



Dedicated to the preservation of folk, traditional and acoustic music.

# Quarter Notes

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## Plank Road's Regular Events

### Sing-Around

Two Way Street Coffee House  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays - 2:00-4:00PM  
Vocal/instrumental jam and sing-along with songbooks and leader.

### Bluegrass Jam

Two Way Street Coffee House  
4<sup>th</sup> Saturday - 2:00-4:00PM  
Like a sing-around but it's bluegrass, "mostly!"

### 2ND Tuesday Song Circle - BYOS!

Two Way Street Coffee House  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7:00-9:00PM  
A monthly opportunity for musicians to perform tunes for each other, within a song circle.  
**Bring Your Own Song!**

### Plank Road String Band Practice

First Church of Lombard  
630-620-0688  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - 2:00-4:00PM  
An old-time string band practice for intermediate/advanced players.

### Last Thursday Open Mike

Two Way Street Coffee House  
7:00 - 9:30PM Last Thursday of every month.  
A monthly unplugged open mike for high school and college age students only.

Go to [www.plankroad.org](http://www.plankroad.org)  
and/or [www.twowaystreet.org](http://www.twowaystreet.org)

## Upcoming Events

### Fermilab Barn Dance - Warrenville

The Fermilab Folk Club and  
The Fox Valley Folklore Society  
2<sup>ND</sup> Sun., 4-13; 5-11; and 6-8, 6:30PM  
3<sup>RD</sup> Sun., 4-20 (Easter) 2PM FREE DANCE  
\$6, over 65 - \$3  
[www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkclub](http://www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkclub)

### Maple Street Chapel

Patchouli, April 26 - 7:30PM  
Mark Dvorak & Friends, May 10 - 7:30PM  
Lombard, at Main and Maple Streets  
[www.folk.maplestreetchapel.org](http://www.folk.maplestreetchapel.org)  
facebook @ Maple Street Chapel Folk Concerts  
See pages 5 & 7

### Folk Music Stage - Rotary GroveFest

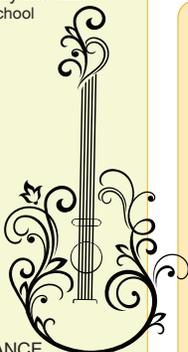
Fishel Park - Veterans Memorial Pavilion  
Sat., June 21 9:00AM - 4:30PM  
See ad to the right for details →

### Old-Time Barn Dances

Sat., April 5, 8-10PM  
Sat., June 7, 6:30-10PM  
See pages 7 & 8 for details

### Music by The Yard (MBTY) Members' Event

Sat., July 12, 3PM  
[carolspan1@hotmail.com](mailto:carolspan1@hotmail.com)  
See page 2 for details



## President's Message

Wow, what a winter! Aren't we lucky to have our music club during these long, cold months? To paraphrase the old post office slogan, "neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night..." can keep us from our appointed music sessions. Those who attend the annual meeting at the log cabin have heard me say that Plank Road provides over 80 individual scheduled events each year, which is nearly seven per month. So, check our web site, where Carol Spanuello posts all our activities, and fight off those bad weather blues with us. While our official slogan is "dedicated to the preservation of folk music and dance," a good description is "we get together to play music." Whether it's folk, bluegrass, country, or old-time barn dance music, you can find our members gathered together, playing and singing.

I saw the movie "Inside Llewyn Davis" recently, and really enjoyed it. And I want to be sure everyone is aware of the concert "Another Day, Another Time," which features all the performers from that movie, plus many others who were somehow involved with T Bone Burnett and the Coen Brothers in making the movie. The concert was at the Town Hall in New York City, and the taping of it showed many great scenes of rehearsals and impromptu sessions backstage, along with some comments from and interviews with the performers. Marcus Mumford, the Punch Brothers, Gillian Welch and Joan Baez are only a few who performed. The concert is available through SHOWTIME, On Demand. Don't miss it, it's terrific.

