



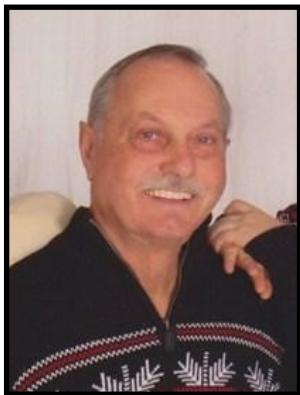
Hall of Honor Inductees

2017

Gary & Maggie Bilby

Marshall, July 29

Gary and Maggie are a fixture at jams in Michigan and beyond. Maggie is a Wernick Method certified instructor and hosts jam camps in Michigan; Gary is beside her every step of the way.



Burke Cole

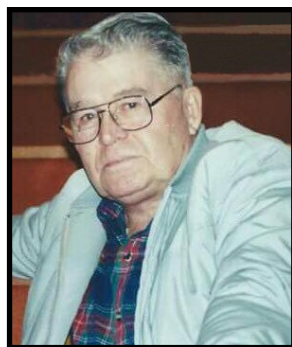
Marshall, July 29

Burke Cole initiated and promoted the Marshall Bluegrass Festival at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds for many years. He also hosted picking parties at his home, and could be found jamming at festivals all over Michigan.

Dana Cupp, Sr.

Blissfield, August 19

Dana grew up in a musical family and raised his children among his friends in the bluegrass community. He was vendor of musical supplies at festivals around Michigan, and a guitar player.



Leroy Drumm

Milan, August 4

A Michigan native, Leroy was best known as a co-writer with Pete Goble. He also co-wrote songs with many others. His music publishing company, Sound of Durmm's Music, is operated by his son Roger in Dundee, Michigan

Virgil Shouse

Charlotte, June 24

Vigil is a great supporter of young musicians. He has built over 30 fiddles and 30 mandolins. He has played with many area bands, including Jimmy Williams and Red Ellis and the Livingston County Grass. Virgil's campsite always seems to have a good jam going on.



Bill and Pam Warren

Milan, August 3

Bill and Pam are founding members of SMBMA, and currently the president and secretary, respectively. Bill is a well-known photographer of bluegrass musicians and event and Michigan and beyond.



Robert White

Milan, August 5

"Bob" was a promoter of bluegrass events in Michigan and Ohio for many years. He also performed with his band the Candy Mountain Express. He and Fred Ellis partnered in the early years of the Milan Bluegrass Festival.

Southeast Michigan Bluegrass Music Association

The Association was founded in August 2014 after a luncheon meeting of interested people. Attendees were Bobby & Patsy Ann Hutch (Boggs), Mark Gaynier, Wendy and Freda Smith, Bill and Pam Warren, and Jerry and Ada Yates. We have been spreading the word about bluegrass in Southeast Michigan since that time. Find more information at: smbbluegrass.org.

SMBMA Hall of Honor

The Hall was established in 2016 to honor those who have made significant contributions to bluegrass music in Southeast Michigan.

Class of 2016

Michael Adams

John Bayerl

David Blakney

Bobby Hutch

Tom Laing

Gordon L. Lamb

Larry McDaniel

Virgie McClearen

Nick Mladjan

John Morris

Jim & Fay Wilder

Jerry & Ada Yates

Dana Cupp, Sr.

Leroy Drumm

Fred Ellis

Pete Goble

Cayce & Ruth Kiger

Mitchell Manns

Roy & Fay McGinnis

Freddie Newby

Cranford (Ford) Nix

Ralph Paige

Virgil Shouse

Bill & Pam Warren

Robert White

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Members of SMBMA may nominate candidates for 2018 inductees through the website or by picking up a form at any meeting or event.