



# ◆ Quarter Notes ◆

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Summer 1997

## Sing-A-Rounds

3rd Sat. of the month  
from 2:00-4:00 PM

*Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720. Everyone is welcome! Good opportunity to get together with other players. Songbooks are provided. Sat: June 21, July 19, Aug. 16.*

## PLANK ROAD CAMP OUT

August 1, 2 & 3 (Fri-Sun)  
White Pines State Park  
Oregon, IL

Reserve a site, or just come for the day! Lots of music, relaxing and enjoying time with good friends! Reservations required for camping. (More inside on listing page!) For details, call Jerry at 815/498-1477.

## PLANK ROAD BOARD MEETING

Monday, July 14 at 7:30 PM  
Two Way Street Coffee House  
1047 Curtiss St, Downers Grove

All are welcome to join us as we prepare for upcoming Fall Events!!  
For more info, call Marianne at 708/387-9312

## HERITAGE FESTIVAL FOLK STAGE CELEBRATES 14 YEARS!

The entertaining sound of banjos, guitars, fiddles, mandolins and dulcimers will draw "fest-goers" to Fishel Park in Downers Grove on Saturday, June 28 for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Festival Folk Stage. Always popular, it's a chance to retreat for a time from the bustle of the street fair to the trees and lawn of the park for some great music.

A special treat this year will be the appearance of the *District 99 Sinfonia*, a select group of string students from Downers Grove North and South High Schools who will perform with virtuoso banjo artist *Michael Miles*. They teamed up twice earlier this year for concerts presenting both traditional American folk and classical music to enthusiastic audiences.

Internationally acclaimed guitarist *Muriel Anderson* also makes her debut on the Folk Stage this year. Music of this Downers Grove native has even been heard on NASA's space shuttle!

Many other acoustic musicians and songwriters will appear all day. They include *The Jones Family, Jim Wearne, Patti Ecker, Live Bait, Andrew Calhoun, Kevin Mulvenna, Diane Ippel, Darwin & Marv* and *Small Potatoes*. [See schedule to the right.] The Folk Stage is hosted by the Two Way Street Coffee House, which has been presenting weekly shows in downtown Downers Grove for almost 27 years.

Other festival events hosted this weekend by the Two Way Street include the **Tom and Steve Chapin** concert on Friday night, June 27; the great Canadian group **Tamarack** on Saturday following the Folk Stage, and the **Family Barn Dance** on Sunday Afternoon, June 29. There will also be appearances by **Kathy O'Hara and Diana Laffey, the Chenille Sisters** and **the Mamas and the Papas**. (More Heritage Festival info inside!)

## SATURDAY EVENTS JUNE 28

FOLK STAGE (10 AM-5:30 PM)

- 10:00 Muriel Anderson
- 10:20 Jim Wearne
- 10:40 Jones Family
- 11:00 Patti Ecker
- 11:20 Muriel Anderson
- 11:40 Live Bait
- 12:00 Andrew Calhoun
- 12:20 Kevin Mulvenna
- 12:40 Diane Ippel
- 1:00 Michael Miles, and the District 99 Sinfonia
- 1:40 Small Potatoes
- 2:00 Jim Wearne
- 2:20 Darwin & Marv
- 2:40 Patti Ecker
- 3:00 Live Bait
- 3:20 Andrew Calhoun
- 3:40 Jones Family
- 4:00 Kevin Mulvenna
- 4:20 Small Potatoes
- 4:40 Diane Ippel
- 5:00 Darwin & Marv
- 5:20 Closing Singalong: Everyone

**WEST CURTISS STAGE:**  
5:30 PM Concert: TAMARACK

## THERE ARE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO BE A PART OF THIS FESTIVAL SEASON!

Festival season is upon us again, and its time to prepare for the flood of opportunities for jamming, workshops, concerts, and other opportunities for sharing our love of music with others!