I hope to see you at our upcoming events this spring and summer. -Bob O'Hanlon

## Folk Music Stage at Downers Grove Rotary GroveFest! Sponsored by Tobias Music

Saturday June 21, from 9:00AM until 4:30PM in the Veteran's Memorial Pavilion in Downers Grove's Fishel Park, just behind the Two Way Street Coffee House.

Presented by the Two Way Street Coffee House and the Plank Road Folk Music Society and Emceed by WDCB 90.9's LILLI KUZMA, host of "Folk Festival".

Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy acoustic roots music of yesterday, today and tomorrow under the trees of Fishel Park! You can even wander through the Craft Fair while enjoying the music!

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 9:00 AM & 3:50 PM   | Plank Road String Band |
| 10:00 AM & 12:55 PM | Lonesome Eagle         |
| 10:35 AM & 1:30 PM  | Adrienne Frailey       |
| 11:10 AM & 2:05 PM  | Fox and Crow           |
| 11:45 AM & 2:40 PM  | Lee Murdock            |
| 12:20 PM & 3:15 PM  | Eric Lambert & Friends |

(Note that each performer appears twice during the day)

More Folk Stage info at [TwoWayStreet.org](http://TwoWayStreet.org) and [PlankRoad.org](http://PlankRoad.org)

And there's much more at **Rotary GroveFest!** Four days of fun, Thursday through Sunday, June 19-22 in downtown Downers Grove. Amusement rides, street fair, beer garden, craft fair, car show, farmer's market, and more! Plus food, food, and FOOD!

And more MUSIC! Main Stage entertainment includes classic and current rock, country, R&B, dance and more from 7th heaven, Maggie Speaks, American English, Evolution, R-Gang, Jin and Tonic, Billy Croft & The 5-Alarm, Epic, Jet Black Comedy, and many more. Full information at [RotaryGroveFest.com](http://RotaryGroveFest.com).



## Plank Road — News

### Saturday Afternoon Sing-Around: The “heart” of Plank Road Activities

By Bill Lemos

Want to perk up your weekend? Energize your Saturday? Hang out with a friendly group of fellow pickers and grinders? Come on down to the Two Way Street Coffee House!

One of Plank Road’s most popular activities is the Saturday afternoon sing-around, held at 2PM on the first and third Saturday of each month. It’s open to everybody – members, non-members or anyone who wishes to drop by for two hours of singing, playing ... or just listening.

#### For those who haven’t attended a sing-around, here’s how it works:

- Songbooks are available with words and chords to hundreds of songs, from familiar folk standards to popular tunes, even some classic rock.
- Acoustic instruments of every kind are welcome. There are plenty of guitars, but you’ll often hear mandolins, banjos, harmonicas, a stand-up bass and even the occasional accordion or penny whistle.
- Our leader kicks things off with a selection from the song book and everyone joins in. If someone wants to take an instrumental break, they’re encouraged to jump in.
- Then we go around the room, and each person chooses a song and everyone sings along.

**And speaking of leaders, we’re fortunate to have one of the best – George Mattson.** Known for his commanding vocals, boundless energy and affable demeanor – not to mention his extensive knowledge of musical genres and artists – George has the ability to keep us on track. He makes sure everyone gets their chance to choose a song. And when your turn comes around, if you’d rather not lead, George is happy to kick it off and take the lead.

When George can’t make it, **Denise Davis** takes over as our fearless leader. Denny also brews up the coffee and locks up after the sing-around.

#### There’s no pressure – everyone’s there to have fun.

Even if you don’t play an instrument, you’re welcome to sing along. You’ll find experienced players sitting next to beginners who are still learning barre chords. It’s a casual, relaxed atmosphere where everyone participates – and that’s what makes it so much fun. A \$1 donation is requested, and coffee, tea, soft drinks and snacks are available. Come on down!

### Update!

Plank Road Board members are currently talking to potential workshop leaders to find the best date for a session on old-time string band music. Stay tuned! See Jen for more information. [j.shilt@comcast.net](mailto:j.shilt@comcast.net)



Top and bottom:  
Sing-around at the  
Two Way Street  
Coffee House

Middle:  
George Mattson



### PRFMS Member’s Event



## Music By The Yard

Bring your instruments of course, no pressure to play, but we’d love to have you join in. If you prefer to listen, you can always request your favorite tune or song from the group.

