

# SOUTHBURY MAKERS SPOTLIGHT



## Tammy Dunn and 'On the Road Again' band

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Photos courtesy of the artist

If you've enjoyed live music in Southbury over the last few months, there is a fair chance you've had the pleasure of catching Tammy Dunn and her band "On the Road Again" playing a lively mix of new and classic covers. Dunn, along with bandmates Nancy Janutolo and Julie Sorcek, have become a regular fixture on Southbury's live music scene. Dunn took time out of her busy schedule to fill us in on what the band has been up to lately.

**Q: How long has the band been together, and how did you meet?**

**A:** We have been together since 2020. Nancy was a friend of a friend for many years and we met Julie at an Open Mic night!

**Q: How do you come up with your set list?**

**A:** We actually do not have a set list. We have over 600 songs and ask people to come up with requests. We play oldies, today's country, love songs, southern rock, classic country, dance, and some of today's pop.

**Q: "On the Road Again" was one of the great local bands who participated in Southbury's first ever Make Music Day celebration. What are some of the other events and venues that you've performed at recently?**

**A:** We play the local breweries, wineries, restaurants, town concerts on the green, private parties and often support local nonprofit events. We are so happy to share our music.

**Q: What is your favorite aspect of performing?**

**A:** My personal favorite aspect of performing is being able to touch people's lives through music. Music is so healing to many and it is a gift we love to share.

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**Q: Is there a particularly memorable moment in your career (so far) that sticks with you?**

**A:** I remember playing at a brewery and there was a guest with dementia. They had little awareness of what was going on around them but when we played, they sang along to every song, remembering the lyrics and tunes. Their family was in tears. There are countless stories like this one and that is why I am so grateful for every opportunity to share music.

**Q: Are there any other special talents or creations you'd like to share with the community?**

**A:** I love to volunteer whenever I can, and have served on the board of several nonprofits. I've also been an insurance broker for 36 years and love to help people figure out the complexities of commercial insurance – trying to find ways to help reduce cost while protecting their business. I also love teaching unique sales approaches to new producers in the field.

**Q: Many members of our community know you through The Cottage at Main. What compelled you to take on that endeavor, on top of your day job and your band?**

**A:** This has been my dream since I was a little girl. I've always wanted a gift shop where I could support local artisans, offer great classes and provide the community with not only a great place to shop but a unique atmosphere where everyone is welcome and good vibes abound.

**Q: Do you have any advice for other musicians and artists who are just getting started?**

**A:** Do what you love and be passionate about it, and do it because of those reasons.

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## UPCOMING GIGS

**Senor Panchos**, 385 Main St S, Southbury, CT  
Saturday, 10/21 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**Cottage At Main**, 540 Main St S, Southbury, CT  
\*\*1 year Anniversary\*\*  
Saturday, 10/28 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Housatonic River Brewing**, 30 Kent Rd, New Milford, CT  
Sunday, 11/5 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm

