



# QUARTER NOTES

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# FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL

FRIDAY JUNE 22 7:30 PM -- 10:30 PM  
*Curtiss Street west of Main (in front of coffee house)*

*Bedlam*

*Special Consensus Bluegrass Band*

SATURDAY JUNE 23 10:00 AM -- 6:00 PM  
*Fishel Park (behind coffee house)*

*The Jones Family*

*Roscoe Champ & Ron Simpson*

*The Sag Valley Boys*

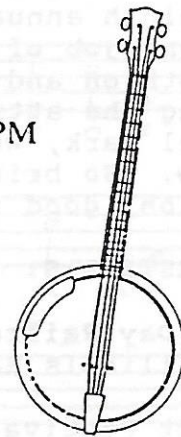
*Thursday's Child*

*Bryan Dagenhart      Mark Dvorak*

*Catherine Hall      Diane Ippel*

*Michael Miles      Marianne Mohrhusen*

*Lee Murdock      Chris Vallillo*



All events are free and take place in downtown Downers Grove.  
In case of rain concerts will move into the coffee house, 1047 Curtiss Street.  
Presented by the Two Way Street Coffee House, Plank Road Folk Music Society and Heritage Festival

## **It's Festival Season!!**

### **On Our Cover...**

Where can you walk down the street and find--among other things--everything from an all day folk music stage to pony rides for the kids, an antique and classic car show, a craft fair, a beer garden, good food, and (we hope) beautiful weather? Try the Heritage Festival in downtown Downers Grove on June 22, 23 and 24. (All day folk stage on the 23 only.)

For folk music, start out on Friday night, the 22nd, around eight o'clock, and look for the bluegrass band Special Consensus out in front of the Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss. Also appearing will be Bedlam, a traditional music group. Then come back for more music and fun on the folk stage in Fishel Park, behind the coffee house. From 10 to 6 you'll hear continuous music--traditional folk tunes, old time country and more from some of your favorite Plank Road and Two Way Street performers, including: Thursday's Child, Mark Dvorak, Marianne Mohrhusen, The Jones Family, Roscoe Champ & Ron Simpson, Lee Murdock, Michael Miles, Bryan Dagenhart and others. And don't forget to try out the eats from local restaurants and check out the information booths set up by area non-profit groups. There will also be other entertainment stages on all three days of the festival.

The Heritage Festival began as a small one day street fair held on July 4th in celebration of Downers Grove's 150th anniversary. But, in the words of Dave Humphreys, member of the Heritage Festival village commission, it was so much fun they did it again the next year...and the next, and the next. This will be the ninth annual Heritage Festival, and planning it is now the year round job of the committee, which meets at least once a month both on and off season. Each year the festival has grown, and among the attractions that have been added is the folk stage in Fishel Park, which is part of the celebration for the 7th year in a row. So bring your kids, and get set for a great day of relaxation, good food, music, and sun.

### **OTHER FESTIVALS:**

**Chicago Day Railroad Folk Music Festival, June 10, 11 am to 5 pm**  
at the Illinois Railway Museum (7000 Olson Rd, Union, IL)

**Lakefront Festival of Music & Fun, July 1, 11 am - 9 pm** at Navy Pier in Chicago. Look for JIM CRAIG, ANNE HILLS, RICHARD THOMPSON, D.L. MENARD, GAPING MAW and others. (312) 761-7784 for details. (continued on page 5)



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SUMMER CALENDAR

Sat., June 16 noon/2 pm  
Plank Road meeting/singaround

Two Way Street Coffee House  
1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove  
\$1 donation requested

Sat., June 23 1-6  
Heritage Festival  
Folk Stage--many performers!

Downtown Downers Grove  
(behind Two Way Street)

Sat., July 14 noon  
Picnic/Singaround  
Please bring a dish to pass!

Benny & Cathy Trowbridge's  
215 E. Traube, Westmont  
(2 blocks south of Ogden  
on Cass)

Sun., July 8  
Ice Cream Social, Barn Dance  
Bring your instruments!!  
(708) 790-4900, X 304 for info

Kline Creek Farm  
(west side of County Farm Rd.  
between Geneva Rd. &  
St. Charles Rd.)

