

September 2025 Newsletter

Presidents Message And Other News



President Bill Fahy

What a Summer!!! Our club is growing, we are hosting a ton of live music and were pleased to welcome back two National touring Bluegrass Band - the Kevin Prater Band & the Country Gentlemen Show! We also hosted a songwriting workshop in August with Jess Novak, a SAMMY award winning singer songwriter from Syracuse. AND - two Bluegrass evenings with 4 of our member bands at the Rome Art and Community Center. Our Community Band played 4 shows for local charities and towns. We have a busy fall planned as you'll hear below.



SUMMER
CONCERTS 2025!





SONG WRITING WORKSHOP WITH JESS NOVAK

Our Community Band (Mohawk Valley Bluegrass) had a busy summer bringing Bluegrass to local non-profits, villages, museums – and other groups looking to bring music to their venue. We perform for free but do accept donations for the MVBGA when we perform. So far this year we have raised over \$1,200 for the MVBGA – which goes a long way to bring more music to our members and opportunities for our member bands. All the performers donate their time and musical talents.



SEPTEMBER 8th

Our Next Concert and Jam with the Band Session will be held on Monday September 8th at 6:30 at the Rome Art and Community. Our newest member band Pocket Change will be performing a one-hour set, followed by a one-hour jam session. Come on out and enjoy the show and join the jam – listeners welcome too!

CONCERT JAM	POCKET CHANGE 
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8 TH 6:30 PM	
\$5 DONATION AT THE DOOR	
 ROME the copper city NEW YORK Council on the Arts	Mohawk Valley Bluegrass MVBA.COM

SEPTEMBER 15th

RAFFLES • AUCTIONS • FOOD • MUSIC • BEER • FUN			
LIVE MUSIC BY  SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY FULL CIRCLE & MEMBERS OF THE NEW HORIZONS BARBERSHOP CHORUS	4TH ANNUAL TAP INTO STEAM FUNDRAISING EVENT TO KICKOFF MOHAWK VALLEY GIVES		
	COPPER CITY BREWING COMPANY 111 ONEIDA ST. ROME, NY \$20 ADMISSION	SEPT 15 6-9PM 21+	SPONSORED BY:  YOUR INDEPENDENT TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR PRESENTED BY:  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT     			

In support of Mohawk Valley Gives our friends at Project Fibonacci have invited the MVBGA to participate in a fundraising event on Monday September 15th at 6:00 PM at the Copper City Brewery in Rome – come on out and enjoy live music, food, raffles, and auctions to support MVBGA and 5 other local charities! Stop by and see Amy and Dave at the MVBGA booth.

(CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFO)

SEPTEMBER 19th

Our most important fundraising event of the year is coming up on Friday September 19th –

Mohawk Valley Giving Day.

Since we no longer collect dues and try and keep most of our events free, or at minimal cost it's this event that helps us raise most of the funds we need. Our community Band will be playing at the kickoff event, and we are asking all our members to support this with a donation of whatever you can afford. We also ask you share this with your friends and neighbors so we can expand our offerings and bring more live music and perhaps a festival in 2026. Click [HERE](#) for more info and where to donate.



SAVE THE DATE!
September 19, 2025 | givemv.org

For the rest of 2025 we have four shows scheduled –

Friday September 19th at 11:30 AM at the Saranac Brewery to Support Mohawk Valley Giving Days & kick off the event.

Monday September 29th at 5:00 PM at KEYS HQ in Sherill for a concert on the lawn.

Monday October 13th at the State Bridge Collective at 6:30 PM for our regular Jam with the Band Concert and Jam session.

Monday December 8th at 6:30 PM at the Rome Art and Community Center for a Bluegrass Christmas Concert.

Come on out and support your fellow MVBGA musicians who are sharing Bluegrass Music throughout our Community.

HELP Wanted – MVBGA NEEDS YOU

Our website has been dormant for a few months and though I can keep it limping along we are looking for support from a member to take on the role of webmaster. If you are familiar with WIX or website management in general, we sure could use your expertise. Contact us at mvbga2002@gmail.com

MVBG ANNUAL MEETING!!!

SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 18TH

We will be holding our annual meeting of the membership on Saturday October 18th from 11AM – 2PM – the Board of Directors will give it's annual report, and we will elect new officers and several new directors for the upcoming year. We'll have more details in the next newsletter. Location TBD but will be announced in our next newsletter.

New MVBGA Merch has arrived!!!

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.

Welcome to our New Members

We are pleased to welcome Jim Lombardo from Rome – a guitar & banjo player and aspiring songwriter.

And
Vicki Wilson from Clinton - a guitar player, singer, songwriter

Fall 2025 Park Coffeehouse

Our good friends in who keep live folk and traditional music going up in Holland Patent have announced a great lineup of concerts featuring several of our members – Liz and Jeff Ingersoll and Joe Davoli – get out and support this wonderful listening room and help keep the music playing!!

Click [HERE](#) for more info.

September 13 – The Cadleys

October 4 – Liz and Jeff Ingersoll

November 8 – Joe Davoli with Loren and LJ Barrigar

November 22 – Split Bill: Alexis Loomis & Red Bandana

December 6 – Local Favorites

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/>



CENTRAL CHAPTER OF THE NYS OLD TIME FIDDLERS.

**OLD TIME JAM SESSION 3RD 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, HEULEVETON**