



QUARTER NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE PLANK ROAD FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

SUMMER 1991

ALBUM RELEASE PARTY ON SAT. JUNE 15

Join us on Saturday evening, JUNE 15 at 8 pm for a very special concert to celebrate the release of LEE MURDOCK'S fifth album, COLD WINDS. The concert will be held in Fellowship Hall of the 1st Congregational Church of Downers Grove, 1047 Curtiss in Downers Grove (the "big room" of the Two Way Street), and is jointly sponsored by the Plank Road Folk Music Society, Fox Valley Folklore Society and the Two Way Street. Special guests Mark Dvorak and Marianne Mohrhussen will also perform.

COLD WINDS will feature fifteen songs of the Great Lakes, written by Lee Murdock and by other contemporary songwriters, including two songs by Larry Penn, Kevin O'Donnell (Arranmore), David Drake, James Keelaghan, Craig Johnson, and of course, the title cut Cold Winds written by Tom Kastle of Privateer.

Lee Murdock

Recording on the album began last December, and Lee was joined in the studio by many fine musicians, including Don Stiernberg (mandolin), Mirium Sturm (violin), Dave Humphreys (bass), Howard Levy (harmonica), Paul Goelz (hammered dulcimer), Drew Carson (Mandolin), and Mark Dvorak (banjo). Richly textured vocal harmonies feature the voices of Gaping Maw, Kim & Reggie Harris, Liz Carson, Phil Cooper and Margaret Nelson, Fred Campeau, Michelle Thomas and Marianne Mohrhussen.



Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, or \$5 at the door for Plank Road or Fox Valley Folklore Society members. Advance tickets are available at Tobias Music in Downers Grove, or by calling 708/557-2742.

***BECOME A PLANK ROAD MEMBER--
MORE INFORMATION
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BOARD NOTES

The current Plank Road Board: Paul Klonowski, president, Cathy Jones, secretary, Charles Lewis, treasurer, Marianne Mohrhussen, membership, Jerry Burke, Dave Humphreys, Dave Reynolds, Rick Rodriguez, Jeff Sands, Mark Dvorak, newsletter. Keep those cards & letters coming! Next Board meeting Monday, June 17th at Two Way Street, 8 pm.

SUMMER FESTIVAL NOTES

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one or more of these great midwest folk music events:

JUNE 28-30, DOWNERS GROVE HERITAGE FEST. Look for the Two Way Street stage on Curtiss St. Friday night, and in Fischel Park on Saturday.

JULY 6-7, WARRENVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL, Cerny Park, Warrenville. Call 708/717-8495 for information on concerts, workshops and master classes!

JULY 27-28, ROCKFORD FOLK FESTIVAL. Midway Village, 6799 Gilford. Utah Phillips, Red Clay Ramblers, Michael Johnson, Sally Rogers, Howie Burson, more. Free camping! 1-800/521-0849.

SEPT. 1-2, FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL returns to Island Park in Geneva (Rt. 38 & the Fox River). The grand-daddy of all midwest folk festivals--don't miss it! Phone 708/897-3655 for information.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

If you'd like to volunteer at Plank Road concerts & events, phone Paul Klonowski at 815/728-0187. THANKS!

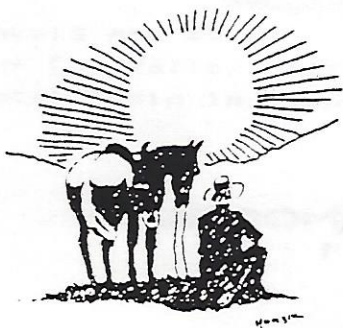
ART THIEME TRUST FUND

Don't forget to urge your friends to make a generous contribution to the ART THIEME TRUST FUND. Proceeds from which will benefit our friend ART THIEME, who is continuing to recover from recent surgery. Send your donation to: THE ART THIEME TRUST FUND, c/o ST. PAUL EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 914 E. KNAPP, MILWAUKEE, WI 53202.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Behold the fool saith, 'Put not all thine eggs in one basket'--which is but a manner of saying, 'Soatter your money and attention;' but the wise man saith, 'Put all your eggs in the one basket and WATCH THAT BASKET.'"
--Mark Twain

"Make haste slowly." --Benjamin Franklin



PLANK ROAD SUMMER SCHEDULE

JUNE 8 & 9--RAILROAD FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL, Illinois Railway museum in Union, IL. Music, Storytelling, and railroad folklore. Call the IL Railway Museum 815/923-4000.

