



# The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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**May 19 Concert – Adam Hurt & Beth Williams Hartness – Postponed to June 2021**

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## Keeping Our Music Community Alive

### Sharing Our Love of Music and Our Affection for Each Other

The first official Folk Club Virtual Open Mic was held online on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Folk Club members used their web-connected audio/video devices and the Zoom app to share songs. The Zoom session was streamed to YouTube Live, which anyone can watch while entering and viewing each other's comments. Everyone agrees it is great to see and hear the musicians from their living spaces, and even though we can't be together, it connects us and strengthens the bond between us.

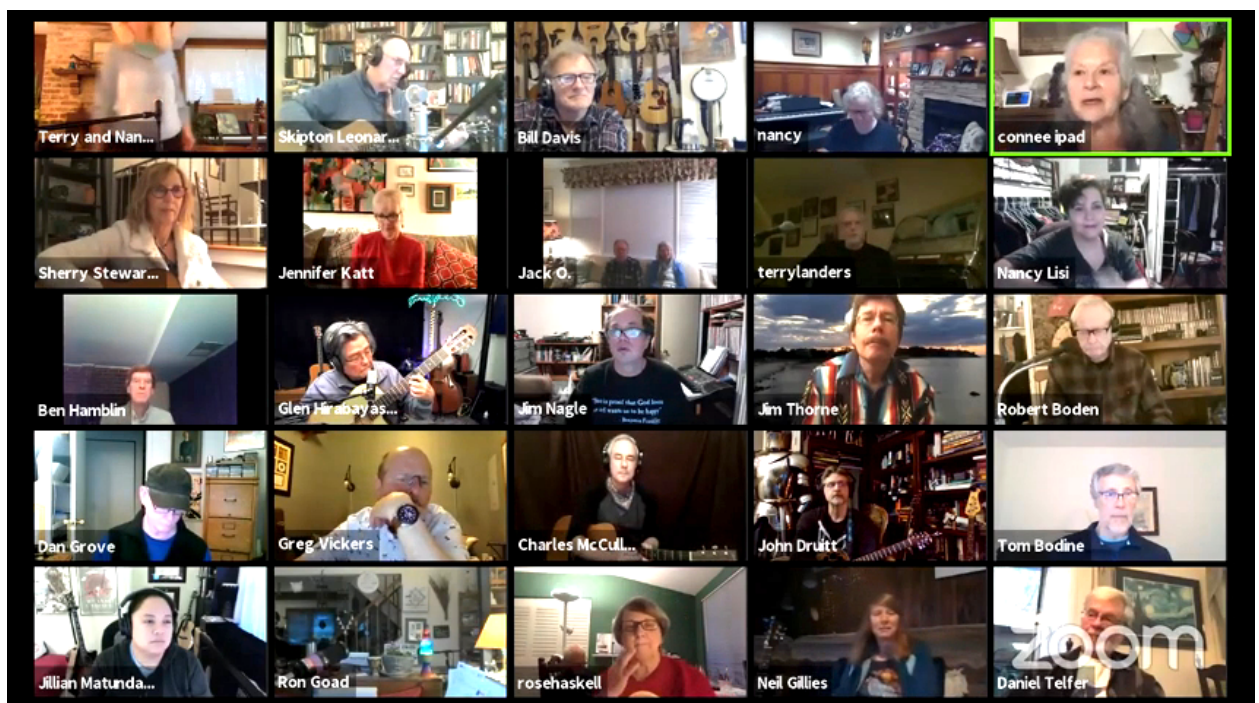
As of this writing we have had four virtual open mics and they are enjoyed by both musicians and listeners who love music. Since only members can play we have more performers joining our club. And we are getting better at it, learning from each other the best way to do things, and having fun with the capabilities that the technology allows.

