

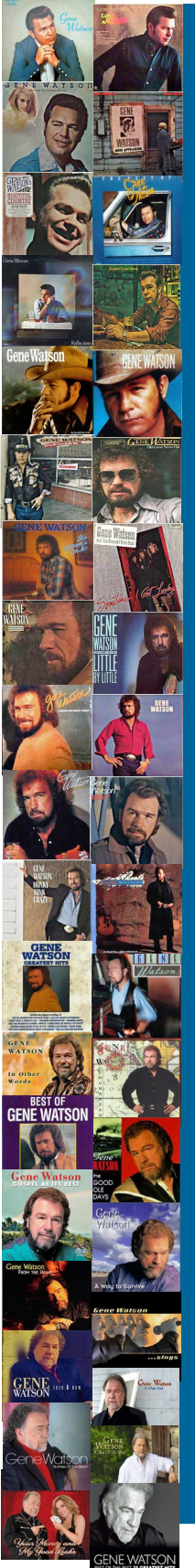
Dear Friends,

It's February and in 28 short days we'll be enjoying the March weather and that makes me think Spring can't be far behind. Don't you love to see Spring arrive with the green grass and the trees re-budding again? Also means a lot more concerts to come as we head into the warmer season. We've got some interesting tour dates coming like Livingston, Montana, St. Johns, Canada, Breim, Norway and dates in discussion for UK and Ireland. Not to mention a lot more in the USA! We're sure to be coming near you . Of course we always recommend that if you've got a theater or nice venue in your area and you'd like us to get there, just ask the owner to email our booking agent, Ms. Carrie Moore. Her email is Carrie@ThirdCoastTalent.com.

In the newsletter here you'll find a LOT of photos from the Country's Family Reunion cruise. Seemed like every time I turned around someone was taking a photo and so there are plenty we want to share with you. If you were with us on the cruise, you know what a good time we had. Lots of jokes told on stage and of course an abundance of great songs. Johnny Lee held court at the Karaoke bar. I heard Barbara Fairchild even got up to sing her hit "Teddy Bear" there. Then late nights, Rhonda Vincent and friends held a Jam Session on the 14th floor. She had Moe, Jeannie, Barbara and more up singing with her while Rhonda's Mom played piano and some of the band members played as well. You couldn't turn around without some kind of country music being performed somewhere. If you didn't come along this time, maybe you can join in on the fun for next year's cruise. Now I just hope Larry Black invites me back too!

Thanks to all of you who left me messages on Facebook about your love for traditional country music. They can knock us all they want but I say, what doesn't kill us, makes us stronger. I can tell from the feedback that a lot of us have bonded over this recent flap of contemporary country versus classic and together, we'll stand – united in our belief that real country music is timeless and beautiful. It's all I know how to do and I'll be singing it til the day I go out. So thanks for all your support.

Until next time, take care -





Gene surprised his cousin, Donnie Watson, aka “Drop” with a one – of-a-kind custom bass, hand crafted by Gene’s neighbor in Houston, TX. Donnie is a former member of the Farewell Party Band and has fronted his own band for years. According to Gene, “Drop” is one of the finest bass players you’ll ever hear.

The Marty Stuart Show with guest artist Gene Watson airs on April 20th, 2013!



Gene taped an episode of the Marty Stuart show which airs Saturday nights on the RFD-TV network. The show is recorded at the Northstar Studios in Nashville in front of a live TV audience. Gene performed with Marty’s band and a few ringers including Dirk Johnson on piano, Aubrey Haynie and Andy Leftwich on fiddle and Gary Carter on pedal steel. Marty’s band members, The Fabulous Superlatives are Paul Martin (Guitar), Harry Stinson (Drums) and Kenny Vaughan (Guitar) and show regular LeRoy Troy (Banjo). Also in the group photo with Gene and Marty is Eddie Stubbs, show announcer. Gene sang “Love In The Hot Afternoon” and “Farewell Party”.

Gene Watson returns to Starlite Theatre in Branson, May 9th & 10th!

Audrey Gruendeman's niece told us she drove her aunt 700 plus miles to Branson, MO just to see Gene Watson in concert. While waiting to greet him his band members, Staley Rogers and Chip Bricker came and sat down and visited with her. Audrey was like a 69 year old teenager laughing. By the time she got up to Gene she could hardly breathe. A very fond memory for the rest of her life.



(Monday, January 14, 2013)

In the Ford Theater at the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, TN, a bevy of stars gathered to honor WSM-AM's legendary announcer, Eddie Stubbs. Among the luminaries were Bill Anderson, Ray Price, Ricky Skaggs, Duane Allen of the Oak Ridge Boys, Ronnie Bowman, Del McCoury, Ronnie Milsap and more. By Eddie's request, Gene sang "Got No Reason Now For Going Home" and "Memories To Burn".



"LET THE CRUISE BEGIN!"

JANUARY 19—24, 2013



Gene Watson with Johnny Lee



Gene Watson with Moe Bandy

The Larry's Country Diner Show!



Gene talks with Keith and Larry



Gene performs "Pick The Wildwood Flower" as Keith, Rhonda & Nadine look on.



Gene Watson and Rhonda Vincent sing "Will The Circle Be Unbroken" on 'The Diner' show.

Autograph Session with the fans!



Front: Moe Bandy, Johnny Lee, Ronny Robbins.
Back: T. Graham Brown, Gene Watson, and Joey + Rory.