Sat., Aug. 18 noon/2 pm  
Plank Road meeting/singaround

Two Way Street  
Downers Grove  
\$1 donation for singaround

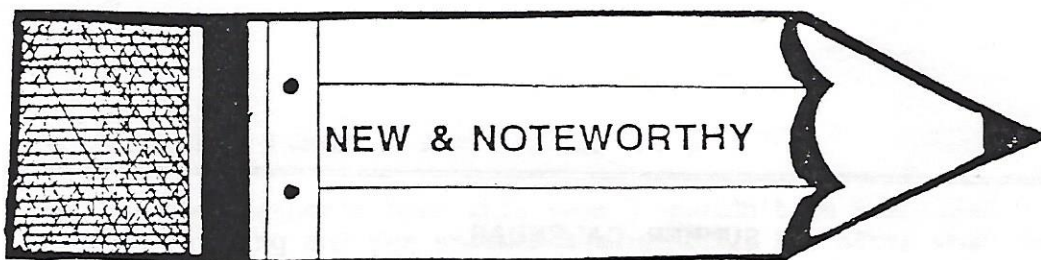
Call (708) 387-9312 for information on these and other Plank Road events.

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Quarter Notes Editor  
Lisa Lilly

Special Thanks to  
Dave Reynolds  
Marianne Mohrhusen  
Dario Fagnani



This summer John E. Dopyera will be putting together a Dobro Directory of people around the country who own, play, collect or have some interest in resonator instruments. Through notices in magazines such as *Guitar Player* and *Bluegrass Unlimited*, he has compiled about 400 names so far. Plank Road member Ron Simpson has information on this, and if you would like to be included in the directory, or would like a copy of it, give Ron a call at (708) 325-3197.

Look for the Jones Family at the Sandwich Bluegrass Festival on Saturday, June 16. The festival runs from the 15-17 of June at the Sandwich County Fairgrounds. Also, watch for the Jones Family and **Two or More** at the Taste of Lombard, July 4th from 12:30-2:30,

Madison Meadows in Lombard.

Would you like to contribute to the *Quarter Notes*? Call (708) 447-0556, or send items QUARTER NOTES EDITOR, PLANK ROAD FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 283, BROOKFIELD, IL, 60513.


"Down the Old Plank Road," Plank Road's cassette album, is available by mail. Write to PRFMS, P.O. Box 283, Brookfield, IL, 60513. Include your check or money order for \$9 per tape (includes \$1 postage).

Tune in to WDCB, 90.9 FM, the College of DuPage radio station. They often present blues, jazz, and folk music.

Don't forget, for complete listings of area folk music events, call the "Folk Phone" at (708) 844-3655.

For the summer pickin' groups at the Jones Family Music studio have been suspended, but private lessons are still available! Call (708) 916-1356.

The Plank Road board of directors: Marianne Mohrhusen, president; Mary Nugent, secretary; Charlie Lewis, treasurer; Dave Humphreys, Cathy Jones, Jeff Sands, Rick Rodriguez, Paul Klonowski, directors, Dave Reynolds, director & booking.




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## Local Festivals

(continued from page 2)

2nd annual Warrenville Folk Festival, July 1, noon-9:30 pm. Cerny park (River Rd. & Forestview Ave., Warrenville). Enjoy workshops, folk dancing, singing, and a craft fair as well as performances by WALT MICHAEL, PHIL COOPER AND MARGARET NELSON, CATHERINE HALL, PRIVATEER, MARK DVORAK, GARY GALLIER and others. (708) 717-8495.

3rd annual Gebhard Woods Dulcimer Festival, July 7-8, Gebhard Woods State Park in Morris, IL. Follow signs from the junction of I-80 & Route 47. Jam sessions, children's games, folk dancing, workshops. Watch for performers ART THIEME, DIANE IPPEL, PHIL COOPER & MARGARET NELSON, GAPING MAW, CATHY BARTON & DAVE PARA, MARK TINDLE, GERRY ARMSTRONG, CECELIA WEBSTER, STEVE & JEAN SMITH, ALEX UDVARY and more. (708) 456-6292.

