

◆ Quarter Notes ◆

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Fall 1999

Barn Dance Party!
Sat., October 2
8:00 PM at the
Two Way Street
Coffee House
1047 Curtiss St.,
Downers Grove

Kick up your heels to the old-time music of our great All Volunteer String Band! Dances are taught and called by Marianne Mohrhusen! No experience, costume or partner needed.

Admission: \$4.00
Info: 708/387-9312 or 630/889-9121 (evngs.)

Midwest Folk Alliance Conference
FARM Conference
 October 15-17, 1999
 George Williams Educational Center, Williams Bay, WI (near the IL/WI border)
<http://www.augeowms.org>
For info on registration or housing, contact: Art Lang at art_lang@compuser.com
Or Cathy Ciolac at 630/668-5141
Send ideas for speakers, panelists & workshops to: Peggy O'Neill
 814 Randolph Ave.
 St. Paul, MN 55102
 651/222-7655
peggyo@cre8v.com

PRFMS Anniversary
Saturday, Nov. 6
8:00 PM
Two Way Street Coffee House
1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove.
 Celebrate 18 years of Plank Road's Folk Music Roots with a Sing Along evening with special guest song leaders and Plank Road favorites

Mark Dvorak
George Mattson
The Jones Family
And special guest
Marianne Mohrhusen
Admission: \$10,
\$8 PRFMS members
For More Information, call
708/387-9312 or
630/889-9121 (evngs)
More info inside!!

Barn Dance
Band Practice
2nd Sat. of the month
2:00 to 4:00 PM at
the
Jones Family Music
School in Lombard

Join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes! All are welcome!
 Call 630/889-9121 for info.
Oct. 9, Nov. 13 & Dec. 11

Danada Fall Festival
Sunday, October 10
from Noon-5:00 PM

At Danada Forest Preserve, on Naperville Rd between Butterfield and Warrenville Rds. Fun for the entire family, includes pumpkin decorating contest, horse shows, hay rides, art show, folk music at the food tent and more!

Music features Plank Road favorites:
The Jones Family,
Art Lang & Cathy Ciolac,
George Mattson,
Pete Norman,
Sammy from Miami,
and others.

For info, call; **630/916-1356**

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: Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18



Plank Road News and Notes



Congratulations to Dave Humphreys! The Illinois Humanities Council has awarded Dave Humphreys the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award for his work in encouraging greater public understanding of the humanities in the community of Downers Grove. This award has been given not only for his contribution to the civic life of Downers Grove, but also for his work as a member of the Board of Directors of Plank Road Folk Music Society and the North American Folk Alliance, his participation in Heritage Festival, and his work as founder and director for 29 years of the Two Way Street Coffee House. We in the folk music community have greatly benefited from Dave's energy, enthusiasm and expertise over the years! It is a great joy to see that the state of Illinois also recognizes Dave's contributions!

Donna Lee Mescher passed away this last summer after battling illness. We will miss Donna Lee's strong, smooth country singing and warm, welcoming smile around the old Plank Road. She was a very special friend, who generously shared her love of the tradition of country music with us all.

This fall, the Plank Road Barn Dance Band is making plans to welcome some new members! Cathy Jones and Jennifer Shilt are making arrangements for several Junior High School music students to get a taste of playing in a "String band". If all goes well, 4 or 5 students will be learning several fiddle tunes and sitting in with the Plank Road Barn Dance Band practices this fall, working towards joining the band in the January 8, 2000 Barn Dance Party!

Speaking of which, dates for the 1999-2000 Barn Dance season are all set! Mark your calendars! The first dance is October 2 (see front page of newsletter). Our second dance will be January 8, 2000 and our final dance will be March 25, 2000. All dances are held at the Two Way Street Coffee House. They are all "no experience necessary", with music provided by the all volunteer string band. Make plans to join us, either to dance, or to play, or both, or just listen. These are fun get-togethers so invite family and friends! All are welcome!

I hope everyone will join us for our big 18th Anniversary Celebration at Two Way Street Coffee House on November 6! Our good friends Mark Dvorak, George Mattson and the Jones Family will be leading us in some old favorites, as well as sharing new favorites with us. Our president Marianne Mohrhussen will be joining in as a special guest. We don't often get to hear Marianne's sweet singing these days, so this will be an added treat! This will also be a night to encourage new members to sign up, so if you know of people around who would like to encourage the folk music scene in the western suburbs, this will be a good night to bring them along!

