

The Island Fiddler

The Newsletter of the Prince Edward Island Fiddlers Society



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PEI Fiddlers Society Welcomes Newly Formed Southern Kings Fiddlers



Members of the Southern Kings Fiddlers meet every second Monday in Montague. Back row (I-r): Wayne MacLean, Howard Hancock, Norman Gillis, Mel Giddings, Amy Swenson, Lorraine Praught, Bud Stewart, Paul Demeulenaere, Bernard Farrell, George Curran, and Cecil Chapman. Front row (I-r): Urban Chaisson, Kenny Chapman, Marie MacIntyre & Harry Buell Other frequent participants not shown here include; Tracey Higgenbotham, Ambrose Casey, Ethel MacQuarrie, Ambrose Casey, Paul Wisener, Cef Pobjoy and Wendy Pobjoy. Photo by David MacDonald

The Southern Kings Fiddlers meet every second Monday at 7:30 pm at the Active Communities Centre on Main Street in Montague. While many of the members are well known for playing at numerous benefits, ceilidhs and other events in the region, this is the first time they have come together to play as a group.

The group is also looking forward to perform-

ing as a chapter of the PEI Fiddlers Society. Current chapters include the Eastern Kings Fiddlers, Queens County Fiddlers and the Prince County Fiddlers.

The next jam session is happening on June 22nd and everyone is welcome to attend. If you need more information, please call Amy Swenson at 962-2273 or Urban Chaisson at 962-3865.

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Ward MacDonald

From the President By Ward MacDonald

It's easy to see by the pages of this newsletter that we're about to have another busy and exciting summer!

I would like to congratulate Amy Swenson, Urban Chaisson and the rest of the crew in Montague for

taking the initiative to form a new fiddle group. I can see by the smiles on our cover page that your efforts are already being received warmly by a dozens of fiddlers in Southern Kings and I am sure that you will have many great moments in the years to come. In the very near future, we will hold your first AGM so we can officially welcome you as a new chapter!

Scotland Trip Chair Marlene MacDonald and I have been busy chatting about the trip with interested Fiddlers Society members across the Island. We have not visited all the fiddle groups yet, but already have a list of about 30 participants. We have decided the next step in the planning is to have a meeting of all those who plan to go to Scotland. The meeting will be at the Sobeys

Community Room in West Rovalty (across from Canadian Tire), University Sobeys West Royalty 7:30pm on Thursday, July All Travelers Must Attend 2. All travelers must

Scotland Trip Meeting Thursday, July 2 @ 7:30 Charlottetown at University Ave., Charlottetown

attend. We also ask that anyone that has not yet spoken with me or Marlene to please email me at himself@wardmacdonald.com.

I am proud to say that inside this newsletter, you'll find information on many great fiddling festivals, workshops, and events happening across the Island this summer. Hats off to the newsletter team for another great issue.



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Fiddle Frolics Mark Spring

After what seemed like a particularly harsh PEI winter, the idea of attending a Spring Fiddle Folic sounded like a real good time to get out and about, re-connect with old friends and fiddle followers from across the Island and take in some good tunes. Organizer Ward MacDonald kept the events informal and fun while weekly special guests from across the Island were invited to drop by and play a few tunes.



Seen at a Fiddle Frolic this past spring Allan MacDonald on guitar, Richard Wood on fiddle, and Ward MacDonald on keyboards



A crowd enjoyed tunes, food and beverages at the weekly Fiddle Frolics held this past spring with a family type atmosphere.



Anne M. McPhee

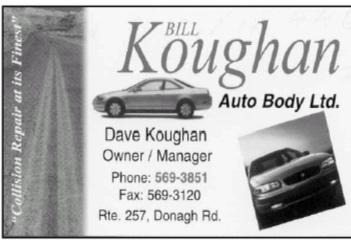
Eastern Kings Fiddlers by Anne M. McPhee

The Rollo Bay fiddle students wrapped up another successful year at their annual Family Night Concert held in St. Alexis Church in Rollo Bay on May 11.



