



Quarter Notes

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Plank Road's

Regular Events:

- **SING-A-ROUND** 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Sept. 7 & 21, Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 2 & 16, Dec. 7 & 21.
- **DANCE BAND PRACTICE** 2nd Saturdays. Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14
- **BLUEGRASS JAM** 4th Saturdays. Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, Dec. 28
- **LAST THURSDAY: "It's Our Turn!"** Last Thursdays. Sept. 26, Oct. 31, Nov. 28, Dec. 26

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Plank Road Folk Music Society's Roots and Branches Celebrating Live Music in the Western Suburbs!

Plank Road Folk Music Society celebrates 20 years of bringing folk, traditional and acoustic music to our communities in the western suburbs. 20 years of concerts, workshops, sing-a-rounds, barn dances, children's shows, making friends with musicians all over the Chicago area and across the country! What a heritage!!

So bring your family and friends and join us this fall! We are offering something for everyone. Our regular events continue: **Sing-a-rounds, Dance Band Practices, Bluegrass Jam** and **Last Thursday: "It's Our Turn"** (see schedule inside for details).

Saturday, October 19 at 8:00 PM Plank Road presents our Autumn "No Experience Necessary" **Old-Time Dance Party** at the **Two Way Street Coffee House** in Downers Grove. Our dances started at the Old Quarter Coffeehouse with a pick-up band and a handful of dancers. This evening features caller Marianne Mohrhusen teaching all the steps as we go along, accompanied by the Plank Road All Volunteer Band under the direction of the Jones Family. All are welcome, so make plans to join us for this fun evening of music and dancing!

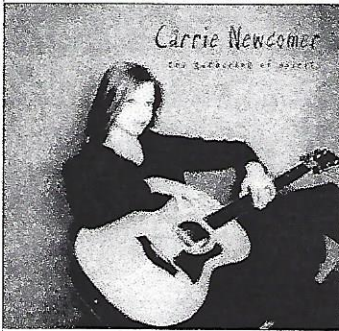
Saturday, November 16 Plank Road is pleased to present **Carrie Newcomer In Concert** at the **Two Way Street Coffee House** in Downers Grove. Doors open at 7:30 PM, and the concert begins at **8:00 PM**. Admission is **\$15 General/\$12 Plank Road members, seniors and under 12**. We are excited to have Carrie back helping us celebrate this special season! (*More info inside!*)

Danada Forest Preserve's Fall Festival

Sunday, October 13 is **Danada Forest Preserve's Fall Festival**. There are many activities for everyone: riding school demonstrations, pumpkin decorating contest, crafts for the kids, an Art Show, hay rides and most importantly **Folk, Traditional and Acoustic Music at the Food Tent** coordinated by the Jones Family! Many Plank Road favorites come out each year to perform. The music runs from **11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. Come on out and enjoy a lovely autumn afternoon at this special locale, and be sure to stop in and hear some great music while munching on a hot dog or drinking some hot cider! For more information call 630/916-1356.



Carrie Newcomer comes to Plank Road!



"To my mind – a writer's eye – Carrie Newcomer is much more than a musician. She's a poet, storyteller, snake-charmer, good neighbor, friend and lover, minister of the wide-eyed gospel of hope and grace. All this, and she comes with a voice that declares: 'Sit down here a minute and listen.' Who could ask for more?" – Barbara Kingsolver, author of *The Poisonwood Bible* and *The Bean Trees*.

There is a tendency to equate progress with expansion. The illusion persists that, in order to achieve deep emotional, social, or political impact, one must create works laden with girth and vast, cosmic meaning. As a songwriter, activist, mother, and teacher, Carrie Newcomer has fashioned a fulfilling life and career (the two become ever more inseparable with time) in defiance of that menacing principle. With each album, each collection of vivid, sterling songs, Newcomer pulls back one more of life's layers. Her search reveals that what is considered universal and mighty is merely the sum of smaller things – moments so common that they are taken for granted. Carrie Newcomer captures those fleeting seconds, giving them their chance to shine as an equal part of life's essential fabric.

