



The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways

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This Month's Concert: September 17 – Dana & Sue Robinson
Vermont-based singer/songwriters love playing old-time and traditional English & Southern mountain ballads
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September 10 Showcase – Matt Slocum and the Gravel Road Band

by Matt

Find out what's happening under the hood of the Gravel Road Band as Matt and the band perform for the monthly showcase. Our music travels the rural back roads, powered by Nancy Lisi's super-charged Englehardt bass. Always smooth and humming, it's food for the ears that nourishes the soul. There's horsepower to spare from the precision-tuned quad string pairs on John Relph's fiery mandolin. The fiddle is flammable, and fires on all cylinders - low or high BPM (think RPM, but cooler). Janine Lewis provides the octane. Matt Slocum, the guitar man, sings, arranges, and slides the band into gear to spin the tires - and burn the rubber - that is bluegrass on the Gravel Road.



This spring, Matt Slocum released an EP, *Shaken and Stirred, Songs for a Fiddleman*, to highlight Claude Martin's fine bluegrass fiddle playing. Claude was a soloist with the Gravel Road Band before his untimely passing in 2016. The EP is available on major outlets like iTunes and Amazon. Check it out for a taste of Matt's songwriting and Claude's heavenly chops on the fiddle.

Matt and Nancy are very involved with the DC music scene. Matt's been a member of the DCBluegrass Union Board for 5 years and is neck deep in promoting the local bluegrass community. He's also worked diligently for The American Heart Foundation's annual HeartWalk event, raising in excess of fourteen thousand dollars to promote heart healthy research and medicine.

Nancy Lisi holds Board positions for both the Bluegrass Country Foundation and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, keeping their communications flowing. How she finds the time to play in five bands as well will always be a source of mystery.



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Proudly Presents

Dana & Susan Robinson



TUESDAY, SEPT. 17TH, 2019

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)

Requested Donation

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Seating: Contact **Dave Hurd** Tuesdays at
The Folk Club or e-mail – DAHurdSr@cs.com

...Musicians like Dana Robinson don't grow on trees!" — Music Upstream

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From Cabot, Vermont – Americana-roots and folk duo, Dana and Susan Robinson are celebrating the release of their new recording, *The Town That Music Saved*.

Dana and Susan combine vivid, songwriting and storytelling, with fiddle tunes, banjo grooves, elegant melodies, and rich harmony singing. Their compositions have been featured in Ken Burns's "The National Parks, America's Best Idea" and "The Dust Bowl." *Seven Days* writes, "Dana is a master storyteller, spinning his yarns with the precise skill of an artisan loom weaver."

Drawing upon experiences of more than twenty years of touring, Dana and Susan craft a performance that conveys the mystery and wonders of their journey. Their unique blend of original songwriting and traditional Appalachian music, bring to their performances a deep understanding of America's musical heritage.

A native of the Pacific Northwest, Dana relocated to New England where he discovered both a thriving songwriters scene and the deep well of traditional mountain music. Dana launched into full-time touring after the release of his 1994 debut CD, *Elemental Lullabye*, and after receiving a request to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City for Putumayo's Shelter benefit project.

Susan grew up with her dad's jazz big band rehearsing in the basement in Manchester, Vermont and learned classical piano as a child. As an adult she turned to oboe and Scottish fiddle. After Susan and Dana met in 2002, she took up old-time banjo. Since 2003 Dana and Susan have performed hundreds of concerts across the United States, Great Britain and Canada.

<https://www.robinsongs.com>

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer 10/15/2019

Small Potatoes 11/19/2019

MUSICAL NOTES



Washington & Old Dominion Trail Family Fun Festival
Sat Sep 7 at the Loudoun County Fairgrounds, 17558 Dry Mill Road in Leesburg, VA. Musical performers include Yasmin Williams (9-10 am), Siobhan O'Brien (11-12 noon), Marty Fair (1-2 pm), and Lindsey Hirshfeld (3-4 pm). Additional information at www.novaparks.com

Focus Music

Sun Sep 15 at 7 PM, Al Petteway & Amy White, with Eli Lev - George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22301

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

Mon Sep 16 at 7:30 pm, Prine Time, a tribute to John Prine at St Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD 20852

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:

9/2/1914 – Tom Glazer
9/5/1930 – Shel Silverstein
9/5/1946 – Loudon Wainwright III
9/7/1926 – Ronnie Gilbert
9/8/1897 – Jimmie Rodgers
9/10/1945 – Jose Feliciano
9/11/1945 – Leo Kottke
9/13/1911 – Bill Monroe
9/17/1923 – Hank Williams
9/19/1941 – Ellen Naomi Cohen (“Mama” Cass Elliot)
9/21/1934 – Leonard Cohen
9/24/1893 – “Blind” Lemon Jefferson
9/25/1933 – Erik Darling
9/27/1928 – “Uncle” Josh Graves

MUSICAL QUOTE

“Music is the great uniter. An incredible force. Something that people who differ on everything and anything else can have in common.” — Sarah Dessen

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

T.M Hanna tmhanna.net

Bill Davis bill-davis@comcast.net

Chris Anderson - chris-anderson.info

- Thu Sep 5, SAW Songwriter Showcase at Outta The Way Café, 17503 Redland Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20855

- Sat Sep 7, 11 AM–1 PM with Harried Americans Band, Lake Anne Plaza, Reston, VA

- 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

- Sat Sep 14, 9 AM–1:30 PM, Central Farm Markets, 10435 Westfield Dr, Bethesda, MD

The Aloha Boys (with Glen Hirabayashi)

www.alohaboys.com

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

- Thu Sep 19, 6:30-8:30 PM, Hometown Thursday Concert Series, Old Town Square Park, 10415 North Street, Fairfax, VA,

Stevie Wade Potter, acoustic musician

www.steviewademusic.com

- Sat Sep 21 at 7:30 (social time 6:45) - Al & Mercia Hobson are hosting Rough Draft (with John Georgiou, Ron Goad, and Eric Goldberg) at their workshop loft, 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA - loft on 2nd floor, no elevator - free parking nearby – snacks and drinks or BYOB - suggested donation \$20 – contact Al at alhobson@verizon.net

- Sat Sep 28, Barrel Oak Winery, Delaplane, VA, 12 PM

- Sun Sep 29, Breaux Vineyards, Purcellville, VA, 1 PM

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

- Sat Sep 7, Great Falls Community Farmers Market, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

- Sun Sep 22, Columbia Pike Farmer's Market, Arlington, VA, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

- Sat Sep 28, Naked Mountain Winery, 2747 Leeds Manor Rd, Markham, VA, 2-5 PM

J. Michael Henry MIKELHENRY@live.com

Song Garden (Tom Bodine & Kathleen Huber)

www.songgardenmusic.org

Steven Cutts

ThePrimeCutts.com - streaming and downloads



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

President: Ben Hamblin

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Board of Directors: Sue Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Sue Schier, Ron Goad, Bob Hampton, Bill Farrar, Jim Clark

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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: ecfmm@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.

- 5-string banjo. Scruggs and melodic. In Haymarket. Monday or Tuesday. \$25/hr. Age 8 and up. Contact Bruce Gair at wbgair@gmail.com. First lesson free as a sample. No obligation.