



◆ Quarter Notes ◆

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Summer 2001

Heritage Festival

June 22, 23 & 24 in Downtown Downers Grove

FOLK FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 23 from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Fishel Park (behind the Two Way Street Coffee House)

OTHER GREAT FOLK CONCERTS at HERITAGE FESTIVAL:

Tom Landa and the Paper Boys

A Celtic, bluegrass stomp band from Vancouver, BC, Canada

Also Nob Hill Bluegrass Band,

Plus much more music from Bach to rock, street fair, amusement rides, car show, beer garden, food and more!

For more details, see the Two Way Street Coffee House insert in this newsletter, or visit the Two Way Street's web site at

www.twowaystreet.org

Join us for the 2001

Plank Road

Campout

August 3, 4 & 5

at the

White Pines

Forest State Park

Mt. Morris, IL

Join us for this great event this summer! Because site reservations are first come, first serve, applications need to be in ASAP. To get an application, or if you have any other questions, call Will at 708/479-5478 or Jennifer Shilt at 630/620-0688.

Bluegrass Jam

4th Saturdays

2:00 to 4:00 PM at the home of Paul Vander Woode in LaGrange

708/354-3417

All are welcome to come enjoy an afternoon of fun with this hard driving music, improving skills and being inspired to learn new songs and breaks!

June 23, July 28, August 25

Sing-A-Rounds

1st & 3rd Sat. each month from 2:00-4:00 PM

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

Sat: June 2 & 16, July 7 & 21,
August 4 & 18.

Last Thursday: "It's Our Turn!"

The Last Thursday of each month

From 7:00-9:30 PM

At the Two Way Street Coffee House
1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL

An unplugged open mike for high school and college age students, offering an opportunity for creative expression through music, poetry and other performance arts.

June 28, July 26, August 30

For more information, call 630/969-9720

or 630/968-5526 or visit:

www.twowaystreet.org

Festival Season is Upon Us!

Here it is, June, already! Festival season is here!! Hope you all have your instruments tuned, voices warmed up; tunes ready to share and are ready to pick up new ones. Included in this newsletter is a Festival and Summer Event Listing, but I thought you might like some highlights:

Heritage Festival is on June 22, 23 & 24. The festival will be primarily on the south side of the tracks along Main St. this year. The *Folk Festival* is in Fishel Park on Saturday from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM (see the listing on the right for performers and times). Be sure to stop by the recording sales table and see the new Plank Road T-shirts and the new General Information brochure from Plank Road!

July 14 and 15 brings the **Gebhard Woods Dulcimer Festival** at Gebhard Woods State Park in Morris, IL. There is a great line-up of performers as well as many opportunities for workshops, jamming, and perusing the booths of many vendors from across the Midwest with instruments, books, tapes, etc. For details on who's playing, etc., see the Festival Listing in the center of the QN. Other great opportunities are the **Woodstock Folk Festival**, on July 15; the **Lake County Folk Festival** on August 5. In September, there's the **Fox Valley Folk Festival** on Sept. 2 & 3, as well as the **Chinquapin Folk Music & Storytelling Festival** on September 6, 7 & 8. For those of you who like Storytelling, many of these festivals include storytelling events, but the **Illinois Storytelling Festival** on July 28 & 29 is devoted entirely to storytelling. Check the center page for details!

Don't forget about the **Plank Road Campout**, August 3, 4 & 5, at White Pines Forest State Park in Mt. Morris, IL. We plan on the usual—playing around the campfire on Friday and Saturday nights, with hiking, fishing, canoeing, informal jamming, etc. during the day on Saturday. There are lots of options, and the important part is to relax and enjoy time with friends! If you aren't coming for the weekend, plan on joining us for the day on Saturday! For more info, see the front page of the QN and in the events listing.

The monthly **Plank Road Sing-A-Rounds** continue through the summer, so don't forget to check out those dates (also on the front page). Join us any 1st or 3rd Saturday of the month. The Sing-A-Round is open to all! In addition, this year we have added a **Bluegrass Jam** on the 4th Saturday of each month. All the details are on the front page of this issue of the Quarter Notes.

You may want to mark your calendars for Plank Road's Fall Concert with **Special Consensus Bluegrass Band** on **October 20**. There will be an afternoon workshop at the Jones Family Music School from 2:00 to 4:30 PM. The first hour will focus on banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass, with the second hour focusing on playing as a group. Workshop space is limited, so call for reservations soon. Then we will enjoy an evening concert at 8:00 PM at the Two Way Street Coffee House. For more info and/or workshop reservations, call 630/889-9121.

Whatever your summer plans, may your summer be filled with great music!! Keep on pickin' and hope to see you at a festival this summer!

