



◆ Quarter Notes ◆

Volume 17 Issue 4

Fall 1998

**Autumn Barn
Dance Party**
Sat., Sept. 26
 at **8 PM**
 at the
**Two Way Street
Coffee House**
\$4 Admission
 Caller **Marianne
Mohrhusen** will
 teach the dances.
 The **All-Volunteer
String Band** will
 provide
 the music. Fun for
 the entire family!

Mark Dvorak
“The Streets of Old Chicago”
CD Release Concert
 Sat., October 24 at 8:00 PM
 at the
Two Way Street Coffee House
More info inside!

George Mattson
“All Things Considered...I’m Fine”
CD Release Concert
 Sat., December 12 at 8:00 PM
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**Upcoming Barn
Dance Party**
Dates:
 March 6, 1999
Sweetheart Dance
 April 24, 1999
Spring Dance

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. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19.

Barn Dance Band
“Practice”
 2:00-4:00 PM on 2nd Saturday of the month at the Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard, IL 60148
 Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14,
 & Dec. 12
 For more info,
 call 630/889-9121.

Mark Dvorak in Concert on October 24!

"STREETS OF OLD CHICAGO" CD RELEASE
WEEKEND WITH SPECIAL GUEST
FRANK HAMILTON!

Saturday, October 24 at the *Two Way Street Coffee House*, 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove, IL 630/969-9720. Mark will be performing songs from the CD with special guest Frank Hamilton. Concert starts at 8:00 PM. Admission is: \$10 General in Advance; \$12 General at the door, \$8 for children under 12 years old. For ticket information call 708/387-9312.

Mark Dvorak celebrates the release of his fourth CD, "Streets of Old Chicago," which pays musical tribute to the musicians who founded Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music.

The album features one of the original founders of the Old Town School and former Weaver, Frank Hamilton singing and playing with Mark on four songs. Guest appearances by other Old Town School of Folk Music faculty and staff include Michael Miles, Barbara Barrow, Steve Rosen, Steve Doyle, and Al Ehrich. A chorus of present-day Old Town School students joins Mark on the chorus of Steve Goodman's classic, "City of New Orleans."

The songs on the CD reflect Mark's personal interactions with the music of Chicago's Folk Music legends including Big Bill Broonzy and Fleming Brown and well as Old Town School of Folk Music co-founders Frank Hamilton and Win Stracke, who Mark interviewed and became friends with before his death in 1992.

The songs:

Streets of Old Chicago
Hey, Hey
Once I Had an Old Banjo
El-a-noy
I'm a Stranger Here
The Cuckoo

In the Evening When the Sun Goes Down
Down by the Embarras
The Reek and the Rambling Blade
Sloop John B.
The Man Who Sings
City of New Orleans
Buckeye Jim
The Glory of Love

Join us for this great evening of music, celebrating one of the great landmarks in folk, traditional and all types of acoustic music!!

George Mattson in Concert on December 12!

To celebrate the release of his new CD, "*All Things Considered . . . I'm Fine*", George Mattson will be performing in concert Saturday, December 12th at the *Two Way Street Coffee House* in the large room. The concert starts at 8:00 PM. Admission is \$6.00 General, \$5.00 for PRFMS members, \$4.00 for students and seniors. Joining him will be the members of *Suddenly Country* and possibly other surprise guests. He'll be performing songs from the album including his long-awaited versions of "Buzzards in Love", "Smoke, Smoke, Smoke (That Cigarette)" and other songs in a wide range of styles: folk, country, old-timey and contemporary. There's even a banjo/fiddle/bass trio arrangement of Buddy Holly's "Peggy Sue" suitable to play at a hoedown. For more information on the concert call 630/968-0974.

