

Quarter Notes

Newsletter of the Plank Road Folk Music Society Spring 1993



Sing and Dance into Spring!

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Plank Road Board of Directors

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APRIL

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23 CINDY MANGSEN and STEVE GILLETTE in concert at the Jones Family Music Studio, 36 E. Hickory, Lombard. 8 pm. Call for reservations 708/916-1356.

MAY

8 MOTHER'S DAY BARN DANCE at the Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove. The whole family is welcome! come by to dance, listen, or sit in with the all-volunteer band. 7:30 pm \$4.

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25-27 DOWNERS GROVE HERITAGE FESTIVAL with folk fest on Saturday the 26th. Don't miss your favorite Two Way Street artists at this annual celebration!

Information

708/387-9312 or 708/964-0305

Cindy Mangsen & Steve Gillette return for Jones Studio House Concert on April 23rd

The Jones Family Music Studio and the Plank Road Folk Music Society will present a very special **HOUSE CONCERT** featuring **Cindy Mangsen** and **Steve Gillette** on Saturday, April 23 at 8 pm at the Jones Family Music Studio, 36 Hickory, Lombard.

Mangsen and Gillette have been touring together for the past several years after enjoying successful solo careers. Cindy Mangsen began her singing career right in Chicago and earned wide spread respect for her thoughtful and beautiful arrangements of traditional ballads. She is a brilliant guitarist, banjo player and concertina player, but it is her singing, her songs and concert performances that have ranked her as one of the nations top traditional singers.

As a performer, award winning song writer **Steve Gillette** has recorded six solo albums, at many major folk festivals, toured in 31 countries and inspired glowing reviews from critics and fierce loyalty from his fans. As a songwriter, he is among the finest. Among the distinguished artists who have recorded his work are John Denver, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Dave Dudley, Mickey Gilley, Ian and Sylvia, Waylon Jennings, Gordon Lightfoot, Anne Murray, Linda Ronstadt, Spanky and Our Gang, Mel Tillis, Bobby Vinton, Jerry Jeff Walker and Jennifer Warnes. His film credits include writing and singing the title theme from Walt Disney's "The Pond" and M.G.M.'s "The Outfit." He has also written songs for the Walt Disney characters Jiminy Cricket, Dumbo, Rainbow Brite and Winnie-the-Pooh.

Seating for the concert is limited. To reserve your seat and for further information phone the Jones family at 708/916-1356.

Rehearsals schedueld, volunteers needed for Barn Dance Stringband

Musicians wishing to sit in with the All Volunteer Stringband at Plank Road Barn Dances are encouraged to take advantage of the Barn Dance rehearsals held the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Jones Family Music Studio, 36 E. Hickory, Lombard. Musicians will brush up on the standard fiddle tune repertoire and learn new tunes as well.

Below are some tips for musicians wishing to sit in with the band at barn dances:

1. Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the dance begins. This will allow time for tuning and to become acquainted with the other musicians and the program.
2. Check in with the fiddler in charge. You'll learn the best place to stand and who to watch if you need to "read" the chords.
3. It's important to play softly enough to hear the rhythm that the fiddle is making. It's important that the band strive to play together (the dancers will appreciate it!).
4. WATCH THE DANCERS! You'll get a good idea of the proper tempo by watching them and listening to the fiddler.

We're thankful for the great support (and great music) at our dances. Join us!--*Cathy Jones*

Plank Road Sing-A-Round a monthly circle of song

Join us at the Two Way Street Coffee House (1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove) for the Plank Road Folk Music Society Sing-A-Round. All singers, acoustic musicians and listeners are invited to participate and enjoy the music which begins at 2:00 pm on the **3rd Saturday of every month.**

Singers and musicians can work from the Plank Road songbook or sing their own favorite songs in an informal setting.

"Our monthly sing-a-round has been one of Plank Road's success stories," says Plank Road president **Paul Klonowski**. "It is an activity that we have placed a lot of value on since our club was founded in 1986, and we have made a lot of great music and friends at the sing-a-round over the years. For more information about the Plank road Sing-a-round, phone 708/387-9312.

Call Folk Phone

for a tape recorded complete listing of Chicago area acoustic music.