JUNE 15--SINGAROUND, Home of Rick Rodriguez, 670 N. Ridge Ave., Lombard, IL (east of Rt. 53 between North Ave. & St. Charles Rd.). Bring Lawn Chairs and blankets to sit on. Info-708/620-4820. Rain location: Jones Family Music Studio, 36 E. Hickory, Lombard.

JUNE 15--LEE MURDOCK ALBUM RELEASE CONCERT at Two Way Street (see cover for info).

JUNE 17--PLANK ROAD BOARD MEETING, Two Way Street Coffeehouse, 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove. 8 pm.

JUNE 28-30--DOWNERS GROVE HERITAGE FESTIVAL. Look for the Two Way Street stage in Fischel Park on Saturday, and a special TWS Coffeehouse on Curtiss Friday night.

JULY 6-7--WARRENVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL. Phone 708/717-8495 for info. Master Classes and Square Dancing on Saturday, Concerts and Workshops on Sunday.

JULY 13-14--KLINE CREEK FARM. Open jams! Come out and play music in the Forest preserve. Call Stafford Crossland 708/790-4900 for details.

JULY 12-14--1st ANNUAL PLANK ROAD CAMPOUT/FESTIVAL. See insert for details.

JULY 15--PRFMS BOARD MEETING, Two Way Street, 8 pm.

JULY 20--SINGAROUND and FAMILY PICNIC. At Benny and Cathy Trowbridge's, 215 Traube, Westmont. Call 708/325-7385 for info.

JULY 26-7--ROCKFORD FOLK FESTIVAL, featuring: Utah Phillips, Red Clay Ramblers, Michael Johnson, Sally Rogers, Mark Dvorak and many others. Call 1-800/521-0849 for information.

AUGUST 17--SINGAROUND, Two Way Street Coffeehouse, 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove. 2 pm.

AUGUST 19--PRFMS BOARD MEETING, Two Way Street, 8 pm.

As always, Plank Road sponsored events are open to the entire family.

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COME ON IN THE WATER'S FINE

If you would like to become a member of the PLANK ROAD FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY, just fill out the handy form below and mail it with your check or money order to: PRFMS, P.O. BOX 283, BROOKFIELD, IL 60513.

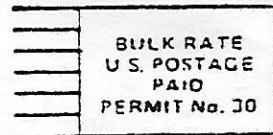
Your membership entitles you to receive the QUARTER NOTES four times a year by mail, and you'll enjoy discounts to exciting Plank Road events! T-shirts are also available to members at a discount.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____
ZIP: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:
INDIVIDUAL __ \$5
FAMILY __ \$9 (includes couples)
CONTRIBUTING __ \$25 or more
(free T-shirt incl.)



*P.O. Box 283
Brookfield, Illinois
60513*



Plank Road Folk Music Society

Two Way St. Coffeehouse
1047 Curtis Ave.
Downers Grove IL 60515

WARRENVILLE'S 3rd ANNUAL FOLK FESTIVAL

Saturday & Sunday

JULY 6 & 7



Featuring:



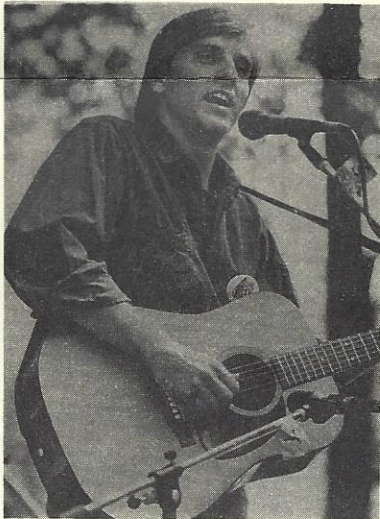
R. P. Hale

"Master of 18th Century Music"



Catherine Hall

"A singer of wondrous depth
and clarity"



Mark Dvorak

"A voice rich with tradition
and humor"



Lindsay Haisley

"An American Resource"

Saturday July 6

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

• **Master Classes**

(Pre-registration Required)

7:30 p.m.

