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Newsletter of the Plank Road Folk Music Society Winter 1992



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JANUARY

11 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & SING-A-ROUND. At the Lombard Park District Log Cabin, 1514 S. Main, Lombard (south of Roosevelt Rd.) 7:30 pm. Bring instruments and snacks. More info-387-9312 (or 620-7322 day of meeting).

18 CARRIE NEWCOMER in Concert at Hollywood House, 8540 Hollywood Ave., Brookfield. With Special Guest Bob Janis. 8 pm. \$5/\$7.

FEBRUARY

15 SING-A-ROUND! 2 pm. Two Way Street Coffeehouse, 1047 Curtis, Downers Grove.

17 BOARD MEETING (members & guests invited). 8 pm, Two Way Street Coffeehouse, 1047 Curtis, Downers Grove.

22 PLANK ROAD/WARRENVILLE FOLK SOCIETY BARNDANCE. Featuring caller Marianne Mohrhusen and string band music provided by volunteer musicians from both clubs! A Whale of a good time! At the Warrenville Community Center, 3 S. 245 Warren Avenue, Warrenville. Info 387-9312 or 717-8495. 7:30 pm.

MARCH

7 The Plank Road Folk Music Society Presents: "THE PLANK ROAD OPRY!" Starring THE HAPLESS CREATURES, DONA LEE & DAVE RITTENHOUSE, BRYAN DAGENHART, CHARLES LEWIS & More! Sokol Hall, 3907 Prairie, Brookfield. 8 pm. \$5/\$7.

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An Evening with SI KAHN!

8:30 pm Two Way Street Coffeehouse (in Fellowship Hall) 1047 Curtis, Downers Grove. General seating \$10/\$8. Advance tickets: Plank Road Folk Society, PO Box 283, Brookfield 60513 (order form on p. 4).

16 BOARD MEETING, 8 pm. Two Way Street Coffeehouse, 1047 Curtis, Downers Grove. Members & guests invited.

21 SING-A-ROUND 2 pm at the Two Way Street Coffeehouse.

21 From Santa Fe, New Mexico, Plank Road proudly presents the bluegrass and country music of DOUG & WILLA PORTER. At Hollywood house, 8540 Washington, Brookfield, 8 pm. \$5/\$7.

Information 708/387-9312 or 708/964-0305



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Plank Road Goes Hollywood

From Old School Hall, the Prairie Room and the Windemere Room of St. Barbara's Parish (not to mention the gymnasium!) to the 1st Congregational Church, the Brookfield Train Station and Sokol Hall, the Plank Road Folk Music Society has a long history of presenting concerts and other music events throughout the Brookfield area.

Plank Road returns to the intimacy of Brookfield's historic Hollywood House on January 18th, for a very special evening with songwriter **Carrie Newcomer** and **Bob Janis**, and when bluegrass and country stylists **Douglas & Willa Porter** drop by for a March 21 show.

Agenda for Annual Meeting Set

"Music, singing and fun are always on the agenda at the Plank Road Annual General Membership meeting," says Plank Road president **Paul Klonowski**, "But we do have a few issues of business that need to be discussed."

"First, we'll re-instate our officers and take care of our old and new business. Next, we need to discuss expanding our membership, and we need to further develop our volunteer program. There are a lot of volunteer opportunities within our organization that we need to let people know about.

"Finally, the board will attend to members' feedback on our current programs, and most importantly, listen to ideas for future activities.

The meeting will be held Saturday evening, January 11 at 7:30 pm at the Lombard Park District Log Cabin, 1514 S. Main Street, Lombard (south of Roosevelt Rd., north of 22nd Street). The public is invited. Bring instruments and snacks.

CARRIE NEWCOMER at HOLLYWOOD HOUSE JAN. 18

The Plank Road Folk Music Society will present an evening of original music featuring recording artist and songwriter **Carrie Newcomer** along with special guest **Bob Janis** at Brookfield's historic and intimate Hollywood House, 8540 Washington Street, Brookfield, on Saturday, January 18 at 8 pm.

