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MESSAGE FROM OUR MVBGA PRESIDENT

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Grow Brewing Co.

AND NEXT DATE!

Our MVBGA hosted another

As we welcome the summer season, MVBGA is excited to present another outstanding lineup of musical events. While our Monthly Saturday Jams will take a break during June, July, and August, we're pleased to continue hosting our MVBGA Jam at Grow Brewery on the first Tuesday of each month throughout July and August. Our October and November Monthly Jams will return at the Kirkland Art Center.



Attendance at our jams and shows continues to grow, and the enthusiastic feedback from members, performers, and audiences has been tremendous. Thank you to everyone who has supported these events. If you haven't joined us yet, we encourage you to experience the music, camaraderie, and vibrant community that make MVBGA so special.

This is our summer newsletter, with the next issue scheduled for September. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for two important upcoming events.

Mohawk Valley Gives Day takes place on September 18 and is MVBGA's largest fundraiser of the year. Your support helps sustain our programs and events, so please consider making a donation and helping us spread the word.

We are also excited to welcome the Kevin Prater

outstanding jam night at Grow Brewing Co., welcoming many first-time participants and creating an energetic, supportive atmosphere enjoyed by all. We're especially excited that our two newest members joined the association during the event.

Due to the continued enthusiasm and strong turnout, the MVBGA Board is committed to hosting Grow Brewing Co. jams throughout July and August on the first Tuesday of each month (July 7th and August 4). 6:30 - 8:30

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, we invite you to join us. Bring your favorite acoustic instrument, invite a friend, and enjoy an evening of great music, camaraderie, and fantastic local brews. We look forward to seeing you there!

Grow Brewing Co. is a New York-based brewery established in 2022, located in New Hartford, specializing in creative, unconventional craft beers like Instant Light and Gorilla Breath. They focus on local partnerships and innovative, small-batch brewing. AI can assist breweries with optimizing production, recipe development, and marketing.

**UPCOMING SHOWS
BY OUR MEMBERS'
BANDS**

Band from Kentucky on October 23 at 7:00 PM at the Kirkland Art Center. Kevin and his band have been touring nationally for more than 30 years and have been crowd favorites during their previous appearances with MVBGA. Their performances consistently draw enthusiastic audiences, and many attendees have requested their return. This is a show you won't want to miss.

Summit Park Rangers

The Summit Park Rangers will be performing at the Whitney's Legacy Festival at Woods Valley Ski Area on Sunday, August 23, from 1:00–2:00 PM. Come out and enjoy an afternoon of great music and festival fun!



MVBGA CONCERTS

**Enjoy a Great Summer
Outdoor Concert Season at
the RAC**

(All Concerts are
Free!)

Monday, June 8 Recap

Our first outdoor concert of the season at the Rome Art and Community Center was a tremendous success. The Summit Park Rangers and The Ingersoll's delivered an outstanding double bill, performing for a large and enthusiastic audience. Both bands sounded exceptional and even joined forces for a few memorable collaborations.

[Don't miss this special team-up performance on a classic bluegrass number.](#)

Our outdoor shows will be held on the lawn at the Rome Art and Community Center starting at 6:30 – bring your lawn chair, grab a cold drink and enjoy a few hours of music on the lawn.

Zach Hirst

Fiddler Zach Hirst will be featured in a special afternoon performance at the North American Fiddlers Hall of Fame on Comins Road in Osceola on Sunday, July 19, from 2:00–5:00 PM.

Accompanied by the talented Bill Fahy, Zach will showcase his exceptional musicianship in an intimate setting dedicated to celebrating the rich tradition of fiddling. Don't miss this memorable afternoon of outstanding music.

