

Report of the St. Johnsbury Band for 2015

The St. Johnsbury Band extends a warm thank you to the St. Johnsbury School Board and School staff who welcomed us to their facility so we could rehearse and perform our weekly concert series outside the main entrance of the school this past summer. Extensive foundation work at the Caledonia Courthouse closed off the band stand area to the public, but we will be back on the band stand in 2016! You can look for our schedule of performances on the band web site at <http://www.stjohnsburyband.org/> and like us on Facebook for updates and hear clips of our performance of EE Bagley's 'National Emblem.'

The summer concert series is free and open to the public and is paid for through a special appropriation from the Town of \$770. Each concert features a new program of marches, show tunes, specialty pieces and an overture. In addition, free ice cream socials are offered at every concert by area businesses. Special thanks to Passumpsic Savings Bank, Community National Bank, NVRH, Backyard Beauty Salon, New England List Services and an anonymous sponsor.

There were two benefit concerts performed by the band to raise money for other organizations. These concerts benefited the Melissa Jenkins Scholarship Fund at the St. Johnsbury Academy and the St. Johnsbury History and Heritage Center with a Veterans Day concert. The Veterans Day Concert included performances from the Pumpkin Singers, Pipe and Slippers and an honor guard from the Vermont Civil War Hemlocks. The Band also participated in St. Johnsbury's Memorial Day Observance, with a feature piece with band and vocals by Janet Edmondson. Our Holiday Concert featured the voices of the Caledonia Children's Chorus directed by Susanne Norwood. The band also performed paid concerts beyond the St. Johnsbury area.

A special thank you is also extended to Barbara Connelly and the North Congregational Church which offered their sanctuary for our Veterans Day and Holiday concerts.

Assuming our 2016 appropriation is supported by voters; look for us in the summer of 2016 at the band stand in Courthouse Park at 7:30 PM Monday evenings starting June 20th (weather permitting). Our first concert will be at St. Johnsbury Health and Rehab, June 13th and then we go to Courthouse Park. We suggest you bring a lawn chair or blanket. Children are welcome and often can be seen marching around the band stand. Each summer concert will offer a completely new program, so don't miss any!

Membership in the St. Johnsbury Band is open to anyone with basic music reading skills and a concert band type instrument. (Some instruments may be available at a very minor cost to new members; please inquire.)

At the 2015 annual meeting of the band, the following Officers and Directors were elected:

Conductor: Gary Aubin,	Assistant Manager: Debi Smith
Assistant Conductor: Kirsten Harter	Web Master: David Askren
Secretary: Dianne Wyllie	Music Librarian: Jim McGregor
Treasurer: Kirsten Harter	Publicity: Susan Gallagher
Manager: David Hare	
Board Members: Kathleen Barber, Mary Hinds, Rusty Speicher	

At the annual meeting, Kaci Cochran was given a Youth Award for her exceptional musicianship, Jim McGregor was given the EE and Reg Bagley Award for continued dedication to the band and our music, John Mead an esteemed and

much loved trombonist and baritone player was added to our Memorial Plaque, David Hare was added as a Lifetime Member and Mildred Smith was made an Honorary Member of the Band.

The St. Johnsbury Band is a non profit 501(c) 3 organization and donations made to the band help us purchase new music and are tax deductible. Rehearsals are on-going so please contact us for details. Currently band members range in age from 13 to their mid-80s! Lastly, we want to thank YOU our audiences for your enthusiastic reception you give us at our concerts and the support we receive from the Town of St. Johnsbury and the State of Vermont. We look forward to seeing you in 2016!

Respectfully submitted by
David Hare, Band Manager
St. Johnsbury Band
PO Box 243
St. Johnsbury VT 05819
manager@stjohnsburyband.org
Cell: 802-274-4053

Like us on Facebook for updates!