

# The Lake County Folk Club Newsletter



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## No Club Event

grab a straw for national  
ROOTBEER FLOAT DAY

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## Open Stage

hosted by  
SCOTT ENGSTROM

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## Concert Stage

featuring  
BRIAR ROAD

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## Song Circle

hosted by  
DAVID CALLAN

### CONCERT STAGE / AUGUST 20

## BRIAR ROAD

[danandkatemusic.com](http://danandkatemusic.com)



Briar Road is a three-pronged, roots-music juggernaut playing traditional and contemporary folk, blues, swing, jazz and original material. The well-regarded ensemble is led by **Dan Zahn** (vocals, guitar, mandolin, Native American flute) with **Kate Moretti** (vocals, guitar, banjo, ukulele, dulcimer) and **Rusty Winchel** (rounding out the bottom on bass guitar and vocals).

Their lively, fresh and invigorating musical arrangements are combined with beautifully versatile three-part vocal work—drawing on the deep well of American folk, jazz and gospel traditions. Consummate performers with a refreshing lack of pretense, they weave spontaneous and easygoing humor into every show.

Come out and enjoy **an evening of musical alchemy**, as this accomplished trio of performers turn wood, wire and words into gold.

### ★ **OPENING: Jerry Thiel**

Getting the evening's concert off to a brilliant start will be the uber-talented singer/songwriter Jerry Thiel. Well known for his enduring work with the Lake County folk-pillar "Compass," Jerry will draw you in with both Celtic-tinged originals and soulful interpretations of traditional songs.

### EVENTS

Sundays at 7PM

### NEW LOCATION! ←

Grayslake  
Heritage Center

164 Hawley Street  
Grayslake, IL  
[Link to Map >](#)

### CONCERT ADMISSION

General	\$18
Senior	\$15
Members	\$13

Doors open at 6:00PM for  
all concert performances.

### CONCERT RESERVATIONS

847.602.8882

Please text or call before noon  
on the Sunday of the show.

## September Events

### OPEN STAGE SEPTEMBER 10

Sign-up at 6:30PM  
Host: **Scott Engstrom**

### CONCERT STAGE SEPTEMBER 17

Artist: **Johnsmith** [johnsmithmusic.com](http://johnsmithmusic.com)  
Opener: **Merv Collins**

### SONG CIRCLE SEPTEMBER 24

Sign-up at 6:30PM  
Host: **Judi Z**

## Future Events

### CONCERT STAGE OCTOBER 15

Artist: **Anne Hills** [annehills.com](http://annehills.com)  
Opener: **Jim Fine**

### BEHIND THE SONG OCTOBER 29

Artist: **Annie & Rod Capps** [annieandrodccapps.com](http://annieandrodccapps.com)  
Host: **Chuck VanderVennet**

### CONCERT STAGE NOVEMBER 19

Artist: **LJ Booth and Chris Kokesh** [ljbooth.com](http://ljbooth.com)  
Opener: **Blind Hills** [chriskokesh.com](http://chriskokesh.com)

## Become a Member or Volunteer

### 2017 MEMBERSHIP

Individual \$20  
Family \$30

Only members are chosen as opening acts for the featured performers of our Concert Series.

Please inquire at any of our events about becoming a member. We appreciate your support!

### VOLUNTEER

All of the work involved in our concerts (*booking, promotions, venue equipment set-up and tear-down*) is performed by our loyal volunteers.

Please consider volunteering your time and energy. Just mention that you'd like to at any LCFC event.

### UPCOMING CONCERT STAGE / SEPTEMBER 17



## JOHNSMITH

[johnsmithmusic.com](http://johnsmithmusic.com)

Johnsmith is an artist possessing a genius that cannot be denied. For the past thirty-plus years, he has been sharing his music all across America and abroad. He has become a favorite at festivals, clubs, and house concerts alike, and we are thrilled to have him at the Folk Club.

In addition to being a **Kerrville New Folk Winner**, Johnsmith has released seven solo albums to rave reviews, leads musical tours to Ireland, teaches songwriting, and has served as a staff songwriter in Nashville. With his open demeanor and his infectious smile, **John immediately connects with audiences** through the expressive tones of his vocals and guitar.

"His music is open-hearted, unpretentious, grounded in the personal, yet always accessible and universal," says Sing Out! magazine.

### ★ OPENING: MERV COLLINS

The evening will get off to an explosive start with the incendiary picking of our club's resident "guitar-hero," Merv Collins. Merv may not sing, but his guitar surely does—in beautifully rich and complex original compositions, or unique arrangements of your favorite tunes. With influences from the Beatles to Bach, and everything in between, Merv's gift for melodic finger-style guitar is quite superb.

# Our Venues



## Grayslake Heritage Center

The Grayslake Heritage Center located at 164 Hawley Street in downtown Grayslake is our home for the majority of club events, including **Open Stage, Song Circle and most concerts**. This intimate space in a building rich with history and warmth of community is in perfect alignment with the folk music tradition we proselytize at our club events.

