

**Genny St. George is one of the  
Newfoundland Club of Victoria's Founding Members  
Genny is the recipient of the Founder's Award (1997)**

**Genny was instrumental in starting the Newfoundland Club  
Traditional Dancing (1997 - 1998)**

**Genny has held the positions of Secretary (1991 - 1992) and President (2001 - 2003)**

**Genny is an Honorary Member, receiving the  
Club Appreciation Plaque & Lifetime Membership Award in 2007**

**Genny** was born in St. John's, NL *"at St. Clare's Hospital,"* she says, *"but I was actually raised in Heart's Desire, Trinity Bay, NL until the age of fourteen,"* she adds. Her family then moved to Carbonear, Conception Bay, NL.

Genny's young adult life took her first to St. Jean, PQ where she joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. *"It was either that or the Nunnery!"* she exclaims, laughing. *"Those were my only two choices!"* Then it was back to Carbonear for a while until she got married, after which she spent a few years in Happy Valley, Labrador. When the Canadian/American base was threatening to close in the late 1960's, Genny and her husband, along with their son, Todd, moved to Kitchener, ON but eventually ended up in Devon, AB.

In the late 1970's, they moved back to Carbonear, NL *"to satisfy that yearning to go home,"* says Genny. *"One morning in 1977, I just woke up and wondered what it would be like to live back home in Newfoundland again. And we packed up and just went. I felt that my young son was growing up with no real family connections and I wanted to rectify that, you see. When we arrived home, I remember looking out my mother's kitchen window and thinking to myself that I couldn't think of any other place I'd rather be than right there. And that was contentment with a capital C!"*

They spent the next few years in Carbonear, but because of the economy in Newfoundland, they soon moved back again to Devon, AB where Genny and her husband were fortunate enough to get back their old jobs. Eventually, they moved to Cold Lake, AB where they stayed until the mid 1980's.

Genny moved to Victoria, BC in 1986 when her son left home for Lethbridge College. She currently works part-time as an Insurance Agent. *"I'm here for now and loving it,"* she says. *"What tomorrow brings could be another story though. I may retire to Newfoundland; you never know. They say you can never go back; but I'm proof that you can! I did in the '70's; and I can again, if I put my mind to it!"*

Genny has one granddaughter, Madeline, and many interests and hobbies including *"making people laugh and, generally, just enjoying life."* She also belongs to a Book Club, enjoys walking and loves camping in her van. But her real passion is music. She enjoys Newfoundland dancing, singing and playing the guitar. *"In fact, I get together with a girlfriend on a regular basis, about once a week, and we play guitar and sing together."* As a young girl Genny played the accordion. It wasn't until 2006 that she became interested in learning the guitar. *"I don't **play** in public – I'm too shy!"* she says, giggling. But that's the only time she's shy – everyone who knows her, knows that! There's nothing that stops her from **singing** in public – not even forgetting the words!

Genny's love for music also includes involvement with the local Blue Grass Association. She proudly claims fame for recording a song, called 'Seven Spanish Trawlers,' on their cd called 'Couplings' that was produced in 2007.

As a founding member of the Newfoundland Club of Victoria, Genny says *"I am so happy that we have members from all over Canada in our Club, as that's what makes it tick. We Newfoundlanders, in general, love people from everywhere and all walks of life."* She adds, *"The Newfoundland Club is my little family away from home and, with my involvement in the Bluegrass Association as well, I have so many friends through these two groups."*