The Mont Clare Folk Festival, July 7-8, 6935 W. Medill, Chicago, 11 am - 10 pm Saturday, 11 am - 5 pm Sunday. Featuring PRIVATEER, DOS BOYS, ALVIN McGOVERN & CHRIS McINTOSH, SAG VALLEY BOYS, and others. (312) 714-0328.

The Woodstock Folk Festival, July 15, 12:30-6 pm, Woodstock City Square. LIVE BAIT, IRENE FREDERICKS, DAN & DONA BENKERT, AMY BETH & ODETTE MUSIEL, ROBBIE CLEMENT, BEGGAR'S ALLEY. \$5 donation. (815) 338-4245.

Rockford Folk Music Festival, July 28-29, on grounds of the Historic Midway Village, 6799 Guilford Rd., Rockford. Featuring JOHN McCUTCHEON, PRISCILLA HERDMAN, ANNE HILLS, CINDY MANGSEN, ART THIEME, RON HOLM, VOICES, O'HARA & LAFFEY, FREE HOT LUNCH, LUCY MIELE, THE LAKETOWN BUSKERS, and more. (800) 521-0849.

### The Fox Valley Folk Music and Storytelling

Festival, Sept. 2-3, in beautiful Island Park along the Fox River in Geneva, Illinois (Rt. 38 & the Fox River). Look for Plank Road and Fox Valley favorites GAPING MAW, LEE MURDOCK, COOPER, NELSON & GOELZ, ART THIEME, BOB BOVEE & GAIL HEIL, LOU & PETER

BERRYMAN, CATHY BARTON & DAVE PARA, VOLO BOGTROTTERS, BELL & SHORE, PETER BELLAMY. You'll also find workshops, storytelling, dancing, and plenty of opportunities to jam, so bring your instruments. (708) 897-3655.

### Musicians Wanted

Plank Road will be providing a music program for Seaspar, a drop in center in Westmont, Illinois, on the fourth Sunday of every month. If you would like to take part, please call Paul Klonowski at (708) 662-4710.



## Summertime (At Last!)

Lisa Lilly

The way the weather's been this year I wouldn't be surprised to wake up tomorrow morning and see snow on the ground. But after what seems like 9 months of winter, and wondering whether there's really any good reason not to move to Arizona, I think it's finally time to smooth on the sunscreen and brace ourselves for cicadas and high electric bills.

One of the best parts of this season is the great outdoors, cicadas and all, and for that there's always the beach, the front porch, the local pool and scores of outdoor music festivals. But since there are times we want to get out of the heat, and since most of us can't afford to run our air conditioning day in and day out (despite those wonderful Com Ed commercials we see on T.V.), I thought I'd take a few minutes to share some of my favorite, fairly inexpensive, ways to keep cool this summer.

**Movie theaters:** The second run theaters are all under \$2 and usually have larger screens and sometimes more comfortable seats than the expensive shows. The Tivoli in Downers Grove is recently renovated, and besides being beautiful it has four-star popcorn. If there's nothing at the "cheap" shows watch for matinee specials at the first-run theaters. Some of the them also have "\$3 Tuesdays."

**Shopping:** A lot of malls in this area, indoor and out, are beautifully landscaped, and window-shopping doesn't cost anything, although I suggest leaving the credit cards at home. Bookstores, record stores, and gift shops are great places to browse, or just sit on a bench and soak up the cool air. Another idea--after a hot day in the sun, stop by the grocery store and pick up some chilled pop or your favorite ice cream. I recommend Dean's Foods vanilla ice cream cups. They come with little wooden spoons that interact with the taste of the ice cream to instantly transport you back to childhood.

**Restaurants:** One way go out to eat often on a low budget is to eat dinner at home and then go out for coffee--if you can drink it in the heat--soda, dessert, or a fresh salad. If go after the dinner rush you won't even have to wait for a table, and you can usually linger as long as you like and enjoy the air conditioning and conversation.