**Saturday, July 12 - 3PM**

**Hosts:**

**Carol and Fred Spanuello**

Directions to Carol and Fred’s,

**email:**

**CarolSpan1@hotmail.com**

**phone: 630-632-5091**

**RSVP requested**

for planning purposes.



**Hot dogs & sausages will be furnished by Carol and Fred. Please bring your own beverages and special food to grill.**

**Also bring a potluck dish to share - a salad, side-dish, dessert, snack or what have you. Don’t forget to bring a chair.**

## MUSIC INSTRUCTION

### Duple Meter

By Mark Dvorak

The Sanskrit word *prana* means “breath” or “vital energy.” *Yama* is to extend or draw out, and not restrain. In yoga, *pranayama* means “extension of the *prana* or breath,” or “extension of the life force.” The practice of yoga begins with an awareness of one’s breathing.



In a way, when we make music on stringed instruments, our guitars, banjos, fiddles, mandolins, and stand-up basses are all breathing together, and a long time ago a name was given to this breathing. It was called *duple meter*.

*Duple* is Latin and means “two.” *Meter* is from a Greek word meaning “measure.” So *duple meter* means we measure our musical breathing in twos. And believe it or not, there are a lot of ways to count to two.

Children in the playground teeter-totter in duple meter. Your crabby boss storms across the office in angry duple meter. We run to the bathroom in urgent duple meter. Watching people walk or at play, you may imagine the unheard music in their movement.

The *prana* in playing music is the care and intention with which an instrumentalist sends his or her strings into vibration. The *yama* then, is resonance.

The strong beat in duple meter is the first beat. The other one is the back beat. Bass notes fall to the first beat, strums and brushes to the back beat.

Here’s a neat game to try the next time you gather with friends to play. It’s a good warm-up exercise. After everybody is tuned up, have a single guitarist set a tempo. Make it on a D chord and make it a person in your group who is comfortable going it alone. The guitarist sounds the fourth string on the strong beat, and strums across the strings on the back beat. On the next strong beat, he or she sounds the fifth string followed again by a strum.

Have another guitarist fall into time with the first. Take a minute to listen to the instrumentalists dance together on a D chord. If there is one, have the bass player jump in.

Don’t change chords, just stay with D. There are no words so you won’t need any sheets or anything. Your eyes are free to help manage your strumming, and you can focus attention on the simple sound in the room. Look at each other.

Next, have a fiddle player or two, or three, stroke their strings in short bursts on the back beat, where the guitarists are strumming. Fiddle players, try doing it more loudly, then more softly. Guitarists, strive for a full bass note, and a quieter, more compact strum. The everpresent bass should also blend.

Then come the mandolins, banjos, harmonicas, ukuleles and what all else. The role of these instruments in our duple string-symphony in D, is to find each other on that back beat and blend. The strong beat is given authority by the bass and guitars, the back beat becomes a bubbling stew of chunking, percussive and resonant strings.

If every player in the circle can hear every instrument, then you’re all breathing together in a musical way. Try bringing the collective volume down to a whisper and see what happens next.



## Show your pride with Plank Road merchandise!



You can never have too many stickers on your instrument case, right? **Get a shiny new Plank Road sticker for just \$1, or FREE with your membership renewal.**

We also have Plank Road tote bags that are perfect for carrying your sheet music, song books, harmonicas, kazoos, groceries, workout clothes or small animals. (Just kidding about the animals.)

**Choose from four colors - just \$3 each or two for \$5.**



Stickers and tote bags are usually available at our Saturday sing-arounds, bluegrass jams and barn dances. Contact **Carol Spanuello** ([carolspan1@hotmail.com](mailto:carolspan1@hotmail.com)) or **Bill Lemos** ([lemos.bill@comcast.net](mailto:lemos.bill@comcast.net)).

