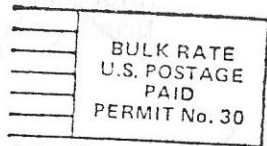
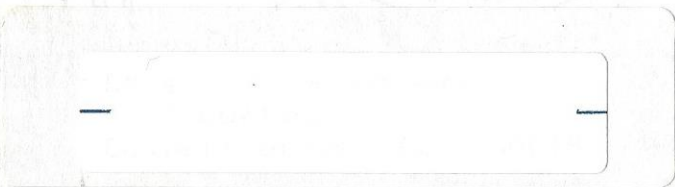




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Plank Road Folk Music Society



# PLANK ROAD NEWS WINTER 1987 - 1988

## CONCERT NEWS

Ready to get into the Christmas spirit? We have a special Christmas show planned, featuring THE MORE THE MERRIER. The date is Saturday, December 12th, the place is SOKOL HALL, 3907 Prairie, Brookfield. Parking is available at SOKOL HALL, and the funeral home next door.

Two of the members of the group are Phil Cooper and Margaret Nelson, who've been friends of Plank Road since its inception. You may have seen them perform at any number of places in the area, including the Old Quarter and the Fox Valley Folk Festival. You might have heard the melodious hammer dulcimer of Paul Goelz, as he often joins Phil and Margaret on stage.

Other members of the group include Fred Campeau, Chirps Smith (members of the Volo Bog Trotters) and Michelle Thomas, who often sings in light operas and musicals.

By attending this special Christmas concert, you will hear the banjo, fiddle, guitar, hammered dulcimer, piano, and various percussion instruments combined with vocals to create a fine blend of traditional British Isles, old-timey American, Winter Solstice, and Christmas music. Admission rates are: Adult Members \$5, Students \$4, Adult General Public \$7, and Children under 12 FREE. We'll hope you'll join us for an evening of holiday cheer.

Our Christmas Concert is only one of the special concerts Plank Road is hosting during the 1987-1988 season. The concert series began in October with a successful show by the Jethro Burns Quartet and the Amazing Howe Brothers. Stone Soup's "October Nights" album release concert was a success with more than 80 people in attendance, and they sold 27 new albums. We wish to thank everyone who participated in the concert series to date, we need your continued support to have a successful year in 1988. For those who have not attended a concert at SOKOL HALL yet, why not come out to the Christmas Concert? There's room for 225 folks -- we'd like to fill the room! For a full schedule of Plank Road events see the separate flyer/calendar included with this newsletter.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Come and enjoy the storytelling and music of ART THIEME. Art will be giving a house concert on Saturday, December 19th in the home of Barbara and David Reynolds. The concert/Christmas get together starts at 7:30. A five dollar donation is requested. Call Dave at 964-0305 for directions and information.

Art Thieme will be presenting a CHILDREN'S CONCERT on Saturday, December 19th, at 2PM, doors open at 1:45 PM, at the Hollywood Community House, Washington and Hollywood Streets in Brookfield. Adults are \$1, and Children are \$3 for Admission.

Monday, December 21st, a caroling party will start off at the Two Way Street coffee house in Downers Grove at 7:00 PM. Bring your friends and family! Songbooks will be available and so will plenty of hot drinks. Hope to see you there!

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP GATHERING

The Plank Road annual membership get-together will be held on Sunday, January 17th at the Two Way Street Coffeehouse. This is a chance for everyone to help plan the new year, catch up on what's been going on, and share ideas and thoughts. We'll be discussing the concert and workshop series, setting goals both short and long term, and making nominations to the board of directors. But it's not all talk. A featured performer will give a short concert, and a sing-a-round will follow. Refreshments, of course, will be available. We hope you'll come out and join the fun, and share in the plans for 1988-89.

## CHANGES

President, Mark Dvorak, will be stepping down from the presidency and from the Board of Directors. Mark's done a great job for Plank Road, and we all want to say thank you for his time, effort and support. Mark will be concentrating on his music career, we all wish him success.