The [Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum](#) has become well known for assembling and displaying a wide variety of fascinating exhibits centered on Grayslake history. And we are part of that rich history! The Lake County Folk Club was founded in **October 1991 at the Last Chance Saloon** in downtown Grayslake.



[MAP TO GHC >](#)  
164 HAWLEY STREET



## Grayslake Village Hall

The LCFC is very excited to occasionally host some concerts at the beautiful Grayslake Village Hall theater space. We will make it clear in which performances will take place at this venue—just **look for the icon on the left** in concert listings.

The Village Hall is located at 10 South Seymour Avenue in downtown Grayslake, just west of the railroad tracks, and just a couple of blocks away from our typical venue, the Heritage Center.



[MAP TO GVH >](#)  
10 S SEYMOUR AVENUE

*Light refreshments will be available during events, and the Grayslake community offers [many dining options](#) for those who want to eat before the music.*

## Open Stage / Second Sundays

The second Sunday of each month is our Open Stage night, hosted by Scott Engstrom. Come out and enjoy some great local musical talent! Non-performing listeners are always encouraged and will be pleasantly surprised with the diverse musical styles represented. There's a little something for everyone.

***Anyone who would like to perform is encouraged to do so.***

You'll never find a more supportive audience than at the LCFC. Sign-up begins at 6:30 PM and the music starts at 7:00. Each performer is allowed up to two songs spanning about 10 minutes. If time permits—and it usually does—artists can perform an additional song near evening's end. ( *suggested \$3 donation* )



## Song Circle / Fourth Sundays

On the fourth Sunday of each month we hold our Song Circle. Members and non-members are always welcome. Come out to play or just listen.

***Make music, learn new songs, make new friends.***

Marcia Krieger, along with other members of the LCFC, hosts our Song Circle. It's a casual opportunity to kick back, play some music and meet others. The participants form a circle—each one in turn can choose to play a song, ask another participant for a song, or pass. It's a chance to lead songs or to join in with others. We keep moving around the circle until it's time to call it a night. ( *suggested \$3 donation* )

## Behind the Song / Check Schedule

We are thrilled to (occasionally) present a special Behind the Song concert, hosted by Chuck VanderVennet. These unique events are an intimate exploration of the personal craft of songwriting from one artist's perspective.

***Entertainment and inspiration.***

Part concert, part interview, Chuck speaks candidly with the featured artist, and deftly exposes the backstory underlying song origins, stylistic choices, and the process of songwriting. Chuck also provides an opportunity for audience interaction, voicing any burning questions attendees might have. These are inspirational evenings for any music lover.



# Lend a Hand ...or two

Please consider volunteering at the  
**Fox Valley Folk Music & Storytelling Festival**  
in Geneva, IL on September 2nd – 4th.

SIGN UP: [2017 Fox Valley Folk Festival Volunteer Form](#)

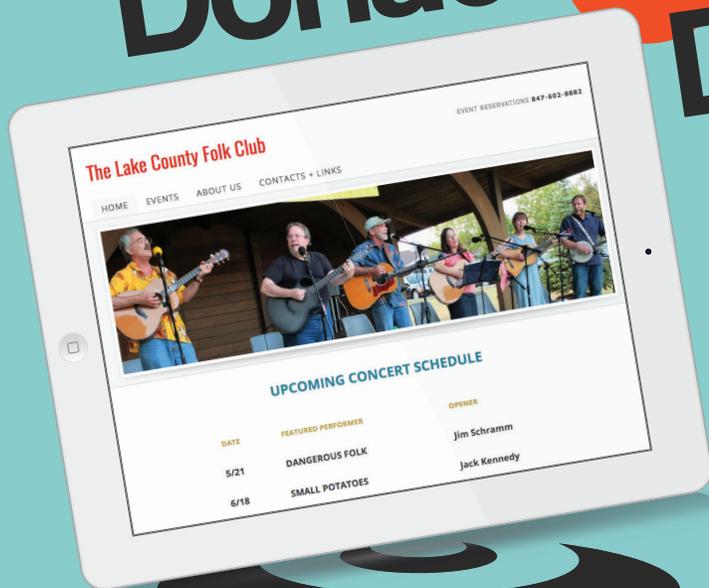
OR CONTACT: Cheryl Joyal at [cheryl@fvfs.org](mailto:cheryl@fvfs.org)

FOR MORE INFO: [www.foxvalleyfolk.com](http://www.foxvalleyfolk.com)

Enjoy this wonderful folk festival with storytelling, crafts, jamming and a great concert lineup in a beautiful island setting on the Fox River. Some Lake County Folk Club performers will kickoff each day of the festival with a round-robin show on one of the open-air stages.



## Donate Deduct



The Club is looking for a patron to donate a **used/older iPad** to act as a mobile credit card reading station at concert events.

**\* THIS IS A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION \***

Contact Club Treasurer David Callan  
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