**But wait, there’s more!** How about a Plank Road t-shirt? We took orders for the shirts at the Annual Meeting in February, but if you didn’t get a chance to order, we’ll be getting in a limited supply this spring. Watch for more information.

## Keeping it (your instruments) Together! Humidity is Everything

So, has this especially cold winter found you desperately trying to keep your guitars, mandolins and fiddles from splintering apart into just so many high-end toothpicks?? We found the humidity in our radiator-heated living room to sit naturally at just over 20% and this poses a serious problem. As Martin guitars are born at 45 to 55% humidity, and a temp of 72 - 77 degrees, they are in danger if they live outside of this range. Also, when damage is done, it is often due to quick temperature/humidity changes, like when instruments go from the freezing temperature of the trunk of a car to a warm house and are played immediately - let them warm up slowly in the case. See [www.martinguitar.com](http://www.martinguitar.com), point to "Guitar care," click on "Care and feeding guide" to download. You'll find some very surprising, enlightening information here.

Whole home, stand-alone humidifiers are a subject unto themselves, but suffice it to say that after checking out models readily available to us, we didn't find one that was completely satisfactory. The brand and model we bought has a reservoir big enough to last 24 hours, which is good; it doesn't leak, which is also good; but it does not often reach 50% humidity and is too loud - despite what the reviews say to the contrary. If someone has found a whole home humidifier they love (lets say, that covers 1200 to 2500 square feet, just for fun), then we'd all love to hear about it.

An easier subject might be individual humidifiers for guitars and cases. See *Musician's Friend* [www.musiciansfriend.com](http://www.musiciansfriend.com) for complete information on these humidifiers: the four highest rated were the Oasis OH-6 Case Humidifier, Kyser Lifeguard 6 or 12 String Acoustic Guitar Humidifier, the Oasis OH1 Guitar Humidifier With OH-2 Digital Hygrometer and the Planet Waves Acoustic Guitar Humidifier. We've come a long way, baby, from those green rubber "water weenies"! Check it out. Your instruments will love you for it. -Vicki

## Songs from Long-Lost Hank Williams Radio broadcasts!

"In February of 1950, Hank Williams hosted a series of radio shows for the Naughton Farms plant nursery in Waxahachie, Texas. These Garden Spot shows featured Hank and a studio band playing his hits as well as rarely performed songs. The 10-inch brown vinyl EP (plays at 33 1/3) is packed in a 78 rpm-style sleeve with notes by Colin Escott. It contains nearly 15 minutes of songs from these broadcasts, unheard since they were first put on the air in 1950. This EP is intended to be a bit of a preview for the full-length LP, *The Garden Spots Programs, 1950*, to be released on Omnivore in May." From Amber von Nagel at *Acoustic Guitar*.

<http://www.acousticguitar.com/News/Omnivore-to-Release-Rare-Hank-Williams-Broadcast-on-Vinyl-April-19>

## Member News

### The 26th Annual International Folk Alliance Conference, Kansas city, MO, Feb. 19-23

I asked Melissa Dagenhart, assistant to Paul Zimmerman, who produces the folk music concerts at Maple Street Chapel, to tell us about her experience at the 26th Annual International Folk Alliance Conference (FAI)\* this year. This is what she had to say:

"Overwhelming, productive, and fantastic. In the First Timers Orientation I learned that the purpose of FAI is to build relationships. Volunteering while there not only waived my conference fee, but it allowed me to get to know some good folks and the event much more in depth. Keynote speaker Graham Nash was the highlight for me. I loved his response when asked what he was doing at a folk conference. Nash said he was doing the same thing as everyone else, making music, and he cautioned folks not to separate themselves out so narrowly. He ended his talk with "Let your freak flags fly." Al Gore was also a compelling, personable guest speaker. "I need your help," Gore said, "Here's what you can do. Write a song about what's right and what's wrong and sing it 'all over this land'," with a nod to Pete Seeger. Oh yeah, sampling all that music was pretty cool too."

