay	902-961-2027
Fridays 8:00pm	Ceilidh at the Irish Hall	Irish Cultural Centre (BIS)	Charlottetown	902-566-3273
Alternate Fridays 7 pm	Ceilidh	Murray Harbour Drama Club	Murray Harbour	902-962-2792
Saturdays 8 pm	Ceilidh and Dance	St. Michael's Church Hall	Iona	902-659-2554
Saturdays 9 pm	Goose River Dance	Goose River Hall	Goose River	902-961-2205

- **Celtic Ladies 2012 Christmas Concert Series.** All shows are at 7:30pm. Dec 7 - St. Joachim Hall, Vernon River; Dec 8 - Eastern Kings Community Centre, Munns Road; Dec 9 - St. Paul's Anglican Church, Charlottetown; Dec 13 - Cymbria Lions Club, Rustico; Dec 14 & 15 - Souris Show Hall, Souris; Dec 16 - St. Mary's Church, Montague
- **Annual Christmas Stars Concert (in aid of QEH)** Dec 22 at 6:00pm at Jack Blanchard Centre featuring Richard Wood, Kelley Mooney, Janet McGarry & Serge Bernard, Lester MacPherson, Lester Stubbert, The Judy MacLean Dancers and more.
- **New Years Eve 9 pm Dinner and Dance with Peter Chaisson** Goose River Hall, Goose River 902-961-2205
- **Fiddle Doo and Potluck** - Saturday, Feb 2nd from 2:00 - 7:00 pm Murray Christian Centre, Kensington 902-963-2356

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Eastern Kings Fiddlers Rollo Bay 687-1521
 Alternate Mondays 7:00 pm Rollo Bay School
Prince County Fiddlers Summerside 836-3844
 Mondays 7:30 pm Community Connections
Southern Kings Fiddlers Montague 962-2273
 Alternate Mondays 7:00 pm Active Communities

Queens County Fiddlers Charlottetown 940-5949
 Wednesdays 7:30 pm Long & McQuade
Morell Fiddlers Morell 961-2962
 New Day Thursdays 7:30 - 9:30 pm Above the Pharmacy
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