Newcomer's influence manifests itself in a more direct manner as well – as a mentor to young songwriters. "I've been working as an artist-in-residence and teaching workshops at colleges and spiritual retreats, like the Grünwald Guild, a camp for the arts in Leavenworth, Washington," she says. Connecting with her audiences is crucial to Newcomer. Starting this August, she is inaugurating the Gathering Book Group – an online discussion group centered around a different book each month. For Carrie, art does not exist in a vacuum – it becomes more vibrant when it impacts peoples lives, when it resonates as something true. The book group is an extension of this belief, as she seeks to introduce novice and seasoned readers alike to some of the works that have most affected her.

Similar outreach efforts, coupled with the power and sincerity of her music, have bridged the gap between Carrie and her fans, in a most tangible way. "Last album tour, after every show someone would come up and tell me a story. Funny stories, tragic stories, deeply personal stories, all of which they relate to my songs. I'm often humbled by the generosity people have shown me consistently. It was very affirming. Like most artists, I sometimes I ask myself 'What am I doing?' and those stories reminded me. They seemed to say, 'This is what you're doing.'"

Join us as Plank Road Folk Music Society and Two Way Street Coffee House present **Carrie Newcomer in Concert** as part of our Roots and Branches celebration. Carrie's approach to music embodies what Plank Road is all about. She performed at the Old Quarter Coffeehouse and is as glad to be helping us celebrate this special year as we are to have her back! The concert is **Saturday, November 16** at the **Two Way Street Coffee House** in Downers Grove, IL. Doors open at 7:30 PM. Concert begins at **8:00 PM**. Admission is **\$15** General, **\$12** for Plank Road Members, Seniors and under 12. For more information, call 630/889-9121 or 708/442-0823. (No advance ticket sales.)

Introducing A New Newsletter for Songwriters

Steve & Jenny Moss announce the debut of **Tunesmith Monthly, The Nuts & Bolts Resource for Songwriters**. This 6-page monthly newsletter features how-to articles and in depth interviews on all aspects of songwriting.

"Our goal is to give songwriters specific ideas and concrete advice on improving their craft and promoting their work," said Steve Moss, Tunesmith Monthly's author and editor. "Like any art form, songwriting is a continuous learning process," said Jenny Moss, who contributes graphic design and layout to the project. "We aim to provide valuable information to writers of many different levels of experience."

Past issues have included tips on finding more time to write, getting inspiration, registering copyrights, and the basics of music theory. Tunesmith Monthly has also featured interviews with great songwriters like Peter Berryman and Fred Koller.

Steve & Jenny Moss are songwriters, performers, and Plank Road members based in Brookfield, IL. Their critically acclaimed debut CD *One Foot on the Train* was released in June of 2000.

"While there are some fine magazines for songwriters," said Steve, "I haven't seen one that gives much attention to the actual writing process. Our focus will be the craft of songwriting. We cover everything from getting ideas to arranging and performing finished songs."

One year subscriptions are available for \$12.00 check or money order payable to Steve Moss, P.O. Box 456, Brookfield, IL 60513. Sample issues are available for \$1.00. Further information can be found on the World Wide Web at www.tunesmithmonthly.com.



Fall Events

REGULAR ONGOING EVENTS

- ◆ **1st and 3rd Saturdays** *PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND*. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Songbooks provided.
- ◆ **2nd Saturdays** *DANCE BAND PRACTICE*. Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. 630/889-9121 2:00 to 4:00 PM. All are welcome to join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes and dance band music etiquette!
- ◆ **4th Saturday** *PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM*. At the home of Paul Vander Woode, LaGrange. 708/354-3417. 2:00-4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this music that is pretty and fast, with the appeal of country music, the virtuosity of Jazz and the historical reverence of old time music. By playing together, we have fun, improve our skills and are inspired to learn new songs and breaks to songs, both old and new!
- ◆ **Last Thursday** *LAST THURSDAY "IT'S OUR TURN" An Unplugged Open Mike for high school and college age students*. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Last Thursday ... provides a place specifically for high school and college age students to present and participate in music, poetry and other performance arts. Doors open at 7:00 PM for signups, which are first come, first served. A sound system and microphones will be set up and waiting. Questions? Comments? Like to help? Call the Two Way Street Coffee House at 630/969-9720 or visit the web site at: www.twowaystreet.org

Attention Irish/Celtic Musicians...Irish Session every 1st Monday of the Month!

