

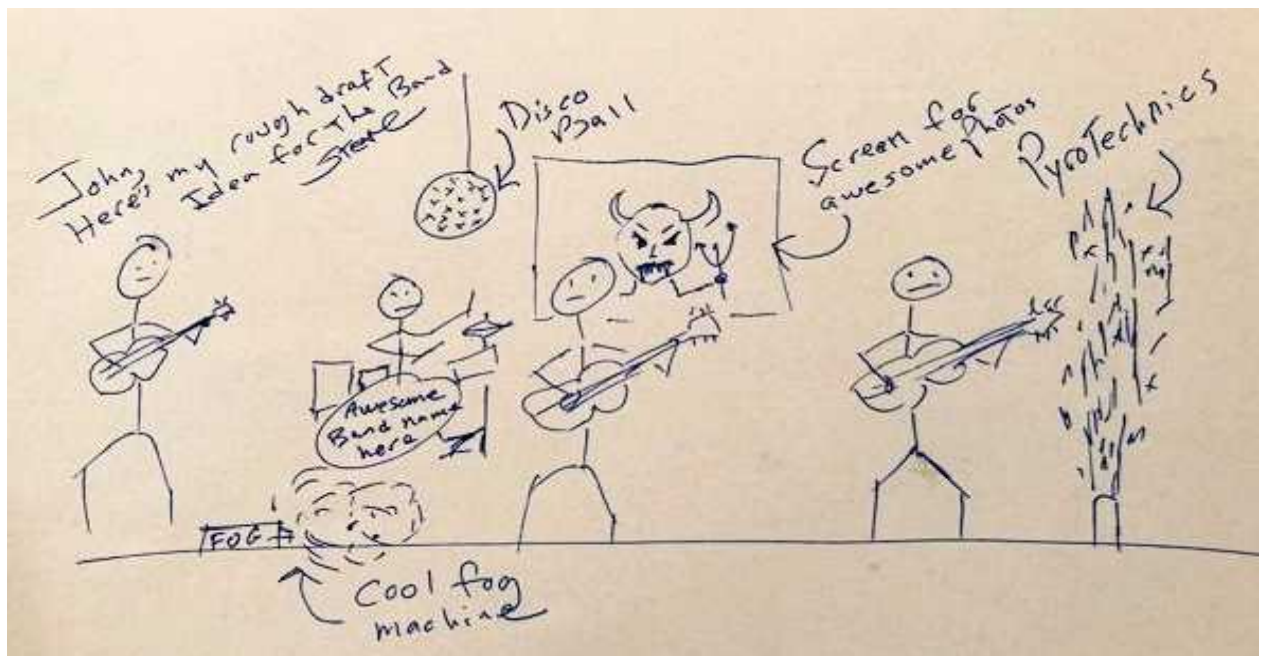
Songs to Save Our Planet Earth – August 20

In the spirit of Earth Day, we will enjoy songs praising nature or decrying an environment out of balance.
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August 13 Showcase – Stevie Wade Potter and Rough Draft by SWP

This is pretty cool. My 5th showcase since joining the Folk Club, and it would be an understatement to just say I'm looking forward to it. In the past I've been blessed to share the stage with some talented musicians who I also consider very dear friends, and this time around won't be any different. Joining me will be John Georgiou, Eric Goldberg, and Ron Goad. John is an accomplished musician and great friend with whom I've had the pleasure of playing for about 3 years. Eric is superbly talented on guitar and bass and I hope in the future I can get him back to The Folk Club for an opportunity to do some flat picking. Ron adds such taste and finesse on percussion that I take advantage of every chance to have him join me. Playing with guys like these is humbling.

A while back John and I were kicking around the idea of a band name when we're joined by other musicians. Eric suggested The Low Self-Esteem Band since John and I are always apologizing to each other when we play a wrong chord or miss a queue. Yeah, it's catchy but it really wasn't what we were looking for. Eric then suggested booking gigs at the breweries and calling ourselves Rough Draft, as in draft beer. Hmm...Using my artistic talents I drew up an idea for a killer stage setup for the band, sent it to John, got a stamp of approval and boom! Rough Draft.



