

Quarter Notes



Newsletter of the Plank Road Folk Music Society Winter '92-'93

Plank Road Winter Schedule Warms Up!

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JANUARY

9 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SING-A-ROUND. All Welcome! 7 pm meeting, 8 pm Sing-a-round. At the Lombard Log Cabin (On Main Street, Lombard, 1 mile south of Roosevelt Road; past Glen Lake Middle School). Bring munchies--we'll provide cider & coffee.

30 WINTER 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. \$4.

FEBRUARY

13 RUNNING FOX BLUEGRASS & THE JONES FAMILY in Concert! 8:00 pm, Sokol Hall, 3907 Prairie, Brookfield. \$7/\$5 members.

15 PLANK ROAD BOARD MEETING. 8 pm at Two Way Street Coffee House. All members & guests welcome!

20 SING-A-ROUND. 2 pm at the Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss. 708/969-9720. Everyone invited!

MARCH

13 PURE UNSWEETENED FAMILY CONCERT with MICHAEL COONEY. A great family show for kids & adults at the Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss (time & admission TBA). Call for details!

13 AN EVENING with MICHAEL COONEY. One of folk music's most respected voices in concert at Sokol Hall, 3907 Prairie, Brookfield, at 8 pm. Don't miss this rare treat! \$7/\$5 members.

20 SING-A-ROUND. 2 pm at the Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss. 708/969-9720. Everyone invited!

20 SPRING BARN DANCE. Co-sponsored with the Warrenville Folk Music Society. 7:30 pm at the Warrenville Community Center, 3 S. 245 Warren Avenue, Warrenville. 708/717-8495 or 708/387-9312.

22 PLANK ROAD BOARD MEETING. 8 pm at Two Way Street Coffee House. All members & guests welcome!

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

February 13th Bluegrass Double Bill to feature Running Fox & The Jones Family at Sokol Hall

The suburbs' top traditional bluegrass artists, Running Fox and The Jones Family will perform in a big Plank Road Folk Music Society bluegrass show on Saturday, February 13 at 8:00 pm at Sokol Hall, 3907 Prairie in Brookfield.

Running Fox Bluegrass has performed extensively over the last decade at major bluegrass festivals and concerts throughout Illinois and the tri-state area. Larry Robinson, who is the host of WDCB's "Strictly Bluegrass" (heard Wednesdays at 3:00 pm, 90.9 fm), is one of the Chicago area's most ardent supporters and promoters of traditional bluegrass music and is the founder and leader of Running Fox.

Their 5 piece ensemble features Robinson on guitar and Dobro along with fiddle, banjo, mandolin and bass fiddle and has appeared most recently for the Warrenville Folk Music Society, and the Joliet Jr. College Multi-Cultural Folk Festival.

The Jones Family will open the concert with a selection of bluegrass and traditional songs, a form of music they have been performing and teaching for more than twenty-five years. Their performances are highlighted by their innovative and beautiful 3-part vocal arrangements and solid musicianship. Their material is drawn from a variety of sources including gospel, folk and old-time Appalachian, and they play a great multitude of instruments.

Mother Anne plays the guitar and Appalachian dulcimer, and handles most of the lead vocal work while daughter Cathy plays the fiddle, banjo and mandolin. Father Tom is one of the area's expert old-time banjo players and also handles a good part of the lead and harmony vocals.

Admission is \$7 (\$5 for current members) and seating is plentiful. for more information phone 708/387-9312 or 708/964-0305.

Pure Unsweetened Family Concert
features
Michael Cooney
on March 13th
in Downers Grove
afternoon show

Michael Cooney's one-man "Pure Unsweetened Family Show" makes a visit to the Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove on Saturday afternoon, March 13th. Although the exact time has not been confirmed as we go to print, it will be an afternoon program the entire family will sure enjoy.

Cooney is a legend in the folk music world giving many thousands of performances in his 25+ year career. He says, "In one sense, all music is children's music. Kids enjoy many songs which we wouldn't even expect them to understand. Sometimes, as with some children's books which grown-ups love too, they appreciate them on a different level."

Cooney plays a wide variety of instruments including the six string guitar, twelve string guitar, 5 string banjo, fretless banjo, concertina (squeezebox) and various other small instruments (harmonica, jaw harp, kazoo, etc.). He also tells captivating folktales (some complete with instrumental sound effects).

For more information, please call 708/964-0305.

**Honesty,
quality mark
Michael
Cooney's show**
see page 3

**Monthly Rehearsal
for
All-volunteer
Stringband**

A monthly rehearsal schedule has been set to ready the Plank Road All Volunteer String Band for the upcoming barn dance series.

Rehearsals will be held on Saturday, January 16; Thursday, February 13; and Saturday, March 13 from 2:00-4:00 pm.

The sessions are open to anyone who wishes to get together and go through the standard repertoire of fiddle tunes, review chords and learn new tunes for the Plank Road dances.