There is now an Monthly Irish Session in the western suburbs! The first Monday of each month, a new Irish Session will be held at **Quigley's Irish Pub, 43 E. Jefferson, Naperville**. Irish/Celtic musicians of all levels of experience are welcome to stop in and bring their instruments. This is an opportunity to play and learn a new tune. Listeners of all ages are welcome. For information, call **Lara Bruce** at 630/637-9937 or email at larabruce@aol.com (Lara is coordinating this session and is not affiliated with Quigley's. If you want information about the pub, call Quigley's Irish Pub at 630/428-4774.) *This is an announcement of a new event in the area, not a Plank Road sponsored event. If you get an opportunity to visit a session, let us know what you think! Email me at: cathy@jonesfamilymusic.com*

SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 7 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM (see above for details)*
- ◆ 14 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD DANCE BAND PRACTICE. 2:00 PM (see above for details)*
- ◆ 21 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM (see above for details)*
- ◆ 26 (Thursday) *LAST THURSDAY "IT'S OUR TURN". 7:00 PM (see above for details)*
- ◆ 28 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM. 2:00 PM (see above for details)*

OCTOBER

- ◆ 5 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM (see above for details)*
- ◆ 4 & 5 (Friday and Saturday) *F.A.R.M. CONFERENCE*. The annual conference for the Midwest Branch of Folk Alliance. For details call 734/913-8699 or email: rampurrec@aol.com or visit the website at: www.farmfolk.org
- ◆ 12 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD DANCE BAND PRACTICE. 2:00 PM (see above for details)* CONT...



Fall Events, cont.

- ◆ 13 (Sunday) DANADA FOREST PRESERVE'S FALL FESTIVAL 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM *Danada Forest Preserve* (on Naperville Road between Warrenville Rd. and Butterfield Rd). 630/916-1356 There are many activities for everyone: riding school demonstrations, pumpkin decorating contest, crafts for the kids, an Art Show, hay rides and most importantly **Music at the Food Tent!** Many Plank Road favorites come out each year to perform. The music runs from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- ◆ 19 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM** *(see above for details)*
- ◆ 19 (Saturday) **"NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY" OLD TIME DANCE PARTY. 8:00 PM \$4 Admission** *Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 708/442-0823* These dances started at the Old Quarter Coffeeshouse with a pick-up band and a handful of dancers. Look how we've grown! This evening will feature caller **Marianne Mohrhussen** teaching all the steps as we go along, accompanied by the **Plank Road All Volunteer Dance Band** under the direction of the **Jones Family**. All are welcome - no experience necessary - so grab some friends and join us for this fun evening of music and dancing!
- ◆ 26 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM. 2:00 PM** *(Details at top of previous page)*
- ◆ 31 (Thursday) **LAST THURSDAY "IT'S OUR TURN". 7:00 PM** *(Details at top of previous page)*

NOVEMBER

- ◆ 2 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM** *(Details at top of previous page)*
- ◆ 9 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD DANCE BAND PRACTICE. 2:00 PM** *(Details at top of previous page)*
- ◆ 16 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM** *(Details at top of previous page)*
- ◆ 16 (Saturday) **CARRIE NEWCOMER In Concert. 8:00 PM** *(doors open at 7:30 PM)* Admission: \$15 General/\$12 PRFMS Members, Seniors and under 12 (No advance ticket sales) *Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/889-9121 or 708/442-0823* (See article on page 2 for more details)
- ◆ 23 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM. 2:00 PM** *(see top of previous page for details)*
- ◆ 28 (Thursday) **LAST THURSDAY "IT'S OUR TURN". 7:00 PM** *(see top of previous page for details)*

DECEMBER

- ◆ 7 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM** *(see top of previous page for details)*
- ◆ 14 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD DANCE BAND PRACTICE. 2:00 PM** *(see top of previous page)*
- ◆ 15 (Sunday) **MAKE-A-WISH BENEFIT CONCERT. 2:00 to 6:00 PM** *Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720*
- ◆ 16 (Monday) **PLANK ROAD CAROLLING PARTY. 7:00 PM** *Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/889-9121* Yes, folks, we're back! We'll meet at 7:00 PM to warm up our voices and then go sing carols for the shoppers in downtown Downers Grove. Dress warmly! Books and song sheets provided. Afterwards we'll warm up with refreshments at Two Way Street Coffee House.
- ◆ 21 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM** *(see top of previous page for details)*
- ◆ 21 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD CHRISTMAS PARTY. 4:30 PM to about 10:00 PM** *Jones Family Music School, Lombard. 630/889-9121 or 630/916-1356* Bring your instruments and/or voices and a dish to share! We'll have dinner around "six-ish" and snacks and music the rest of the time. Come warm yourself by the fire with music, food and good friends!!
- ◆ 26 (Thursday) **LAST THURSDAY "IT'S OUR TURN". 7:00 PM** *(see top of previous page for details)*
- ◆ 28 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM. 2:00 PM** *(see top of previous page for details)*