Cathy Jones

Heritage Festival

June 22, 23 & 24
Downtown Downers Grove

FOLK FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 23
10:00 AM to 5:30 PM

*Tricia Alexander with
Alpha Stewart, Jr.*

(10:00 & 2:00)

Eric & Beth Carlson

(10:20 & 1:40)

Lee Murdock

(10:40 & 2:20)

Molly & the Tinker

(11:00 & 2:40)

Jim Bartholomew

(11:20 & 3:00)

The Jones Family

(11:40 & 3:20)

Eric Noden

(12:00 & 3:40)

Shank's Pony

(12:20 & 4:00)

Rick Neeley

(12:40 & 4:20)

Andy Young

(1:00 & 4:40)

Thursday's Child

(1:20 & 5:00)

Closing Jam

(5:20)

The Folk Festival is held at
beautiful Fishel Park
(behind the Two Way Street
Coffee House)

*Don't miss Tom Landa and the
Paper Boys Sat. at 8:30 PM
and Nob Hill Bluegrass Sunday
at 3:30 PM*

Both events are at
the East Stage

(by the Post office)

Also booths, arts & crafts show,
rides, beer garden, plus much,
much more!

Festival and Summer Events Listing from Plank Road!

JUNE

- ◆ 16 (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.
- ◆ 22, 23 & 24 (Friday through Sunday) **HERITAGE FESTIVAL**. Downtown Downers Grove, IL. Sat., June 24, 10:00 AM-5:30 PM, **FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL**, featuring: Tricia Alexander with Alpha Stewart, Jr.; Eric & Beth Carlson; Lee Murdock; Molly & the Tinker; Jim Bartholomew; The Jones Family; Eric Noden; Shank's Pony; Rick Neeley; Andy Young and Thursday's Child (Fishel Park, behind the Two Way Street Coffee House). For more details on the festival, parking, etc. see the Two Way Street Coffee House insert in this newsletter, or check out their web site at www.twowaystreet.org or call 630/969-9720.
- ◆ 23 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM**. At the home of Paul Vander Woode, LaGrange. 708/354-3417. 2:00-4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this music that is pretty and fast, with the appeal of country music, the virtuosity of Jazz and the historical reverence of old time music. By playing together, we have fun, improve our skills and are inspired to learn new songs and breaks to songs, both old and new!
- ◆ 28 (Thursday) **LAST THURSDAY "IT'S OUR TURN" An Unplugged Open Mike for high school and college age students**. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Last Thursday ... provides a place specifically for high school and college age students to present and participate in music, poetry and other performance arts. Doors open at 7:00 PM for signups, which are first come, first served. A sound system and microphones will be set up and waiting. Questions? Comments? Like to help? Call the Two Way Street Coffee House (across from the Public Library) at 630-969-9720 or visit the web site at: www.twowaystreet.org
- ◆ 30 (Saturday) **ACADEMY OF IRISH MUSIC FUNDRAISER CONCERT**. Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 North Knox Ave. Chicago, IL (one block east of the Edens Expressway on Wilson Ave.) 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Help the Academy send their young musicians to the All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil in Listowed, Co. Kerry, Ireland. (See article in this issue of the Quarter Notes for more information, or call 773/775-7864.

JULY

- ◆ 7 (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.
- ◆ 13 & 14 (Saturday & Sunday) **GEBHARD WOODS DULCIMER FESTIVAL**. Gebhard Woods State Park, Morris, IL. 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily. MIKE ANDERSON; CATHY CIOLAC AND ART LANG; DIANE IPPEL & ROB WILLIAMS; BILL ROBINSON & FRIENDS; SANDY ANDINA; CATHY BARTON & DAVE PARA; KAT EGGLESTON; STEVE ENDSLEY; BARBARA HALE ERNST; SHERRI FARLEY; TULL GLAZENER; BARBAR MILOSEVICH; JERRY SANTONI; JESSICA SCHAEFFER; ANNA STANGE; STAY TUNED STRING BAND; ED TRICKETT; BILL AND SHARON VAN DUSEN; DAN ZAHN & CHRIS MCNAMARA. Saturday Night Old-Time Dance, concerts, free workshops, on-going jam sessions, instrument crafters, musical recordings & accessories, food vendors. Requested donation: (Adult) \$12/day; (Family) \$25/day or \$40/weekend. For more info, call 708/331-6875 or write HANDS, PO Box 801, Morris, IL 60450-0801. Visit on the web: www.gwdf.org
- ◆ 15 (Sunday) **WOODSTOCK FOLK FESTIVAL**. Woodstock City Square, Woodstock, IL. 12:30 to 6:30 PM. . Admission: \$8, \$15 for families.
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- ◆ 28 & 29 (Saturday & Sunday) **18TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL.** Spring Grove, IL (5 miles north of Fox Lake on US 12). Featured Storytellers: DOUG ELLIOTT; BETH HORNER; JAMAL KORAM; ANGELA LLOYD; BARBARA MCBRIDE-SMITH. Illinois Showcase: DON FALKOS; ANNE SHIMJIMA. For more info, call 815/344-0181 or check www.storytelling.org