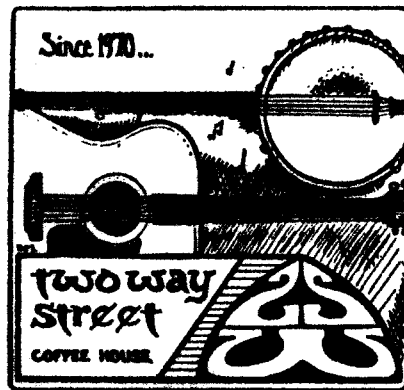
For more information phone Cathy Jones 708/916-1356.

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THE PLANK ROAD
FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY
TODAY!**
"It'll make ya smart"
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acoustic music.

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**TWO WAY STREET
COFFEE HOUSE**
1047 CURTISS STREET 708-969-9720
DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS 60515
(Across from the Public Library)

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

January is FOLK MUSIC AND DANCE MONTH!! Come help us celebrate! Organizations all over the North American continent will sponsor special events to celebrate the many voices of folk music and dance. Folk Music and Dance Month is sponsored by the North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance.

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| Friday | January | 8 | PETE NORMAN'S 3TH ANNUAL POST-CHRISTMAS BLUES FEST!! It's a tradition! Great blues, folk and fun songs guaranteed to banish those post-Christmas blues! Also great guitar, fiddle. |
| Friday | January | 15 | MARK DVORAK -- One of the Midwest's best-loved and respected folk and acoustic blues singers, Mark has won high critical acclaim for his latest CD. With guitar & banjo. Outstanding! |
| Friday | January | 22 | ANITA SILVERT -- Recently returned from the East, Anita now teaches guitar at the Old Town School. Contemporary folk and originals, western swing, ballads and rousing singalongs. |
| Friday | January | 29 | DONA AND DAN BENKERT & FRIENDS -- Fine old-time and classical music on hammered & mountain dulcimers and pennywhistle. With Tom Conway, guitar; and Dale Stallmann, bass. |
| Friday | February | 5 | DAVE CROSSLAND -- From Massachusetts, he plays clubs & festivals nationwide. He returns here with traditional, and compelling original songs of real people. Warmth and wit! With guitar. |
| Friday | February | 12 | KATHY FOLKERTS -- Original songs with vivid imagery, Irish ballads and 90's folk-rock. Great vocals somewhere between Joan Baez and Suzanne Vega. With guitar and pennywhistle. |
| Friday | February | 19 | DENNIS JOHNSON & DUANE LARSON -- Heard on the "Flea Market" radio show and in many clubs and coffeehouses, this popular duo returns with folk, gospel and original songs. |
| Friday | February | 26 | PEG LEHMAN -- An engaging performer with a clear, pure voice. She has several recordings, including a new one for kids. Contemporary folksongs with autoharp and mountain dulcimer. |
| Friday | March | 5 | ANDREW CALHOUN -- Outstanding singer-songwriter-guitarist, his songs blend original imagery, passion, humor and insight. "Chicago's most noteworthy songwriter." (Chicago Magazine) |
| Friday | March | 12 | ** OPEN MIKE ** Anyone is welcome to perform, and we always have a great variety of acoustic performers. Open 7:45 pm for signups. For information, call Dave (708) 968-5526. |
| Friday | March | 19 | SUSAN SMENTEK -- She teaches at the Augusta Heritage Center and the Old Town School. Her songs range from 1940's swing to contemporary country and some originals. With guitar. |
| Friday | March | 26 | MARGO HENNEBACH -- A singer-songwriter from Hoboken NJ, Margo returns with songs ranging from blues to "Irish chutzpah," characterized by emotion and whimsy. With piano and guitar. |
| Saturday | January | 30 | 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 7:00 pm. |
| Saturday | March | 6 | SHINOBU SATO RECORDING RELEASE CONCERT! Acclaimed fingerstyle guitarist and recording artist, he plays and sings American, Irish and Japanese classical, folk and jazz works, many from his new CD and cassette. With Kat Eggleston and Al Ehrich. "Engaging, imaginative player" says Guitar Player Magazine. 8:00 pm in our "big room." Adults \$7 (\$6 advance), kids under 12 and seniors \$5. Information and tickets (708) 675-5214 |
| Saturday | March | 13 | CHILDREN'S CONCERT FEATURING MICHAEL COONEY -- A special show for kids (of all ages!) co-sponsored by the Plank Road Folk Music Society. For information, call (708) 387-9312 |
| Saturdays | Jan. 9* | | 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 (*) January 9th (only) will be at the annual meeting of the Plank Road Folk Music Society at the Log Cabin in Four Seasons Park, 16th & Main, Lombard, beginning at 7:00 pm. Bring a snack to share. Call 387-9312 or 916-1356 for info. |
| | Feb. 20 | | |
| | March 20 | | |

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. Members: Plank Road Folk Music Society, Fox Valley Folklore Society, Old Town School of Folk Music, Aural Tradition, and North American Folk Alliance.

Board Notes

....the Plank Road Folk Music Society is again acting as co-sponsors of the Warrenville Folk music Festival. Plank Road president Paul Klonowski says the society will have an expanded role in this year's event by sponsoring a Saturday afternoon sing-a-round & jam session while also assisting with the Sunday concerts and workshops....