The Plank Road Board of Directors is accepting nominations to be a member on the board. If you're interested, or could recommend someone, please drop a line to PRFMS, at BOX 283, Brookfield, IL 60513. A new member of the board will be voted for, and appointed at the Annual Membership Gathering on January 17th, 1988.

## CAN YOU HELP?

The expense of mailing special flyers, newsletters, and notices is growing along with our membership. We'd like to let as many people as possible know about music events in the area, but we are limited by printing and copying costs. If you have any ideas on cutting these costs, or know of printing or copying facilities available at inexpensive rates, please drop us a line at our PO box.

## REMEMBER ...

Plank Road T-shirts are available at the Two Way Street, at Plank Road events, or through the mail. Shirts are \$8, \$7 for members. They are available in adult sizes s, m, l, xl, or children's s, m, l. If you're ordering by mail please include an extra \$1 for postage and handling, and don't forget to specify you size and mailing address.

Plank Road monthly meetings will be held on the following dates: Sunday, January 17th (annual get-together), Saturday, February 13th, and Saturday, March 19th. Due to the holidays, no meeting is scheduled for December. If you'd like to become more involved, or just hear about Plank Road plans, drop into the Two Way Street at 1:00, on the date of the meeting, and don't forget, we have a singaround after each meeting.

The Fox Valley Folklore Society hosts open stages at Michangelo's, 329 E. Indian Tr., Aurora, on the first Wednesday of each month. Singarounds are held the other Wednesdays. For details call 367-3655.

The David Adler Cultural Center in Libertyville, 1700 N. Milwaukee, presents concerts and open stages, usually on Friday evenings. Call 367-0707 for more information.

The No Exit Cafe/Galley, 6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago, presents folk, blues, and ragtime music throughout the week, and holds open stages every Monday. For information and a complete schedule call 743-3355.

The Two Way Street Coffee House is open every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday night, with entertainment on Fridays.

Our board of directors: Marianne Mohrhusen, secretary; Charlie Lewis, treasurer; Dave Humphreys, director; Cathy Jones, director; Rich Geiger, director; Mary Nugent; director.

The Old Town Schhol of Folk Music hosts concerts and open stages. The Old Town School will be celebrating its thirtieth anniversary on December 3-6. For more information on that week's festivities and on other concerts and open stages call 525-7793.

## WORKSHOP SERIES

Plank Road held its first workshop this October, an instrument care clinic at the Jones Family Music Studio. Participants brought their stringed instruments for a 21 point "winter" check up by Tom Jones, and viewed a film on instrument building, followed by a discussion and question and answer period. John Allison and Steve Dvorak were also on hand to help out with check ups and give advice on basic repairs and maintenance. Two more workshops are being planned for this year. Watch for details in the next newsletter, and look for flyers at Plank Road Events.

## MORE MUSIC

The Mont Clare Coffehouse is located in the education building adjacent to the Mont Clare Church, 6935 W. Medill in Chicago. They have shows on the first Saturday of every month at 8 PM. This is the third season they've been open, and the schedule for the new few months is: DEC. 5, Sag Valley Boys; JAN. 2, Dave Porter; FEB. 6, Chris Farrell; MAR. 5, Doug and Bonnie Miller; APRIL 2, Don Hayne and Sheryl Samuel. If you'd like to know a little more about Monte Clarè, please call 775-1257 or 889-8174.

The Listening Place West features concerts every Saturday night at 8:00 PM. Doors open at 7:30 at 1107 S. Austin Blvd. in Chicago at Austin Trinity Methodist Church. Performers for December include: Diane Ippel on DEC. 5, and Lee Murdoch on DEC. 12. For more information on these and other shows, call Rev. Scott Shreve at 626-3984.

PRFMS is always interest in your comments, suggestions, and ideas. If you'd like to share your thoughts, or contribute to the newsletter, just drop us a line. Our mailing address is: Plank Road Folk Music Society, PO Box 283, Brookfield, IL 60513-0283.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW FOLKS !!! HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!!

