

# NORTH COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT

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Family-friendly live performances

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## Norfolk Concert Series to return this summer

The Norfolk Concert Series will again offer free, family friendly entertainment this summer, providing local musicians performance opportunities.

Performers will include Double Axel June 27, River Mohawk Band July 12, Lacey Rae July 25, Gypsy Road Band

Aug. 1, String Soulstice Aug. 9, Atkinson Family Band Aug. 24 and Knotty Paddy Aug. 30.

This exciting series is possible because of the work of the board of directors.

Please get to know them!



## Meet the board of directors who make the Norfolk Concert Series possible



**Christine Paige**

Christine Paige lives in Norwood and taught elementary music and directed elementary choruses and directed concerts from 1974 to 1982.

She was a high school instrumental director from 1982 until 2010, teaching small group lessons, directing rehearsals and concerts, directing school musicals, organizing fund-raisers and working with parent booster groups.

Since 2010, she has been a private piano instructor.

She is founder and president of the Norfolk Concert Series, responsible for raising money to pay performers, researching and hiring local bands, writing grant applications, funding construction of a band shell and introducing new and varied styles of music to the rural community.

She was director of the North Country Community Chorus from 2015 to 2020, preparing adult and children's chorus for the annual Christmas Cantata in a local parish. She has been youth choir director for the United Church of Christ in Massena since September 2023.

A Norwood-Norfolk Central School alumna, she graduated from the Crane School of Music in 1974.



**Jane Boyea**

Jane Boyea lives in Moira and was a high school teacher for 36 years, retiring from Malone Central School in 2004.

She is active in her church as a lector and Eucharistic minister, and since 2013, as a lay minister. In connection with her church, she has served on the financial council, visits homebound people and helped redesign the parish center's kitchen to improve efficiency and meet state health regulations.

She served on the Brushton-Moira Board of Education for 14 years, on the North Franklin Federal Credit Union Board of Directors for 14 years, and on the Cornell Cooperative Extension Board for six years.

Boyea has been a member of Altruian, a historic organization that promotes study of educational and cultural topics, since 2001, and served as co-president in 2019-2020.

She possesses teaching, organizational and fund-raising skills.

She graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh with a bachelor's degree in home economics.



**Rev. Judith VanKennen**

Rev. Judith VanKennen lives in Massena and has been pastor of the United CHurch of Christ of Massena for the past 20 years.

She is very active in the United Church of Christ New York Conference, and serves as moderator of the conference and chair of its board of directors.

VanKennen also volunteers with the Massena Adult Free Clinic, Massena Drug-Free Task Force and Fourth Coast Companions, which helps seniors age gracefully in their homes. She is a trained mediator by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Institute and serves as Massena Volunteer Fire Department chaplain. She was named St. Lawrence County Woman of the Year in 2009.

She earned a bachelor of arts in religious studies from St. Lawrence University in Canton, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and a masters of divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmington, Kentucky. At SLU, she received the Outstanding Senior in Religious Studies award and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Theta Alpha Kappa.

She was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 2010.



**Connie Terry**

Connie Terry lives in Brushton and was a school nurse at Brushton-Moira Central School from 1982 to 2012.

She served as co-director of the annual senior play, as class advisor, as co-director of the music fund-raising committee, and as a member of the band booster club.

As school nurse, she was responsible for medical screenings, infection control, emergency care, hearing screenings and patient health information access. She served as liaison between families, school personnel and other health care providers on behalf of students, and developed care plans and made referrals as needed for students with health concerns or injuries. Previously, she was a registered nurse at the St. Regis Falls Medical Center and the hospital in Saranac Lake.

She and her husband spend summers on Norwood Lake and she's a member of the Norwood Lake Association who volunteers her time and expertise as an RN each summer for their fund raising events. She graduated from SUNY Canton in 1974 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Registered Nursing.



**Jennifer Myers**

Jennifer Myers lives in Hannawa Falls and served as Director for School Improvement-Supervisor of Instructional Technology with St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES from 2000-2021.

In that role, she organized professional development opportunities for 2,000 teachers and 100 administrators. She also secured and coordinated \$23.5 million in grant funding and managed annual budgets totalling over \$6.7 million.

She is certified to teach music in grades K-12, mathematics in grades 7-12, kindergarten through grade 6 and nursery, as well as a school administrator and supervisor.

She was a Section X sports official and has volunteered as a member of the executive board of the Potsdam Community Band. She also wrote an after-school grant for Morristown Central and the United Way.

She was an adjunct faculty member at Sage Graduate School and Jefferson Community College. She received a doctorate in education in instruction technology and distance education from NOVA Southwestern University, and a master of science and bachelor of arts in education from SUNY New Paltz, where she minored in music.



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# Kid's Musical Theater Program!

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