Olivia MacNeil (left) of Red Point, age 7, shows promise as a natural entertainer with her ready smile. Young and not quite so young students (below) were accompanied by Jimmy Townshend on guitar and Kevin Chaisson on piano.







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Fiddle instructor Kathryn Dau Schmidt (left) and intermediate student Christian Norton, play a selection of fiddle duets the to delight of an appreciative audience in Rollo Bay.

In other news, Goose River resident Teresa Wilson (left) is home again following surgery for a broken leg earlier this spring. Here she holds a copy of her new book about her parents called "Frank and Jane - A Country Courtship".



Alton MacKenzie , Urban MacAdam, Peter Chaisson and Bonnie Campbell provide music for the crowd at the Goose River Building every Saturday.

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Queens County Fiddlers Report by Carolyn Drake

Spring got off to an enjoyable start for the Queens County Fiddlers as they played two shows at the New London Community Complex, April 25 and May 2, for two groups visiting P.E.I. with School's Out Tours. The first show, for Brandon University music students, was great fun as we were joined onstage by several young musicians and at least one brave faculty member. The music may not have been overly familiar to them, but as talented as they were, they had no trouble picking it up. The following week we returned to entertain high school students from The Pas in Manitoba.

Alice Cheverie was on hand for some step-dancing (to music by her father, Paul Cheverie) for the April 25 event and Marlene Gallant and Carolyn Drake stepdanced on May 2. Also, Fiona MacCorquodale and Aaron Crane provided a couple of great sets for both shows.

The two concerts have set the tone for what will be one of the group's busiest summers as members are now fine-tuning sets for the following P.E.I. gigs: June 24 for the residents at Andrews of Stratford; July 11 at the Everything Fiddle event at the Indian River Festival; July 18 at the Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival; July 25 at the Atlantic Fiddlers Jamboree in Abrams Village and July 31 at a P.E.I. Community Foundation event at The Roma at Three Rivers site in Brudenell.

The highlight of the summer for many of our members will be a road trip to Cape Breton for the Festival of Cape Breton Fiddlers on Aug. 14 - 15.

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Rollo Bay Fiddle Field Rte 2 West of Souris www.rollobayfiddlefest.ca 902-687-2584 The group will be playing on its own as well as with a group of massed fiddlers, and some of our younger members, accompanied by Aaron Crane, are also expected to play at the Saturday night youth concert.

In other group news, the scholarship committee of the Queens County Fiddlers is pleased to announce that Fiona MacCorquodale, the daughter of Angie and Rhod MacCorquodale of Stratford, is the recipient of the Queens County Fiddlers' Scholarship to the Gaelic College of Celtic Arts and Crafts. (For more information on this award, see the accompanying story on page 11.)

It was great to see a few of our members and past members featured on this year's QEH 21-hour Equipment Drive telethon on EastLink, May 23-24. Fiona and Aaron, along with Aaron's older brother, Ryan, on guitar performed, as well as Courtney Hogan, Cynthia MacLeod and Bethany MacLeod. And we can't forget Marlene MacDonald, the always-smiling host (even after 21 hours). Marlene, who is also a member of the Queens County Fiddlers, always brings so much dedication and talent to this annual event.

Speaking of dedication, the group was pleased to welcome home Bishop Faber MacDonald to a practice in May. As one of the founding members of the P.E.I. Fiddlers Society, Bishop Faber played a major role in preserving traditional music in this province, and it was wonderful to see him at practice. He is more than welcome any time as are any former members who are visiting the Island this summer.

With the school vacation just around the corner, the group will be making a move from its home at Queen Charlotte Intermediate School to Andrews of Stratford beginning June 24 and continuing there until just before our Cape Breton trip. After Cape Breton, the Queens County Fiddlers will be taking four to six weeks from practice before getting ready for the fall season.

Until then have a wonderful summer of music. Be sure to check out the many ceilidhs, shows, festivals, picnics, concerts and kitchen parties that will be filled with great fiddle sounds.