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FOLK AND OLD TIME MUSIC, CONCERT AND DANCES

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SOKOL HALL, Brookfield 8:15 PM - Doors open 7:45  
"THE MORE-THE-MERRIER" - featuring: Margaret Nelson, Phil Cooper  
Paul Goetz, Mitch Thomas, Chirp Smith, and Fred Campeau

★ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1987 - CHILDREN'S CONCERT  
HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSE, Brookfield 2 PM - Doors open at 1:45  
ART THEME

★ SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1988 - IN CONCERT  
SOKOL HALL, Brookfield 8:15 PM - Doors open 7:45  
CATHY BARTON and DAVE PARA  
with Ron Simpson and Roscoe Champ

★ SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1988 - OPEN MIKE  
HOLLYWOOD HOUSE, Brookfield 8:15 PM - Doors open 7:45  
HOSTED BY THE PLANK ROAD STRING BAND

★ SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1988 - IN CONCERT  
SOKOL HALL, Brookfield 8:15 PM - Doors open 7:45  
JIM BREWER with Mark Dvorak

★ SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1988 - BARNDANCE  
TWO-WAY STREET COFFEEHOUSE, Downers Grove 7PM - Doors open at 6:45  
THE NEW SALT CREEK RAMBLERS - A caller will be provided.  
Musicians are invited to join the all volunteer string band.

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HOLLYWOOD HOUSE - Washington and Hollywood Sts, Brookfield  
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ART THIEME, December 19, 1987: Folk singer, story teller, King of the nine string guitar. Art is one of the best children's performers around. He includes a good amount of folk humor and tall tales in his concerts and introduces his audiences to exotic and sometimes strange homemade instruments.

CATHY BARTON and DAVE PARA, January 9, 1988: Cathy and Dave are one of the most popular and well-travelled folk acts to emerge from the Missouri and Ozark region. Instrumental excellence, unique vocal harmonies and a special affection for traditional music are their trademarks. Their more than 10 years of playing together has taken them to festivals, concerts, clubs and schools all over the US. They have also made three tours of Europe. Opening for Cathy and Dave will be Ron Simpson and Roscoe Champ, local favorites who play old time music. Don't miss!

OPEN MIKE, January 23, 1988: Everyone is welcome to play their favorite instrument, sing songs, or tell stories, at Plank Road's open mike. The evening will begin with a short concert by the Plank Road String Band to kick off the open mike. Members of the string band are: Len Clark, Mary Gabriel, Dawn Guenther, Rich Geiger, Bob Becker. This entertaining group will feature oldtime and bluegrass songs with guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, hammer dulcimer, autoharp, bass, jug and more! The string band is composed of members of the Plank Road Folk Music Society.

JIM BREWER with Mark Dvorak, February 6, 1988: Recording Artist from Chicago, Jim Brewer brings an evening of Delta and Country Blues to Brookfield. One of the best blues artists around, Jim plays guitar, autoharp and piano. Opening for Jim Brewer will be another Northern Illinois favorite, Mark Dvorak. Mark plays a variety of traditional and contemporary folk music, using guitar, banjo and the audience.

BARNDANCE with the New Salt Creek Ramblers, February 20, 1988: A caller and a fiddler will be provided, along with various instruments playing music to dance by. Young and old can enjoy kicking up their heels to old time music. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments and play with the all volunteer string band. There's plenty of room, so don't miss this fun-filled evening of family entertainment. Come out to listen, play, or dance. A good time is guaranteed!

For more information contact: Mary at 450-9152, or Marianne at 387-9312 or Dave Humphries at the Two-Way Street Coffeehouse at 969-9720, or Charlie at 482-8632. You may write for further information: Plank Road Folk Music Society, PO Box 283, Brookfield, IL 60513

