



◆ Quarter Notes ◆

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Fall 1997

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: Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15., Dec. 20

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.: Sept. 13 (for *Peck House Barn Dance*), Oct. 11, Nov. 8.
No meeting in December.

PLANK ROAD BOARD MEETING

*Monday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 PM
Two Way Street Coffee House
1047 Curtiss St, Downers Grove*

All are welcome to join us as we prepare for upcoming Fall Events!!

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

PLANK ROAD 16TH ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA!

Lou & Peter Berryman In Concert!

Saturday, November 8 at 8:00 PM
*at the Two Way Street Coffee House
1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove*

Admission: \$8.00, \$6.00 PRFMS members.

Call 708/387-9312 or 630/916-1356 for more information. (MORE INFO INSIDE!)

A House Concert with

Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen

Saturday, November 15 at 8:00 PM
*at the Jones Family Music Studio,
Lombard IL 630/916-1356*

Space is limited. Call for reservations.
More Info Inside!

PECK HOUSE OLD TIME FAMILY FESTIVAL AND BARN DANCE

Sunday, Sept. 28
3:00-7:00 PM

*Admission: \$5.00 Adults,
\$2.00 3 to 14 years,
under 3 free.*

Join us for an afternoon packed with activities for the entire family, including an old time barn dance featuring Marianne Mohrhusen, caller, and the Plank Road All Volunteer String Band, folk singing by Bryan Dagenhart, storytelling by Marie Ringenberg, a square dance demonstration by Lombard's own Ocean Waves, plus artisan displays, face painting, a raffle and more! All proceeds benefit the restoration of the Peck House, the first house built in Lombard. For more info, call Penny Arnold at 630/627-1556.

Lou & Peter Berryman featured at Plank Road in November!

Lou & Peter Berryman *In Concert*, Saturday, November 8 at 8:00 PM at the Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove.

This fall, we welcome Lou & Peter Berryman back to the Plank Road stage. Lou & Peter's sophisticated and wickedly funny original songwriting blends the best melodic and lyric aspects of musical comedy, cabaret, and folk music, into a unique style that has delighted nationwide audiences for nearly 20 years. Their whimsical and wonderfully accessible performance of these songs leaves audiences with cheeks aching from smiling, and with a fresh perspective on the human condition.

The 10# Fiddle in Lansing says, "Their songs and performances are unfailingly wacky, and just as dependably 100% right. No one writes songs like Lou and Peter, but everyone recognizes the truth and clear vision behind each one". The Folklore society of Greater Washington calls them "Folkdom's favorite funny folks..." and Grassroots Concerts says "Peter and Lou Berryman just have to be the funnybones of the Midwest". Lou and Peter have been friends since 1963 when they met in an art class and then began their musical partnership in the first of a long series of musical groups. They played lots of different kinds of music; folk, jug band and old-time music, with occasional forays into blues and even rock and roll, which have all been adapted to a growing repertoire of original songs. The musical duo as it exists today was formed about 1975. Since then they have performed in big and little venues across the continent, performing only their original songs. The music reflects the wide variety of interests and experiences of these two, as seen through the softening lens of humor.

With influences as diverse as Gilbert and Sullivan and Edith Piaf, but always with a twist of their own, Lou & Peter Berryman bring an inventive and intelligent humor to the rich melodic legacy of theatrical music. They are in the process of creating their third songbook, and recently they released their tenth recording of original songs to rave reviews. Berryman songs are being sung around the world, by a legion of professional musicians as well as shower singers everywhere, but no one sings them as well as Lou and Peter themselves. Be sure to join us for this very special evening of fun, comedy and music!

PLANK ROAD HELPS WITH LOMBARD'S PECK HOUSE BENEFIT

PECK HOUSE OLD TIME FAMILY FESTIVAL AND BARN DANCE

Sunday, September 28 from 3:00-7:00 PM

at the Lombard Community Building (Grace St & St. Charles Rd. in Lombard)

Admission is \$5.00 for adult, \$2.00 for 3-14 year olds, under 3 free.

Plank Road is joining forces with the Lombard Historical Society and the Peck House Preservation Committee to raise awareness and help fund the restoration of the Sheldon Peck Home, the first home built in Lombard. It seems fitting that an old fashioned barn dance and family festival have been planned as a fund-raiser and a fun way to get people of all ages involved in preserving an important part of Lombard's early history. The roots of the traditional barn dance stretch back to the pioneer days of yore when folks gathered to celebrate and make merry after a barn raising or other community event.

The Old Time Family Festival and Barn Dance will be held Sunday, September 28 at the Lombard Community Building which is located across the street from the Peck Home. *Marianne Mohrhusen* will teach and call the dances to the music of the *Plank Road All Volunteer String Band*. In addition to the dance there will be other family friendly activities such as folk singing by Bryan Dagenhart, storytelling by Marie Ringenberg, face painting, craft demonstrations, a Square Dance demonstration by the Ocean Waves and raffle. Refreshments are provided by Timber Creek Cafe. All proceeds will go directly to the restoration fund.