\*Through FAI, performers, venue operators, media, consumers and everyone else involved in or interested in music can come together - the conference is a whirlwind of workshops and performances and much more. FAI has goals in the areas of education, networking, advocacy, field development and professional/consumer development. Their networking goal is to "provide a link to and from our members to the larger music world, and to help our members link with their constituencies."



### Haiku from Singer-Songwriter Anne Hills

the power of song  
to rend the heart wide open  
rain soaking parched earth

[www.annehills.com](http://www.annehills.com)



### Talk about Totally Acoustic!

Google "Ice Music Festival, Norway" to hear the music and see pictures from a festival where all the instruments are made from natural ice! They sound remarkably beautiful.

## Quarter Notes

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We welcome ideas for articles or photos you'd like to share, please send them to [vingle@comcast.net](mailto:vingle@comcast.net)

## Sustaining Artist — Feature

### You are Invited to Vicki's "When I'm 64" Birthday Bash featuring **Mark Dvorak & Friends**

"Emceed by WDCB's Folk Festival host, Lilli Kuzma"



**Sat., May 10**  
**Maple Street Chapel**  
 7:30PM Doors open at 7PM



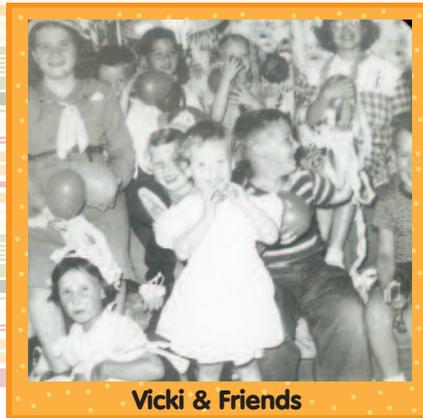
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**Maple Street Chapel Lombard at Main and Maple Streets - See ad on page 7**

### Transitions:

### I'll Fly Away...



#### Pete Seeger

May 3, 1919 – January 27, 2014

Pete Seeger passed away peacefully in his sleep at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, from natural causes. Regarded as a champion of folk music, his involvement ran the gamut from singer, songwriter, song-collector and song leader to a catalyst of social change, through his music. He was a central figure, perhaps the central figure, in the folk music revival and sang hit songs as part of the Weavers band. Starting in the 1940s with the labor movement, he used his music to support many causes, including civil rights, the anti-war movement and environmental protection.

President Bill Clinton hailed him as "an inconvenient artist who dared to sing things as he saw them."

"My job," Pete said in 2009, "is to show folks there's a lot of good music in this world, and if used right it may help to save the planet." He said he wanted "... to get people singing, as a leader...I want to show people what a lot of fun it is to sing together."

Bau Graves, director of Old Town School of Folk Music, said Pete led "a triumphant life." He went on to say, "I think he's still alive. Still very much alive in the hearts and minds of people who still love and remember Pete, his music and his well-intentioned deeds and social action in the world."



**Pete and Toshi Seeger**

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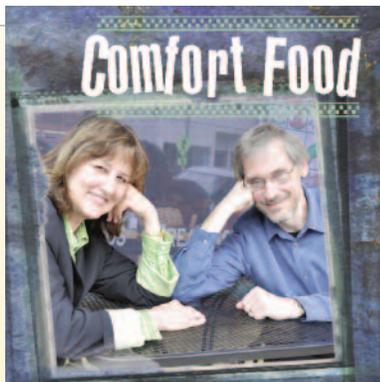
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**Upcoming Performances:**

Great American Bagel, Sundays, 4-6, 5-4, 6-1, 7-6  
Westmont 10am, Western Springs 11:30AM

SAVE THE DATE: May 10 at Maple Street Chapel in Lombard!  
Vicki's "When I'm 64" Birthday Bash!  
Featuring Mark Dvorak & Friends -

The George Mattson Trio, Dean Milano & John Benischek, and Comfort Food, plus special guest appearances! Emceed by WDCB's Lilli Kuzma! Complimentary cake and a NICE gift FOR everyone!