• **Barn Dance**

- Under the tent

Sunday July 7

Noon - 9:30 p.m.

• **Afternoon &**

Evening Concerts

• **Children's Area**

• **Hands-On**

Workshops

• **Arts & Crafts Fair**

• **Bocce Ball**

Tournament

• **Old-Time Craft**

Demonstrations

• **Watermelon Seed**

Spitting Contest

• **Food Available**

Kwasi Aduonum • Brushfire

Phil Cooper & Margaret Nelson

Running Fox Bluegrass Band

CERNY PARK

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David Schnauffer & More

CERNY PARK

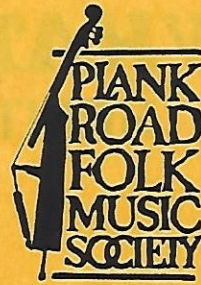
RIVER RD. & FORESTVIEW AVE.

WARRENVILLE, ILLINOIS

Information: (708) 717-8495

**For a complete schedule of Concert & Workshops, please send S.S.A.E. to
W.F.M.S., P.O. Box 248, Warrenville, IL 60555 (To be mailed June 1)**

**Co-sponsored by Warrenville 4th of July Activities Committee & Warrenville Folk Music Society
(This program is supported in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency)**



FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL

FRIDAY JUNE 28 7:30 PM -- 10:30 PM
Curtiss Street west of Main (in front of coffee house)

Beggar's Alley

The Volo Bog Trotters

SATURDAY JUNE 29 10:00 AM -- 6:00 PM
Fishel Park (behind coffee house)

The Hapless Creatures of Quiet Desperation

Privateer

Roscoe Champ & Ron Simpson

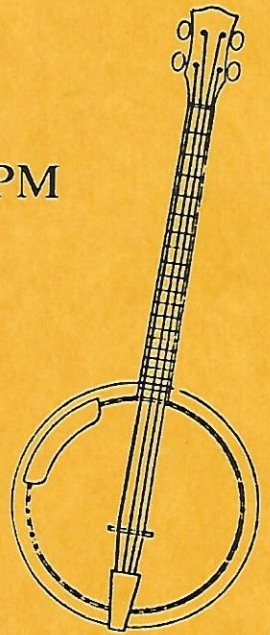
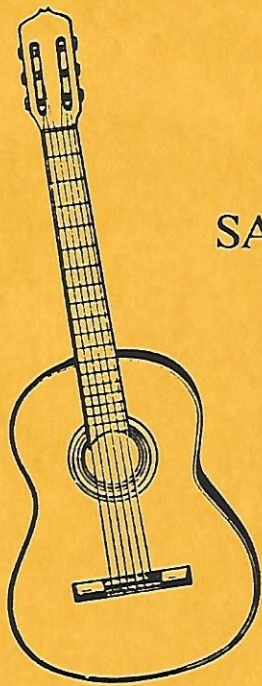
Thursday's Child

Mark Dvorak Catherine Hall

Diane Ippel Barbara Kotula

Marianne Mohrhusen Lee Murdock

Pete Norman Larry Swenson



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

LOOK WHAT'S COMING!

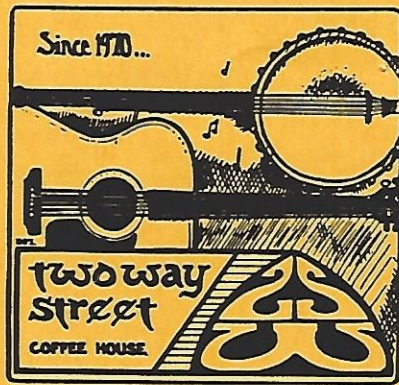
Downers Grove HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Street Fair
Amusement Rides
Bingo Tent
Dunk Tank
Petting Zoo
Pony Rides
Fine Arts Show
Craft Show
Auto Show
Seven Music Stages
Beer Garden
Historical Exhibits
Street Dances
Model Railroad Show
Food, Food, Food

-- and much, Much MORE!!