So join us and help to support this worthwhile endeavor. For more information, call Penny at 630/627-1666 or Marianne at 708/387-9312.

Plank Road Bulletin Board

BOARD NOTES

...Don and Betsy Buedel are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 13 at their place near Rolla, MO. All their friends are invited. There is camping available on their property (primitive) or motels nearby. Call to let them know you are coming. Don's shop number is 417-932-4580.

...Are there any intermediate level fiddlers out there who are interested in playing in a group on a regular basis? Plank Road Band is looking...call Dave Reynolds at 630/964-0305 for more details.

1997 PLANK ROAD CAMPOUT UPDATE

A terrific time was had by all 60 plus campers at this year's 7th annual Plank Road Campout, held the weekend of August 1-3 at White Pines State Park, just west of Oregon, Illinois. Excellent weather again helped highlight the peacefulness of the park setting as many Plank Road families (over 15 families in all) enjoyed the quiet, relaxing surroundings while visiting among friends, singing and swapping songs, fishing, canoeing, and hiking away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life in the suburbs. Next year's campout will likely be the first or second weekend of August at the same location, so mark your calendars now.

Arriving Friday night always seems a little chaotic: leaving work, packing up, racing out to Oregon, trying to get tents up, sleeping bags arranged and a meal prepared by dark. By the time the campfire gets going and the kids settle down, and you finally have a chance to visit with friends and swap a few songs, somehow it always seems worthwhile. Saturday during the day is filled with a variety of activities, but by evening everyone starts gathering for the campfire and song circle. This year the song circle was so large that by the time we got around once, most of the dozen or so people who came for the day had to be heading back home. (For those of you who left, the die-hards did keep the song circle going until about 1:00 AM! By the way, did anyone clean up the rest of those desserts, or did the raccoons get those?) Next year, we need to think about maybe starting the Saturday evening events earlier. If anyone has any suggestions for helping things to run more smoothly, drop us a line at the PO Box on the back page of the Quarter Notes.

We extend a hearty thanks to the "core" group of camping families in Plank Road that have continued to support the Campout and helped to make this weekend a big success! Hats off to: Len and Gail Clark, Paul and Molly Klonowski, Jim and Jennifer Shilt, Ken and Pat Lagerstrom, Will Gentleman, Dave and Barb Reynolds, Jerry and Jennifer Burke, Dave Martin, and Tom, Anne and Cathy Jones, and many others....See you all next year!!

****Folk Music Societies and Venues in the Area (and their addresses and phone numbers!)****

Plank Road Folk Music Society, PO Box 283, Brookfield, 60513. (708)387-9312

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

Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. (630)916-1356

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

Folk Lore Center & Acorn Coffee Bar, 29W140 Butterfield Rd, PO Box 762, Warrenville, 60555.
(630)393-1247

Woodstock Opera House, 121 Van Buren St., Woodstock, 60098. Box Office: (815)338-5300

Masthouse, 528 E Calhoun, Woodstock 60098. (847)836-6278

Fox Valley Folklore Society, 755 N Evanslawn Ave, Aurora, 60506. (630)897-3655.

Warrenville Folk Music Society, PO Box 248, Warrenville IL 60555. (630)717-8495

Lake County Folk Club, Tavern on Lake St., 34600 Lake St. (Lake St. & Rt. 83), Grayslake, (847)949-5355.

HANDS (Hammers & Noters Dulcimer Society), (815)758-0814

South Suburban Dulcimer & Folk Music Society, P.O. Box 455, Park Forest, 60466. (708)756-3857.

Folk Phone: (630)TGI-FOLK or (630)844-3655. *(Have a tape recorder handy! Lots of information, goes by fast!)*

Plank Road's Fall Events Listing

SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 13 (Saturday) **BARN DANCE BAND PRACTICE.** Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. All are welcome to join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes and barn dance etiquette. For info: 630/889-9121.
- ◆ 14 (Sunday) **ART THIEME BENEFIT CONCERT.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 4:00 PM Featuring *Small Potatoes, Tricia Alexander, Diana Laffey, Dan Zahn* and other artists. Benefit to help defray huge medical expenses for this legend of the folk music world who is dealing with extensive health challenges. \$5.00 min.
- ◆ 20 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Songbooks provided.
- ◆ 28 (Sunday) **PECK HOUSE OLD TIME FAMILY FESTIVAL AND BARN DANCE.** Lombard Community Center, Grace St. & St Charles Rd., Lombard. Highlights include a Plank Road No Experience Necessary Barn Dance with Marianne Mohrhusen, caller, and music by the All Volunteer String Band; a set of folk-style songs from our good friend Bryan Dagenhart; storytelling by Marie Rigenberg, and much more. (See story inside) All proceeds benefit the restoration of the Peck House, the first house built in Lombard. For more information, call Penny at 630/627-1556 or Marianne at 708/387-9312.

