



The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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November 19 – Small Potatoes

Jacquie and Rich will play their favorite songs, in all kinds of styles, whether they wrote it or not, old or new.
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November 12 Showcase – John DuRant

Troubadour Spanning Four Centuries

by John, edited by Dan Grove

John DuRant of Braddock Heights, Maryland, regionally known as The Troubadour, was born in Norfolk, Virginia. He worked his way through Old Dominion University by refueling U.S. Navy aircraft, crewing on a fishing boat, and performing folk music in the bars and clubs of the Tidewater area. After graduating, John became a full-time engineer, but also performed part-time for several years in historic Yorktown and the historic homes and 18th century taverns of our colonial capital of Williamsburg.

Over the past 25+ years, John has accumulated fans and friends in the Mid-Atlantic States for his performances as a strolling Singer, Balladeer, and Story Teller at festivals and events, like the Waterford Fair in Waterford, VA, and the Maryland Renaissance Festival in Crownsville, MD.

For seven years during the 1990s John was the host of a regional cable television series for children called *The Troubadour*, winning both an Addy award and the Children's Empowerment Award.

In 1993, with fiddler Alexander Mitchell, John secured an on-screen role as a 20th Maine Regiment musician in the TNT motion picture *Gettysburg*, and performed several songs on the second soundtrack album, *More Songs and Music From Gettysburg*. In 2005, John was a featured

vocalist/musician for the Civil War audio book *Oh, Hast Thou Forgotten*, by historical author Richard Hamilton.

John is an accomplished vocalist and player on both Laute (a German lute) and guitar. His singing repertory includes songs of the Renaissance, the American Revolution, the Civil War, and the late 20th Century. He has two self-produced CDs for sale at performances, *The Cat Came Back* and *Home from the Sea*.

John's son, John DuRant, Jr., is carrying on his father's Troubadour tradition. A college trained multi-discipline musician, he performs solo and with others throughout Maryland, and with John Sr. at public venues, festivals, and fairs.





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Proudly Presents

Small Potatoes



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 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

*"...fun, energetic, and great musicians."
Bill Staines, Singer/songwriter*

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon is a non-profit organization

Twenty-five years ago, Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso, the Chicago-area duo known as Small Potatoes, decided to hit the road. "In one year, we quit our jobs, bought a house, bought a car, and became full-time folk singers--not exactly the greatest combination, financially speaking, or what most people would call a sound business model. We didn't throw darts at a map, but we might as well have."

They might not have had the best plan, but what they did have were great songs and musicianship, and the ability to put on a show. After twenty-five years, a million and a half miles and 3500 shows they are listed as a "favorite act" by many coffeehouses, clubs and house concerts across the U.S. They have made repeat appearances at major folk festivals,

including the Kerrville Folk Festival, the Walnut Valley Festival, and the Philadelphia Folk Festival.

From the start, they've called themselves eclectic-maniacs and described their music as "Celtic to Cowboy". They say it has taken them "years of careful indecision" to come up with a mix of music that ranges from country, blues, and swing to Irish, with songwriting that touches on all of those styles and more. Their four recordings, *Alive!*, *Waltz of the Wallflowers*, *Time Flies*, and *Raw* demonstrate that "indecision" can be wonderfully entertaining. They both sing, they both play guitars and an array of other instruments. They even yodel.

<https://smallpotatoesmusic.com>

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Gaye Adegbalola 12/10/2019

House of Hamill 1/21/2020

MUSICAL NOTES



Focus Music

- House of Hamill, plus Lindsay and Dodds, Sat Nov 9, 7 PM, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church 8531 Riverside Road Alexandria, VA 22308

- Meghan Cary, Sun, Nov 24, 7:30-10 PM, Tikvat Israel Congregation, 2200 Baltimore Road, Rockville, MD 20851

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

- Al Petteway & Amy White, 25 Years Together, Sat Nov 23, 7:30 pm, 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:

11/5/1911 - Leonard Slye (a.k.a. Roy Rogers)

11/5/1941 - Art Garfunkel

11/7/1937 - Mary Travers

11/7/1943 - Joni Mitchell

11/12/1945 - Neil Young

11/17/1938 - Gordon Lightfoot

11/23/1947 - Jack Hardy

11/27/1917 - Merle Travis

MUSICAL QUOTE

"I get many of my best ideas when I'm not thinking about them. Sometimes I have to remind myself not to stare at my phone and to instead stare into space. That's when ideas start forming and when the spark of an idea comes to me, so that when I sit down to write later everything is clear." – Roseanne Cash

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

T.M Hanna tmhanna.net

Bill Davis bil-davis@comcast.net

Chris Anderson - chris-anderson.info

- 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

The Aloha Boys (with Glen Hirabayashi)

www.alohaboys.com

Jan Gillies www.jangilliesmusic.com

- 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

- Sun Nov 10, 12 – 4 PM, Naked Mountain Winery, Markham, VA

The Stewart Sisters (with Valeria Stewart, Sherry Stewart, Jim Nagle, Niels Jonker)

www.thestewartsisters.com

- With Kathleen Huber and Kim Melton, Fri Nov 22, 7 PM, Café Montmartre, 1625 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne, Reston, VA

J. Michael Henry MIKELHENRY@live.com

Song Garden (Tom Bodine & Kathleen Huber)

www.songgardenmusic.org

Steven Cutts

ThePrimeCutts.com - streaming and downloads



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 signup 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.