(If it rains the show goes on inside – leave the lawn chairs at home)

Schedule

July 13th– Mohawk Valley
Bluegrass and Cincinnati
Creek

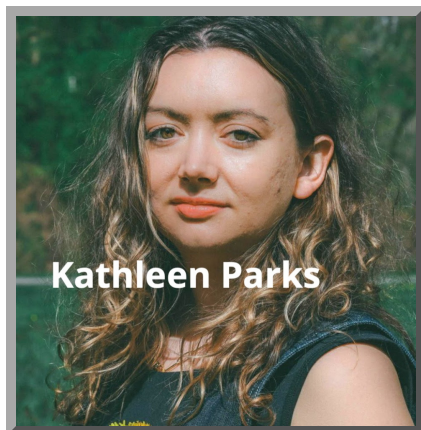
August 10th - Kathleen
Parks



Kathleen Parks

Come out to welcome
Kathleen Parks
nationally known fiddler and
singer who will make her
debut in Rome – don't miss
this one –

[Click here to learn more about
her music](#)



The Ingersoll's

7/1 6-9 Oneida lake brew haus

7/17 6-9 Rainbow Shores



Jeff Ingersoll

- June 26, 6 PM – Brian Thomas & The Strikes, *Crazy Daisies*
- June 27, 7 PM – Brian Thomas & The Strikes, *Stick & Rudder*
- June 28, 1 PM – Fish Creek Rodeo, *Oneida Lake Brewhaus*

Summer Jam Suspension

Please note that our regular third-Saturday monthly Jams at the Rome Art and Community Center (RACC) will be on summer hiatus.

No Jams: June, July, and August

Resuming: Third Saturday in September

- October and November will be held at Kirkland art Center

UPCOMING MVBA COMMUNITY BAND SHOWS

Mark your calendars! The MVBGA Community Band has an exciting lineup of outdoor shows and community events scheduled across the region this summer:

- Monday, July 13th @ 6:30 PM – Concert on the Lawn at the Rome Art and Community Center
- Thursday, July 30th @ 6:30 PM – Remsen Ice Cream Social
- Wednesday, August 12th @ 6:30 PM – Village of Waterville Concert
- Thursday, August 20th @ 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM – Golden Gathering in Little Falls
- Friday, September 18th, @ 1130 AM – Keys Telethon
- Saturday September 19th @ 7:30 PM – The Park Coffee House

if you know an organization that could use some Bluegrass Music please contact Band Director Bill Fahy at mvbga2002@gmail.com to see if we can arrange a performance.

It's a great way to share our love of bluegrass and help grow the MVBGA.

- July 1, 6 PM – The Ingersolls, *Oneida Lake Brewhaus*
- July 10, 4 PM – Brian Thomas & The Strikes, *Cortland Summer Concert Series*
- July 11, 7 PM – Fish Creek Rodeo, *The Cleveland House*
- July 12, 10 AM – Brian Thomas & The Strikes, *Cazenovia Lavender Festival*
- July 16, 6 PM – Fish Creek Rodeo, *Oneida Community Golf Course*
- July 17, 12:30 PM – Hot Rod Ford & A \$2 Bill, *Syracuse Nationals*
- July 17, 6 PM – The Ingersolls, *Rainbow Shores Restaurant*
- July 23, 5 PM – Fish Creek Rodeo, *Elks Lodge, Rome*
- July 24, 6 PM – Fish Creek Rodeo, *NEAT Whiskey Bar*
- July 25, 12 PM – Solo, *Newfield Old Home Days*
- July 26, 12 PM – Solo, *Swiss Mountain Farms*

THE TEACHER'S CORNER 🎵

MVBGA is home to some extremely talented musicians who are also fantastic educators. If you or your family members are looking to learn a new instrument or sharpen your skills, we highly recommend contacting these top-tier MVBGA instructors:

Liz Simchik

🎵 Ready to start your music journey? 🎵

Whether you're picking up an instrument for the first time, returning to music, or getting ready for your next jam session, Music With Liz is here to help!

For over 20 years, Liz Simchik Ingersoll has been helping students of all ages build confidence, creativity, and a lifelong love of music.

✨ What we offer

- Personalized violin lessons (Classical, Contemporary, and Fiddle)
- Tailored piano instruction
- Professional voice coaching



Fish Creek Rodeo

July 4 12-3 Waterville 4th of July celebration

July 11 7-10 Cleveland house

July 23 5-8 Rome Elks porch party

July 24 6-9 Neat Whiskey Bar

Two Friends

July 16 Sundaes on Thursday's 6:30-7:30

August 25 Madison County Farmers Mkt 4:00-6:00

Every lesson is customized to fit your unique goals and learning style.

☎ Call 315-256-5348 today to schedule your first lesson!