Newcomer was first introduced to midwest audiences several years ago as the leader and driving force behind the popular trio Stone Soup. Since that time, she has struck out on her own to pursue a solo performing and recording career that has taken her across the country. She has appeared at some of the nation's most prestigious clubs and festivals including the Kerrville Music Festival, The bluebird in Nashville, Passim, Charlotte's Web and an appearance on NPR's *All Things Considered*.

Her current release, *Visions and Dreams*, has received critical acclaim and widespread airplay. Mike Flynn's Folk Sampler says of Newcomer's latest project, "Great stuff--Carrie's best recording to date!"

Special guest Bob Janis will open the evening with a selection of folk and pop songs as well as his own compositions; one of which country singer **Don Williams** has indicated interest in recording. "I had a very productive summer writing," recalls Janis. "I put down six or seven songs in what seemed to be a very short period of time. I became more excited about writing and performing again."

Admission is \$7 (\$5 for members) and all ages are welcome. For more information phone 708/387-9312.

New Mexico's Doug & Willa Porter to Perform at Hollywood House March 21

From Santa Fe New Mexico, **Doug & Willa Porter** will make a stop in Brookfield for a March 21 show at Hollywood House, 8540 Washington, Brookfield at 8 pm while on their nationwide tour.

Recognized for their unique approach to acoustic music and distinctive style, the Porters perform a wide range of bluegrass, folk and original songs and tunes as well as country standards.

Doug is recognized as a top-notch flat-picker and song arranger, while Willa's songwriting and fiddle playing are the dominating forces that flow smoothly throughout their music. They'll be performing selections from their recent Turquoise Records release, "Windows."

Admission is \$7/\$5. For information phone 708/387-9312.

To get to Hollywood House, take 1st Avenue (north from Ogden, south from I-290) to Forest/Ridgewood/Washington (that's the stoplight between Ogden & 31st). Head west. After 1 stop sign look on your right, just past the football stadium. It's that easy!

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

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Board Notes

The current Plank Road Board of Directors:

Paul Klonowski, president
Cathy Jones, secretary
Charles Lewis, treasurer
Marianne Mohrhusen, membership
Jerry Burke
Dave Humphreys
Dave Reynolds
Rick Rodriguez
Jeff Sands

...10th Anniversary T-shirts will be available all year long! You may pick one up (all sizes) at any of our concerts for \$10. Or we'll send you one in the mail (add \$1 postage)....

....The Plank Road Folk Music Society will collaborate with the Warrenville Folk Society for a Saturday, Feb. 22 Barn Dance at 7:30 pm. **Marianne Mohrhusen** is scheduled to call, with music provided by volunteer stringband musicians from both clubs! The dance will be held at the Warrenville Community Center, 3 S. 245 Warren Avenue, Warrenville. Don't miss it! Phone 708/717-8495 for more information...

...Speaking of folk clubs, **The Lake County Folk Club** has recently been formed. They hold a monthly (3rd Sunday each month) meeting/open stage at **The Last Chance Saloon**, 129 Center St., Grayslake. at 7:30 pm. This club was formed by our friends in the popular trio **Beggar's Alley**. They've done an excellent job organizing this club in the early going, with some great plans for the future. Become a member by writing them at: The Lake County Folk Club, PO Box 847, Mundelein, IL 60060...

...Don't miss the **University of Chicago Folk Festival** to be held in Hyde Park the weekend of February 14-16.... **The College of DuPage** is putting together a program on Jan. 19 to benefit DuPage County Homeless Shelters. Call Ken Scott at 708/858-5196 for info...

See ya next time!

"PLANK ROAD OPRY" PREMIERES at SOKOL HALL ON MARCH 7

A gala evening of old time country music, folk music, comedy and more will be celebrated as the "Plank Road Opry" comes to Sokol Hall, 3907 Prairie, Brookfield on Saturday, March 7th at 8 pm.

The show will feature the stunning arrangements and fun of Plank Road's favorite vocal ensemble, **The Hapless Creatures of Quiet Desperation**, and the music, songwriting of the entertaining **Bryan Dagenhart**.