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



Amy Swenson

Southern Kings Report by Amy Swenson

We are very sad to report that Attwood O'Connor, a Milltown Cross fiddler for 80 years, passed away on May 12, just a few days short of his 87th birthday. Large numbers of people came to the wake and the

funeral to pay their respects. He was very active for many years all around Eastern PEI, playing at dances, ceilidhs and benefits, and until his car accident on Dec. 27th of last year he was still performing four or five nights a week. He will be missed greatly by all his many fans, friends and relatives and remembered as a true gentleman with a playful dry sense of humour and as a very fine fiddler who took great pleasure in entertaining his audiences.

The Southern Kings Fiddlers are meeting every second Monday at 7:30 pm at the Active Communities center in Montague which is at Main and Brook St. We are making a point of playing some of Attwood's favourite tunes at each jam session, as well as new tunes composed by local musicians and many old favourites. We are attracting 15 to 20 fiddlers a night and it was especially nice to see Ambrose Casey there May 25th. He is now 88 and played for many years with the Abbotsford, B.C. Branch of the Old Time Fiddlers, but he is originally from New Brunswick, so he entertained us with a bouncy version of the Logieville Two-Step. Everyone who attends gets to choose a tune when it is their turn, so we can easily play 40 tunes in an evening! Anyone is welcome to attend, just bring a toonie to help with the cost of copying music. The next jams will be June 8th and June 22nd. If you need more information, please call me at 962-2273, or Urban Chaisson at 962-3865.



The April 26th recital put on by the Kings County Music Festival went well with many young pianists, guitar players and vocalists participating, along with 12 young fiddlers from our area. The Murray River Ceilidhs for the QEH also were well attended again this year and the late fiddler Archie Stewart's granddaughter Kirsten, who is turning into a fine smooth player, made her debut with Neil Gow's Lament. She has pledged to play at more local ceilidhs this summer, so keep an eye out for her at Sturgeon and Kilmuir.

The Kilmuir Ceilidh and Dance has been changed to Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm and will take place on the first Thursday of the month from June 4 through October 1. Attwood was a regular performer at these events, so the rest of us fiddlers will have to step up and do our best! As yet, none of us can quite nail the Princess Reel like the master, but we are working on it and in another 20 years, who knows? The Kilmuir Ceilidhs are always fun with lots of fiddling, some dance sets and singers and a tasty "lunch"; we hope to see you there.

The Sturgeon series of Sunday night ceilidhs will take place twice a month starting on June 7th and June 21st and start at 6:30 pm. There is always a good variety of local talent and delicious jams and biscuits are served at intermission. Attwood of course played at Sturgeon. In fact, that is where I met him some 11 years ago. I recognized him from his picture in the Mel Bay 1996 classic "The Fiddle Music of Prince Edward Island" by Ken Perlman, which is still in print, by the way and a very valuable source of Island tunes and information about Island fiddlers and fiddling styles. Attwood found out I rehaired bows and gave me his best bow to rehair right off the bat. Fortunately it turned out well and he returned with it 8 years later for more hair.

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Attwood was also a regular performer at the Cambridge Hall series of ceilidhs. The local community has done a fantastic job of fixing up their hall, and I hear they have now added a tuning & practice room at the back, making it even better! The last time I saw Attwood perform was late last fall in Cambridge and he was in fine fettle, and had his audience clapping and tapping as usual. After his performance, he was overheard telling a naive newcomer how shy he was, but the rest of us piped up with "Oh, that's why you are on stage several nights a week, is it?" and his eyes twinkled, he grinned and we all had a good laugh. Please do check the local paper for the schedule for the Cambridge Hall series of ceilidhs. There is always a good variety of performers and a lunch, and the refurbished Hall is a delight to see.

We would like to wish Dr. Bud Ings, a great lover of fiddle music, all the best in his recovery from his recent stroke. He has already been on CBC campaigning for the new stroke unit at the QEH, always a person to make the best out of whatever situation he finds himself in. (Be sure to read his entertaining new book about his many years as a vet in Eastern PEI.) We would also like to send our thoughts to long time Queens County fiddler Jimmy Halliday and his family as he battles a serious illness.

Best wishes to all for a great summer! Hope to see you at some of the local events and the Montague Jam sessions.

