

# VICTORIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

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

## Message From the VBA Board

*"I've laid around, and played around  
All this summer long  
Now it's almost gone  
Yeah, Autumn's coming on"*

Welcome back to a new VBA season everyone. We hope you all had a great summer break playing bluegrass music with your friends, and managed to take in some of the wonderful bluegrass festivals. After a bit of a hit or miss start to this summer's weather, we sure made up for it in August, didn't we? And September has given us the hottest days of the year so far!

The slow-pitch jams are underway at the hall again, and many thanks to Stephanie Moneo for offering to continue booking the hosts for these sessions. Although she is pleased to carry on this role, please do let her know if you are willing to help out this season.

The new VBA Board will be meeting for the first time later this month. We are looking forward to booking some exciting bluegrass feature acts for you, and working hard to keep the VBA a vibrant organization in the local acoustic music scene. We encourage you to get involved and volunteer in any way you can. We are always looking for people to help out in the kitchen, at our bluegrass jams and concerts, (*Editor's note: and the newsletter, too!*) etc. If you're interested, just let any of the board members know. It's much appreciated!

Our first concert at the hall will be on Tuesday, September 27th and will feature local stalwarts, Just Friends, headed by long time VBA member Eric Day, so plan on coming out and hearing some of your favourites done up right!

If you missed out getting a new VBA logo key chain, or a VBA "I Pick, Therefore I Jam" 'bumper' sticker before you headed out this past summer, we'll have them available at the hall.

It's good to be back. And remember.....**Keep on the Sunny Side!**

## VICTORIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION EVENTS

### VBA Tuesday Night Bluegrass Jams

Tuesday Orange Hall Jams are at 7:30pm. Slow Pitch, Moderated Circle and Festival Bluegrass Jams at the Orange Hall, 1620 Fernwood Road. Players of all levels welcome.  
Players: \$2 for members, \$3 dollars for non-members. Listeners by donation.  
Contact Al Planiden at [president@victoriabluegrass.ca](mailto:president@victoriabluegrass.ca)

### Editor's Comments:

This newsletter is a shortened edition as some of the regular features just didn't make it to press on time! The truth is, I had a great bluegrass summer and am slow to get back into my frenetic fall and winter groove. But I promise to be back to business as usual starting with the October edition with all those articles you've come to enjoy. Cheers, y'all.

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## Bluegrass Happenings

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Afternoon Hootenanny</b> at <i>Logan's Tavern</i> 1821 Cook St., 4:00pm Hosted by Carolyn Mark. Free admission More info: 250-360-1832</p>	<p><b>Old-Time String Music Jam</b> at <i>Spiral Cafe</i> 418 Craigflower Rd., 7-9:30pm Tune List and Samples: <a href="http://spiraloldtime.googlepages.com">spiraloldtime.googlepages.com</a></p>	<p><b>VBA Bluegrass Jam</b> at the <i>Orange Hall</i>, 1620 Fernwood Rd., 7:30-10pm Slow Pitch, Intermediate &amp; Advanced Circle Jams. Players of all levels welcome. Admission: players \$2 (non- members \$3), listeners by donation. More info: Al Planiden, <a href="mailto:apache@shaw.ca">apache@shaw.ca</a></p> <p><b>The Sweet Lowdown</b> at <i>The Fernwood Inn</i> 302 Gladstone Ave., 8-11pm. More info: <a href="http://www.myspace.com/the.sweet.lowdown">www.myspace.com/the.sweet.lowdown</a></p>	<p><b>Cornerstone Bluegrass Jam</b> at <i>Cornerstone Cafe &amp; Resource Centre</i> Fernwood at Gladstone 7:30-10pm 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. More info: Larry Stevens at <a href="mailto:larrystevens@shaw.ca">larrystevens@shaw.ca</a></p>	<p><b>Bluegrass Brunch</b> with the <i>Stowaways</i> at <i>Logan's Tavern</i> 1821 Cook St., 2-5pm every Saturday. Admission Free. More info: 250-360-1832 Great food (breakfast or lunch), drinks, and music, and if ya'll come, great friends too!</p>
<p><b>Bluegrass Night</b> at <i>Spinnaker's Pub</i> 308 Catherine St., 8-10:30pm. Performers: Dan Weisenberger and Oliver Swain</p>				
<p><b>Bluegrass Night with The Moonshiners</b> at <i>Swan's</i> 506 Pandora Ave., 8-11pm. Performers: Zev, Miriam, Chris and Cluny</p>	<p><b>Open Stage and Feature Act: Just Friends</b></p>			
<p><b>Bluegrass Sunday</b> at <i>Ocean Island Backpackers Inn</i> 791 Pandora Ave., 8pm-12am, all ages Hosted by Doosie and Decker. Bring an instrument along and be part of the fun!</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, September 27, 2011</b>, Orange Hall, 1620 Fernwood Road. Doors open at 7:30pm Members \$5, Non-members \$7. Contact Victoria Pang at <a href="mailto:vice_president@victoriabluegrass.ca">vice_president@victoriabluegrass.ca</a> for info.</p> <p>Open Stage first half of evening (8:00 - 9:00 pm) with the feature act after a short intermission. To sign up for the Open Stage, contact Jeb Gordon at 778.678-4570 or <a href="mailto:vicbluegrass@yahoo.ca">vicbluegrass@yahoo.ca</a>. Open Stage performers are exempt from the admission fee.</p> <p><b>Just Friends</b> will be kicking off the VBA Feature Acts this season. The group is fronted by the talented Eric Day (guitar and vocals) and includes other local talent including Paul Lange, a mandolin wizard (+vocals), and Mike Kraft, a banjo virtuoso (+vocals). The whole group is kept on track by the solid bass play of Mary Day, who is also known to keep the Tuesday night jam crowd on the rails.</p> <p>The band brings coast to coast performance experience and talent to the stage. Whether it's straight up bluegrass, a soulful ballad, or a bluegrassified country tune, the group is sure to deliver fun, toe-tapping entertainment. Come join them for a crowd pleaser performance.</p>			

## Other Happenings

Victoria Mandolin Orchestra welcomes new members on various instruments, guitar and bass. Intermediate level playing and music reading. Practice: Tuesdays 7:30-9:30. Contact: Chandra at [chandrac@shaw.ca](mailto:chandrac@shaw.ca). <http://www.members.shaw.ca/cmvarcoe>

Looking for bluegrass and old time musicians to participate in a band to perform some opening dance tunes for the Halloween "Boo-grass Scare Dance" scheduled for Saturday Oct 29th, 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's Gym, 960 Courtney Street (Mark your calendars now!). Rehearsals will be on the Tuesdays a few weeks prior to the dance and will take place downstairs in the Orange Hall. More details on the Boo-grass Scare Dance to follow next month. Contact Damian Ritchie at [damianritchie@gmail.com](mailto:damianritchie@gmail.com) to play in the dance band.

## Announcing a New Feature: VBA Classified Ads

Beginning next month, VBA members will be able to post classified ads in the newsletter. Space is limited, so, first come first served. We cannot guarantee that all ad requests will run, but will do our best. If you ran an ad the month before, preference will be given to someone posting a new ad. Your ad needs to be as brief as possible and may still be edited further to conform to the format. Instruments for sale, lost and found, music instruction, bands for hire, are some of the possibilities here. We've already received some requests that will run next month.