

# The Lake County Folk Club Newsletter


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### SPECIAL CONCERT / SEPTEMBER 3

## BROTHER SUN

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

National Touring Artists **Greg Greenway, Pat Wictor, and Joe Jencks** have made their mark as veteran touring singer-songwriters, but Brother Sun is no songwriter's round.

The trio's harmonies, as much as their lyrics, tell what they are about: **warm as a campfire, stirring as a gospel church, rousing as a call to arms.** Fusing folk, Americana, blues, pop, jazz, rock, and a cappella singing, Brother Sun is an explosion of musical diversity and harmony, in the finest of male singing traditions.

Their combined musical skills make for an unforgettable experience—three rich voices blending on a well-crafted foundation of guitar, slide guitar, piano, ukulele, and bouzouki. Their performances are marked by outstanding original songs, ethereal harmonies, off-the-cuff humor, and standing ovations.

**"Folk on steroids! Nimble, strong and soothing all at once!"** says Mary Sue Twohy of *The Village Folk Show on Sirius XM*



### 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.



### THIS CONCERT IS AT GRAYSLAKE VILLAGE HALL

Doors open at **6:15PM** for this special evening of music at the Grayslake Village Hall. Folk Club portion of ticket sales to be donated to the Grayslake Heritage Center flood restoration efforts.

## October Events

### OPEN STAGE OCTOBER 8

Sign-up at 6:30PM w/**Scott Engstrom**

### CONCERT STAGE OCTOBER 15

Artist: **Anne Hills**

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

Opener: **Jim Fine**

### SONG CIRCLE OCTOBER 22

Sign-up at 6:30PM w/**David Callan**

### BEHIND THE SONG OCTOBER 29

Artist: **Annie & Rod Capps**

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

Host: **Chuck VanderVennet**

## Future Events

### CONCERT STAGE NOVEMBER 19

Artist: **LJ Booth and Chris Kokesh**

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

Opener: **Blind Hills**

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

### CONCERT STAGE DECEMBER 17

Artist: **Tricia Alexander**

[triciaalexander.org](http://triciaalexander.org)

Holiday Special!

### CONCERT STAGE FEBRUARY 18

Artist: **Diamonds in the Rust**

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

Opener: **TBD**

## 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.



### 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.

UPCOMING CONCERT STAGE / OCTOBER 15

## ANNE HILLS

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

Anne Hills has become one of the better known voices on the contemporary folk music scene, receiving awards and recognition for her live performances, her unique solo and collaborative recording projects, and her overall artistry and benefit work. Blessed with **a stunning soprano voice**, she accompanies herself on guitar, banjo, or simply a Tibetan bell, and puts her whole heart and soul into the moment.

Anne is a **truly gifted songwriter** who occupies a seat in the upper echelon of the craft. You won't want to miss a chance to hear her exquisite songs and stories in person, as she will undoubtedly win you over with her warm, lively and humorous performance.

"Anne's writing is as direct, melodic and deep as any work being done today. **She is quite simply one of my absolute favorite songwriters.**" — *Tom Paxton*.

### ★ OPENING: JIM FINE

Kicking off the evening of music is seasoned performer and club member, Jim Fine. Cut from similar cloth as the great Guy Clark, Jim is an acoustic troubadour who mixes folk wit with a little dusty twang on his authentic interpretations of alt-country laments and rootsy ballads. With a smooth baritone voice and graceful guitar work, Jim is much more than fine.



UPCOMING CONCERT / OCTOBER 29

## Behind the Song with Annie & Rod Capps

On a musical journey that began in 1982, **Annie and Rod Capps** have earned sincere praise for their songwriting and musicianship, with two albums topping the Folk-DJ charts, multiple Detroit Music Award nominations, and as two time Kerrville New Folk Finalists. For more than 30 years they've been cultivating a symbiotic sound that reflects their deep and intuitive understanding of each other, delivering songs with an all-American roots vibe and a soulful groove. Get insight into the stories behind the songs on this special night.

### HOST: CHUCK VANDERVENNET

It's part concert, part interview, with a focus on song-craft and composition. Chuck VanderVennet comes armed with insightful questions for the artist (and takes some from the audience) to deftly expose the backstory underlying song origins, stylistic choices, and the process of songwriting.



# 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.