**Libraries:** Besides stocking books on all subjects and for all reading levels, many libraries now also loan albums, audio cassettes of books, and videotapes which include everything from Channel 11 programs to motion pictures, children's shows, and exercise videos. Check bulletin boards for children's story hours and classes or discussion groups for adults, as well as other community events.

And if none of these suggestions appeals to you at the moment, you can always pull out your banjo and cool off with Paul Klonowski's arrangement of "Frosty Morn" on the next page. (Thanks Paul) Have a great summer!

*Lisa*



# FROSTY MORN

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TUNING: g D G C D

A

Musical notation for section A, first staff. Fingering: 0 3 3 5 5 7 5 5 0 0 0 2 2 3 3 2 0 0. Technique: M H M T M M T M P M T M M T M H M T M M T M T M M M T

Musical notation for section A, second staff. Fingering: 0 3 3 5 5 7 5 5 0 0 0 3 2 3 0 0 0 0. Technique: M H M T M M T M P M T M M T M T M M T M M T M M T M M T

B

Musical notation for section B, first staff. Fingering: 0 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 2 3 2 3 2 0 0. Technique: M T M P M M T M M M M M T M T M P M M T M M M M M T

Musical notation for section B, second staff. Fingering: 0 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 2 3 0 0 0 0. Technique: M T M P M M T M M M M M T M T M T M T M T M M T M M T

A

Musical notation for section A, first staff. Fingering: 0 3 3 2 5 5 7 7 0 0 0 2 2 3 4 3 2 0 0 0 2 2. Technique: M R M T M M T M T M T M M T M H M T M T M T M T M T M H M T

Musical notation for section A, second staff. Fingering: 0 3 3 2 5 5 7 5 7 0 0 0 3 2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0. Technique: M H M T M T M T M P M T M M T M T M P M T M T M M T M M T M M T

B

Musical notation for section B, first staff. Fingering: 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 0 0 3 0 3 2 3 0 3 0 2 0 0. Technique: M T M P P L M M T M H M T M M T M T M P P L M M T M H M H M M T

Musical notation for section B, second staff. Fingering: 0 3 0 0 0 0 2 2 3 0 0 3 2 2 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0. Technique: M T M P P L M M T M H M T M M T M T M P M T M T M M T M M T

## TRIPLETS FOR FROSTY MORN:

Triplet notation: M T M P P L M M T AND M T M P P L M M T

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A PLANK ROAD MEMBER?

Plank Road members enjoy discounts on Plank Road concerts and other events and on Plank Road T-shirts, and also receive the *Quarter Notes* four times a year by mail. To join, simply fill out the form below and return it, with your check or money order, to:

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Brookfield, IL 60513

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Individual \_\_\_ \$5

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Family \_\_\_ \$9 (includes couples)

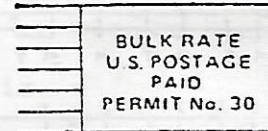
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Contributing \_\_\_ \$25 or more (free T-shirt included)

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 (Across from the Public Library)

OUR 20TH YEAR!

## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- Friday June 8 AMY BETH & ODETTE MUSTIEL -- Traditional and contemporary folk and fun songs and a variety of instrumentals. Guitar, fiddle, dulcimer, autoharp and more, with great vocal harmonies.
- Friday June 15 \*\* OPEN MIKE \*\* Another of our popular sessions where anyone is welcome to perform, and we always have many excellent acoustic musicians. If YOU would like to try our stage on for size, call Dave (968-5526 or 573-7586), or just show up!

Friday & Saturday  
 June 22 & 23



HERITAGE FESTIVAL FOLK MUSIC FEST -- Our seventh annual FREE outdoor concerts held in conjunction with Downers Grove's popular Heritage Festival.