...Auditions for Aurora University's production of "Foxfire" are scheduled for January 9, 11 & 13 at the Penn Theater, Aurora University, 347 S. Gladstone, Aurora. Musicians interested in performing in should contact Irma Parks at 708/896-3783. She's especially looking for banjo, fiddle and bass fiddle players....

...."Irene's Good Night," the south suburbs' newest coffeehouse & music series is off to a great start. The sold out November program featured Mark Dvorak, Anna Stange and Al Tinley, and Sunday evening programs are scheduled for January 24, February 28 & March 28. Irene's 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. 187th Place. For information phone 708/388-9422.....

....Cafe Trieste has expanded their entertainment calendar to include Mondays, Jazz on Tuesdays, Poetry on Sundays as well as quality folk music on Thursday nights. Cafe Trieste is at 111 W. Jackson, Naperville. Phone 708/355-8242 for information.....

....Saturday, January 9, 8 pm. Enjoy the traditional tunes and songs of Cathy Barton & Dave Para presented in concert by C.O.M.P.O.S.T. at the Camp Tu-endie-wei YWCA camp. For information call Bonnie at 708/355-0276.....

...Celebrate! January is North American Folk Music & Dance month. Take in a concert. Play some music with friends. Try a barn dance. See ya there!

An Evening with Michael Cooney

Concert set for Saturday, March 13
at Sokol Hall, Brookfield

The Plank Road Folk Music Society proudly presents *An Evening with Michael Cooney*, on Saturday, March 13, at 8:00 pm at Sokol Hall, 3907 Prairie Avenue in Brookfield.

Michael Cooney is widely recognized for his expertise and for his ability to entertain any type of audience. A legend in the folk music world, his performance, and recording credits and his list of contributions to the field of folk music and folklore are extensive.

He has appeared in countless halls, clubs, coffeehouses throughout the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and Europe and made many media appearances (among them "A Prairie Home Companion," "The Today Show," "Sesame Street," "Captain Kangaroo"). He has performed, lectured or done residencies at hundreds of U.S. and Canadian universities, including Harvard, where he lectured for the Department of Folklore and Mythology. He has performed at all the major North American folk festivals, including The National Folk Festival, Newport, Smithsonian, Mariposa, Winnipeg, Vancouver, San Diego, Hudson River Revival, Monterey and Berkeley. He's been a performer and m/c at the Philadelphia Folk Festival (North America's biggest) for the last 10 years.

Cooney has also served on the board of the National Folk Festival in Washington D.C. and has served as artistic director of Canada's Mariposa Folk Festival and Philadelphia's "Maritime America Festival;" and has served as consultant to many other festivals.

Above all, Michael Cooney sings a marvelous variety of songs--old and new, from far and near--and his repertoire is enormous. He sings authentic American, Afro-American, Canadian, English, Irish and Australian folk songs, old American popular and novelty songs (mostly from the 1920's -1940's), and has an ever-increasing collection of new songs which are funny and thought provoking. He is a captivating storyteller, and he plays a multitude of instruments outstandingly; including six-string guitar, twelve string guitar, five string banjo, fretless banjo, concertina ("squeezebox") and various small instruments (harmonica, kazoo, jaw-harp, etc.).

What Michael Cooney does best, is to *look at an audience and choose the right songs*. Songs that will *communicate* to them (no matter what their musical preferences) the value (and fun) of music. He demonstrates what *real folk music* is, its place in our musical heritage, and it's value to us today.

The Chicago Sun-Times says, "Michael Cooney is so rare and special that every time you see him, it's like the first time you had ice cream. It's a discovery, something new and marvelous that you'll never forget... He'll do whatever is necessary to turn the dustiest, most obscure old relic into something that's **absorbing entertainment**....he can't help impressing happy audiences that **he is close to being the complete entertainer**."

Admission is \$7 (\$5 for current Plank Road members) and seating is plentiful and available at the door. For more information phone 708/387-9312 or 708/964-0305.

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708/717-8495

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello again!

January is North American Folk Music & Dance Month! The Plank Road Folk Music Society is celebrating with a full calendar of events.

We're especially proud to be bringing you the excellent shows on our winter calendar, and we're creating more opportunities for folks to participate in music and dance. We hope you'll be making plans to attend one or more of these events.

Help us celebrate! Bring a friend to a concert (or bring your family to the Michael Cooney Pure Unsweetened Family Show March 13), or try your hand (or feet?) at old-time barn dancing. Dust off that guitar and warm up your voice and join us at our Sing-around. Most importantly--become a member. If you already are a member, don't forget to renew.

As January is North American Folk Music & Dance Month, consider becoming a member of the North American Folk Alliance while you enjoy the blossoming acoustic music and dance scene right here in Chicagoland!

Finally, let me know your thoughts about the coming year. We'll all be at the Plank Road Annual General meeting in Lombard on January 9, or you can drop me a line. We'll do our best to continue providing the best programming we can, and we welcome your input!

Best wishes for the new year!

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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