George has been actively performing acoustic music, especially folk and old country for many years, and has played on other recordings in the past, including *Plank Road's "Songs We've Shared: Down the Old Plank Road, Vol. II"*. He has taught guitar at the *Old Town School of Folk Music* and at *The Folklore Center in Warrenville*, and helps host the *Plank Road Folk Society monthly song circle*. George is known as a fine singer with a rich baritone voice and has a large varied repertoire of songs from many styles of music. He currently performs with the group, *Suddenly Country* which plays honky-tonk and classic country songs from the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's, such as Hank Williams, Bob Wills, Ray Price and many more. In addition, he has performed solo playing traditional folk music, and also sings some of the finest material from contemporary songwriters. He especially likes to do humorous songs with odd twists to their stories, such as "Buzzards in Love" and "Don't Put It in Your Mouth" (which should bring back a flood of memories from your childhood). He's also known to occasionally do some jazz standards and popular songs from the 30's through the 60's.

Join us for this evening of fun, friends and lots of music!!!

Plank Road Fall Events !

SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 12 (Saturday) *BARN DANCE BAND GATHERING*. Rotramel Home, St. Charles. 4:00 to 7:00 PM. We are going to kick off the fall season with a "welcome back" Barn Dance Band Practice and Pot Luck Supper. Bring your instrument(s) and a dish to share. For directions and details, call Cathy Jones at 630/889-9121.
- ◆ 19 (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. For information, call 630/969-9720.
- ◆ 26 (Saturday) *BARN DANCE PARTY*. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL. Enjoy a fun-filled evening of music and dancing 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 for visiting with friends and enjoying the music between dances. Our dances are informal, with no costumes needed—in fact, you don't even have to bring a partner! All ages are welcome! Admission: \$4.00. If you wish to join the band, warm up time is 7:30 PM. For more information, call Marianne at 708/387-9312 or Cathy at 630/889-9121.

OCTOBER

- ◆ 10 (Saturday) *BARN DANCE BAND "PRACTICE"* . Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Open to anyone who is looking for an opportunity to play fiddle tunes for two hours. This is basically designed to give part of the All Volunteer String Band a common base of tunes to draw from for upcoming Barn Dances. All folk instruments welcome. We work both on melodies and on back up, as well as some work with arranging. We also are working on learning how to play for dances—what works to encourage the dancers, what works to encourage the musicians; how to play faster; how to keep together in a group of 15 to 20 musicians; how to follow the caller; etc. If you are interested in more information, call Cathy Jones at 630/889-9121.
- ◆ 17 (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. For information, call 630/969-9720.
- ◆ 24 (Saturday) *MARK DVORAK ALBUM RELEASE CONCERT*. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL . Mark will be celebrating the release of his latest album "The Old Streets of Chicago", which pays musical tribute to the musicians who founded Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music. Mark will be joined by special guest Frank Hamilton, one of the original founders of the Old Town School and former Weaver. Join us for this special evening! Admission: \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door, \$8.00 for children under 12 years old. For more information, call 708/387-9312.



Plank Road Fall Events, Continued

NOVEMBER

- ◆ 14 (Saturday) **BARN DANCE BAND "PRACTICE"**. Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. (See October 10 entry for details.) If you are interested in more information, call Cathy Jones at 630/889-9121.
- ◆ 21 (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. For information, call 630/969-9720.

