

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

- Connect with other players at your level
- Strengthen your rhythm & lead skills.
- Enjoy structured jam opportunities.
- Build a shared, eclectic repertoire.
- Integrate essential music theory.
- Understand the fingerboard.
- Work out your jam-jitters.
- Learn to improvise.
- Have a blast.



We put it all together.

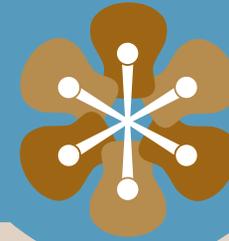
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The right songs.
The right skills.
The right people.

YOUR CHALLENGE

We all know the ingredients of a satisfying shared music-making experience:

- The right *songs*.
- The right *skills*.
- The right *people*.



But in this day and age, putting them all together can be a challenge. We're busy. We're isolated. People have such diverse musical tastes. Maybe our playing skills aren't so strong. Maybe the thought of diving into a jam gives us the willies. The list of obstacles goes on and on...

So we often end up learning and playing alone. It's no wonder that so many guitarists stagnate or give up playing all together for long periods of time.

But the desire for strong musical connections is every bit as persistent as the challenges we face. The flame may die from time to time, but the embers never seem to stop smoldering.

That's the sign of a true heart's desire. And we want to help you satisfy it.

OUR ANSWER

Community Guitar classes focus specifically on the the skills, styles and songs that really work in a jam setting. Our goal is to help you develop the four critical components that, together, can make for a lifetime of deeply satisfying music-making with others:

- Strong rhythm and lead guitar skills
- A repertoire of great jam tunes
- An understanding of essential music theory and the fretboard
- Personal connections with other players at your level

Community Guitar classes are offered at three distinct levels so whether you have just finished your first beginning guitar book or you are ready to rip off licks from some of the best players on the planet, there's a spot for you in the circle. We provide a play-along CD and extensive written materials, with additional resources for students available through our website, communityguitar.com.

Most importantly, our groups meet on a weekly basis so you get both the ongoing guidance of an instructor and the opportunity to connect with others. That pretty much sums up our approach: connect as you learn; learn as you connect.



YOUR PROGRAM

Andrew Lawrence is both the founder of Community Guitar and the local CG instructor in the Pioneer Valley and hilltowns of western MA. An avid acoustic guitarist since the mid-70's, he has been teaching professionally since the early 1990's.



Since 1996, Andrew's teaching practice has been oriented toward group instruction for adults. Having spent many years focused on fingerstyle guitar and songwriting, he got drawn by his own jam-buddies and students to focus more on the skills and styles that lend themselves well to playing with others, including flatpicking, folk, blues and swing. A fan and student of the music of Django Reinhardt, he also organizes the annual Gypsy jazz festival, Django in June.

Pioneer Valley Community Guitar classes meet for three 10-week sessions over the course of the year: fall, winter and spring. You can jump in at the beginning of any session. We always offer classes in Northampton/Florence and sometimes in the Hilltowns as well. It is best to meet with Andrew before registering for a class so you are sure to get the right level for you. Please get in touch:

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