Presenting these opportunities is a gargantuan undertaking, and would not be possible without the help of volunteers! Everyone out there is capable of helping out in some way. Won't you consider giving some time this summer to help out the festival(s) that have helped introduce you to and keep you going in your folk/traditional music journey? Here are a few opportunities in which you can help out Plank Road this summer:

### PLANK ROAD AT HERITAGE FESTIVAL, JUNE 27, 28 & 29:

- We need people to help man the information tables at the various events. This basically involves handing out flyers to people who want to know more about the folk scene in the Western Suburbs. It is a great way to get to greet people and share your love for this music! The Folk Stage table and Tamarack table on Saturday will also involve tape & CD etc. sales for the performers. No experience is necessary. (There will be a coordinator that will show you the ropes and answer more complicated questions!) If you are interested, call Cathy at 630/889-9121.
- We could use some extra hands in setting up the folk stage on Saturday morning. Again, there is a "straw boss" who will be guiding the setup, so no special experience is necessary—except to be prepared for some heavy work! For more information, call Tim Kendall at 630/964-6417.
- For the Sunday Barn Dance this year, we would like to try something new. We are looking for eight volunteers who would be willing to be a core group of dancers to encourage others to join in. No experience is necessary, for Marianne will teach all the steps. In this case, maybe less is more—we really do want to show that anyone can join in, so we are not looking for professional dancers—just people with a lot of enthusiasm! Call Marianne at 708/387-9312 if you are interested.
- NOTE: For all volunteers who help out at Heritage Festival, Two Way Street Coffee House will provide soda and coffee, and a cool place to rest if needed!

### PLANK ROAD AT THE WARRENVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL, JULY 12 & 13:

- Plank Road is forming a Bocce Ball team for the Bocce Ball Tournament at the Warrenville Folk Festival. In true Plank Road form, no experience is necessary. (Last year's team was made up of innocent bystanders who had never played the game before—they had loads of fun!) So anyone who wants to learn more about Bocce Ball is welcome to join up. We need at least four people to make up a team. We already have two people—one of whom actually knows how to play! If we get more than four people, we can have alternates. We will probably try to get together sometime before July 12&13 to run through the rules, actually see a Bocce Ball set and maybe get a few pointers on how to play. Basically, Bocce Ball is something like lawn bowling, I think. It is not an overly strenuous sport, and anyone can play. The Maple Street Chapel Team is the current reigning champs from the last two years—primarily because they have had very little competition in the tournament. They need someone to knock them off their pedestal! All we need is lots of enthusiasm!! Call Cathy at 630/889-9121 for more information.

### OTHER VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

- Warrenville Folk Festival is always looking for volunteers. Whether its greeting people at donations booths, helping in the hospitality area, or with setting up, or breaking down, or whatever capacity, there is something for everyone. If you want to give an hour of your time in exchange for all the festival gives you in encouragement and learning, call 630/393-1247 and leave a message for Bonnie.
- Gebhard Woods Dulcimer Festival is also looking for people to help out. Again, there is a myriad of ways that one can help out. For more information, call Kathy at 815/758-0814.
- Fox Valley Folk Festival, Sun., (August 31 & Mon., September 1) always has Plank Roaders helping out. If you want to get in on the action, call 630/897-3655 for info. (Check out the Fox Valley Folklore Society's web page for additional info too! The address is on the back page of this newsletter.)

If there is any festival you enjoy attending, you might want to check out opportunities for helping out. Call the main information number and find out about volunteer opportunities at your favorite festival. After all, none of these festivals could keep going without the help of volunteers!

*Congratulations to Jim Wearne, who has just released his second cassette featuring the music of Cornwall! The Suburban LIFE included a very nice article on Jim Wearne, so here it is for those of you who didn't see it:*

Downers Grove Cornish-American folksinger Jim Wearne has released his second collection of songs from Cornwall titled "Heroes, Lovers and Ducks." The cassette features Wearne as vocalist, with accompanying instruments ranging from a brass ensemble with military percussion to banjo and crowdly crawn (a Cornish drum). A chorus of friends supplies the pub atmosphere on the sing-alongs.

"The title refers to themes of some of the songs, and reflects their sometimes whimsical nature," Wearne commented.