JustGoods, Rockford, 4-11 as part of ArtScene, 7PM

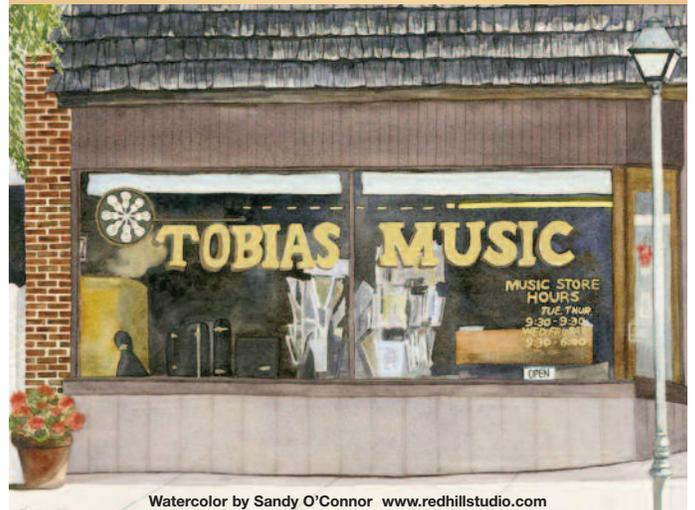
Books on First, Dixon, Sunday, 5-17, 7PM



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- Gary and Kathy Steffenson

## Maple Street Chapel

Lombard, at Main and Maple Streets

### Folk Music Concerts

Spring Schedule

- |                       |         |  |
|-----------------------|---------|--|
| 4-26                  | 7:30 PM | <b>Patchouli</b>   |
| 5-10                  | 7:30 PM | <b>Mark Dvorak and Friends</b> –<br>George Mattson Trio, Dean Milano & John Benischek, Comfort Food;<br>WDCB's Lilli Kuzma emcees.<br>Vicki's "When I'm 64" Birthday Bash.<br>You are Invited!<br>Cake & NICE gift FOR you included. |
| 10-18                 | 4:00 PM | <b>30th Anniversary Concert! 10-Act Event!</b>   |
| <b>Save the Date!</b> |         | Kate MacLeod, Harpeth Rising,<br>Lee Murdock, Mark Dvorak and more! TBA  |

Check web or email [MapleStreetFolk@gmail.com](mailto:MapleStreetFolk@gmail.com) for more info.

[www.folk.maplestreetchapel.org](http://www.folk.maplestreetchapel.org)  
facebook @ Maple Street Chapel Folk Concerts

# SPRING OLD-TIME BARN DANCE



Saturday, April 5, at 8:00PM Doors open at 7:30PM

Two Way Street Coffee House,  
1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL  
(Across from the Public Library)

Enjoy a fun-filled evening of music and dancing for the entire family. Dance the night away!

Our Caller will walk and talk you through all the dances at our

'No Experience Necessary' dance.

Dances are informal, with no costumes needed.

In fact, you don't even need to bring a partner!

Refreshments available.

\$5.00 admission for everyone 5 years of age and older



## Books, CDs and Movies

### 2014 Grammy Winners!

BEST AMERICAN ROOTS SONG: **Love Has Come For You**, Edie Brickell & Steve Martin;

BEST AMERICANA ALBUM: **Old Yellow Moon**, Emmylou Harris & Rodney Crowell;

BEST BLUEGRASS ALBUM: **The Streets Of Baltimore**, Del McCoury Band;

BEST BLUES ALBUM: **Get Up!**, Ben Harper With Charlie Musselwhite;

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### 90.9 FM, WDCB, PUBLIC RADIO from College of DuPage

Online Streaming - [www.WDCB.org](http://www.WDCB.org)

"Folk Festival" with Lilli Kuzma, Tuesdays 8 to 11PM **NEW!**

Folk Festival is an eclectic mix of folk styles and artists, traditional to contemporary, that includes folk-related and folk-influenced music.