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**JOIN
THE PLANK ROAD
FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY
TODAY!**

"It'll make ya smart"
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**TWO WAY STREET
COFFEE HOUSE**
1047 CURTISS STREET 708-968-8720
DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS 60515
(Across from the Public Library)

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Friday	April	2	AD HOC STRING BAND -- Great traditional American old-time music that's as fun as it is historically interesting. 4-piece band featuring fiddles, banjo, guitar, dulcimer. Don't miss!
Friday	April	9	MICHAEL SMITH -- An outstanding songwriter, his numerous songs, including "The Dutchman" and "Spoon River" are recorded by Steve Goodman, Anne Hills, Jim Post and many others. Great!
Friday	April	16	MICHAEL OFFUTT -- An exciting and entertaining evening of songs and stories; old and new, humorous and serious, but all thoroughly enjoyable. With guitar and banjo. Fun!
Friday	April	23	PAT GAUGHAN -- She presents contemporary folk, blues, ballads and country songs, mostly original, with a few traditional and Irish songs for good measure. With guitar.
Friday	April	30	LISA LILLY , with special guest BOB JANIS -- A gifted singer-songwriter, Lisa's clear, fresh style is always enjoyable. She's joined by popular songwriter Bob Janis. Guitar, banjo.
Friday	May	7	JENNY ARMSTRONG in WOMANSONG -- An acclaimed performer, she weaves poetry and song and stories of people who have influenced and inspired her. Guitar, banjo, fiddle & bagpipes
Friday	May	14	THURSDAY'S CHILD -- Upbeat quartet featuring contemporary and traditional pop, folk and bluegrass songs, and originals. Great vocals, with guitar, banjo, mandolin, dobro, bass.
Friday	May	21	SHEILA ADAMS BARNHILL -- From Madison County, North Carolina, she learned her mountain singing and great clawhammer banjo styles from her aunts and uncles. A truly traditional treat!
Friday	May	28	SKYLIGHT -- A big hit at a recent open mike, this dynamic trio presents exciting and uplifting new folk songs featuring great vocals with guitar, fiddle, mandolin, dulcimer & more. (Please note change)
Friday	June	4	KEN GRAYDON & PHEE SHERLINE -- From California, they present ballads and folksongs of the West, Scotland, the sea, and more, including originals. Guitar, banjo, hammer dulcimer.
Friday	June	11	CHRIS KENNEDY -- A Wyoming singer-songwriter, he returns with songs about travel, wilderness, the West & more. With guitar and harmonica. "Memorable songs; delightful!" (<i>Dirty Linen</i>)
Friday	June	18	** OPEN MIKE ** Anyone is welcome to perform, and we always have a great variety of acoustic performers. Open 7:45 for signups. For information, call Dave (708) 968-5526.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday	June 25, 26, 27		HERITAGE FESTIVAL FOLK MUSIC FEST -- Our annual FREE outdoor concerts held in conjunction with Downers Grove's popular Heritage Festival. More information soon, but plan now for a great Friday night concert featuring Special Consensus Bluegrass Band. Saturday brings a full day of excellent performances by numerous first-rate folk artists. Sunday night features a Barn Dance! All this PLUS a huge craft fair, amusement rides, street fair, auto show, beer garden, all kinds of music on eight stages, and food, food, food!
Saturday	May	8	BARN DANCE!! Kick up your heels to the old-time music of our all-volunteer string band (join in!) Fun for all the family! Marianne Mohrhusen will call (and teach) dances. \$4 7:30 pm
Saturdays	April 17 May 15 June 19		MONTHLY SING-AROUNDS -- Our popular song circles where beginners and experienced musicians can learn and/or share songs. Listeners and singers welcome too! 2:00 PM. \$1.00.



Watch From The Two Way Street Coffee House on DCTV,
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 and Friday night at 8:00. Live entertainment is featured each Friday beginning at 8:45. \$2.00 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 Folk Phone at TGI-FOLK (708-944-3655) for complete Chicago-area folk music listings.

Board Notes

...Great Lakes balladeer and guitarist **Lee Murdock** will appear in concert at the Copley Theatre on Saturday, May 22nd. He'll be celebrating the release of his new album. Call 708/557-2742 for details....

..."Irene's Good Night," the south suburbs' newest coffeehouse & music series continues with an April 25th appearance by **Larry Penn**. Irene's boasts the best food and drink in any area coffeehouse, and can supply child care during the program (complete with games and musical activities). Also plenty of free parking is available. Irene's is located at the United Methodist Church of Midlothian, 3709 W. 147th Place. For information phone 708/388-9422....

