

## Singlalong Sue's Group Guitar Class for Beginners

- Classes will be offered twice a month (generally, the second and fourth Saturdays of the month) at 10:30 AM
- Location: Newton Library at the City Building
- Occasional workshops/jams offered the 4th Saturday of the month, as needed
- Required supplies: An acoustic guitar, a 3-ring binder
- Optional supplies: A portable music stand, an electronic guitar tuner
- Class size is limited; Call **435-535-1408** to schedule

**Philosophy:** Group lessons provide basic training and opportunities for interaction with others. The learning is driven by the songs. Lessons are designed to offer a folk, rock, or country perspective ... and more, as students advance. The plan is designed to be satisfying and practical, not grueling (although it does take a lot of work to become a good guitarist).

There will be one new lesson every month, and one extended practice session every month. These will usually be scheduled on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, at 10:30 AM, at the Newton Town Library. But check the schedule, below, to be sure.

### Sample Lessons



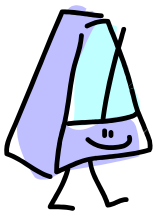
#### Lesson 1 - Getting Started

**Objectives:** General guitar appreciation, Good habits, Basic skills (tuning and chord charts); Learn D and Em chords, Learn to play A Horse with No Name; Practice moving smoothly between chords



#### Lesson 2 - PLAY Lotsa Songs with just 2 More Chords

**Objectives:** Learn a new strumming pattern, learn the C and G chords, learn some standard chords progressions, Start on Eleanor Rigby (or one of 3 other songs)



#### Session 3 - I've Got Rhythm (Strumming)

**Objectives:** Appreciate many different strumming patterns; Learn to split chords (boom-chucka style); Learn to strum vigorously, Learn to strum sensitively, Learn Am, A7, and D7 chords, Start on Yellow Submarine and/or Simple Gifts



#### Session 4- Burn It Up (at the Campfire): 60 minutes

**Objectives:** Learn how to change strings; Tips on conducting singalongs; Learn some 3-chord folk songs



### Session 5 - Wayfarers and Wipeouts: 60 minutes

**Objectives:** Review progress on the basics, Appreciate the guitar as an innovator's instrument; Learn some new chords; Learn the first part of a rock/surf song to practice basic picking; Learn the first part of a folk song to practice strumming



### Session 5 - Take a Breather (Catch Up and Share)

**Objectives:** Review progress so far and see where we need to catch up; Students bring a favorite song for the group



### Session 6 - Playable and Singable Songs (Transposing)

**Objectives:** Understand how keys work; Know the main chords in each key; Transpose songs from one key to another using math, ear, and capos; Learn about playing well with others and jam session tips and tricks



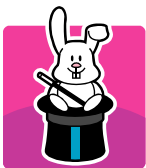
### Session 7 - Marshmallows (Campfire Songs II), Easy Choruses

**Objectives:** Get comfortable with various strumming patterns; Learn some crowd-pleasing songs with easy choruses for singing along



### Session 8 - Guitar Logic: Scales, Power Chords, Barre Chords

**Objectives:** Begin to play scales for use in lead guitar; Learn about power chords and barre chords (basic necessities for rock guitar)



### Session 9 - Tricks for Singer/Songwriters

**Objectives:** Learn special effects used by songwriters and lead guitarists

## **Cost of the Lessons:**

\$5 per lesson, donated to the Newton Town Library

## **Expectations of Students:**

1. Attend most of the sessions. The course progresses. Missing lots of classes means you will fall behind.
2. Practice on your own at home. Twenty minutes/day is the suggested minimum. That amounts to about 2 hours/week.

## **2015 Schedule (subject to change):**

January 10, 10:30 AM

January 24, 10:30 AM

February 7, 10:30 AM

February 21, 10:30 AM

March 14, 10:30 AM

March 28, 10:30 AM

April 11, 10:30 AM

April 25, 10:30 AM

May 9, 10:30 AM

May 23, 10:30 AM

Summer class to be determined