The Midwest Regional Folk Alliance Conference is going to be in our backyard this fall. Come up to the beautiful facilities at George Williams Educational Center in Williams Bay, WI (On the Illinois/Wisconsin border near Lake Geneva, WI). The conference will feature speakers, panelists and workshops focusing on issues within the folk music community. For more details, call Cathy Ciolac at 630/668-5141 or e-mail Art Lang at: art_lang@compuserve.com

We have some great plans ahead for the year 2000! Watch for Lou & Peter Berryman in February! We welcome the Berryman's back to town for our winter concert on February 26. Don't let the January 8th Barn Dance catch you by surprise! We are tentatively scheduling the Plank Road Annual Meeting and Singaround for January 22. We will confirm the date at the November 6 Anniversary Celebration. More information in the next issue of the Quarter Notes!

See you down the old Plank Road!
Cathy Jones, Quarter Notes Editor

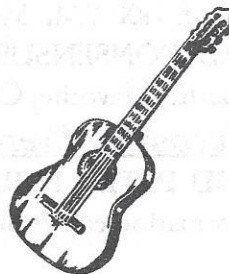
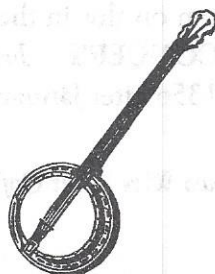
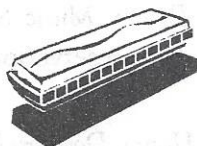
Fall Events Listing from Plank Road!

OCTOBER

- ◆ 2 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD BARN DANCE PARTY.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL. 8:00 PM. Enjoy a fun-filled evening of music and dancing for the entire family! The Plank Road All Volunteer String Band will provide music and caller Marianne Mohrhusen will walk you through all the dances at our No Experience Necessary Barn Dance. Tables will be set up around the room for visiting with friends and enjoying music between dances. Our dances are informal, with no costumes needed—in fact, you don't even have to bring a partner! All ages are welcome! **Admission: \$4.** For more information, call 708/387-9312 or 630/889-9121 (evenings).
- ◆ 9 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD BARN DANCE BAND PRACTICE.** Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard, IL. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes. All are welcome. For more information, and to confirm date and time call 630/889-9121 (evenings) or 630/916-1356 (days).
- ◆ 10 (Sunday) **DANADA FALL FESTIVAL.** Danada Forest Preserve, on Naperville Rd. between Butterfield Rd. and Warrenville Rd. Fun for the entire family, including Horse Shows, pumpkin decorating contest, art show, hay rides, and much more. Come hear many Plank Road favorites present music at the food tent, featuring: George Mattson, Jones Family, Sammy from Miami, Pete Norman, Art Lang & Cathy Ciolac and others. For more information, call 630/916-1356.
- ◆ 16 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Songbooks provided.

NOVEMBER

- ◆ 6 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD'S 18th ANNIVERSARY: CELEBRATING OUR ROOTS with a SING ALONG & CONCERT featuring: MARK DVORAK, GEORGE MATTSON & THE JONES FAMILY with special guest MARIANNE MOHRHUSEN.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove, IL. 8:00 PM. Plank Road is celebrating its 18th anniversary by reflecting on its roots in the folk music community of the western suburbs. We have invited good friends and long time Plank Road supporters Mark Dvorak, George Mattson and the Jones Family to each lead us in some familiar favorites, as well as sharing some new gems with us. Plank Road president Marianne will join in as a special guest. The room will be set up in Old Quarter Coffeeshouse style! We hope you will join us for this celebration of good music and good friends! **Admission: \$10/\$8 for PRFMS members (NOTE: Anyone who joins The Plank Road Folk Music Society this evening receives \$2.00 off their admission and a free gift from Plank Road! So be sure to invite new friends and folk music fans to join us for this special evening!)**
- ◆ 13 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD BARN DANCE BAND PRACTICE.** Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard, IL. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes. All are welcome. For more information, and to confirm date and time call 630/889-9121 (evenings) or 630/916-1356 (days).
- ◆ 20 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Songbooks provided.
- ◆ 27 (Sunday) **The 8th Annual CHRISTMAS SHIP CONCERT.** McAnich Art Center, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL. 8:00 PM. An annual favorite featuring our good friend LEE MURDOCK! For ticket information call the box office at: 630/942-4000.