Liz
Simchik

Jeff Ingersoll

🎸 Bluegrass Guitar Lessons with Jeff Ingersoll 🎸

Looking to improve your flatpicking, rhythm playing, or overall bluegrass guitar skills? Jeff Ingersoll offers instruction for beginner, intermediate and Advanced players in a supportive, encouraging environment.

Whether you're just getting started or looking to sharpen your technique, Jeff can help you take your playing to the next level.

Location- Durhamville

☎ Jeff Ingersoll – (315) 806-7447

Jameson Dunham

Private Music Lessons

- Instruments: Upright bass, electric bass,

September 19 Park Coffee House 7:30-8:00

October 16 Westmoreland UMC 6:00-8:00

2027-April 16 Westmoreland UMC 6:00-8:0

Reyna & The Rustics 🎵

- June 25 – Mulligans, 7–9 PM
- June 27 – Chenango Arts Council, 2–4 PM
Live music for the "Playful Expressions" gallery opening featuring Charity Gipp. Wine and refreshments served.
- July 8 – Huff Brau, LLC, 6:30–8:30 PM
Patio performance (weather permitting; indoors if rain).
- July 12 – Hidden Springs Brewhouse, 2–5 PM
- September 13 – Hamilton Harvest Winery, 3–5 PM
- October 11 – Hamilton Harvest Winery, 3–5 PM



guitar, mandolin, and ukulele.

- Specialties: Bluegrass, jazz, rock, and music production.
- Details: Open to all ages and skill levels.
- Contact: Call or text 315-399-6159



Joe Davoli

– Fiddle & Mandolin Studio

- Location: Studio located in Camillus.
- Instruments & Styles: Fiddle and mandolin. Teaching bluegrass, various Celtic styles, and improvisation.
- Details: Accepting beginner through advanced students of all ages. Focuses on proper posture, technique, and helping students master their favorite genres.
- Achievements: 2017 New York State Fiddlers Hall of Fame inductee.
- Words to live by: "*Just practice on the days that you eat.*"
- Contact: joedavoli@gmail.com or

FROM OUR FRIENDS

BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE

Sundays are time to tune in to Bill Knowlton's Bluegrass Ramble show on WCNY –Bill

Knowlton's Bluegrass Ramble airs every Sundays from 9 p.m. to midnight WCNY-FM 91.3 Syracuse, WUNY-FM

89.5 Utica, and WJNY-FM 90.9 Watertown. Bill has been a big supporter of MVBGA over our 23 years – and he'll keep you up to date with all Bluegrass events going on in our area. For more info.

<https://www.wcny.org/radio/shows/ramble/>

LIVE MUSIC AT PARK COFFEE HOUSE

September 19 – Split Bill -
Mohawk Valley

Bluegrass & 2 Friends

October 3 –Monk Rowe and
John Hudson

November 7 – The Cadleys

November 21 - On the Porch

December 5 – Local Favorites

315-415-2827. Check out his Facebook page for upcoming shows and student performances!



New Members

MVBGA is very pleased to welcome our two newest members.

Darrell Griff of Hamilton
Adam Stark of Oriskany

"Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without."
- Confucius



CENTRAL CHAPTER OF THE NYS OLD TIME FIDDLERS

OLD TIME JAM SESSION 3 RD
FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 7:00PM,
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
98 MAIN ST, CAMDEN, NY 13316

ST LAWRENCE BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH,
ALEX BAY, MACHERRY
LIBRARY, 2PM – 4PM

SECOND TUESDAY, ALEX BAY,
REFORM CHURCH, 2 – 4 PM

3RD MONDAY, BLUEGRASS
JAM, 4TH TUESDAY FOLK JAM
7 PM PICKENS HALL

BLUEGRASS JAM IN BOONVILLE

Every fourth Saturday of the
Month 11am-1:30 PM

Held at the Dodge Pratt
Northam Art and Community
Center.

MVBGA MERCHANDISE

Our merchandise website is now open and you can order direct at

[MVBGA MERCH](#)

We have shirts, vests, hats, hoodies and more! And you can customize from many different options for colors. Free pickup at Max's Print shop on River Road in Marcy, and free shipping on orders over \$50.





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