Cornwall, occupying the far southwestern tip of Britain, is one of the ancient Celtic kingdoms. It has its own Celtic language and culture, its own food (the Cornish pasty and more) and a variety of styles of music ranging from folksongs and jigs to formal choirs and bands.

Wearne's live recordings from the Oatlands Celtic Festival are in the Library of Congress. His previous release "Hot Pasties—Cold Comfort" has enjoyed air play as far afield as Australia. Other broadcast credits include BBC Radio Cornwall, WFMT-FM's "Midnight Special" and the Studs Turkel program. (the Suburban LIFE, May 21, 1997) *Look for Jim Wearne at Heritage Festival's Folk Stage, and in the workshop area at Warrenville Folk Festival.*

*Here's some news we received over the e-mail regarding our good friend Art Theime:*

Illinois folksinger Art Theime is currently recovering from surgery—a knee replacement, complicated by a bleeding ulcer. Although he is making good progress, it will be a while before he can do any performing at all, and much longer before he can resume a fully active schedule. His medical bills are covered by insurance, but he has virtually no income to cover his family's living expenses (including that health insurance) during the period he isn't working. (Art has suffered through other major surgeries over the last decade, and he hasn't toured or recorded at the same level as many other musicians, so he doesn't have a lot of savings.)

Cathy Fink is collecting financial donations to help him get through the next few months. Even small donations are welcome; if everyone who has enjoyed Art's music each contributed \$10 or \$20, collectively we could really help him out. And of course we welcome larger donations if you can afford to do more. Cathy will forward all money received directly to Art, and she'll list the names and addresses of the donors (but not the amounts) unless anyone chooses to stay anonymous.

Please make checks to CATHY FINK, not to Art, and mail to:

Cathy Fink/Friends of Art  
C/O Community Music, Inc.  
PO Box 5778  
Takoma Park MD 20913

Write "Friends of Art" on the memo line, but remember to make the check to Cathy (who promises to send Art the collected funds as they come in, probably every 2 weeks or so.)

If you have any questions, contact Bob Blackman of "The Folk Tradition", WKAR Radio, East Lansing, MI at:

*E-mail:* [blackman@wkar.msu.edu](mailto:blackman@wkar.msu.edu) (or)  
*regular mail:* PO Box 504, Haslett, MI 48840.

## PLANK ROAD MEMBERSHIP & ORDER FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out order blank and send to address below. Please make checks payable to the Plank Road Folk Music Society  
PO Box 283, Brookfield, IL 60513

### MEMBERSHIPS

\_\_\_ Individual (\$5/Year)      \_\_\_ Family (\$9/Year)  
\_\_\_ 2 years (\$10)              \_\_\_ 2 years (\$18)

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Membership amount enclosed			
Cassette: "Down the Old Plk Rd"		\$10	
Cassette: "Songs We've Shared"		\$10	
PRFMS T-Shirt S M L XL		\$12	
Add \$1.50 for T-shirt or Tape (postage)			
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>			

# Plank Road's Summer Festival Listing

## JUNE

- ◆ *Please note: The Sandwich Bluegrass Festival has been cancelled for this year. Watch for information on next year's festival around Father's Day weekend.*
- ◆ **27, 28, & 29 (Fri.-Sun.) DOWNERS GROVE HERITAGE FESTIVAL.** Downtown Downers Grove. **Fri. June 27 at 8:15 PM: Tom & Steve Chapin: "A Tribute to Harry Chapin"** in front of the Two Way Street Coffee House, on the West Stage. **Sat. June 28 from 10 am to 5:30 PM: Folk Festival** in Fishel Park, with many favorite performers. **Sat. June 28 at 5:30 PM: Concert** featuring **Tamarack**, in front of the Two Way Street Coffee House on the West Stage. **Sun. June 30 at 3:00 PM: An Old Fashioned Barn Dance** in Front of the Two Way Street Coffee House (West Stage) featuring **the Salt Creek Barn Dance Company**, with **Marianne Mohrhussen**, caller and the music of **The Salt Creek Ramblers**. See Two Way Street Schedule for details.

