



Quarter Notes

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A Family Concert with

Dan Keding

Saturday, February 13 at 2:00 PM

Admission: \$4

At the Two Way Street Coffee House

1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove

Join us for this concert featuring stories and folk songs with this internationally recognized performer, and special friend of Plank Road! A great afternoon of songs, stories and fun for the entire family! See the article inside for more information, or call 708/387-9312

 ★ BARN DANCE BAND PRACTICE ★
 ★ 2nd Sat. of the month from 2:00-4:00 PM ★
 ★ Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard, IL ★
 ★ 630/916-1356 ★
 ★ All are welcome to join us as we brush up on our ★
 ★ fiddle tunes and dance band etiquette. ★
 ★ SAT.: Jan. 9, Feb. 6, March 13 ★
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 ★ Barn Dance Party with ★
 ★ Live String Band Music! ★
 ★ Sat., March 6 at 8:00 PM ★
 ★ at the Two Way Street Coffee House ★
 ★ 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove ★
 ★ Admission: \$4.00 ★
 ★ Join us for an evening of music and dancing, ★
 ★ fun 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. For more info, call ★
 ★ 708/387-9312. ★
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PLANK ROAD ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 PM

The Log Cabin at Four Seasons Park on South Main St.,

Lombard (between Roosevelt Rd & 22nd St.)

All are encouraged to join us as we review the past year's events and prepare for the coming year, including election of new officers. Lots of music and visiting with friends old and new! Bring a snack to share. Hot cider and coffee provided.

For more info, call Marianne at 708/387-9312



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:
 Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 20.

Dan Keding comes to Plank Road Sat., Feb. 13, at 2:00 PM

*Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St.,
Downers Grove. Sat., Feb 13 at 2 PM.*

Admission: \$4.00; Information: 708/387-9312

At Porta Junior High School in Petersburg, storyteller Dan Keding and the students from several classes got involved in swapping ghost stories. From Keding the students learned about storytelling traditions and famous spooks, from Hamlet's dad to the "Vanishing Hitchhiker", and from the students Keding learned all about the old Petersburg graveyard and the legends surrounding a particular headstone that locals say does mysterious things on Halloween night. Says Keding, "There were so many stories about this one tombstone, every class had a new set of tales. These kids knew the stories of their town. The storytelling tradition is still there; sometimes it just needs a kick in the butt to get it going." Dan Keding is a pretty good boot.

Dan Keding tells stories. He tells of dragons and heroes, ghosts and monsters--folktales from around the world and stories from his boyhood on Chicago's Southside. Dan is also a well respected ballad singer who accompanies himself on guitar, banjo and spoons. Each performance, each story is a window into the human experience.

An internationally recognized performer, Dan has been a featured storyteller at some of the most prestigious festivals across the United States as well as Great Britain. From 1978 to the present, Dan has conducted hundreds of seminars, workshops and in-service experiences for teachers, librarians, college students and tellers, both professional and amateur. He has performed in over 2400 school assemblies and has accepted over 500 residencies from ages pre-school through high school both privately and through the arts councils of the states of Illinois, Wisconsin and Delaware. Dan has released over a dozen recordings covering a variety of tales and traditions, and for all ages.

"In the fifteen years I've known him, Dan Keding has always been a dramatic singer and interpreter of folksongs ranging from ballads to lyrical songs to children's songs", says Bill Rentz Host of Folk Festival, WSSU FM Public Radio. "He has a special ability to combine his love for and dedication to traditional music with a voluminous knowledge of its history and variety. He has extended that dedication and ability to the fine art of storytelling, infusing each story with great energy and immediacy, no matter how ancient or contemporary it may be."

Join us for this very special afternoon the whole family will enjoy as Plank Road presents **DAN KEDING!**

Concert featuring Pete Seeger kicks off People's Music Network's "Celebrating our Diversity, Continuing the Struggles" Weekend of Workshops and music!

There's a big event planned for Chicago! Chicago is a wonderful, culturally diverse place. Yet, racially we are one of the most polarized cities in the country. There is great richness in our diversity. There is also great challenge in building community and appreciation for our differences. The weekend of **January 29-31**, activists, musicians and progressive/community organizations from the Chicago area will gather together with folks from the Midwest and across the country for a weekend of workshops and exhibits, songs, concerts and more. The theme of the weekend is "**Celebrating our Diversity, Continuing the Struggles**" and will emphasize the work involved in the areas of anti-racism and building bridges to diversity. Workshops will focus on Labor Songs, Peace & Justice issues, Environmental concerns, Gay & Lesbian Rights, creating songs for social action, Tolerance and much, much more.