Plank Road Fall Listings, Continued



DECEMBER

- ◆ 4 (Saturday) **MAPLE STREET CHAPEL'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG.** Maple Street Chapel, corner of Maple and Main Sts, Lombard, IL. 7:30 PM. Join many local favorites as they lead us in songs of the season in this very special setting! Maple Street Chapel is a national historic site being maintained and preserved by the Maple Street Chapel Preservation Committee. This evening is presented in conjunction with the Lombard Historical Society (two doors down). Luminaria light the walk between Maple Street Chapel and the Lombard Historical Society, which is specially decorated for the Christmas season. Admission: a free will offering, with proceeds after expenses benefiting the maintenance and preservation of Maple Street Chapel. For more information call: 630/629-2630 or 630/964-4871. For a listing of upcoming events on the Maple Street Chapel concert series visit: www.tccafe.com/msc
- ◆ 11 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD BARN DANCE BAND PRACTICE & CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Jones Family Music School, Lombard, IL. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes. All are welcome. Bring a snack to share. For more information, and to confirm date and time call Cathy at 630/889-9121 (evenings) or 630/916-1356 (days).
- ◆ 13 (Monday) **PLANK ROAD CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove. Bundle up, refresh the batteries in you flashlight and join us for this fun annual event. We will meet at the Coffee House at 7:00 PM to warm up our voices, then go sing for the shoppers in downtown Downers Grove. Songbooks are provided (bring your own flashlight). Then its back for hot cider, cocoa, coffee and special treats at the Two Way Street Coffee House. All ages are welcome! For more information, call 708/387-9312 or 630/889-9121 (evenings).
- ◆ 17 (Friday) **THE JONES FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW** at the Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. Doors open at 7:30 PM. Music starts at 8:45 PM. \$3.00 donation requested. Enrich your Christmas season with our traditional program featuring Tom, Anne and Cathy Jones and their talented guest musicians. You'll want to sing along!!
- ◆ 18 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Songbooks provided.
- ◆ 18 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD HOLIDAY PARTY/OPEN HOUSE.** Jones Family Music School, Lombard. 4:00 PM to 10:00(?) PM. After the Singaround, bring your instruments, voices and a dish to share and head over to Lombard! It's the annual Plank Road Holiday Party at the Joneses!! Join in the ongoing sing-around/jam session. Curl up by the fireplace and visit with friends. Soak up the festive, old-fashioned holiday atmosphere. We'll take a break around 6:00 PM for dinner. (If you will be here for dinner, bring a "pot-luck" type dish to share; if not, bring a "snack" type dish to share.) Beverages provided. All are welcome! Call 630/916-1356 for more information.

JANUARY 2000 (Upcoming Events—More to come in the Winter Quarter Notes!)

- ◆ 8 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD BARN DANCE PARTY.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL. 8:00 PM. Admission: \$4 For more info, call 708/387-9312 or 630/889-9121 (evenings).
- ◆ 22 (Saturday) (tentative) **PLANK ROAD ANNUAL MEETING/SINGAROUND PARTY.** Lombard Park District's Log Cabin, Lombard. 7:00 PM. More information on this in the next Quarter Notes issue.
- ◆ 29 (Saturday) **SPECIAL CONSENSUS HOUSE CONCERT.** Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. 8:00 PM. An annual favorite! Call 630/916-1356 after January 1st for reservations.

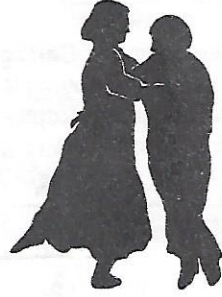
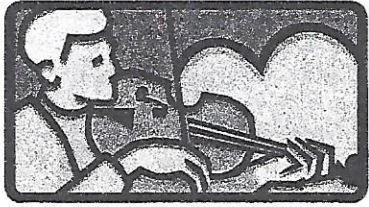
FEBRUARY 2000 (Upcoming Events)

- ◆ 26 (Saturday) **LOU AND PETER BERRYMAN.** Two Way Street Coffee House, Downers Grove. 8:00 PM. For more information call 708/387-9312.



*****Folk Music Organizations 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 School, Lombard. (630) 916-1356
- Maple Street Chapel, Main & Maple Sts, Lombard. 60148. (630) 629-2630
- Folk Lore Center in Warrenville, PO Box 762, Warrenville 60555. (630) 393-1247
- Concerts for a Cause, Batavia, IL. For schedule, location and information call (630) 761-8298
- 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, Warrenville. (630) 717-8495
- Lake County Folk Club, Grayslake. (847) 949-5355
- HANDS (Hammers & Noters Dulcimer Society), (708) 456-6292
- South Suburban Dulcimer & Folk Music Society, P.O. Box 455, Park Forest 60466. (708) 258-2616
- Acoustic Renaissance Concerts, Hinsdale. (708) 802-0236
- Folk Dance Council of Chicago, For Folk Dance Information (630) 232-0242
- Chicago People's Music Network, For Information (630) 268-8639
- Fox Valley Storytelling Guild, 755 N. Evanslawn, Aurora 60506. (630) 897-3655



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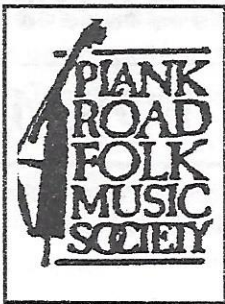
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