## JULY

- ◆ **12 & 13 (Sat. & Sun.) 9th Annual WARRENVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL.** *New Location (this year only) Downtown Warrenville (Rte 56 & Batavia Rd)* Two full days of concerts and workshops featuring the finest Traditional and Acoustic Artists, including **Anne Hills; Raisin Pickers; Art Theime; Volo Bogtrotters; Running Fox Bluegrass Band; Paul K & the Harmonica Hinds; Jim Craig; Cooper, Nelson & Early; Tom & Chris Kastle and much more!** Also a **Saturday Barn Dance** (following the concert) by the **Raisin Pickers**, and a **Sunday Morning Gospel Sing (11 am Sunday)**. Also Children's Area, Arts & Crafts Fair, Vendor Marketplace, Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest, Bocce Ball Tournament, Period Craft Demonstrations and more! For more information and complete schedules, call 630/717-8495 or 630/393-1247. Suggested donation, Single: \$8/day, \$14/weekend or Family: \$20/day or \$30/weekend.
- ◆ **12 & 13 (Sat. & Sun.) 10th Annual GEBHARD WOODS DULCIMER FESTIVAL.** Gebhard Woods State Park, Morris, IL. Concerts and workshops for hammered and fretted dulcimers and many other instruments, instrument builders, children's activities and more! Guest artists include: **Mike Anderson; Gerry, Rebecca & Laurie Armstrong: 3 Generations; Cathy Barton & Dave Para; Liz Cefani; R.P. Hale; Dan Zahn; Kim Murley; Rick Thum; Just Folk; Maddie MacNeil; Sam Rizzetta; Paul Van Arsdale; Diane Ippel-Williams & Rob Williams, and much more!** Swing Your Sweetie at the **Gebhard Woods Contra Prom** featuring music by **Bill Robinson & Friends** and the **Gebhard Woods Pick-up Dance Band!** For more information call 708/456-6292 or 815/758-0814. Suggested donations, Adult: \$12/day; Family: \$25/day or \$40/weekend.
- ◆ **20 (Sun.) 12th Annual WOODSTOCK FOLK FESTIVAL.** *On The Historic Woodstock Square, Woodstock, IL. 12:30 to 6:30 PM. Featuring: Diane Ippel with Rob Williams, L.J. Slavin, Don Falkos, Innisfree, Amy Beth, Eric Noden, Whyte Knuckles and Chuck VanderVennet as Master of Ceremonies.* Admission \$8 Adults, \$15 Families, \$5 Seniors and Students. For more information call 815/338-4245
- ◆ **26 & 27 (Sat. & Sun.) ILLINOIS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL.** Spring Grove Village Park, Spring Grove, IL. This gathering of storytellers and listeners includes a liar's contest, children's tent and Saturday night ghost stories. For more information, call 815/678-4773. (By the way, Eric Zorn did a very nice article about storytelling and this festival in the Memorial Day edition of the Chicago Tribune, in the MetroDupage section!)

## AUGUST

- ◆ **3 (Sun.) 3rd Annual LAKE COUNTY FOLK FESTIVAL.** Paulus Park in Lake Zurich, IL from Noon to 6:30 PM. Featuring **Claudia Schmidt, Joel Mabus, Mark Dvorak, Bill Robinson & Friends, Small Potatoes and Tricia Alexander.** For more information, call 847/949-5355. **NOTE: 1st Annual SONGWRITER'S COMPETITION.** 1st Prize: \$250 and a spot on next year's Main Stage. For details, call Dan Zahn at 630/830-7487. Hurry! Entries are due by June 15!

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# Plank Road's Summer Festival Listing (Cont.)

- ◆ August 31 & September 1 (Sun. & Mon.) **FOX VALLEY FOLK MUSIC & STORY TELLING FESTIVAL**. NOTE: New Location this year, TBA. Island Park is undergoing construction. Watch the information tables at this summer's festivals for more information, or call 630/897-FOLK.

## SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 5 & 6 (Fri. & Sat.) **CHINQUAPIN FOLK MUSIC & STORY TELLING FESTIVAL**. For information, write: C/O Forest Park Nature Center, 5809 Forest Park Drive, Peoria, IL 61604. Or call 309/686-3360. Also, watch for details in the COMMON TIMES.

**Don't Forget!! The Plank Road Camp Out August 1,2 &3 White Pines State Park, Oregon, IL**

Come for the day, or come for the weekend! Beautiful park with hiking, picnicking and a lodge, canoeing nearby. There will be a Saturday night Song Circle with a Dessert Buffet (bring a dessert to share!). Reservations required for camping. We are in the Cedar Ridge Family Reservation Campground within the park. *Each family must register with the park.* For more details and/or information on reservations, call Jerry Burke at 815/498-1477.

We still have Plank Road T-shirts, and copies of the Plank Road cassettes ***Down the Old Plank Road***, and ***Songs We've Shared***. Order through order blank in the center of this newsletter or look for the Plank Road table at Downers Grove Heritage Festival.

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 ☆ Stop by the Plank ☆  
 ☆ Road Table at ☆  
 ☆ Downers Grove ☆  
 ☆ Heritage Festival and ☆  
 ☆ purchase a **PLANK** ☆  
 ☆ **ROAD MUG** for ☆  
 ☆ \$5.00! (Blue logo on ☆  
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**\*\*\*Folk Music Societies and Venues in the Area (and their addresses and phone numbers!)\*\*\***

- Plank Road Folk Music Society**, PO Box 283, Brookfield, 60513. (708)387-9312
  - Two Way Street Coffee House** 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, 60515. (630)969-9720
  - Jones Family Music Studio**, Lombard. (630)916-1356
  - Maple Street Chapel**, Main & Maple Sts, Lombard, 60148. (630)629-2630.
  - Folk Lore Center & Acorn Coffee Bar**, 29W140 Butterfield Rd, PO Box 762, Warrenville, 60555. (630)393-1247
  - Woodstock Opera House**, 121 Van Buren St., Woodstock, 60098. Box Office: (815)338-5300
  - Masthouse**, 528 E Calhoun, Woodstock 60098. (847)836-6278
  - Fox Valley Folklore Society**, 755 N Evanslawn Ave, Aurora, 60506. (630)897-3655.
  - Warrenville Folk Music Society**, PO Box 248, Warrenville IL 60555. (630)717-8495
  - Lake County Folk Club**, Tavern on Lake St., 34600 Lake St. (Lake St. & Rt. 83), Grayslake, (847)949-5355.
  - HANDS (Hammers & Noters Dulcimer Society)**, (815)758-0814
  - South Suburban Dulcimer & Folk Music Society**, P.O. Box 455, Park Forest, 60466. (708)756-3857.
- Folk Phone:** (630)TGI-FOLK or (630)844-3655. *(Have a tape recorder handy! Lots of information, goes by fast!)*

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CALL FOLK PHONE  
for a complete, tape recorded listing of Chicago area acoustic music events.

**630/TGI-FOLK**

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<http://www.mcs.com/~hammerd/fvfs/fvfs.html>

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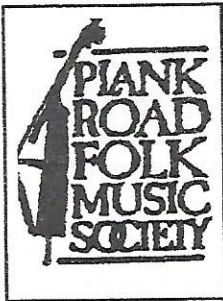
**BOB JANIS**, host of  
"FOLK FESTIVAL"  
Tuesdays, 7 to 9 PM

And...

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"STRICTLY BLUEGRASS"  
Wednesdays, 7 to 9 PM

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For a complete listing of Chicago area folk music events, check out the **COMMON TIMES!** This quarterly publication lists everything from coffeehouses to concerts to storytelling events to festivals, as well as including interesting articles, reviews, "news briefs" and more! Copies are available at most folk venues. For a one year subscription (4 issues), send \$7.00 (check or money order) and your name and address to: **Common Times**, PO Box 577036, Chicago, IL 60657.