The activities will open with a big **Friday night concert** with *Pete Seeger, Ella Jenkins, Matt Jones* (of the Freedom Singers), *Charlie King, Voices, El Mitote, The Community Renewal Society Chorus, Dave Martin* and others. **The concert is Friday, January 29 at 8:00 PM at People's Church Auditorium (on the SE corner of Sheridan and Lawrence Avenues in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood). Admission is \$15.00.** Saturday and Sunday will be filled with workshops from both activists' and musicians' perspectives. **The Saturday and Sunday Workshops will be held at the International Conference Center, 4750 N. Sheridan in Chicago.** The weekend is sponsored by the People's Music Network, which is a network of musicians and community activists working for progressive social change.

Admission for the full weekend (including meal, lodging and concert ticket) **is only \$85.00.** Partial weekend and sliding scale rates are also available. For more information, check out the People's Music Network website ("Chicago Gathering" Link) at: <http://www.timbury.com/pmnet/> or call **Dave** at **630/268-8639.**



Plank Road Annual Meeting

Come and join us for the **Plank Road Annual Meeting** on **January 23, at 7:30 PM** at the **Log Cabin** in Lombard. The Log Cabin is located in Four Seasons park on south Main Street (Lombard) between Roosevelt Rd and 22nd Street. We will be reviewing this past year, looking at the year ahead, electing new officers and playing lots of music! Bring a snack to share, your instrument and/or voice and your ideas and join us for a warming evening around the fire with friends and music.

This has been a busy year. The monthly Sing-a-rounds and the Barn Dance Band Practices are going full force. We had a great Fall Barn Dance with a good turnout, and some great music! Mark Dvorak's album release for "The Streets of Old Chicago" was a great evening of reminiscing (for some of us) and learning about the history of the Old Town School. Meeting Frank and Mary Hamilton was a real joy! George Mattson had a great CD Release for his new recording "All Things Considered...I'm Fine". It was great reunion of family and friends.

December was filled with lots of musical activities. We had a large group of carolers singing in downtown Downers Grove. The Plank Road Christmas Party was a great time of visiting with friends and singing Christmas songs. The Jones Family played to a full house for the Jones Family Christmas Show.

Join us on January 23 to meet the Board Members, find out what is ahead for Plank Road, for a great time of visiting with friends, and lots and lots of music! See you there!!

Marianne Mohrhusen

Plank Road's Winter Barn Dance

Our next Plank Road Barn Dance is on **Saturday, March 6 at 8:00 PM** at the **Two Way Street Coffee House** in Downers Grove. As with all our other dances, all are welcome. *Marianne Mohrhusen* will teach and call the dances, with music by the *Plank Road All-Volunteer String Band*.

Our head fiddler, Cathy Jones, has been wanting to have a Mid-winter "Sweetheart" Dance, so we going to include some special dances just for sweethearts. At the monthly Barn Dance Band Practices, we have been brushing up on our waltzes, so be ready to waltz on March 6. We also have a couple of special pieces, especially for sweethearts. Naturally, the evening will include dances for all--circles, squares and perhaps even a line dance! Marianne even has dances especially for the younger ones in the crowd!

Tables will be set up around the edge of the room to allow for visiting with friends and enjoying music between dances. Our dances are informal, with no costumes needed, no dance experience necessary—in fact, you don't even have to bring a partner! All ages are welcome! If you are interested in sitting in with the band, come around 7:30 to tune up and warm up with a few tunes! Join us for a warming evening this mid-winter!

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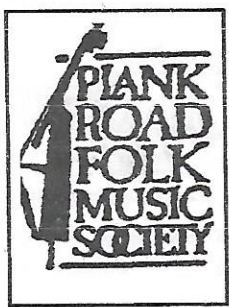
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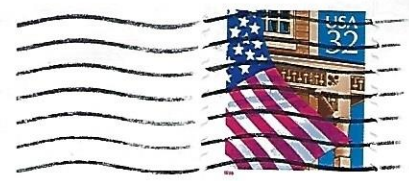
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Dave Humphreys
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 Downers Grove IL 60515

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