

VICTORIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

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

Message From the VBA Board

We are beginning to settle in to our new Tuesday home at First Church of Christ Scientist, with weekly beginners, intermediate and old-time jams. The new facility is larger, more soundproof, and it has a few small rooms that are suitable for jamming. We encourage you to make use of all the available spaces - smaller jams are more fun. Try snagging a couple of friends to sing songs in one of the smaller rooms, or in a corner of the Sunday School space. If the old-time jam gets too large to join, start another one in another room.

If you are wondering what happened to the workshops, don't fret (ha!) They will begin again in January, and we expect to have an action-packed series of workshops right through to May.

Because our new venue is not as visible as the Orange Hall, we are also thinking about ways to be more public in our activities. For example, we could offer our support for bluegrass-themed coffee houses. We welcome your suggestions.

And here is a reminder about our website [victoriabluegrass.ca], which is becoming a central place for bluegrass-lovers in the Victoria area. The SCENE page has a full calendar of events and an up-to-date listing of concerts, workshops, gigs and jams. If you know of other events, let Wendy [web@victoriabluegrass.ca] know.

The NEWS page has, well, news. The HISTORY page has everything you could want to know about our past events, and the GRASSIFIED page has member ads. Did you know that as a member you are entitled to run 2 ads on this page for free? And they do not have to be bluegrass or music-oriented.

We are also active on Facebook.

Our organization page is: <http://www.facebook.com/Victoria.Bluegrass> and there is as a general interest group: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/81510261280/>

October's Feature Act: The BAADD Boys

Tuesday October 30th, 9:00 pm, First Church of Christ Scientist, 1205 Pandora

The BAADD Boys love playing together and you can see it. Bring on the honkytonk - bluegrass, country, and western swing, styled explicitly for the enjoyment of a listening audience.

Featuring Bob McKechnie (guitar), Aaron Murray (mandolin), Aaron Ellingsen (fiddle), Doug VanDine (banjo), Dave Klassen (bass).



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Feature Act: Additional Information:

Doors open: 7:30 pm

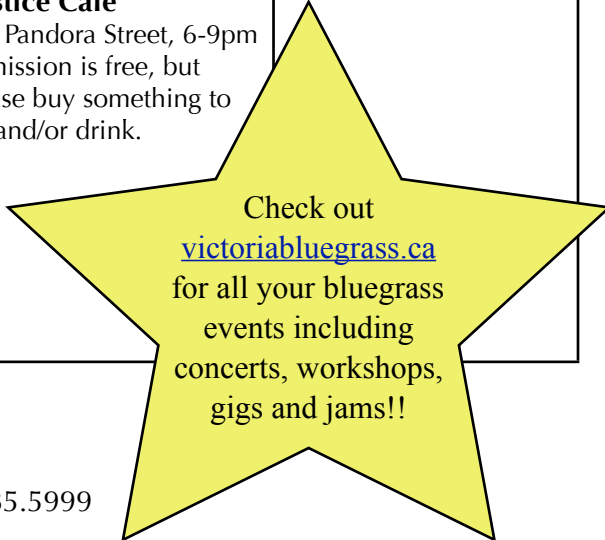
The evening starts with an **Open Stage** from 7:45pm to 8:45pm. You can sign up for a spot on the Open Stage by contacting Jeb Gordon at 778.678.4570 or email openstage@vicbluegrass.ca

Admission: \$7 general, \$5 for VBA members, free for open stage performers

More info: Alan Law at 250-388-4520 or email bookings@victoriabluegrass.ca

Bluegrass Happenings

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
Afternoon Hootenanny at <i>Logan's Tavern</i> 1821 Cook St., 4:00pm Hosted by Carolyn Mark. Free admission More info: 250-360-1832	Spiral Grove: Old-Time String Music Jam at <i>Spiral Cafe</i> 418 Craigflower Rd., 7-9:30pm	Victoria Bluegrass Association Jam at the First Church of Christ Scientist 1205 Pandora Ave., 7:30-10pm, Slow Pitch and Circle Jams. Players of all levels welcome. Admission: players \$2 (non-members \$3), listeners by donation. More info: Al Law or www.victoriabluegrass.ca	Cornerstone Bluegrass Jam at <i>Cornerstone Cafe & Resource Centre</i> Fernwood at Gladstone 7:30-10pm. Featuring premier acoustic string band musicians. Enjoy hot coffee or chocolate while listening to local top acoustic roots musicians jam it out. Organized by the Fernwood Bluegrass Coalition, a group of local business/promoters/musicians. More info: Larry Stevens at larrystevens@shaw.ca	Bluegrass Brunch with the Stowaways at <i>Logan's Tavern</i> 1821 Cook St., 1:00 - 4:00pm every Saturday. Admission Free. More info: 250-360-1832 Brunch begins at 11:00. Great food, music and friends.
Sooke Legion Bluegrass and Acoustic Jam 6726 Eustace Rd., Sooke 1st and 3rd Sunday 2:30-5:00pm Contact: Al Planiden, 250-642-3395		The Sweet Lowdown at <i>The Fernwood Inn</i> 302 Gladstone Ave., 8-11pm. Amanda Blied, Shanti Bremer, Miriam Sonstenes. More info: www.myspace.com/the.sweet.lowdown	Old Time Jam at the Solstice Cafe 529 Pandora Street, 6-9pm Admission is free, but please buy something to eat and/or drink.	
Bluegrass / Old Time Jam 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!				
The Moonshiners at <i>Swan's</i> 506 Pandora Ave., 8:30-11pm. Performers: Zev Roman, Miriam Sonstenes, Chris Herbst, Mike Brooks and Cluny McPherson				



Check out victoriabluegrass.ca for all your bluegrass events including concerts, workshops, gigs and jams!!

Musicians Wanted

Music Lessons with Chris Herbst: Guitar Dobro and Music Theory. 250.885.5999

Guitar and Mandolin Lessons with James Whittall: Ten years experience teaching bluegrass. Beginner to advanced players. It's never too late to sound better. 778.430.7729 or mandolinjames@gmail.com

Banjo Lessons with Shanti Bremer: 5-string banjo, in both Clawhammer (Oldtime) and Bluegrass (picking) styles. Please contact for rates, lesson times, etc. 250.516.6107

Victoria Mandolin Orchestra: New members on various instruments including guitar and bass welcomed. Intermediate level playing and music reading. Practice: Tuesdays 7:30-9:30pm. Contact Chandra at chandracc@shaw.ca. Check out: www.members.shaw.ca/cmvaroe