The "Folk Festival" show on 90.9 FM on WDCB has been expanded to a three-hour format! But the show begins an hour later! Hope to see you on the festival grounds! Lilli

"Folk Sampler" with Mike Flynn

Tuesdays 11PM

For a program guide, call 630-942-4200

# JUNE 7 SPECIAL DANCE ! MUSIC & DANCING FROM 6:30-10PM



Come and celebrate Kristen & Paul's marriage at a post wedding Barn Dance Bash!  
Light snacks, non-alcoholic beverages and of course, wedding cupcakes will be served.

# OLD TIME BARN DANCE



**Admission: FREE** (doors open at 6:00pm)

@ the **Two Way Street Coffee House** • 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove (across from the Public Library)

Enjoy a fun-filled evening of music and dancing for the entire family!

The Plank Road String Band will provide lively music, and a caller will walk you through all the dances at our **No Experience Necessary** Old Time Barn Dance.

Tables will be set up around the edge of 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!

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- Individual (\$10.00 year)
- Family (\$20.00 year)
- Sustaining Membership (\$50.00 - \$199.00)
- Supporting Membership (\$200.00 - \$399.00)

Membership forms available at Plank Road events

and online at [www.plankroad.org](http://www.plankroad.org)

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*Thank you!*



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# TWO WAY STREET COFFEE HOUSE

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## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

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| Friday | April | 4  | <b>NATHAN BELL</b> — Literate songwriting, guitar-based alt-country and Americana. "...drinkers and fighters, lovers and flings; carefully drawn tales are united by a strong sense of character, story and emotion." ( <i>Rolling Stone</i> )                  |
| Friday | April | 11 | <b>CURTIS &amp; LORETTA</b> — They're known all across the country for exquisite harmonies, incisive songwriting, and skill on numerous instruments including Celtic harp, mandocello, guitar, mandolin, banjo and ukulele.                                     |
| Friday | April | 18 | <b>ANDINA &amp; RICH</b> — Satirical, urbane singer-songwriter Sandy Andina and friendly, yodeling cowboy Stephen Lee Rich join for a fun Americana show with humor and harmony! Their latest CD: <i>Two Guitars, a Dulcimer and an Attitude</i> .              |
| Friday | April | 25 | <b>ZACHARY SCOT JOHNSON</b> — Young Wisconsin songwriter/actor with "...the smooth guitar lines of James Taylor, the spunk of Joni Mitchell, the vocals of Elvis Costello, and the songwriting ability of all three. ( <i>Lawrentian</i> )                      |
| Friday | May   | 2  | <b>SHINY SHINY BLACK</b> — Indiana trio self-labeled as "Coffeehouse Rock N' Roll," with carefully crafted songs, high-energy performances, plenty of on-stage banter, and an experience that is fun and transcendent!  |
| Friday | May   | 9  | <sup>1</sup> <b>KARYN OLIVER</b> — Acclaimed at Kerrville and Falcon Ridge Festivals and twice Mid-Atlantic Song Contest winner, she's part Joan Osborne, a touch of Janis Joplin, and a bit of Emmy Lou Harris, easily moving from bluesy to country and back! |
| Friday | May   | 16 | <b>SPARKY &amp; RHONDA RUCKER</b> — All across the US, they present original and traditional American songs and stories. Appalachian, railroad, blues, Civil War, work and slave songs, with guitar, banjo, harmonica & more!                                   |
| Friday | May   | 23 | <sup>2</sup> <b>CHRIS VALLILLO</b> — Nationally acclaimed songwriter and folk musician makes the people and places of rural America come to life in song. 6- and 12-string finger picking, flat picking and bottleneck slide guitar styles. Great new CD!       |
| Friday | May   | 30 | <b>DRIVE SOUTH</b> — Michigan duo: Mary Sue Wilkinson (warm, pure voice and rock-solid rhythm guitar) and Roger Brown (fingerstyle guitar, harmony vocals and great songwriting). He's toured/recorded with Ringo Starr & Freddie Fender!                       |
| Friday | June  | 6  | <b>TOM KASTLE</b> — He's spent over two decades on the road and on the water as a singer, tall ship sailor and captain, songwriter, and teller of tales, both personal & steeped in long tradition. Recent CD: <i>Tommy's Gone to Hilo</i> .                    |
| Friday | June  | 13 | <b>TWANGTOWN PARAMOURS</b> — Two all-pro Nashville musicians team up to present "Sophisticated Americana," a hybrid of the Nashville and Austin scenes with high-ranking albums on the Country Roots and FolkDJ charts!   |
| Friday | June  | 20 | <b>OPEN MIKE</b> — All welcome! Great variety of acoustic artists! So popular we may limit number of acts. <b>2 - 3 songs, 10-15 minutes</b> . Open 7:30 for signups - first come, first served. <b>Show starts 8:00</b> . Info: 630-968-5526.                  |
| Friday | June  | 27 | <sup>2</sup> <b>ADRIENNE FRAILEY</b> — Young Indiana artist whose vibrant vocals, guitar and keyboard have won raves from DJ's in 43 states! Great originals plus riveting takes on trad tunes. New CD Sky is on WDCB's Lilly Kuzma's 2013 <i>Fave List!</i>    |