FRIDAY NIGHT on Curtiss Street in front of the coffee house from 7:30 to 10:30 PM: a Bluegrass and Irish show:

SPECIAL CONSENSUS and BEDLAM

SATURDAY in Fishel Park (behind the coffee house) from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM: a full day of top-notch performers:

THE JONES FAMILY  
 THE SAG VALLEY BOYS  
 BRYAN DAGENHART  
 CATHERINE HALL  
 MICHAEL MILES  
 LEE MURDOCK

ROSCOE CHAMP & RON SIMPSON  
 THURSDAY'S CHILD  
 MARK DVORAK  
 DIANE IPPEL  
 MARIANNE MOHRHUSEN  
 CHRIS VALLILLO

There's something for everyone at Heritage Festival! Our old-time and contemporary folksongs will complement other fun events including a huge craft fair, amusement rides, street fair, auto show, street dances, beer garden, all kinds of music, and food, food, food! Join us!

- Friday June 29 WALT CAMPBELL -- A native Ohioan, Walt has sung his original songs in clubs and coffee houses from Boston to Chicago. A strong voice accompanied by guitar and harmonica.
- Friday July 6 DAVE CROSSLAND -- From Massachusetts, Dave sings traditional and original songs depicting joys and hardships of real people; songs of cornfields, lighthouses, and even McDonalds!
- Friday July 13 MARIANNE MOHRHUSEN -- Warm, beautiful, exciting and fun are all words which describe the traditional and contemporary songs sung by this popular performer. With guitar & autoharp.
- Friday July 20 STEVE BUDDE -- Excellent fiddler with "Ripe for the Pickin," he shows us many styles of traditional fiddling. He also sings, plays guitar, and is joined by some special guests!
- Friday July 27 MICHAEL OFFUTT -- Always popular on our stage, Mike presents a variety of folksongs old and new, serious and humorous, with guitar and banjo. Singalongs and storytelling too!
- Friday August 3 LARRY SWENSON -- An interpreter of contemporary folk music, Larry presents American and Canadian songs with an emphasis on the music of Stan Rogers. Vocals with 6&12 string guitar.
- Friday August 10 PEG LEHMAN -- An engaging performer with a clear, pure voice. Her performances include the "Flea Market" radio show and King Richard's Faire. Folksongs with autoharp and dulcimer.
- Friday August 17 THURSDAY'S CHILD -- This popular up-beat group presents an entertaining blend of old and new songs including folk, pop and bluegrass. Excellent vocal harmonies with guitars.
- Friday August 24 DAVE LANDRETH -- Dave takes time out from the Allen Street String Band for a solo show of old-time banjo tunes, and contemporary and traditional folksongs with guitar.
- Friday August 31 DON BUEDEL -- Great old-time folk music from a good friend who now lives in southern Missouri. Down-home songs and humor with banjo, guitar, fiddle, mandolin, more. Welcome back, Don!

Sunday & Monday  
 September 2 & 3  
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FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL -- 35 great folk musicians and storytellers on five stages on beautiful Island Park in Geneva. Stop by OUR stage for your Two Way Street favorites!

- Saturdays June 16 MONTHLY SING-AROUNDS -- Our popular song circles where  
 July 14\* beginners and experienced musicians can learn and/or share  
 August 18 songs. Listeners and singers welcome too! 2:00 PM \$1.00  
 \*July 14 Sing-Around will be held at the Troubridge home, 215 E. Traube, Westmont. Phone 325-7385

Saturday June 30  
 8:00 PM \$5.00

MURIEL ANDERSON & JOHN FELIX LALANNE -- IN CONCERT!  
 National fingerpicking prizewinner Muriel Anderson is joined by award-winning French guitarist John Felix LaLanne for a special "big room" concert of classical, jazz and other fingerstyle guitar music. Info: 708-530-2183. Don't Miss!!



Watch From the Two Way Street Coffee House on DGTV,  
 Downers Grove Cable Television Channel 29, Mondays at 7:30 PM.

The Two Way Street Coffee House is a not-for-profit community project of the First Congregational Church of Downers Grove, and is open to the public every Monday, Tuesday and Friday night at 8:00. (Closed Tuesdays June, July, August.) Live entertainment is featured each Friday beginning at 8:45. \$1.00 donation requested Fridays. Refreshments available. Member: Plank Road Folk Music Society, Fox Valley Folklore Society, Old Town School of Folk Music, and Aural Tradition.

Call FolkPhone at TGI-FOLK (708-844-3655) for complete Chicago-area folk music listings.