PLANK ROAD MEMBERSHIP & ORDER FORM

Cut out the order form and send to address below. Please make checks payable to the
Plank Road Folk Music Society
 PO Box 283, Brookfield, IL 60513.

***Please include \$1.50 shipping/handling for tape or t-shirt**

Membership: Individual

- \$5 for 1 year
- \$10 for 2 years
- \$15 for 3 years

Plank Road Folk Music Society
 Cassettes: \$10 each

- "Down the Old Plank Road"
- "Songs We've Shared"
-

Total Order: \$ _____
 Total Postage*: \$ _____
 Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Membership: Family

- \$9 for 1 year
- \$18 for 2 years
- \$27 for 3 years

Plank Road Folk Music Society T-shirt: \$12 each (circle color choice)

- M Blue/Purple or Yellow/Orange
- L Blue/Purple or Yellow/Orange
- XL Blue/Purple or Yellow/Orange

Name _____
 Address _____

 Phone _____



Howdy Folks!

Hope y'all had a great summer of pickin' and grinin'! We had some great weather, and so many wonderful festivals! Now is the time to settle in, firm up those new tunes we picked up over the summer and get ready for a busy fall season. Hold on to your hats because Plank Road is celebrating 20 years of music! It's *Plank Road Folk Music Society's Roots and Branches...Celebrating Live Music in the Western Suburbs!*

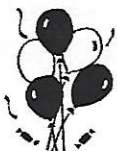
Twenty years ago, a group of young musicians interested in folk, traditional and acoustic style music started up the *Old Quarter Coffeehouse* to bring in musicians who could help them learn what this music is all about and help to introduce this music to the people in the Brookfield/LaGrange area. The desire was to create an environment where the whole family could come and enjoy music. In the process, the group brought not only concerts but also workshops, children's programs, open mikes, sing-a-rounds, caroling parties, barn dances and many events that allowed all of us to not only hear the music, but also participate and learn about the music. The group established the roots and branches for the non-profit organization of *Plank Road Folk Music Society*,

A wide variety of events are planned to help us celebrate this special time! We encourage everyone to help us celebrate with the types of events you have enjoyed at Plank Road over the years. Our regular events continue on, with **Sing-a-rounds, Dance Band Practice, Bluegrass Jam** and of course **Last Thursday: "It's our Turn"**. This fall we also have an "No Experience Necessary" **Old-Time Dance Party at Two Way Street Coffee House on Saturday, October 19 at 8:00 PM**, and a very special **Concert with Carrie Newcomer at the Two Way Street Coffee House on Saturday, November 16 at 8:00 PM**. And in December we have the **Caroling Party on Monday, December 16** and the **Plank Road Christmas Party on Saturday, December 21** (see the Events Listing and articles for more specifics on all these events). For information on Plank Road events call (630) 889-9121 or (708) 442-0823.

Over the years Plank Road has worked together with many community groups to present folk music at various community events, and we continue that tradition this fall at **Danada Forest Preserve's Fall Festival on Sunday, October 13 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. Many Plank Road favorites will be providing music at the food tent (more information on the front page and in the Events Listing).

And more is planned for 2003! We'll celebrate at our **Annual Meeting** in January, as well as the **Old Time Dance Party on January 25** during *Downers Grove's Ice Sculpture Festival*. Plans are in the works for **Plank Road Night** at an area coffee house in February and for an **Irish Concert** in March, and maybe a house concert or two. So keep your ear to the ground and your eyes on the Quarter Notes - *Plank Road Folk Music Society's Roots and Branches...Celebrating Live Music in the Western Suburbs* will continue throughout the 2002-2003 season!!