Island String Program Going Strong

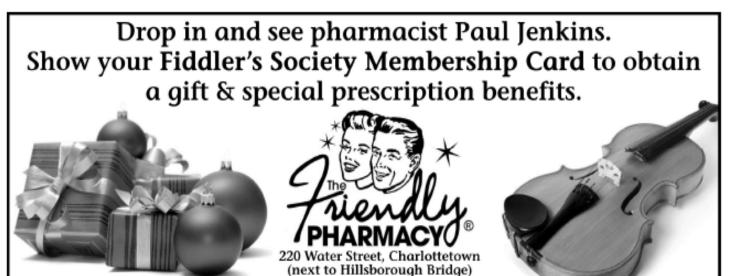
On May 14th, a fun concert celebrating 40 years of string programs in the Eastern School District took place at Stonepark School gym. 240 violin and fiddle students were there from Stonepark, Lucy Maud Montgomery, Sherwood, Glen Stewart, & Donaugh Schools for the hour and a half concert! Jon and Jan Clements, who led the program for many years, were honoured for their great contribution and all the teachers deserve credit for organizing a fine event. Kudos to Jennifer LeLecheur, Ronita Baird, Kim Mooney, Ellen White, and Sue Irvine for their hard work in preparing their students. We hope that the Eastern School District and all the School Principals will continue to support these string programs which bring the violin to so many children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to learn the instrument. See photo on page 11



Safely Home Attwood O'Connor was a

fixture at numerous ceilidhs, fundraisers and benefits around PEI for decades.

The Milltown Cross resident died on May 12th at the age of 86. The recessional music at his largely attended funeral was a lovely violin selection recorded by Attwood.





Barry Thompson

Prince County Fiddlers By Barry Thompson

The Prince County Fiddlers continue to meet and practise on Monday evenings 7:30 - 9:30pm. We are fortunate to have the facilities of Community Connections to meet

and practise. Community Connections is located at 701 Water Street West in Summerside.

Our group has been quite active this spring playing at manors and Community Care facilities in the Summerside and Kensington areas. We have also performed in aid of Community Connections and the Staff of Wedgewood Manor in their quest to raise funds to enter a team in the upcoming Relay for Life. We have been invited to perform at the Chez Nous and Clinton View Community Care Facilities in May and June.

This Summer we have accepted an invitation to play at the Indian River Festival on July 11th. We also look forward to our Annual Concert to be held at Kensington Community Gardens, in Kensington on Saturday, August 8 at 8:00pm.



We are happy to welcome back as an active member Jackie Biggar. Jackie is a fine fiddler and will continue to contribute a lot to the group. Meaghan Mckeown, a fine young fiddler from Chesterville, Ontario, has indicated she will be joining us for the summer. We are also fortunate to have Jason Campbell, another fine young fiddler back for the summer now that his studies have concluded for this year. We are also grateful to Nathan Condon who takes time out from his busy schedule to help us out at appearances by playing bass and fiddle.

The Prince County Fiddlers would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great summer season.

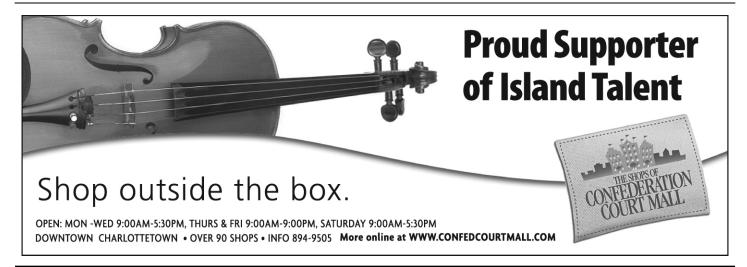
Junior Prince County Fiddlers



Members from left to right: Rebecca Paynter, Veronica Murray, Skye MacAusland, Sabrina Mackay, Sarah Walker, Maria MacKinnon, Coordinator Cathy Campbell & Barry Thompson on guitar.

Three years ago these young fiddlers started playing their first scratchy version of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star". Most of the girls had never held a fiddle before and some couldn't read music either. Through hard work, dedication and love of traditional music these girls have become known as the Junior Prince County Fiddlers.