Also scheduled to perform are the old-time country music duet of **Dona Lee & Dave Rittenhouse** as well as an appearance by our own **Charles Lewis**.

Joining ranks 1989, **The Hapless Creatures** was originally made up of a group of friends who enjoyed playing music together informally. Over the years they have honed both their ensemble sound and stage presentation, added instruments and expanded their repertoire to become one of the western suburbs' hottest coffeehouse attractions. They've most recently headlined at the Two Way Street Coffeehouse, and at Downers Groves' Heritage Festival.

Folk circuit veteran **Bryan Dagenhart** has been performing consistently for more than twenty years around Chicagoland. Known for his humorous and poignant original songs, Dagenhart is also regarded as being an adept interpreter of traditional ballads as well as other writers' work, having several hundred songs in his repertoire. Accompanying himself simply on guitar, Dagenhart is perhaps best known for having the ability to improvise an hilarious or touching song right on the spot.

Dona Lee Mescher & Dave Rittenhouse began performing together only a year ago, being drawn to collaborate by their love of old-time country music. Dona Lee has sung and strummed her guitar solo and with various band and outfits for more than thirty years. Her repertoire is vast, and boasts some of the best work of country and western music's greatest stars. Dave Rittenhouse is known throughout Plank Road and Chicagoland as an excellent guitarist, having studied and performed on the instrument for thirty years. His favorite guitarists are **Chet Atkins** and **Muriel Anderson**. Together, Dona Lee and Dave have appeared at the Two Way Street, the Fox Valley Folk Festival, and at the Sundowners.

Rounding out the musical portion of the show will be Plank Road's own **Charles Lewis**. Charles' collection of train songs has been enjoyed by folk music lovers for the last 15 years at coffeehouses, clubs and model railroading clubs. His subtle humor and sure hand with the twelve string guitar have made him a favorite entertainer at the Downers Grove Heritage Festival, the Plank Road Folk Music Society and the Warrenville Folk Music Society.

Other attractions are scheduled to appear on the bill. All ages are invited. Admission is \$7/\$5 for members. For more information phone 964-0305.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We at the Plank Road folk Music Society would like to wish you all the best for the coming year! We've got some exciting plans for 1992, and we're sure that you'll enjoy our concerts and activities even more!

I'd like to thank you for making our 10th Anniversary season a successful one, and I'd like to thank a few of the folks who have helped and continue to help our fine organization.

A big thank you to **Scott Witt** and **Ken Scott** at WDCB, College of DuPage Public Radio for continued and excellent support of local folk music. Special thanks to **Dave Martin**, who designed our 10th Anniversary logo (see p. 1). Special thanks also goes out to our dedicated Board of Directors, and to **David Baker** who has been effective in publicizing our events.

It was unfortunate that both **Don Buedel** and **Lisa Lilly** weren't able to join us for our 10th Anniversary concert, and I'd like to thank **Ron Simpson** for stepping in so ably at the last minute.

If you'd like become a member of the Plank Road Folk Music Society, I'd like to invite you to fill out the form on this page. You'll not only enjoy discounts to our shows and events, but you'll also be helping us to provide our community with an exciting and valuable entertainment alternative.

Yours,



JOIN THE TRADITION TODAY!

YES! I'd like to become a member of the **Plank Road Folk Music Society!** Send me the Quarter Notes in the mail 4 times a year so I can find out about all of the great Plank Road activities-**AND** enjoy discounts on the best in folk & acoustic music concert presentations!

name _____

address _____

town _____ state _____ zip _____

type of membership:

- Individual (\$5 annual)
- Family (\$9 annual--includes couples)
- Contributing (\$25 or more--free t-shirt)
- Yes! I'm a new member!

	how many	price@	total
MEMBERSHIP AMOUNT ENCLOSED		\$5/\$9/\$25	
PLANK ROAD T-SHIRT S M L XL		\$10.00	
10TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT S M L XL		\$10.00	
TICKETS FOR AN EVENING W/SI KAHN		\$10/\$8	
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