See you down the Old Plank Road...



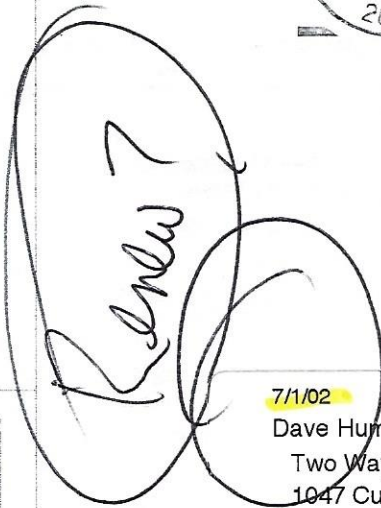
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Website: www.plankroad.org

Two Way Street Coffee House 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL 60515. (630)969-9720

Website: www.twowaystreet.org

Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. (630)916-1356. Website: www.jonesfamilymusic.com

Maple Street Chapel, Main & Maple Sts, Lombard, 60148. (630)629-2630 or (630)964-4871

Webpage: www.tccafe.com/msc

Acoustic Renaissance Concerts Unitarian Church of Hinsdale. (708) 802-0236

Website: www.acousticren.com

Folk Lore Center & Acorn Coffee Bar, 29W140 Butterfield Rd, PO Box 762,

Warrenville, IL 60555. (630)393-1247

Woodstock Folk Music/Festival (Masthouse and Corner Room) (815)-338-4245

Website: www.woodstockfolkmusic.com

Fox Valley Folklore Society, 755 N Evanslawn Ave, Aurora, IL 60506

(630)897-3655. Website: <http://www.FoxValleyFolk.com>

Warrenville Folk Music Society, PO Box 248, Warrenville IL 60555

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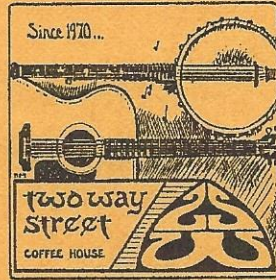
(708)331-6875 Website: www.gwdf.org

South Suburban Dulcimer & Folk Music Society, P.O. Box 455, Park Forest, IL

60466. (708)756-3857

Tune in to "Folk Festival" with George Brown Tuesdays 7 to 9 PM and "Strictly Bluegrass" with Larry Robinson Wednesdays 7 to 9 PM on WDCB, Public Radio from College of DuPage. WDCB presents many other fine folk programs, as well as jazz, classical, reggae, opera, and news and information. For a program guide, call (630) 942-4200.





TWO WAY STREET COFFEE HOUSE

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(Across from the Public Library)

Folk Music Every Week since 1970!