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Presently, the girls are playing tunes such as St. Anne's Reel, McNabb's Hornpipe, Swallow Tail Jig and Lord MacDonald's Reel. One set of tunes the girls enjoy playing consists of the Headland's March, Mason's Apron and the Devil's Dream.

The Junior Prince County Fiddlers have performed at Canada Day Celebrations in Kensington, Step Dancing Events hosted by Libbe Hubley, the PEI Fiddlers In Concert at Community Gardens and most recently the girls have been volunteering their time and talents to Senior Citizens. The girls are able to play as a group, perform solos and also play in twos and threes while others dance, oh yes, five of these girls are also Senior Step Dancers. It is great that these girls can promote two talents and show flexibility. People love to see young performers on stage.

This young group of talented fiddlers brings such a powerful energy with them, the crowd gets involved by tapping their feet and clapping. One senior's exact words were, "They are smart cookies."

This past fall the Prince County Fiddlers generously donated Island Tartan vests to the group so they can be presented as future upcoming Prince County Fiddlers with grace and style. Also, a number of second-hand fiddles were purchased to help families whenever needed. - Thank you -

"Although we are just really starting our journey as a group, putting sets of tunes together, working on getting tunes up to speed, getting more comfortable on stage, I feel we have accomplished so much over the last three years and I'd like to say that we are very proud of this group of girls".



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Fiddle Shop Talk by Roy Johnstone

I have included a polka I wrote in memory of Wendell Boyle (see page 12). It's a simple tune which is characteristic of most Irish polkas since they are usually played quite fast.

Roy Johnstone Wendell was the Orwell Historic Village manager and he hosted the ceilidhs as well as being a fine singer/songwriter. Wendell passed away several years ago. Part of the evening ceilidhs at Orwell would be the set dances. Wendell would grab an unsuspecting woman from the audience to dance with and he would then fling her around the dance floor at supersonic speeds till she nearly fainted. He would then invite her to sample the ceilidh dessert, ice cream and strawberries. Wendell was a passionate promoter and supporter of Island music and Island musicians. He is still sorely missed.

Here are some useful websites on fiddling. The first three have a variety of fiddling forums. The finale music site has a relatively inexpensive music composing program called Notepad which you might want to check out, free trial for 30 days. The Berklee School of Music has tons of great stuff on all sorts of music topics.

www.fiddleworld.ning.com; www.fiddlehangout.com; www.finalemusic.com; www.berkleemusicblogs.com; and web.ripnet.com/~bmacqi/tunes.htm.

'Til next time keep the bow rosined and the fiddle in tune.

ECMA multi-nominee, performer and recording artist, Roy Johnstone has a website at: www.royjohnstone.com



Roy Johnstone (right) and singer/songwriter Steve Sharratt (left) are performing at the Old Triangle Pub Wednesday evenings from 9 pm to 11 pm.



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Dorothy Griffin-Farish

Acadian News by Dorothy Griffin-Farish

On Sunday afternoon April 5, 2009 the Friday Night Jammers strutted their stuff at the Acadian Museum in Miscouche to a packed house of delighted listeners. Several members of the band step danced as well as played the fiddle or

piano. A number of people in the audience also step danced, and Amand Arsenault sang a ditty or two. He also kept the audience in stitches with his step dancing. Following the entertainment a light lunch was served.

On Saturday May 23rd the Acadian group *Vishten*, along with singer/songwriter Catherine MacLellan, performed at the Harbourfront Theatre in Summerside. Proceeds from the performance will help the Summerside and area Boys and Girls Club stage special programs for children and families.

The group *Gadelle* will be performing in various locations over the summer.

Anastasia DesRoches is giving a fiddle workshop in Indian River on July 11, 2009. The time is tentatively set at 5:30 p.m.

A great number of musical events will be going on during the 2009 summer season. Just a few will be mentioned here. These include house parties, charity events, playing at the Chez Nous in Wellington, Andrews Lodge, Summerset Manor and Wedgewood Manor in Summerside.

For information on performances this season by Chuck & Albert, Anastasia DesRoches and Vishten, please check their web sites listed on page 3 of this publication.

