

The **GUTHRIE CENTER** provides many programs and events including:

- ◆ Arlo Guthrie's "Historic Garbage Trail" Walk to Massacree Huntington's Disease
- ◆ Free Wednesday Lunches
- ◆ Free Tutoring Program
- ◆ Free Thanksgiving Dinner
- ◆ Thursday Evening Hootenannies
- ◆ Solstice/Equinox Celebrations

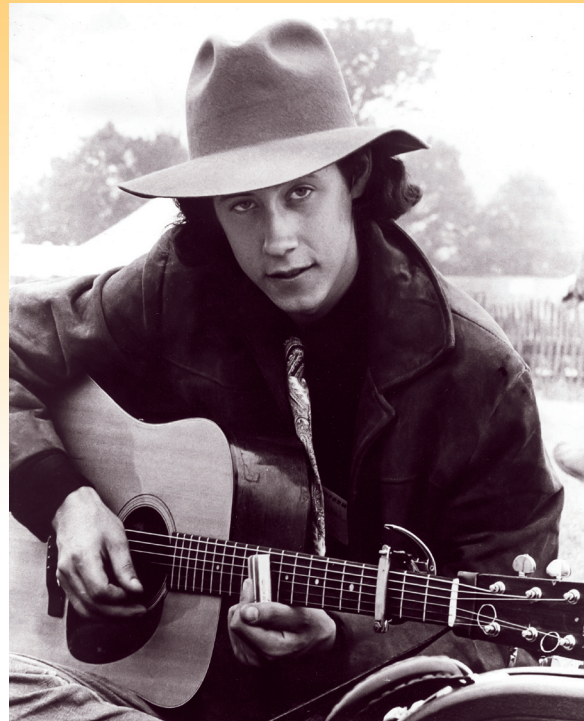
### THE TROUBADOUR & SPOKEN WORD

series furthers our commitment to keep traditions of folk, acoustic music, poetry and literature alive and well. The Guthrie Center has featured such renowned artists as Jimmy Webb, Tom Paxton, Tom Rush, Country Joe McDonald, Rory Block, Barry McGuire and Jonathan Edwards among others. Check our website for the current Troubadour series schedule of artists.

We rely primarily on individual donations. Contributions go towards the overhead expenses of the building and the services and programs we offer. You can support these projects by making a tax-deductible contribution and/or by joining our wonderful group of volunteers.

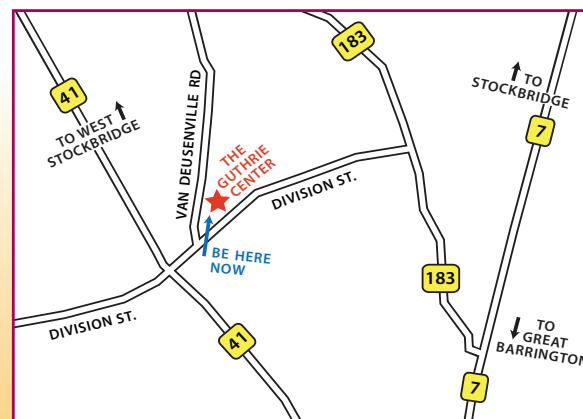
The Center is also available to rent for parties, weddings, meetings and personal events.

**VISITORS** are always welcome. For more information on the Guthrie Center, please call 413.528.1955, visit us on Facebook or our website at [www.guthriecenter.org](http://www.guthriecenter.org).



**ARLO GUTHRIE's** adventures on Thanksgiving Day 1965 became a story. The story became a song. The song became a hit record. The record became a major motion picture.

It happened here in the small hamlet of Van Deusenville in the village of Housatonic in the town of Great Barrington, in the state of mind that began in the '60s and continues to inspire friends and families all over the world.



# The Guthrie Center

AT THE OLD TRINITY CHURCH

ESTABLISHED 1991



*Take Care  
Give Care*

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**ALICE'S RESTAURANT** isn't around anymore.

But, as the song says, "Alice didn't live in a restaurant. She lived in the church nearby the restaurant..."

And the old Trinity Church, where Alice once lived and where the saga began has become home to the **GUTHRIE CENTER** and the **GUTHRIE FOUNDATION**.



Originally built as the St. James Chapel in 1829, the structure was enlarged in 1866 and renamed Trinity Church. Ray and Alice Brock purchased the property in 1964 and made it their home. The building has had several owners since then.

After four years of high school in Stockbridge, Arlo Guthrie graduated in the spring of 1965 entering Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana the following fall. His college career was short lived, however, and he returned to the Berkshires in November of 1965. He stayed with his friends, Ray and Alice, at the church during the Thanksgiving holiday. The rest, as they say, is history.

**THE GUTHRIE CENTER** was founded when Arlo bought the building in 1991 and is dedicated to all those around the world who believe that there is one truth and infinite ways to approach it. As the world becomes smaller we must find ways to embrace the spiritual journeys of those whose traditions are different without abandoning our own.

We respect the rich heritage that our Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim ancestors have handed down over the centuries. We anguish with traditional peoples everywhere whose ways of life are disappearing in the modern world. We struggle with them to preserve their culture. Our teachers are from many paths and many traditions.

Following in the present day traditions of service and compassion, as exemplified by Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati, Neem Karoli Baba, Swami Nityananda and others, the activities at the Guthrie Center are designed to serve the ongoing needs of the local and international community.

Above the door entering the performance space, Ma wrote:

*One God – Many Forms  
One River – Many Streams  
One People – Many Faces  
One Mother – Many Children*



Also housed within the Trinity Church building is the **GUTHRIE FOUNDATION**, a not-for-profit educational foundation. In keeping with the philosophy of Woody and Marjorie Guthrie, for whom both organizations are named, the Guthrie Center and Guthrie Foundation provide a place where we work with the issues of our times—injecting ourselves into the bloodstream of humanity's best efforts toward a better world.

*Everybody might be just one big soul  
Well, it looks that way to me.  
So wherever you look in the day or night  
That's where I'm a gonna be, Ma*

*Wherever kids are hungry and crying  
Wherever people ain't free  
Wherever folks are fighting for their rights  
That's where I'm a gonna be, Ma  
That's where I'm a gonna be*

— From "Tom Joad" by Woody Guthrie based on John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*