DECEMBER

- ◆ 5 (Saturday) **MAPLE STREET CHAPEL CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG**. Maple Street Chapel, Lombard IL. All are welcome to join in to the sing-along featuring Christmas music, lead by several of our folk musicians. Song sheets are provided. This evening is co-sponsored by the Maple Street Chapel Concert Series and the Lombard Historical Society. The Lombard Historical Museum (two doors away from Maple Street Chapel) will be open and decorated for Christmas. Luminaria will light the way between the two buildings. A fun evening to open the Christmas season. For info, call 630/624-2630.
- ◆ 7 (Monday) **PLANK ROAD CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY**. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL. We gather at 7:30 PM to warm up at the Coffee House, then we take to the streets of Downers Grove at share Christmas carols with all the downtown shoppers! Songbooks provided. Dress warmly. Flashlight is helpful. After singing, we head back to Two Way Street Coffee House for hot cocoa and cookies! For more details, call 630/889-9121.
- ◆ 12 (Saturday) **BARN DANCE BAND "PRACTICE"**. Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. 4:00 to 7:00 PM. This will probably be our Barn Dance Band Christmas get together. We will play fiddle tunes for a while, then break for a pot luck supper. Bring your instrument(s) and a dish to share. If you are interested in joining us, it is recommended that you call Cathy at 630/889-9121 to confirm time and location. (After dinner, we will all head to George Mattson's CD Release Concert!)
- ◆ 12 (Saturday) **GEORGE MATTSON CD RELEASE CONCERT**. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL. 8:00 PM Join us as we celebrate the release of George's new CD "All Things Considered...I'm Fine". George will be joined by fellow members from Suddenly Country and other surprise guests. George's rich baritone voice and quirky sense of humor compliment a wide variety of styles, including folk, country, old-timey and contemporary. This is a concert you will not want to miss! Admission: \$6.00 General, \$5.00 for PRFMS Members, \$4.00 for students and seniors. For more information, call 630/968-0974.
- ◆ 18 (Friday) **JONES FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW**. Two Way Street Coffee House. 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL. Doors open at 7:30 PM. Show starts around 8:45 PM. Join the Jones Family and friends for an evening of down home Christmas music, including familiar and unfamiliar seasonal music.
- ◆ 19 (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. For information, call 630/969-9720.
- ◆ 19 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD CHRISTMAS PARTY**. Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard, IL. 4:00 PM - ?? Join us for our annual Christmas bash. Bring your instrument and/or voice and join in the jam session. Around 6:00 PM, we will break for a pot luck supper. Bring either a meal-type or snack-type dish to share. Always a fun time to share the season with our friends!! For more information, call Cathy at 630/889-9121 or Anne at 630/916-1356.



*****Some of the Folk Music Societies and Venues in the Area*****

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)964-4871

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

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

Woodstock Folk House Concerts, For reservations call ((815)338-4245

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, Box 847, Mundelein, 60060, (847)949-5355.

HANDS (Hammers & Noters Dulcimer Society), For information call
(708)456-6292

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

Chicago People's Music Network, for information on activities and
memberships, call 630/268-8639

Acoustic Renaissance Concerts, 17 W Maple Ave (Unitarian Church),
Hinsdale, IL 708/579-5695

*Please note: This is not a complete listing. For a more complete listing, check
out the Common Times (see ad on back page of Quarter Notes).*

Hey folks!

What a great summer! Heritage Festival was one of the hottest ever (both music and temperature)! Weather was great for the July festivals. There was a lot of great music on the stages, and some great teaching in the workshops. I would like to encourage you to send me a paragraph or so about your summer festival season. *What was the best, the worst and/or the funniest thing that happened to you? Do you have a new festival to introduce us to? Let me know! Send your story to: Quarter Notes Editor, 36 E. Hickory St., Lombard, IL 60148 OR you can e-mail me at: cbj@mediaone.net OR you can call me at 630/889-9121 and leave a message on my voice mail.*

In spite of the wet weather, about 7 families made it to the annual Plank Road Campout. The weather was not too bad over the weekend. A good time was had by all, but the Joneses were missed!

Keep on pickin' & send in the stories!

Catherine Jones

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PRFMS T-Shirt S M L XL		\$12	
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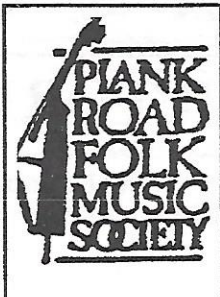
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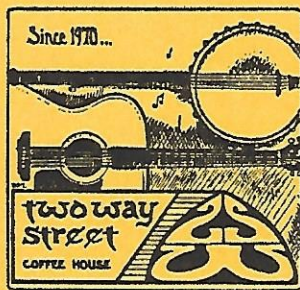
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Two Way St. Coffee House
1047 Curtiss
Downers Grove IL 60515

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Mark Dvorak's "Streets of Old Chicago" CD Release Concert on October 24
George Mattson's "All Things Considered...I'm Fine" CD Release on December 12
Barn Dance Practice Schedule and Sing-a-round Schedule
Barn Dance Party on September 26 (upcoming dances on March 6, and April 24, 1999!)



TWO WAY STREET COFFEE HOUSE

1047 Curtiss Street • Downers Grove, Illinois 60515
630-969-9720

(Across from the Public Library)

Folk Music Every Week since 1970!