Like most musicians I've been influenced by many different artists and genres of music, and it was always in the back of my mind that if I had another showcase I would pay tribute to the biggest musical influence in my life. So, I hope you can join Rough Draft as we pay tribute to... Well, you'll have to see for yourself.



August Theme Night

August 20, 2019

Songs for Our Planet – The Earth

by Ben Hamblin & Amy Lowenstein

In July and August, The Folk Club does not schedule concerts, since attendance can be limited due to busy summer schedules. So, beginning in the summer of 2016, on nights when there would have been a concert, we began suggesting a theme to follow. We asked that musicians try to develop song sets that fit within the theme, and we've thus heard songs that are not often performed at The Folk Club. The theme nights have inspired enjoyable and memorable music that is sometimes unexpected, and always fun for all. This month is no different.

“A folk song could save the world” – Margaret Mead, 1972

The folk music revival in the 1950's and 60's was partly inspired by activism, with lyrics that most often expressed political views in support of the struggle for rights being demanded by social movements. These were known as “protest songs.” Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Phil Ochs, Bob Dylan, and Tom Lehrer are the best known writers of such songs.

They and countless other songwriters occasionally expressed a deep appreciation of Mother Nature, and very often a concern for our stewardship of the environment. These are the types of songs we would like performers to bring and share with us this month.

It might take a little more thought and digging for musicians to come up with material relevant to the theme. Possible sources of inspiration are the "Ecology" section in the "Rise Up Singing" songbook and YouTube searches for songs about the environment and the Earth.

There are some very popular folk songs relating to the environment (by Joni Mitchell and John Prine, for example) and these might be played early in the night, so plan accordingly. Songwriters who have original songs that fit the bill won't have that problem.

Come and find out if Margaret Mead had it right.

While we're encouraging performers to present songs that fit The Earth theme, it's not required. However, we'll appreciate those who have sets built around it.

MUSICAL NOTES



Folk Club Labor Day Campout – New Place!

After many years at Dave and Beth's Double Trouble Estate, this will be the first campout at Cedar Holly Farm, owned by Nancy Truax's sister, in beautiful Fort Valley, Virginia (1455 Seven Fountains Road, 22652). Two Airbnb's are reserved for nominal cost, crash in the farmhouse, pitch a tent, or set up your RV. This gives Folk Club fans a chance for three days of socializing and music. Friday, August 30 to Monday, September 2. For more information, please contact Nancy Truax at nancyjtruax@gmail.com or 703-286-9417 and request the flyer (or to let her know you're attending).

The 9 Songwriter Series celebrates its 10th Anniversary at The Birchmere, Fri, Aug, 8th, 7:30 pm. In addition to founder Justin Trawick, performers scheduled to appear are Eric Brace, Louisa Hall, The Sweater Set, Jenn Bostic, Brian Dunne, Jasmine Gillison, and Jason Ager. For additional information see www.wearethe9.com.

Focus Music

- An Evening with Ronny Cox, with special guest Radoslav Lorkovic, Sat, Aug 10, 7:30 PM, Community Lutheran Church of Sterling, 21014 Whitfield Place, Sterling, VA 20165.

Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

Go to www.wfma.net/index.htm for more information.

Institute of Musical Traditions

Go to www.imtfolk.org for more information.

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)

Go to fsgw.org/ for more information.

"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:

8/1/1931 – "Ramblin" Jack Elliot

8/1/1942 – Jerry Garcia

8/4/1901 – Louis Armstrong

8/8/1944 – John Renbourn

8/12/1929 – Alvis Edgar "Buck" Owens, Jr.

8/14/1941 – David Crosby

8/22/1917 – John Lee Hooker

8/27/1925 – Carter Stanley

MUSICAL QUOTE

"Music can change the world because it can change people."