The Smile Of A Winner!



Lunch at the ever popular Senor Frog's in Cozumel with Jeannie Seely and 'Drop' Watson



The Country's Family Reunion Show!



Gene Watson sings his most requested song: "Farewell Party"



The final CFR show



A group photo after the final show



At the airport, heading home!

L to R: Helen Cornelius, Gene Watson, Jeannie Seely, Moe Bandy and Gene Ward (Jeannie Seely's husband).

"Sure did enjoy cruising on the Liberty of the Seas ship with so many nice fans and all the good folks with Country's Family Reunion. I heard some really great music and some really bad jokes from Moe and Johnny Lee - and I loved it all. Thanks to all of you that came along and stopped to say hello. Let's do it again next year!"

- Gene Watson

Fan Spotlight on Tina Shaver!

Where do you live?

I am from a small town in north central Oklahoma called Perry. Our population has hovered around 5,000 for the past 43 years that I have lived here. We are big on home town values such as taking care of our neighbors, and we love our country music.

What is your occupation?

I have worked the past 19 years for The Charles Machine Works, better known as Ditch Witch. We manufacture the orange and black trenchers and ditch diggers that you see on most construction sites.

Tell us about your hobbies:

My hobby falls under the general label of scrap book- ing. My main love is making greeting cards. I love cre- ating my own designs and seeing the smiles that the re- ceivers have on their faces when they see them. But my greatest love is music. Especially live music! Traveling to the shows is always an adventure and meeting new people is just the icing on the cake!

When did you become a Gene Watson fan?

I have pretty much been a Gene Watson fan from the beginning of his career. My first Gene Watson concert was in 1986 when he played at the Cimarron Ballroom in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He has one of those timeless voices that seem to only get better as the years go by. The farthest I have traveled to see Gene is probably to Tyler, Texas.

What are your five favorite Gene Watson songs?

Having to choose my top 5 favorite songs is very difficult, but here goes:

- 1) Climb Higher
- 2) Love In The Hot Afternoon
- 3) Carmen
- 4) You're Out Doing What I'm Here Doing Without
- 5) This Dream's On Me



Tina won the Gene Watson autographed guitar drawing at Sugar Creek Casino in Hinton, OK in December, 2012! Shown here with Glen Coleman of Sugar Creek Casino.



Tina Shaver with Gene Watson in October, 2011 at Chickasha, OK.

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Trivia Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Joan Gent, Big Spring, TX, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: “Trivia Contest question: The Merle Haggard/Bonnie Owens song “Today I Started Loving You Again” has been recorded by many artists over the years, including Gene Watson. Name the Gene Watson CD that contains this song title.” The correct answer: “In A Perfect World”. For your chance to win an autographed tee shirt, just answer the question sent to Fan Club Members only and send the correct answer to:

GeneWatsonMusic@hotmail.com.

If you are reading this and not a registered member of the Gene Watson Fan Club, just sign up at www.GeneWatsonMusic.com. Only Fan Club Members get the Trivia Contest Question!

TOUR SCHEDULE

WINTER/SPRING 2013

Event Date	Event Venue	Event City/State
February 9th	Riverside Club	Mission, Texas
February 15th	The Don Gibson Theater	Shelby, NC
February 16th	LCC Gym at the Neuse River Music Fest	Kinston, NC
February 22nd	Mill Town Music Hall	Bremen, GA
February 23rd	Rodeheaver Boys Ranch	Palatka, FL
March 1st	Strawberry Festival	Plant City, FL
March 2nd	Dublin Theater	Dublin, GA
March 10th	Cailloux Theater	Kerrville, TX
March 15th	Venue TBD	Livingston, TX
March 16th	The Oil Palace	Tyler, TX
March 22nd	Casey Jones Village Amphitheater	Jackson, TN
March 23rd	Ross Country Jamboree	New Washington, IN
April 12th	Farmer's Opry	Pace, FL
April 13th	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, FL
April 20th	Gene Watson on the Marty Stuart Show—RFD-TV	8pm EST/7pm CST
April 26th	Hardy Murphy Coliseum	Ardmore, OK
May 9th & 10th	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
Gene and the Farewell Party Band return to Branson as part of the very special Larry's Country Diners Shows. You'll get the amazing Diner show complete with Larry Black, Nadine, Keith Bilbrey, The Sheriff and Michele PLUS a full Gene Watson show. Book your ticket to Branson's Starlite Theatre today!		
May 11th	Downtown Spring Festival	Van Buren, AR
June 14th	Sesser Homecoming Days	Sesser, IL
June 15th	McFerren Park Civic Center	Hoopston, IL
June 29th	Holy Heart Theatre	St. Johns, Newfoundland
July 13th	Norsk Country Treff	Breim, Norway
July 18th	Music Ranch Montana	Livingstone, MT
July 20th	Sugar Creek Casino	Hinton, OK
July 27th	Georgia Mountain Fair	Hiawassee, GA
August 16th	Delcambre Shrimp Festival	Delcambre, LA
September 27th	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center New Barn	Renfro Valley, KY
September 28th	Kentucky Opry	Benton, KY
October 4th	Garner Performing Arts Center	Garner, NC
October 5th	Tar Heel Variety Theater	Chocowinity, NC
October 18th	Lovelady Old Gym	Lovelady, TX
November 8th	Country Tonite Theater	Pigeon Forge, TN