...Send for Garfield Farm Museum's schedule of events. An 1840's working farm museum is the setting for a full calendar of prairie walks, barn dances (called by **Dona Benkert** of the Warrenville Folk Music Society), art exhibits and many other interesting seminars and special events. Write P.O. Box 403, LaFox, IL 60147...

...The Rockford Folk Music and Dance Festival returns for its 11th annual summer celebration July 23-25 at Midway Village in Rockford. Call 815/397-9112 or 815/968-9154 for information...

...Irish Music Sessions come to Brookfield every Wednesday evening at **Irish Times Pub**, 8869 Burlington (corner of Prairie and Burlington--just down the street from Sokol Hall), Brookfield. All Irish, folk and acoustic musicians are invited to join and everyone is invited to listen! The music starts at 7:30 pm and there's no cover. See ya there!...

...A tip of the hat to the Warrenville Folk Music Society who launched their first-ever music camp at Warrenville's Community Baptist Church on Thursday, April 1st. Despite the inclement weather, over 90 students enrolled in the 4-week camp which offered classes in guitar, dulcimer, banjo, harmony singing and dancing. Plans are already being discussed for an autumn sequel to the Music Camp...

Don't miss the Downers Grove Heritage Festival July 25-27 (Folk Stage on 7/26) and the Warrenville Folk Festival July 10 & 11. Plank Road will be hosting the picnic and sing-a-round at Cerny Park on July 10 from noon til 4:00 pm.

See ya there!

Plank Road board announces: new board members sought

The Plank Road Folk Music Society board of directors announced at the March board meeting that they are looking for individuals interested in becoming more involved in society's affairs.

"We are welcoming input not only from our members, but also from the community at large," says Plank Road president Paul Klonowski. Our current core group has been together for six or seven years now, and we are seeking ways to solicit fresh input.

"We'd like to get acquainted with any individual who is interested in working with us on planning programs, coordinating volunteers and working on the publicity, membership and refreshments committees."

Interested parties should phone Paul Klonowski at 815/728-0187 and plan on attending an upcoming board meeting (April 19, May 17, June 21, 8:00 pm) at the Two Way Street Coffeehouse, 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove.

March 13th Michael Cooney shows: Two Thumbs Up!

Performing on voice, guitar, banjo, fretless banjo, concertina, 12 string guitar and jaw harp, Michael Cooney, showed audiences at the Two Way Street afternoon family show and the Sokol Hall evening concert why he is called "the one-man folk festival."

Cooney, who dropped out of high-school in 1963 to travel and sing folk songs, presented both crowds with a peek into the many worlds of folk song. From Lead Belly's powerful "Bourgeois Blues" to a light-hearted look at love between atoms to railroading's little-known but beautiful "Dummy Line" to the cowboy lament "Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie," Cooney sang with grace and spoke with reverence for the vast body of folk song that has become his way of life and livelihood for the past 30 years.

His songs were the stars of the afternoon and evening shows. Cooney's greatness lies in his ability to capture the subtlety, power and humor contained in folk music; out of which he fashioned two absorbing and entertaining programs.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello again!

As we wind up our 11th concert season, we at the Plank Road are proud to have brought you some of the finest and most respected talent in the nation. Thanks go out to the members of the Plank Road Board of directors, David Baker for his publicity effort, our dedicated volunteers and special thanks to Mark Dvorak (and his Macintosh) for the classy look of our newsletter.

On to summer! Plank Road will be integral at both the Heritage Festival Two Way Street Folk Stage (June 26) and the Warrenville Folk Festival (July 11 & 12). Also, look for the 3rd Annual Plank Road Camp-out sometime in early August. Be sure to mark these events on your calendar.

Give me a call at 815/728-0187. I'd like to tell you more about how YOU can become more involved in our club! Until then, best wishes...

Paul Klimowski

JOIN THE TRADITION TODAY!

If you'd like to become a member of the Plank Road Folk Music Society (receive The Quarter Notes 4 times/year by mail & discounts to concerts) or send for a Plank Road or 10th Anniversary T-shirt, fill out the blank below.

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- Individual (\$5 annual)
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- Contributing (\$25 or more--free t-shirt)
- Yes! I'm a new member!

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