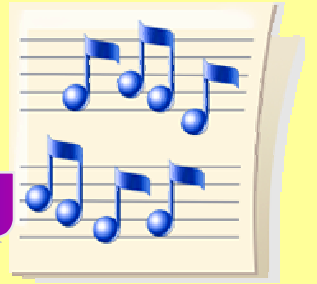




# Making Music with Mark Dunning

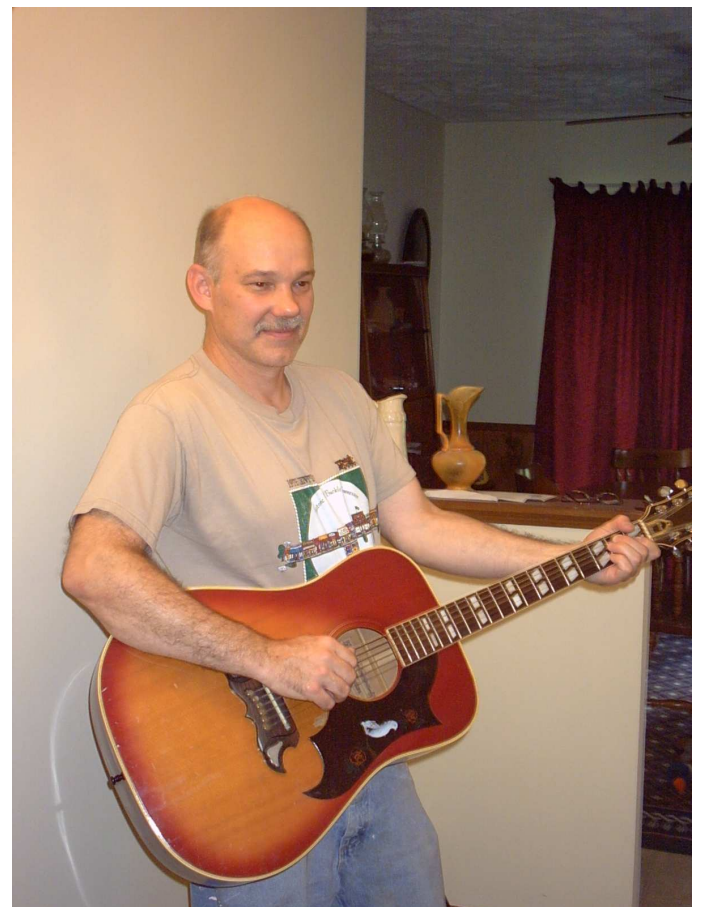


He considers that the critiques, suggestions and inputs from the NSAI group are very helpful to him.

He said if anyone would be a serious songwriter, they would have to have a goal or strategy to work it out. If they're wanting to make money writing songs that's where NSAI is also helpful: Learning the business, learning from other writers, helping you to continue writing and meeting other writers and singers, networking. He wishes his songs would be hits, but thinks that most will be flops.

Mark is concerned about the illegal downloading of music where people download for free and not paying for it, but he is in favor of paying to download, where the songwriters, artists, producers, everyone involved in the production, gets paid.

In 2005, he won first place at the Nebraska State Fair Songwriting Contest with his song "Falling Star", which was recorded by Blake Marvin.



Mark Dunning was born on August 19, 1952 in Kearny, NE. He has 1 child, a daughter and she's married and she has 2 children 6 & 8 yrs old. With 2nd marriage he has 3 stepsons no grandchildren from 2nd marriage.

His grandfather & uncle played the violin, grandmother played the harp, father played the cello, & mother played the piano. He started playing guitar at the age 12 was influenced by the Beatles, Chubby Checkers & Elvis.

He wrote a few songs when he was young and after getting married, he put the writing off for a while. He has been back writing again past seven yrs since the children have grown and left home. He prefers to write country and gospel genre of music. Celine Dion influences him, she is his favorite female singer and his favorite male is Frank Sinatra. His favorite all-time band is the Beatles.