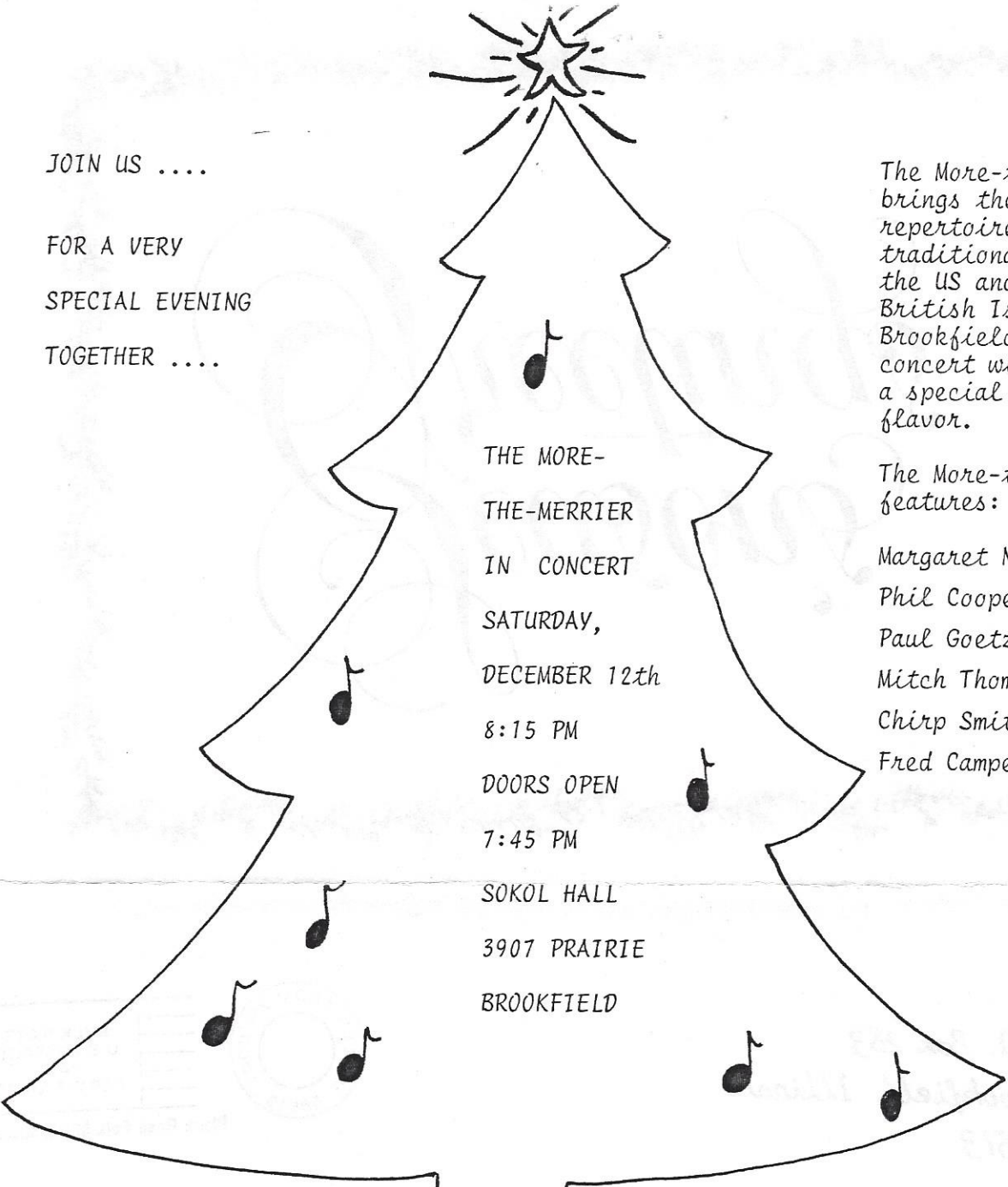
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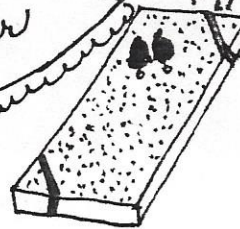
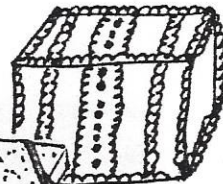
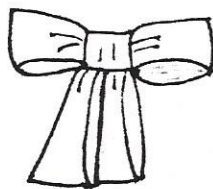
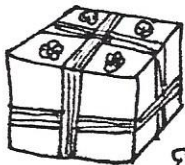
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*Season's  
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