It works like this: Over the weekend a notice is sent to all members with a reminder about the next virtual open mic on Tuesday night from 7:30 to 10:00 (if you have not received this notice, we probably don't have your email address – please send it to [newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.com](mailto:newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.com)). Members who want to play have until Tuesday at noon to sign up via email. On Tuesday afternoon the Zoom meeting invitation is sent to those who signed up. An emcee is designated, musicians join Zoom after 7 PM, and listeners get on YouTube to watch and listen. And then magic happens.

If you haven't joined us yet for one of the virtual open mics, please check it out. Go to our website ([www.restonherndonfolkclub.com](http://www.restonherndonfolkclub.com)), select Calendar (upper right on banner), select Virtual Open Mic under a date, and then select the YouTube link after Description. If it's Tuesday between 7:30 and 10 PM you can watch live, for earlier dates you can see the replay.

Until we can meet again at the Amphora, the Folk Club virtual open mic is the best way to help us maintain a sense of community with each other in spite of our separation, and to weather through this together. As Ellen Kaminsky said, it's

“An excellent reminder of how the Folk Club has always kept the flame alive.”





## Folk Club Membership During the Pandemic

If you wish to renew your membership or join the Folk Club during this time when we are not meeting at the Amphora every week, please follow these instructions:

- Make out a check (sorry, we cannot take credit cards) to "The Folk Club" in the amount of \$15 for one year or, until May 31, \$55 for 5 years). Please DO NOT make the check to Dave Hurd.
- Send the check to: Dave Hurd; 110 Devils Backbone Overlook; Stephenson, VA 22656.
- If you have been expired for a long time and have moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, please provide updated information so we can get your newsletters to you.
- If you are a brand new member please (in addition to the check) include your name, mailing address, phone, email address, and whether you want the newsletter by snail mail or e-mail.

Thank You. - Dave Hurd

We have members whose membership expired in March or April, and some that will expire this month. Since we have not been meeting face-to-face every week we have been keeping them in active status, realizing that most renew their membership with Dave on Tuesday night at the Amphora. In order to be as flexible and forgiving as possible we've decided to keep all expired members active, until we are able to meet in person again.

This will keep the monthly newsletters and the weekly virtual open mic email invitations coming, and will allow these members to sign up to play.

If any member would like to renew now you can follow the above instructions (your expiration date is on your newsletter label or in your newsletter email). We will set the new expiration date to what it would have been if you had renewed on time. After we get going again and a month has passed with no renewal we'll inactivate expired members and stop sending newsletters – but don't let this happen to you.



June 2018 at Amphora - Song Garden

September 2019 at Amphora - Dana & Sue Robinson



## **FOLK CLUB INFORMATION**

### **Our 35th Anniversary (Virtual) Celebration!**

Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, but not at the Amphora Diner Deluxe. Instead, it will be online and streamed to your home live. We can't offer cake for dessert (supply your own carrot cake or strawberry shortcake) or give away CD's this year, but we will stick to some traditions - round-robin open mic format (one song per musical act), and it will be totally free!

### **Memorial Day Weekend Campout and Sing-Along?**

Sorry to say, but Barb and Craig Keeler cannot have the campout at Blue Bayou in Kilmarnock, Virginia this year. But they are willing to host a Zoom (and possibly YouTube streaming) event on the nights of Saturday, May 23rd and/or Sunday, May 24th if there is enough interest. *If you'd like to join Folk Club friends in a Virtual Blue Bayou Campout on Zoom/YouTube, send an email to Barb/Craig and Ben Hamblin, and let them know. Tell them if you'd join Saturday night, Sunday night, or both, and if you'd like to play music. Please let them know by Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at [bkeeler30@gmail.com](mailto:bkeeler30@gmail.com) and [benhamblin@gmail.com](mailto:benhamblin@gmail.com).*

### **New Membership Discount Offer**

The Folk Club membership has been \$15 a year for some time now. But for a trial period – until the end of May – current, renewing, and new members can renew or join for 5 years for \$55 (the Five for Fifty-Five plan) if they wish. Note that any current member can extend their membership by 5 years during the trial period regardless of their current expiration date. Also, we do not plan to give refunds for any reason. If you do this, you'll be making a commitment to the longevity of The Folk Club.