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- Friday September 11 **RICK PICKREN with Drew Carson** — “New acoustic” originals blend elements of traditional folk with bluegrass and pop. Newest CD: *House Music*. 6/12 string guitar & bouzouki. Drew adds great mandolin & guitar!
- Friday September 18 **KATE MACLEOD** — With a spare, often chilling lyric style and a voice that shimmers like an arrow in sunlight, this Utah artist delivers striking original songs in the folk tradition. Guitar, fiddle, harmonica. On *Waterbug* CDs.
- Friday September 25 **** OPEN MIKE **** Anyone is welcome to perform, and we always have a great variety of acoustic performers. So popular that we often must limit the number of acts. 1–3 songs, 10 minutes max. **Open at 7:30** for signups — first come, first served. For more information, phone 630-968-5526.
- Friday October 2 **MARK ZEUS** — Mark celebrates the release of his fourth album, *Fine Wine*. With a powerful lyric and vocal ability, he addresses the human condition and social issues with both humor and insight. With guitar and mandolin.
- Friday October 9 **GREG TRAFIDLO** — Award-winning Virginia singer-songwriter appearing on over 30 albums and in diverse venues: the US Capitol, Wrigley Field, Ireland and China. Folk & country, humor & warmth. *With special guests!*
- Friday October 16 **BRYAN DAGENHART** — Always popular and entertaining, he’s one of the best all-around folksingers and songwriters we know. Old songs and new, fun songs, sea and lake ballads and more, with guitar.
- Friday October 23 **DEV SINGH** — A former Chicagoan now living in Michigan, he’s a singer-interpreter-songwriter with roots in the 60’s folk revival. Ballads, blues, traditional and contemporary, with guitar, autoharp, dulcimer and mouth bow.
- Friday October 30 **DAVID CRAWFORD** — CD release for *A Room of Green Rain*, partly recorded live at the Two Way Street. Powerful singer-songwriter-pianist with blues, folk, jazz and gospel influences. Poetic lyrics and infectious melodies.
- Friday November 6 **STEVE CASTLE** — Heard recently at our Open Mike, he’s been bringing his original, traditional, and “borrowed” acoustic folk songs to coffee houses, bookstores and festivals for over 30 years. With fingerstyle guitar.
- Friday November 13 **TRICIA ALEXANDER** — An excellent singer-songwriter and performance poet, she also brings new insights to other writer’s works. She deftly moves from serious to comic and back again. Energetic and entertaining!
- Friday November 20 **BOB JANIS & CHRISTINE GAYLORD** — Funny, challenging, and always entertaining, with a warm and easy-going style that leaves audiences smiling. Fine guitars, delightful harmonies, and great songs!
- Friday November 27 **CHRIS McINTOSH & ALVIN McGOVERN** — Teachers at the Old Town School of Folk Music, they present popular and obscure folksongs of many eras. Sweet ballads to fun English music hall songs. Guitar and banjo.
- Friday December 4 **OPEN MIKE** — (see September 25 listing above)
- Friday December 11 **TOM & CHRIS KASTLE** — This duo brings alive maritime songs and traditions of the Great Lakes, both contemporary and traditional. Fine vocals, sound writing, plus guitar, mandolin, concertina & more. Several great CDs!
- Friday December 18 **THE JONES FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW** — Enrich your Christmas season with our traditional program featuring Anne, Tom and Cathy and their talented guest musicians. You’ll want to sing along!
- Friday December 25 **Closed** — Merry Christmas from all of us at the Two Way Street!

Saturday September 26 8:00 pm	Barn Dance! — Kick up your heels to the old-time music of our great string band. Fun for the whole family! All dances are taught and called by Marianne Mohrhuse. No experience, costume or partner needed. Co-sponsored by the Plank Road Folk Music Society. \$4.00.
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September 19 October 17 November 21 December 19	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. Third Saturday afternoon of each month at 2:00 pm.
Watch From the Coffee House on DGTV, Downers Grove Cable Television Channel 21, 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. Please call us at 630-969-9720 for current entertainment listings. Also open Monday evenings at 8:00. 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.	