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7/1/98

**Dave Humphreys**

Two Way St. Coffee House

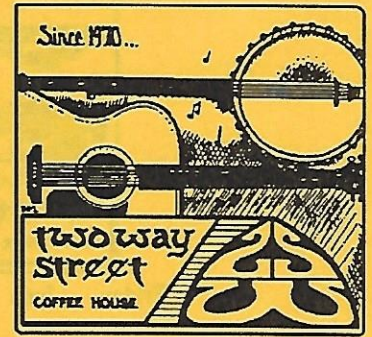
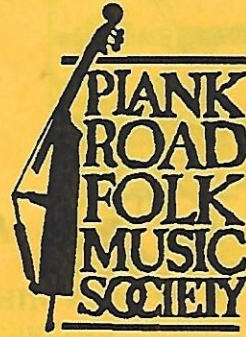
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# FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL



**FRIDAY, JUNE 27 8:15 PM - 10:15 PM**

*Curtiss Street west of Main Street (in front of coffee house)*

***Tom Chapin • Steve Chapin Band • A Tribute to Harry Chapin***

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM**

*Fishel Park (behind coffee house)*

***Muriel Anderson • Andrew Calhoun • Live Bait  
Small Potatoes • Jones Family • Patti Ecker  
Michael Miles and the District 99 Sinfonia  
Kevin Mulvenna • Darwin & Marv  
Jim Wearne • Diane Ippel***

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

*Curtiss Street west of Main Street (in front of coffee house)*

***Tamarack***

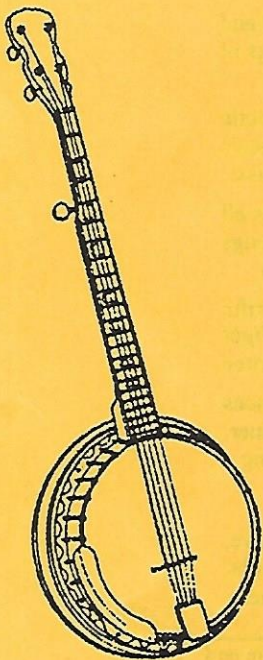
**SUNDAY, JUNE 29 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

*Curtiss Street west of Main Street (in front of Coffee House)*

***Family Barn Dance***

*Marianne Mohrhusen, caller*

***Music by The Salt Creek Ramblers***



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

Don't miss these additional Heritage Festival performers:

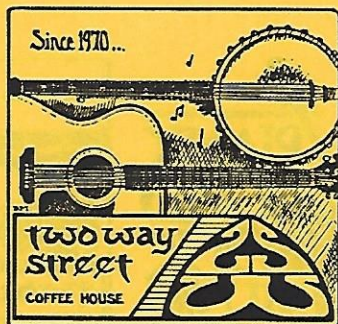
*Tom Chapin (kids shows) — Saturday, Noon & 3:00 p.m., East Stage*

*Chenille Sisters— Saturday, 8:30 p.m. & Sunday, 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. (kids shows), North Stage*

*Kathy O'Hara & Diana Laffey—Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Fishel Park*

*The Mamas and the Papas—Sunday, 8:45 p.m., Fishel Park*

*and many other great performers!*



## TWO WAY STREET COFFEE HOUSE

1047 Curtiss Street • Downers Grove, Illinois 60515  
630-969-9720

(Across from the Public Library)