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- Friday September 6 **ANDI AND I** — Funked-up folk duo continues to push the boundaries of what can (tastefully) be done with guitar and two voices. Tight harmonies and intricate arrangements in many styles. Thoughtful, lighthearted, and fun!
- Friday September 13 **LINDA M. SMITH** — Popular Chicago folk-pop singer-songwriter whose songs have mystical, earthy overtones. Influences of Carly Simon, Bruce Cockburn and Shawn Colvin. She opened for Richie Havens at Old Town.
- Friday September 20 **SAMMY FROM MIAMI** — Country, blues, and general craziness from this talented and energetic songwriter and performer. Heard on *Midnight Special* (WFMT), *Mountain Stage* and *Folk Festival* (WDCB). Great CDs too!
(Note Change!)
 [NOTE: SARA GREY, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED, HAS CANCELLED HER USA TOUR.]
- Friday September 27 **DAVID FRANCEY** — Outstanding Scottish/Canadian singer-songwriter. Just won a Juno (Canadian "Grammy") for his latest CD! "Best Canadian folk writer that I have heard in 20 years." (*James Keelaghan*). With Dave Clarke.
- Friday October 4 **WESTERLY** — Excellent vocal harmonies from this entertaining quartet recently heard at our Open Mike. Folk, pop, originals & covers, with guitars. Jeff Churchwell, Kurt Hanus, Martha Nelson, Holly Pintozzi. And a new CD!
- Friday October 11 **RICK NEELEY TRIO** — He seamlessly blends traditional and contemporary songs from his vast repertoire of American folk music. Bob Gibson, Gordon Lightfoot & more. Guitar, banjo, bass. Great new CD: *General Merchandise*.
- Friday October 18 **SMALL POTATOES** — They call themselves "eclecto-maniacs" and have fun with their music! Celtic to cowboy, country to blues, swing to Irish and yodeling. Fine vocals, guitar, flutes, toys. This duo's not *half-baked!*
- Friday October 25 **ACOUSTIC PRISM** — Entertaining group with Dave Borton, John Cavalier, Debbie Hackett and Chuck VanderVennet. Over 150 years of popular music: traditional, standards, contemporary & originals. With guitars, bass, percussion.
- Friday November 1 **LONG JOURNEY HOME** — Classic "brother style" country duet featuring Keith Baumann on mandolin & Chris Walz on guitar. Close vocal harmonies and great picking! Beautiful haunting ballads and hard driving breakdowns.
- Friday November 8 **CALICO** — Singer/songwriters Dave VanDelinder and Dennis Graf have been performing as a duo since the 70s. Great songs and vocals, great guitar and musicianship! Their music and lyrics speak to us all. What more could we ask?
- Friday November 15 **ARIANE LYDON** — Brilliant instrumentals, haunting vocals and wry wit. Traditional and original songs reflect her growing up in Chile, France and England. Celtic harp, guitar and powerful vocals — sometimes all at once!
- Friday November 22 **CAT CATALANI** — Popular singer-songwriter-guitarist whose songs are imaginative, witty and fun! She also features standards of the 1930-40's. A published poet and former college teacher, she now performs full-time.
- Friday November 29 **MARK DVORAK** — One of the Midwest's best loved and respected folk and acoustic blues artists, Mark's shows evoke the spirit of Woody Guthrie. Great songs with guitar and banjo. People remember what Mark Dvorak sings!
- Friday December 6 **THE BITTERSWEET CHRISTMAS BAND** — Traditionalists Cooper, Nelson and Early join songwriter Susan Urban to present holiday perspectives from reverent to ridiculous. Great 2-4 part harmonies, guitars, dulcimer, more.
- Friday December 13 **** OPEN MIKE **** Anyone is welcome to perform, and we always have a great variety of acoustic performers. So popular we must limit the number of acts. 1-3 songs, 10 minutes max. **Open at 7:30** for signups — first come, first served. **Show starts 8:00**. For more information, phone 630-968-5526.
- Friday December 20 **THE JONES FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW** — Enrich your Christmas season with our 16th annual traditional program featuring Anne, Tom and Cathy and their talented guest musicians. You'll want to sing along!
- Friday December 27 **PETE NORMAN'S Post-Christmas Blues Fest!** — 18th annual show guaranteed to banish *your* post-Christmas blues! Great songwriter Pete and his guests present folk, blues and fun songs. Guitar, fiddle, banjo, more!

Saturday October 19 8:00 pm \$4	Old Time Dance Party! — Reels, squares, line dancing, waltzes and more, plus the music of our great band. Fun for the whole family! All dances taught and called by Marianne Mohrhäuser. No experience, costume or partner needed. Plank Road Folk Music Society is co-sponsor.
September 7 & 21 Oct 5 & 19, Nov 2 & 16 December 7 & 21	Sing-Arounds — Our popular song circles 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 each month at 2:00 pm.
Thursdays Sept 26, Oct 31, Nov 28, Dec 26 7:00-9:30 pm	LAST THURSDAY: It's <i>OUR</i> Turn! — A monthly unplugged open mike for high school and college age students on the last Thursday of every month. Music, poetry and other performance arts — 10 minutes max. Doors open 7:00 for signups — first come, first served. More info on our website (www.twowaystreet.org) or phone 630-968-5526.
Nov 16, 8pm: Plank Road Folk Music Society presents Carrie Newcomer.	Dec 16, 7pm: Christmas Caroling

Watch *From the Coffee House* on DGTv, Downers Grove Cable Television Channel 6, Mondays at 7:30 pm
 Live entertainment is featured every Friday night beginning at 8:45. Doors open 7:30. \$3.00 donation requested (subject to change). Refreshments available. The *Two Way Street Coffee House* 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, and North American Folk Alliance. Please call us at 630-969-9720 for current entertainment listings, or visit us on the web at www.twowaystreet.org