— Bono

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

T.M Hanna tmhanna.net

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)
schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Chris Anderson - chris-anderson.info

- Harried Americans Roadshow, Fri, Aug 23, Café Montmartre, Reston, VA, 7 to 9 PM

- Check online calendar for upcoming performances. Also producing shows for the Harried Americans Band.

Ron Goad MisterGoad@aol.com

- 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7:00 to ? PM, SAW Variety Showcases at Café Montmartre, Reston, VA.

cafemontmartre.com

- Monthly, 2nd Monday at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD.

Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee) www.harleystringband.com

- Central Farm Markets, Pike, Sat, Aug 17

- Central Farm Markets, Marshall HS (Tysons), Sat, Aug 25

The Aloha Boys (with Glen Hirabayashi)

www.alohaboys.com

- Sat Aug 3, Luau, Woodbridge, VA

- Thu Aug 8, Glen Echo Summer Concert Series, Glen Echo, MD

Jan Gillies

- 3rd Friday, 8 to 10 p.m., Jan & Neil host an open mic at Lost River Grill/TK Lounge in Lost City, WV.

Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn)

www.hickoryg.com

Stevie Wade Potter, acoustic musician

www.steviewademusic.com

- Sat Aug 3, 1-4 PM, Philip Carter Winery with John Georgiou, Hume, VA

- Sat Aug 10, 2-6 PM, Barrel Oak Winery with John Georgiou, Delaplane, VA

- Sat Aug 31, 2-5 PM, Naked Mountain Winery, Markham, VA

The Stewart Sisters (with Valeria Stewart, Sherry Stewart, Jim Nagle) www.thestewart SISTERS.com

- Fri, Aug 2, Cowork Cafe Clarendon, 2719 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA, 8-10:15 pm

- Sun Aug 18, Columbia Pike Farmer's Market, Arlington, VA, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

J. Michael Henry MIKELHENRY@live.com

Song Garden (Tom Bodine & Kathleen Huber)

www.songgardenmusic.org

Kevin Whalen

- "Life is a Wonder" - CD Release Party - Fri, Aug 16 - Cristina's Cafe - Strasburg, VA - 5:30-6:30 Mixer / Dinner - 6:30-8:00 Music



Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. at Amphora Diner Deluxe
1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

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Hurd

FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which includes setup time.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

On the 2nd Tuesday of the month (usually), we feature a “Showcase” of a Folk Club member in a 25-minute performance. To be in the Showcase you must: 1) be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in the last 6 months; 2) fill out a lottery slip and place it in the “drawing bucket”; 3) Win the drawing on the night of the current month’s showcase; and 4) be prepared to be featured in the next newsletter!

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified ads, articles, reviews, artwork and other music-related items to newsletter editor Ben Hamblin at newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.com. Information should be received 1 week prior to the end of the month for the next month’s newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space.

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RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS IN ADVANCE

Donations can be made in advance for Guest Artist concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Dave Hurd, 110 Devil’s Backbone Overlook, Stephenson, VA 22656, (540) 722-0146, or dahurdsr@cs.com.

FOLK CLUB MEMBERSHIP

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The cost is nominal, just \$15 per year. Along with the opportunity to participate in Showcase drawings, you get a \$1 discount on the recommended donation for guest artist concerts (up to 2 donations per show). Join up on Folk Club Tuesdays, or call a board member for info.

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are several ways you can keep in touch, or find out more about The Club:

Website: www.restonherndonfolkclub.com

Facebook: Search for “The Folk Club of Reston Herndon”

General Info: Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

- Your old guitar strings! The Second Strings Project has distributed over 10,000 sets to the world’s most depressed regions. Send complete sets only to Second Strings, P.O. Box 234, Nederland, CO 80466.

LESSONS

- Private guitar lessons in Alexandria. Flexible learning techniques including reading, ear and applied music theory. Contact Eric Forthman: ecfnn@verizon.net; 703-400-7264.

- Fiddle/violin/viola lessons - adults only, in Reston. Perhaps you play another instrument and want to add fiddling to your skill set, or you want to have more fun with the instrument you know and love. Contact Chelle Fulk at 301-366-5579 or info@musicbyanthem.com.