AUGUST

- ◆ 4 (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.
- ◆ 5 (Sunday) **LAKE COUNTY FOLK FESTIVAL.** Paulus Park, Lake Zurich. Noon to 7:00 PM. For info: 847/949-5355. For info on the singer/songwriter competition (with cash prizes!) call Dan Zahn at 630/830-7487.
- ◆ 3, 4 & 5 (Friday through Sunday) **2001 PLANK ROAD ANNUAL CAMPOUT.** White Pines Forest State Park, Mt. Morris, IL. Site reservations are first come first serve, so call now for an application! Or, come out for the day to visit those of us already out there! Saturday evening campfire and song circle, with pot luck dessert bar. For details &/or application, call Will at 708/479-5478 or Jennifer at 630/620-0688.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 25 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM.** At the home of Paul Vander Woode, LaGrange. 708/354-3417. 2:00-4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this music that is pretty and fast, with the appeal of country music, the virtuosity of Jazz and the historical reverence of old time music. By playing together, we have fun, improve our skills and are inspired to learn new songs and breaks to songs, both old and new!
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SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 2 & 3 (Sunday & Monday) **FOX VALLEY FOLK MUSIC & STORYTELLING FESTIVAL.** Island Park, Geneva, IL. (Rt. 38 & the Fox River) Many of the finest traditional & contemporary folk performers in a beautiful island setting. Concerts, workshops, storytelling, dance and plenty of jamming. Watch for more information at the summer festivals! For info, call 630/897-3655.
- ◆ 6 & 8 (Friday and Saturday) **CHINQUAPIN FOLK MUSIC & STORYTELLING FESTIVAL.** Camp Wokanda, Peoria, IL. LOUIS KILLEN; MAMA EDIE; DAN KEDING; LANIALOHA LEE; DAVID JOE MILLER; TOM & CHRIS KASTLE; L.J. SLAVIN; THE STORYWEAVERS; THE RUSTY PICK-UP BAND. Ghost Story Concert Friday 8:00 to 10:00 PM. Workshops and Concerts 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM. Barn Dance Saturday 7:00 to 9:00 PM with the Rusty Pickup Band. For details, write c/o Forest Park Nature, 5809 Forest Park Drive, Peoria, IL 61604 or for general information call 309/686-3360. For camping reservations, call 309/579-2157.
- ◆ 8 (Saturday) **BARN DANCE BAND PRACTICE.** Jones Family Music School, Lombard. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. These monthly sessions for any participants in the All-Volunteer String Band to brush up on fiddle tunes resume. Call 630/889-9121 for more information.

HELP SEND TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS TO COMPETITION IN IRELAND!

The Academy of Irish Music has a long and proud history of providing Irish music in the Chicago area. The Academy, a non-profit organization, was established in 1994 at the Irish-American Heritage Center by Jim Sloan, Noel Rice, and Bill Currie. It ensures that the traditional ways of teaching and learning Irish music continue to be handed down from generation to generation.

The goal of the Academy is to make traditional music a part of the student's general education, something they will have and enjoy for the rest of their lives. It provides a teaching environment of traditional Irish music for all Chicago youths.

A major source of funding is from the Irish Music Foundation, a non-profit corporation. The school supports youth groups who have consistently won honors at the annual Mid-West Fleadh Cheoil and the annual Fleadh Cheoil in Ireland. We are proud to report that Our students have again qualified, by taking first and second places in group ensembles and solo competitions at the Mid-West Fleadh Cheoil, to compete in the Fleadh Cheoil to be held in Listowl, Co.Kerry in August 2001.

In order to help defray the cost of travel expenses for our students, we are asking for your support by way of a cash donation. Or, you may contribute an item of value (gifts, coupons, dinners) that will be used in a raffle at a fundraiser held for the Academy of Irish Music on Saturday, June 30, 2001 at the Irish-American Heritage Center.

Your support for this cause will ensure the continued success of the Academy and promote our Irish culture through music.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,
Noel Rice

President, Academy of Irish Music



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SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH • 7:00^{PM} - 12:00^{AM}

\$10.00 DONATION

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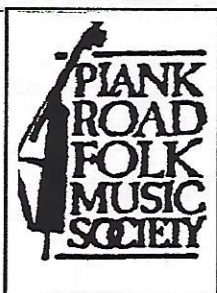
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