BE A PART OF IT!



**TWO WAY STREET
COFFEE HOUSE**
1047 CURTISS STREET 708-969-9720
DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS 60515
(Across from the Public Library)

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- Friday May 31 CATHERINE HALL -- A fine singer with a crystal-clear voice, she returns with originals, traditional folk and Irish music with guitar, dulcimer, wooden flute, tin whistle and more!
- Friday June 7 JAMES McCANDLESS and JULIANNE MACARUS -- Two great performers return with guitars and fiddle. Their songs range from topical and gritty to romantic and poignant. Engaging!
- Friday June 14 STEVE ASKINS -- We really liked Steve's first show here last year, so he returns with jazz, old standards and swing songs, featuring great guitar solos as well as vocals.
- Friday June 21 **** OPEN MIKE **** Anyone is welcome to perform, and we always have a great variety of acoustic performers. These sessions have become so popular that we MAY have to limit the number. Call 968-5526 or 573-7586 for info. Open 7:45 for sign-ups.

Friday & Saturday
June 28 & 29



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

FRIDAY NIGHT on Curtiss Street in front of the coffee house from 7:30 to 10:30 PM: two rollicking string bands:

BEGGAR'S ALLEY and THE VOLO BOG TROTTERS

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

THE HAPLESS CREATURES
ROSCOE CHAMP & RON SIMPSON
MARK DVORAK
DIANE IPPEL
MARIANNE MOHRHUSEN
PETE NORMAN

PRIVATEER
THURSDAY'S CHILD
CATHERINE HALL
BARBARA KOTULA
LEE MURDOCK
LARRY SWENSON

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 on seven stages, and food, food, food!

- Friday July 5 PEG LEHMAN -- An engaging performer with a clear, pure voice. She'll include songs from her latest album: "What Will I Leave?" Folksongs with autoharp and mountain dulcimer.
- Friday July 12 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 19 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 July 26 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 2 ANDREW CALHOUN -- Outstanding singer-songwriter-guitarist, his songs blend original imagery, passion, humor and insight. "Chicago's most noteworthy songwriter." (Chicago Magazine)
- Friday August 9 DENNIS JOHNSON & DUANE LARSON -- Heard on "Flea Market" radio show and in many clubs and coffeehouses, this popular duo returns with folk, gospel and original songs.
- Friday August 16 RON SIMPSON & ROSCOE CHAMP -- Individually and as a team, they present some of the best traditional music around. Vocals with guitars, autoharp, mandolin and dobro.
- Friday August 23 CHARLIE LEWIS -- His engaging style and bad jokes have made him very popular with our audiences. Contemporary folk and a few (!) train songs. With 12-string guitar.
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- Saturday June 15 LEE MURDOCK ALBUM RELEASE CONCERT -- with MARK DVORAK and MARIANNE MOHRHUSEN. Songs from latest CD album. In our big room. 8:00 PM. Tickets in advance \$5.00. At door, \$6.00
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- Saturdays June 15* MONTHLY SING-AROUNDS -- Our popular song circles where
July 20* beginners and experienced musicians can learn and/or share
August 17 songs. Listeners and singers welcome too! 2:00 PM \$1.00
- * June singaround will be at the Rodriguez home, 670 N. Ridge, Lombard. Phone 620-4820.
* July singaround will be at the Troubridge home, 215 E. Traube, Westmont. Phone 326-7385.



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, Aural Tradition, and North American Folk Alliance.