## **MUSICAL NOTES**



Note: Many organizations are hosting or promoting online concerts. Go to their website for more information.

### **Focus Music**

- Go to [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org) for more information.

### **World Folk Music Association (WFMA)**

- Go to [www.wfma.net/index.htm](http://www.wfma.net/index.htm) for more information.

### **Institute of Musical Traditions**

- Go to [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org) for more information.

### **The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)**

- Go to [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org) for more information.

## **MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO**

**T.M Hanna** [tmhanna.net](http://tmhanna.net)

**Bill Davis** [bill-davis@comcast.net](mailto:bill-davis@comcast.net)

**Chris Anderson** - [chris-anderson.info](http://chris-anderson.info)

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

**Ron Goad** [MisterGoad@aol.com](mailto:MisterGoad@aol.com)

- Hosting concerts at Café Montmartre, Reston, VA  
[cafemontmartre.com](http://cafemontmartre.com)

**Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee)** [www.harleystringband.com](http://www.harleystringband.com)

**The Aloha Boys (with Glen Hirabayashi)**

[www.alohaboys.com](http://www.alohaboys.com)

**Jan Gillies** [www.jangilliesmusic.com](http://www.jangilliesmusic.com)

**Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn)**

[www.hickoryg.com](http://www.hickoryg.com)

**Stevie Wade Potter**, acoustic musician

[www.steviewademusic.com](http://www.steviewademusic.com)

**The Stewart Sisters (with Sherry Stewart, Jim Nagle, Niels Jonker)** [www.thestewartsisters.com](http://www.thestewartsisters.com)

**Steven Cutts**

[ThePrimeCutts.com](http://ThePrimeCutts.com) - streaming and downloads

**Jeff Smith** [humanwilderness.com](http://humanwilderness.com)

**John DuRant**

[troubadourjohn.com/upcoming-performances/](http://troubadourjohn.com/upcoming-performances/)



## *of Reston & Herndon*

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

**President:** Ben Hamblin                      **Treasurer:** Dave Hurd  
**Board of Directors:** Sue Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Sue Schier, Ron Goad, Bob Hampton, Bill Farrar, Jim Clark  
**Publicity:** David Litwack, Sue Schier  
**Bookings:** Steve Potter  
**Newsletter:** Ben Hamblin, Dan Grove, Steve Potter  
**Website:** Cheryl Hennessy  
**Facebook:** Cheryl Hennessy, Ron Goad  
**Lifetime Members:** Rose Haskell, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky, Dave 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, and other music-related items for the newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space. Send your input to newsletter editor Ben Hamblin at [newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.com](mailto:newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.com).

### **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](mailto:dahurdsr@cs.com).

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c/o Dave Hurd  
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Stephenson, VA 22656

### **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](http://www.restonherndonfolkclub.com)  
**Facebook:** Search for “The Folk Club of Reston Herndon”  
**General Info:** Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **FOR SALE**

- Banjos (and a guitar) for sale! I'm helping a friend sell her collection; 1) J. Reynolds JR500G 6-String Guitar Banjo/Banjitar - Mahogany Finish, \$200. 2) Yamaha guitar in cheap case, red interior, FG335 II, made in Taiwan, \$200. 3) 5-string Banjo, Blueridge, with new Roadrunner gig bag, \$300. 4) Gold Tone Dojo: Resonator Banjo, \$750. 5) Five-string Rover Banjo with Superior Case gig bag, \$200. Call or text Chelle at 301-366-5579. Thank you!

### **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**

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

- Private guitar lessons available on-line, FaceTime or Zoom. Flexible learning techniques including reading, ear and applied music theory. Contact Eric Forthman: email: [eric.forthman@gmail.com](mailto:eric.forthman@gmail.com); phone: 571-329-9875.