October

- ◆ 11 (Saturday) **BARN DANCE BAND PRACTICE.** Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. All are welcome to join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes and barn dance etiquette. For info: 630/889-9121.
- ◆ 12 (Sunday) **DANADA FALL FESTIVAL.** Danada Forest Preserve, Naperville Rd., Wheaton. Noon to 5:00 PM. Many Plank Road performers come together to provide music near the food tent. Other events include horse back riding demonstrations, pumpkin decorating contest, art show and much more! Call 630/916-1356 for more information.
- ◆ 18 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Songbooks provided.

November

- ◆ 8 (Saturday) **BARN DANCE BAND PRACTICE.** Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. All are welcome to join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes and barn dance etiquette. For info: 630/889-9121.
- ◆ 8 (Saturday) **LOU & PETER BERRYMAN, IN CONCERT.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 8:00 PM. Admission: \$8.00, \$6.00 PRFMS members. See article inside for details.
- ◆ 15 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Songbooks provided.
- ◆ 15 (Saturday) **STEVE GILLETTE AND CINDY MANGSEN, HOUSE CONERT.** Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. 8:00 PM. Call for reservations: 630/916-1356. See article inside for more information.

Don't Forget!! Watch for information on special December events, such as: *Christmas Caroling Party* on Monday, December 8 at 7:00 PM at the Two Way Street Coffee House; *The Jones Family Christmas Show* on Friday, December 19 at the Two Way Street Coffee House; and the *Plank Road Christmas Party* (TBA).

WANTED~SCARECROWS!!

Help restore Lombard's oldest home, the Sheldon Peck House (circa 1839) by donating a homemade scarecrow (adult or child size). The scarecrow creations will be auctioned off at the OLD TIME FAMILY FESTIVAL AND BARN DANCE to be held Sunday, September 28 at the Lombard Community Building, Grace St. and St. Charles Rd., Lombard. All proceeds to benefit the Peck House Restoration Fund. For more information, call Penny Arnold at 630/627-1556.

Steve Gillette And Cindy Mangsen House Concert

A House Concert with Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen, Saturday, November 15 at 8:00 PM at the Jones Family Music Studio in Lombard. Call 630/916-1356 for reservations.

Performing on guitars, concertina, banjo, and fiddle, Steve and Cindy combine dynamic harmonies, beautiful songs, and instrumental virtuosity to captivate audiences of all ages.

Steve Gillette's musical style reflects his roots in traditional music and the singer/songwriter movement of the mid-sixties. He plays guitar with a unique style using a flat-pick and two fingers with a virtuosity that has been compared to Doc Watson. However, Steve is best known as a superb songwriter. His songs have been recorded by dozens of major artists including Garth Brooks, John Denver, Ian & Sylvia, Waylon Jennings, Anne Murray, Kenny Rogers, Linda Ronstadt, and Tammy Wynette. Steve has performed on over 100 college campuses and at most of the major music festivals. His recent solo album, **THE WAYS OF THE WORLD**, was recorded in Nashville and produced by Jim Rooney. He is also author of the book, **SONGWRITING AND THE CREATIVE PROCESS**, published by Sing Out Press.

Cindy Mangsen has long been a favorite of fans who favor traditional material, although her repertoire includes songs of contemporary writers and original songs as well. Cindy plays guitar, concertina, and banjo, and is renowned for her compelling voice, described by one critic as a voice that can warm a New England winter. Her latest solo album, **SONGLINES**, was chosen one of the top ten folk albums of 1993 by the *Boston Globe*. She is also well known as a member of a trio with Priscilla Herdman and Anne Hills (as heard on their Flying Fish recording **VOICES**), and for her duet album with Anne, **NEVER GROW OLD**. Cindy has been featured at many major US and Canadian folk festivals as well as on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* and *Mountain Stage*.

Together since 1989, this husband and wife team "express a deep affection for traditional and contemporary folk music...Whether the song be a 500 year old ballad, an early blues, or an original composition, Gillette and Mangsen combine respect and intuition for a captivating performance" (*Sing Out Magazine*). Steve and Cindy have delighted audiences across the United States and Europe with their wonderful music, their humor, and their warm presence. They have recorded two duet albums: **LIVE IN CONCERT**, which captures their magic on stage, and **THE LIGHT OF DAY**, which was named Best Folk Album of 1996 by *The Midnight Special* (WFMT, Chicago) and *Folks Like Us*, (WDET, Detroit).

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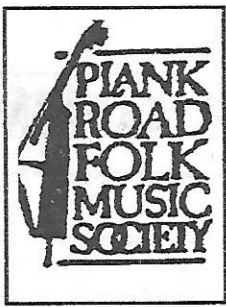
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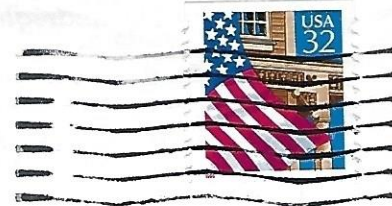
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