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



**YOU ARE INVITED TO:
THE
1st ANNUAL PLANK ROAD CAMP & SONG FEST**

**Friday evening, July 12th to Sunday A.M. July 14th
at HI-TIDE CAMPGROUND in Leland, IL.**

Come out and join us for a fun, relaxing weekend. It's just an hour drive West of Downers Grove. Camp out, play some tunes and relax with good friends. There will be music, swimming, hiking, fishing and plenty of just lazyn' around. Singles, families, youngsters and oldsters are all welcome to attend.

WHO:

- Members and friends of Plank Road Folk Music Society, and their families.
- Singles, families, youngsters, oldsters, hamsters, gerbils, etc.

WHAT:

- ACTIVITIES:

- + Two days of light camping, relaxing and songs with good friends.
- + Tunes, Good Gab, Swimming, Hiking, Fishing, Horse Shoes, Croquet & Volleyball

- FACILITIES:

- + A group of tent camping sites. Some have water & electric.
- + Nice ceramic tiled bathrooms with full showers (hot water optional).
- + Pool and Hot Tub (seriously!). Small swimming lake w/ life guard.
- + General Store for food & supplies, with laundry facilities, firewood & ice.
- + Fenced playground area for kids.
- + Little Indian Creek for fishing.

We're Located

WHERE:

* ONE HOUR DRIVE WEST OF DOWNERS GROVE

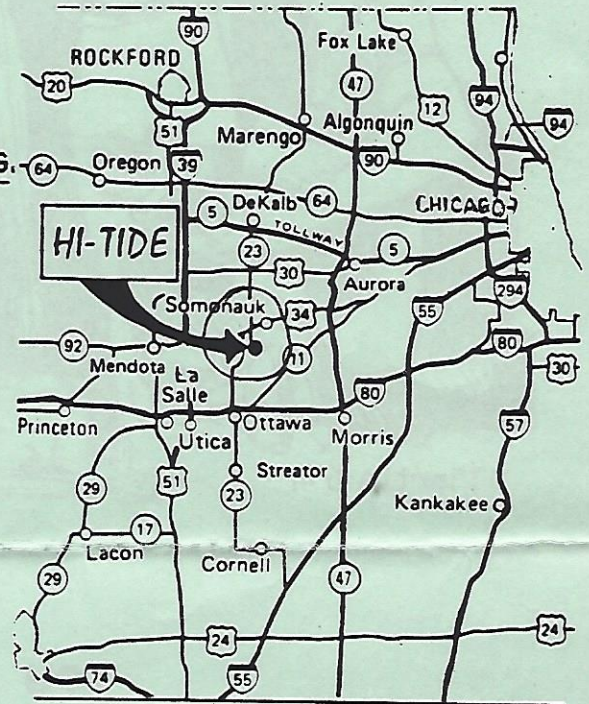
* One mile SOUTH of junction of 34 & 23's NORTH LEG.

* FROM EAST:

Travel 4 mi. West of Somonauk on Rt. 34,
to junction of Rt. 34 & 23's NORTH LEG.
When 23 passes S. of 34, it becomes HI-TIDE RD.
Take HI-TIDE RD. South 1 mile to campground.

* FROM NORTH:

Take Rt. 23 SOUTH from I-88 (DeKalb Exit).
When 23 passes S. of 34, it becomes HI-TIDE RD.
Take HI-TIDE RD. South 1 mile to campground.



4 miles west of Somonauk
1 mile south of Jct. US 34 & IL 23NORTH
65 miles west of Chicago

PRICE:

- \$12.50 per day, per site.
i.e. \$25.00 for two days.
- A site can be occupied by one family,
two adults AND two kids, or three adults.
- A limited number of sites have been reserved.
Fill out form (below) and mail with a check to reserve a campsite.

NAME: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

NO. OF ADULTS: _____

NO. OF KIDS (UNDER 18 YRS.): _____

NO. OF SITES: _____

NO. OF NIGHTS: _____

MAKE PAYMENT FOR \$12.50 PER SITE, PER NIGHT.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE PLANK ROAD FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

MAIL TO DAVE MARTIN BY JUNE 25, AT 331 S. STEWART AVE., LOMBARD, IL. 60148

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL DAVE MARTIN AT (708) 620-0718