*Folk Music Every Week since 1970!*

### ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- Friday June 20 **\*\* OPEN MIKE \*\*** Anyone is welcome to perform, and we always have a great variety of acoustic performers. So popular that we often must limit the number of acts. 1-3 songs, 10 minutes max. **Open at 7:30** for signups — first come, first served. For more information, phone 630-968-5526.
- Friday June 27 **HERITAGE FESTIVAL** (See back of this sheet!)  
Saturday June 28  
Sunday June 29
- Friday July 4 **\*\* CLOSED \*\*** Enjoy 4th of July celebrations, including the *Spectrum* concert and fireworks, 8:00 pm at Powers Park in Downers Grove!
- Friday July 11 **DARWIN & MARV** — This powerful (and personable!) duo bills itself as “the elder statesmen of folk!” Great interpretations of folksongs of the 50's and 60's, as well as some newer and older, sung with guitars and wit. Fun!
- Friday July 18 **ANDREW CALHOUN with ROSE POLENZANI** — “Chicago’s most noteworthy songwriter” (*Chicago*) introduces a younger songwriter who is wise beyond *our* years. She’s been compared to Suzanne Vega & Leonard Cohen.
- Friday July 25 **PATTI ECKER** — Entertaining and slightly funky folksong renditions and original songs presented in a spirited, jazz/blues style. Her expressive voice and guitar match that style, and the end product is loads of fun!
- Friday August 1 **DENNIS JOHNSON & DUANE LARSON** — This entertaining and popular duo returns with folk, gospel, country and original songs accompanied with fingerstyle and flatpicked guitar, banjo and bass.
- Friday August 8 **SAM PACETTI** — 22 year old protégé of the late Gamble Rogers, from St. Augustine, FL. An inspiring songwriter with wit, polish, soul and humor. Fingerstyle guitar that will amaze you, from classical to blues. A rare artist.
- Friday August 15 **POWER OF II** — Singers, songwriters and guitarists Chris McDermand and Becky Seip are opposing forces which blend together to produce songs of love, pain, humor, sadness and recovery with a fresh, positive style.  
*(rescheduled)*
- Friday August 22 **PLANK ROAD BAND** — This acoustic trio returns to perform an eclectic mix of bluegrass, folk, and songs you won’t hear anywhere else! Vocals with guitars, banjo, mandolin, dobro, harmonica and more. Don’t miss!
- Friday August 29 **DIANE IPPEL with ROB WILLIAMS** — Well-known at festivals all around the Midwest for excellent hammered dulcimer tunes, plus songs with guitar and autoharp. Rob adds skilled concertina and melodeon.
- Friday September 5 **GAYLA DRAKE PAUL & BEJAE FLEMING** — Paul: a terrific fingerstyle guitarist and guest on Muriel Anderson’s *All Star Guitar Night* in Nashville; Fleming: first-rate and engaging folk and blues songwriter.
- Friday September 12 **MERRIWEATHER** — Peter Martin and Bill Paine captivate audiences with Celtic and American sounds, old and new. Hammered dulcimer, wooden flute, mandolin, guitar and more. High-energy, yet easy-going.
- Friday September 19 **\*\* OPEN MIKE \*\*** (See June 20 listing, above)
- Friday September 26 **LARRY PENN** — An outstanding songwriter, he sings of work, life, love, railroaders, truckers, hoboes and more with warmth, wit, class and insight. His songs are recorded by Pete Seeger, Claudia Schmidt, and many others.

**Sunday & Monday**  
**Aug 31 — Sept 1**

**Fox Valley Folk Festival** — More than 40 great folk musicians and storytellers perform on six stages. Possibly at a temporary location this year due to construction. Information: 630-897-3655. Stop by the *Two Way Street Stage* for some of your coffee house favorites!

**June 21, July 19**  
**August 16**  
**September 20**

**Sing-Arounds** — Our popular song circles where beginners and experienced musicians can learn and/or share songs. Listeners and singers welcome too! Songbooks provided. Plank Road Folk Music Society co-sponsors. 3rd Saturday afternoon of each month at 2:00 pm.

Watch *From the Coffee House* on DGTV, Downers Grove Cable Television Channel 21, Mondays at 7:30 pm

Live entertainment is featured every Friday night beginning at 8:45. Doors open 7:30. \$2.00 donation requested (subject to change). Refreshments available. Please call us at 630-969-9720 for current entertainment listings. Also open Monday evenings at 8:00. The *Two Way Street Coffee House* is a not-for-profit community project of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Downers Grove. Member: Plank Road Folk Music Society, Fox Valley Folklore Society, Old Town School of Folk Music, Aural Tradition, and North American Folk Alliance.