Anyone interested in fiddle music is eagerly looking forward to the 2009 Acadian Fiddlers Jamboree which will be held at Abram's Village on July 24th, 25th and 26th.

A number of special guests will be in attendance including the Queens County Fiddlers, Jim MacDougall, Brandon Arsenault, J.J. Chaisson, Peter Chaisson, Peter Arsenault, Marie Livingstone, Anastasia DesRoches, Edward P. Arsenault, Ward MacDonald, Louise Arsenault, Samantha Gallant, Trevor Profit, Keelin Wedge, and others. The weekend event will also feature Kevin Chaisson on piano and Lemmy Chaisson on guitar. This jubilant musical event is a highlight of the year in the Evangeline Region.

Christina Gallant-MacLean, Julie Arsenault, Mylène Ouellette and Anastasia DesRoches are doing a show entitled *En Acadie* at the Confederation Centre on 5 dates in August. There will be special guests as well, singers, dancers and fiddlers.

On August 14, 2009 a show entitled *En Acadie* will be held at St. Mary's Church, Indian River to mark Acadian Day, August 15th. Among the entertainers will be Anastasia DesRoches, the Friday Night Jammers, Jeannita Bernard, Wayne Robichaud, Christina Gallant-MacLean, Julie Arsenault, Mylène Ouellette, and other performers yet to be confirmed. With the marvelous acoustics at this lovely historic Island church the music should sound heavenly and be very uplifting.

Check the newspapers and the Web in late August for the dates of the annual Acadian Festival and Egmont Bay Exhibition. You don't want to miss it! 'Till next time, cheerio!

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Favourites at the Atlantic Fiddlers Jamboree include brothers Eddy and Amand Arsenault.

Queens County Fiddlers Announce 2009 Scholarship Recipient

A 10-year-old fiddler from Stratford is the 2009 recipient of the Queens County Fiddlers' Scholarship to the Gaelic College of Celtic Performing Arts. Fiona MacCorquodale, the daughter of Angie and Rhod MacCorquodale, was recently presented the scholarship by the group, which sponsors the scholarship every year. Each year, the scholarship allows one traditional fiddle student to attend a one-week, five-day session at the renowned college in St. Ann's, Cape Breton, N.S.. The scholarship covers the cost of tuition, room and board, as well as all fees associated with the application process, an approximate value of \$800.

The Grade 5 student at Glen Stewart Elementary School, who has been under the instruction of Aaron Crane, is looking forward to her chance to learn more about her favourite instrument. "I applied for the scholarship because I want to be a better fiddler, I thought it would be a good thing to try and would be fun. I hope to learn some new Cape Breton tunes and meet some other fiddlers my age."

"Fiona has a great deal of natural talent and I've never seen another student like her as far as ability and dedication to the instrument," says Crane. "I am confident that this will be a life-long pursuit for her."

The scholarship is awarded in support of the continued growth and preservation of fiddle music across P.E.I. In order to be eligible, applicants must be a resident of Queens County, a traditional-style fiddler who has been playing the fiddle for at least three years and between the ages of 10 and 16, inclusive. "We provide the scholarship to nurture young musicians who display an interest in playing fiddle music in a traditional style so that it can be preserved for future generations," says Linda Moran, president of the Queens County Fiddlers. "Fiona has shown a readiness to begin the life-long learning pursuit of traditional fiddle music.

She will be enriched by the variety of world-class instructors from which she will be taught as well as the opportunity to meet new friends with similar interests."

The Gaelic College was founded in 1938 by Rev. A.W.R. MacKenzie as a school devoted to the study and preservation of the Gaelic language and Celtic arts and culture. Situated in the heart of the earliest Scottish settlement in Cape Breton, the college began as a school of Gaelic language in a small log cabin overlooking St. Ann's Bay. For more information on the college, visit www.gaeliccollege.edu.



Fiona MacCorquodale is shown playing with Aaron Crane at the New London Community Centre earlier this spring. Fiona, a member of the Queens County Fiddlers, is the 2009 recipient of the Queens County Fiddlers' Scholarship to the Gaelic College of Celtic Arts and Crafts.