<sup>1</sup>Featured on *WFMT 98.7 "Folkstage"* with Rich Warren. <sup>2</sup>Featured on *WDCB 90.9 "Folk Festival"* with Lilli Kuzma.

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| Saturday June 21<br>9:00am - 4:30pm<br>Fishel Park <b>Free!</b> | <b>ROTARY GROVEFEST FOLK STAGE</b> — featuring <i>Lonesome Eagle, Adrienne Frailey, Fox and Crow, Lee Murdock, Eric Lambert &amp; Friends, and Plank Road String Band!</i> See <a href="http://www.RotaryGroveFest.com">www.RotaryGroveFest.com</a> for more info and full schedule! |
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| Saturday<br>April 5, 8:00pm \$5<br>June 7, 6:30pm, FREE   | <b>Old Time Barn Dance Party</b> — Reels, squares, line dancing, waltzes and more, plus music of our great live band. Fun for the whole family! All dances taught and called by our expert leaders. No experience, costume or partner needed. Plank Road Folk Music Society is co-sponsor.                               |
| <sup>2nd</sup> Tues, 7-9pm<br>Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10   | <b><sup>2nd</sup> Tuesday Song Circle</b> — BYOS ( <i>Bring Your Own Songs</i> ). A monthly opportunity to informally & acoustically perform <i>your</i> songs for the circle. Plank Road Folk Music Society is co-sponsor.  |
| Saturdays, 2-4pm<br>Apr 5 & 19<br>May 3 & 17, Jun 7 & 21  | <b>Sing-Around</b> — Our popular song fests 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. First and third Saturday afternoons of every month at 2:00 pm.                                     |
| Saturdays, 2-4pm<br>Apr 26, May 24, Jun 28  | <b>Bluegrass Jam</b> — Musicians of all experience levels gather to improve skills, learn/share tunes, & have fun! 4th Saturdays, 2:00-4:00pm. Plank Road Folk Music Society is co-sponsor.  |
| Thursdays Apr 24<br>May 29, Jun 26<br>7:00-9:30pm <b>FREE!</b>  | <b>LAST THURSDAY!</b> — Monthly open mike for high school & college age students. Last Thurs of every month. Music, poetry, any performance art - 10 min. max. Signups begin 7pm - first come, first served. Info at <a href="http://twowaystreet.org">twowaystreet.org</a> , on <b>Facebook</b> , or call 630-968-5526. |
| Live entertainment is featured every Friday night beginning at 8:15. Doors open by 7:30. \$7.00 donation requested. Beverages and snacks available. The <b>Two Way Street Coffee House</b> 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, Folk Alliance International. For current entertainment listings and updates, booking and other information, visit us on the web at <a href="http://www.twowaystreet.org">www.twowaystreet.org</a> and on <b>Facebook</b> . |  |

