

Quarter Notes

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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. 17, Feb. 21, March 21.

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 ★ **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. 10, Feb. 7, March 14** ★
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**PLANK ROAD
 ANNUAL MEETING**

*Saturday, Jan. 24 at 8:00 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



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 ★ **Barn Dance Party** ★
 ★ **with Live String** ★
 ★ **Band Music!** ★
 ★ Sat., Feb. 28 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. 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! For more info, call ★
 ★ 708/387-9312. ★
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**Downers Grove Ice Sculpture Festival
Fri. & Sat., Jan. 23 & 24!**

Main St., Downers Grove. Fri., Jan. 23. 5 PM to 8 PM and Sat., Jan. 24, 11 AM to 5 PM.

Featuring an Ice Sculpting Competition!

Stroll down Main Street Downers Grove while sipping hot chocolate, cider and other warming treats. Marvel at the ice carvings featured by many of the downtown merchants; enjoy entertainment from street performers and browse through a variety of unique gift and specialty stores. Watch as ice sculptors from across the country create ice sculptures for the competition (awards ceremony at 4 PM on Saturday). For more details, talk with Dave Humphreys at the Two Way Street Coffee House.

PLANK ROAD NOTES

Rich At The Roots

**10th Anniversary Folk Alliance Conference
February 12-15, 1998**

Memphis Cook Convention Center
Memphis, Tennessee

For Registration Information,

Call 202/835-FOLK

FAX 202/835-3656

e-mail: fa@folk.org

WWW: <http://www.hidwater.com/folkalliance/>

Pat Caldwell's *The Sweet Message* just released!

Another Plank Road member has just had her first album release! Pat Caldwell is pleased to present *The Sweet Message*, a collection of songs that have brought a message of healing to Pat, and which she hopes will do the same for others. "I made this recording to honor my journey and the people and circumstances that have touched my life in profound ways. *The Sweet Message* is an affirmation of the journey to wholeness that I am on. My intention for this recording is that it may touch something in you that will encourage you to embrace your own journey to wholeness. I offer this recording to you with love, respect and tenderness." This is reflected in this special collection of music. Pat's rich sweet voice brings warmth and life to these songs old (like *Dink's Song*, *How Can I Keep From Singing*, *Danny Boy*) and new (like *Butterfly*, *See Me Beautiful*, *Water from Another Time*, *How Beautiful*), including some original material (*When Morning Comes*, *See Me*). I especially enjoy the sensitive instrumental accompaniment of guitar, keyboard, flute & banjo, which enhances Pat's beautiful singing. For those of us who have admired Pat's lovely singing at Plank Road gatherings, this is the perfect addition to your collection! For information on how to get your copy of *The Sweet Message* on cassette tape or CD, call 708/747-1198.

A Letter from the Peck House Preservation Committee:

To the Peck House Festival and Barn Dance Team, Marianne Mohrhusen and the Plank Road Society:

Our thanks to you for a tremendous effort in planning, setting up, taking down and hosting a really fun filled day. Each person, working together with many others, helped make the day a real success.

We raised \$2,275 toward historic preservation of the Peck House—Again, you made a real difference. Thanks for participating with such great music!!

Gary Bird and Pat Poskocil

(Note: Gary Bird is President of Lombard Historical Society and Pat Poskocil is President of Lombard Historical Commission.)

Please Note:

If any Plank Roaders out there have tape and/or CD releases out, and would like a mention in the Quarter Notes, send the information to : Quarter Notes Editor, Plank Road Folk Music Society, PO Box 283, Brookfield, IL 60513, or call Cathy at 630/889-9121.

"State of the Road"—Plank Road News

Well, folks, we have completed another successful fall season of events! *The Peck House Old Time Family Festival and Barn Dance* was a great success (see the letter from the Peck House Preservation Committee on page 2) For once, the band did not out-number the dancers! Many folks joined in the dancing, young and old. Brian Dagenhart and Marie Rigenberg both had captive audiences for their songs and storytelling. The organizers and volunteers did a great job of decorating the gymnasium at the Community Center, transforming it into an old-time country barn, with bales of hay, quilts, a variety of antiques and the many donated scarecrows (which were later auctioned off) around the edges of the room. Several local vendors and crafters displayed their wares in the lobby, and visitors could stop by the bake sale and view a video about the Peck House. All in all, it was a splendid afternoon, with over \$2,000 raised for the Peck House.

The *Lou & Peter Berryman Concert* also was a wonderful evening! The Berryman's introduced Plank Road to a special trio from England named *Artisan*, who opened the concert with several numbers. Their beautiful accapella singing was spiced with a touch of wit and merriment. Artisan's music and wit greatly complimented Lou & Peter's special brand of music, and the audience left the show with a warm glow inside, and sore jaws from laughing so hard!! There was a great turn out, (with many non-Plank Roaders), record sales were good, and we even picked up some new memberships. On the whole, the evening was a great success!

There were several benefits this fall for Art Thieme, all of which went very well. In November, the Maple Street Chapel benefit concert featuring Larry Penn and the Jones Family Music Studio House Concert with Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen were well attended, and everyone was generous with their contributions for Art. The benefit concert at the Two Way Street Coffee House in September was also well attended and well supported. As you may have heard by now, Art has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. This is a mixed blessing, so to speak. It is hard to hear that our good friend has Multiple Sclerosis, but it is encouraging to know that there is now a diagnosis, which will help with directions for treatment and other kinds of support. But nothing can compare to the support Art has received from the folk music family across the country. Art has been touched by the care and encouragement he has received from the folk community. If you would like to contact Art, or send a card or gift, talk with Dave Humphreys at the Two Way Street Coffee House.

Come and join us for the Plank Road Annual Meeting on January 24, 1998 at 8:00 PM at the Log Cabin in Lombard (see front page for details). 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.

See you down the old Plank Road!!

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PRFMS T-Shirt S M L XL		\$12	
		Add \$1.50 for T-shirt or Tape (postage)	
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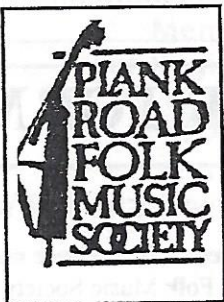
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