Over 240 violinist took part in the Island String Program Fun Concert - see story page 7

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Sundays 2 - 5 pm	Weekly Music Sessions	Old Triangle Pub, University Ave	Charlottetown	902-675-2541		
Sundays 7 - 9:30 pm	Sun Night Shenanigans	56 St. Peter's Road	Charlottetown	902-566-5545		
Sundays 8 pm	Ceilidh with JJ Chaisson	Monticello Log Hall	Rte 16 Monticello	902-687-2261		
Sun Mon Wed Thurs 7:30 pm	Scottish Ceilidh Concert	MacKinnon Homestead	Richmond	902-854-2245		
Alternate Sundays 6:30 pm Jun 7	Sturgeon Ceilidhs	St. Paul's Parish Hall	Sturgeon	902-962-3918		
Second Sunday 7:30 - 9:30 pm	Kitchen Party/Ceilidh	Cotton Centre	Stratford	902-567-2732		
Third Sunday 7 pm	Kellys Cross Ceilidhs	Kellys Cross Church Hall	Kelly's Cross	902-658-2290		
Last Sunday of the month 7-9 pm	Ceilidh/Concert	Bonshaw Community Centre	Bonshaw	902-675-4282		
Last Sunday of the month 7:30 pm	Ceilidh	Sherwood Hall	Charlottetown	902-894-9586		
Mondays 8 pm	Ceilidh & Dance	St. Peter's Bay Circle Club	St Peter's Bay	902-961-2899		
Mon & Wed 7:30 pm July 6-Sep 23	Ross Family Ceilidh	W.I. Hall	Stanley Bridge	902-569-4551		
Mon & Wed 7:30 pm July 6-Sep 16	Brackley Beach Ceilidh	Brackley Beach Community Centre	Brackley Beach	902-672-2555		
Alternate Mondays 7:30 pm	Ceilidh Kitchen Party	Bingo Country, Riverside Dr.	Charlottetown	902-940-6702		
Wednesdays 8 pm	Square Dance	Old Lorne Valley School	Lorne Valley	902-687-2584		
Wednesdays 8 pm	Ceilidh	Silver Threads	Souris	902-687-2396		
Wednesdays 7:30	Ceilidh at the Corner	Orwell Corner Historic Village	Orwell Corner	902-651-8515		
Wednesdays 9 - 11 pm	Roy Johnstone & Steve S	harratt at the Old Triangle	Charlottetown	902-675-2541		
Thursdays 8 pm	Ceilidh and Dance	Rollo Bay Fiddle Field Barn	Rte 2 Rollo Bay	902-687-2584		
Thursdays 8pm	Close to the Ground w/Fig	ldlers Sons Kaylee Hall	Pooles Corner	902-394-1115		
First Thursday 7:30 pm	Ceilidh	Kilmuir Hall	Kilmuir	902-838-4768		
Fridays 8 pm	Music, Song and Dance	Benevolent Irish Society	Charlottetown	902-892-2367		
Fridays 8 pm	Friday Night Ceilidh	St. Peters Circle Club	St. Peter's Bay	902-961-2899		
Fridays 7:30 pm	Mary Smith & Friends	Stanley Bridge Hall	Stanley Bridge	902-963-2356		
Saturdays 9 pm	Goose River Dance	Goose River Hall	Goose River	902-961-2205		
Alternate Saturdays 8 pm	Square Dancing	York Community Centre	York	902-629-1869		
		Winston Crawford), North Star Arena		902-963-2356		
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Fiddle Practices Open To The Public

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

Queens County Fiddlers Charlottetown 569-4592 Wed. 7:30 pm Queen Charlotte Inter. School June 24 - Aug 14 practices at Andrews of Stratford

Prince County Fiddlers Summerside 836-3844 Mondays 7:30 pm Community Connections

Morell Fiddle Group Morell 961-2962 Thursdays 7:00 pm Above the Pharmacy

Southern Kings Fiddlers Montague Alternate Mondays 7:00 pm at Active Communities Main Street, Montague June 8 & 22

