



Crandall Creek came into being in 2015 when Jerry Andrews of Moundsville, West Virginia, decided he wanted to start a bluegrass band. He envisioned a band that created its own music with an ear toward the mountain harmonies he heard as a child.

Songwriting alone is daunting, so Jerry soon linked up with Kathy Wigman Lesnock, a songwriter from West Finley, Pennsylvania. They met through a mutual friend – Jamie Peck, who owns a recording studio in Wheeling, West Virginia. When talented multi-instrumentalist Dustin Terpenning of Wintersville, Ohio, joined the band, the core of Crandall Creek was set.

While Jerry and Kathy are principal songwriters, other band members and family collaborate on the songs. “We’ve worked really hard, stayed the course, and we’ve overcome some pretty major obstacles to get here,” Jerry says. “We are so blessed, and I’m so thankful to be with this band doing what we are doing.”

Crandall Creek is now on tour with Jerry Andrews on rhythm guitar and vocals; Kathy Wigman Lesnock on lead and harmony vocals; Dustin Terpenning on banjo and mandolin; Carly Greer on lead and harmony vocals; with new members to be announced soon.

Since forming in 2015, the band has received significant chart success and reached many career milestones. In 2019, the band released their debut album, *Goin’ Down Home*, followed by their successful album, *Headed South*, on Bell Buckle Records, in 2020. *Headed South* includes three Bluegrass Today Grassicana chart singles. “Drivin Me Insane” debuted in March 2020 and spent an incredible 68 weeks on the chart. “This Heart of Mine” debuted at #1 in May 2020, followed by the October 2020 release of “The Bean Song,” which spent an impressive 65 weeks on the chart.

In 2021, Crandall Creek was chosen by the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) as a Bluegrass Ramble Official Showcase Artist. The same year, former band member Abby Lathoca was nominated for the IBMA Momentum Vocalist of the Year Award.

In 2022, Crandall Creek’s single, “Molly Burns,” debuted at No. 7 on the Bluegrass Today Top 20 Weekly Chart. In addition, the accompanying video featuring Jerry, Dustin, and former lead singer Anna Dunham, debuted at No. 1 on The Bluegrass Standard Video Chart in September 2022 and, to date, has over half a million views. The band continued to tour the same year, including performances at the world-famous Station Inn in Nashville and many other venues and festivals.

In addition, Crandall Creek continues as the house band for Mountain Rail Adventures in Elkins, West Virginia. People come from all over the United States for a train ride, dinner, and a Crandall Creek bluegrass show.

Also, in 2022, Crandall Creek was inducted as a Charter Member of the Jamboree at the historic Monroe Theatre in Woodsfield, Ohio. The band released their third album, *Handprints on the Glass*, on their Copper Mountain Records label—the title song – was co-written by Jerry and Mark “Brink” Brinkman.

In 2023, Crandall Creek released a new single, “Refrigerator Homemade Picture Show,” that Tim Raybon calls “a fantastic song.” Guest Shannon Slaughter is featured on lead vocals with Kathy Wigman Lesnock and Carly Greer on harmony vocals; Darrin Vincent on bass; Andy Leftwich on guitar, mandolin, and fiddle; Jessie Baker on banjo; and Josh Swift on Dobro. The song was written by Crandall Creek members Jerry Andrews and Kathy Wigman Lesnock,

Along with their busy tour, the West Virginia-based band is known for its many charitable endeavors, believing the community that supports them deserves support in return. As a result, band members give part of what they earn to the Bluegrass Music Endeavors Foundation. In 2021 and 2022, the foundation partnered with the International Bluegrass Music Association to create the Crandall Creek Scholarship. The \$1,000 awards each year were given to college students who demonstrated an interest and involvement in any aspect of bluegrass music, including but not limited to performance.

Crandall Creek also founded the Steve Gulley Memorial Scholarship, which honors the late singer-songwriter who died from cancer in 2020. The \$5,000 scholarship, administered through Crandall Creek’s non-profit foundation, is awarded to a college student who best represents the future of bluegrass music.

For more information on Crandall Creek or to make donations to the foundation or scholarship, please visit crandallcreek.com. In addition, you can join the band on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and Instagram @crandallcreekband.