

The Lake County Folk Club Newsletter



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**No Club
Event**

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**Open
Stage**

hosted by
SCOTT ENGSTROM

18

**Concert
Stage**

featuring
LEE MURDOCK

25

**No Song
Circle**

enjoy your
HOLIDAYS!

CONCERT STAGE / DECEMBER 18

Lee Murdock (*Holiday Special*)

leemurdock.com



There is a timelessness in Lee Murdock's music. His musical influences span 15 generations, and combine original compositions with traditional music. Noted as a fluent instrumentalist on six and 12-string guitars, Lee combines ragtime, Irish, blues and folk styles with a flair for storytelling in his repertoire firmly grounded in work-song tradition from the rugged days of lumberjacks and wooden sailing schooners (with a bend on the Great Lakes).

This solo performance by Lee will have a **special holiday bearing**, so come prepared to **lend your voices** on a holiday favorite or two! The show also celebrates Lee's new "Loving Light" CD release—his 21st!

★ OPENING: JUDI Z

Folk Club member Judi Z will open the evening's concert with her passionate and soulful song interpretations. Accompanying herself on acoustic guitar, Judi sings with a power and grace that is a welcome gift for the holidays. When Judi isn't making music at our Open Stage or hosting Song Circle, she is busy performing with her band, [Straight Ethyl](#), which she says is oriented toward "boomer rock."

EVENTS

Sundays at 7PM

LOCATION

PRIMO

Italian American Cuisine
720 Milwaukee Avenue
Gurnee, IL

[Link to Map >](#)

CONCERT ADMISSION

General	\$15
Senior	\$12
Members	\$10

We ask for a suggested donation of \$3 at Open Stage and Song Circle.

CONCERT RESERVATIONS

847.602.8882

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

January Events

OPEN STAGE JANUARY 8

Host: **Scott Engstrom**

CONCERT STAGE JANUARY 15

Artist: **Bryan Bowers** bryanbowers.com >
Opener: **Scott Engstrom**

SONG CIRCLE JANUARY 22

Host: **Judi Z**

BEHIND THE SONG JANUARY 29

Artist: **Chris Vallillo** ginridge.com >
Host: **Chuck VanderVennet**

Future Events

CONCERT STAGE FEBRUARY 19

Artist: **Patty Stevenson & Craig Siemsen** pattycraig.com
Opener: **TBD**

ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 26

Led by: **Scott Engstrom**
All members welcome! SongCircle directly follows.

CONCERT STAGE MARCH 19

Artist: **TBD**
Opener: **TBD**

Become a Member or Volunteer

2016 MEMBERSHIP

Individual \$15
Family \$21

Only members are chosen as opening acts for our Concert Series. Please inquire at any of our events about becoming a member.



Dues to Increase Jan 2017

Increased venue costs dictate a slight raise in membership fees

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 / JANUARY 15

Bryan Bowers

bryanbowers.com



For over four decades, Bryan Bowers has been to the autoharp what Earl Scruggs was to the five-string banjo. From his rather unglamorous beginning as a Seattle street singer in the early 70s, Bryan has become a truly major artist on the traditional music circuit.

His **instrumental virtuosity** combined with his warmth, eloquence, expression and professionalism puts Bowers in the company of luminaries like Chet Atkins, David Grisman, Itzhak Perlman, and Tony Rice. In addition to redefining the autoharp, he's also well known as a singer and skillful songwriter. Bryan has a dynamic outgoing personality and an uncanny ability to enchant a crowd in practically any situation. **This show is not to be missed.**

★ OPENING: SCOTT ENGSTROM

Long-time club member Scott Engstrom will open the evening's concert. Scott is the always engaging host of the monthly Open Stage and an accomplished songwriter, finger-style guitarist and bluegrass/claw-hammer banjoist. His original songs—embracing both traditional and contemporary styles—are always infused with soulful, world-wise perspective and clever turns of phrase.

JANUARY 29



Behind the Song with Chris Vallillo

Chris Vallillo is a nationally acclaimed singer/songwriter and folk musician who makes the people and places of “unmetropolitan” America come to life in song. Performing on six-string and bottleneck slide guitars and harmonica, Chris weaves original, contemporary, and traditional songs and narratives into a compelling and entertaining portrait of the history and lifestyles of the Midwest.

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.

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. Music starts at 7 PM, but come a little earlier to sign up. 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.



Song Circle / Fourth Sundays

On the fourth Sunday of each month we hold our Song Circle. Members and non-members are welcome...players and listeners alike are encouraged.

Make music, learn new songs, make 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 play and sing songs of your choosing or to join in with others. We keep moving around the circle until it's time to call it a night.

We're Your Folk Club!

Music for the people, by the people.

JOIN THE CLUB, RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR SEND A DONATION.

I/We wish to (check one): **Join** _____ **Renew** _____

Membership Type: _____ **Individual / \$15.00**

_____ **Family / \$21.00**

_____ **Angel / Over \$25**

_____ **Total Amount**

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