



The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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August 11 - Online Theme Night – Country Songs

AKA cowboy, hillbilly, country and western, hootenanny, “three chords and the truth”

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Celebration of Life for David Allen Hurd, Sr

All are invited to celebrate the life of Dave Hurd at a small gathering at Beth’s home (110 Devils Backbone Overlook, Stephenson, VA 22656 – the site of many Folk Club campouts hosted by Dave and Beth), on Saturday, August 15th from 11 AM to 4 PM . In memory of his military service, a military Honor Guard is planned for 2 PM with a formal presentation of his interment flag.

Dave would have loved to hear all of his Folk Club friends sing for him one last time. So, if you’d like, please bring your instruments and we’ll make the music he loved so well. This is our opportunity to say goodbye to Dave, for 35 years the heart and soul of The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon, whose music gatherings were legendary.

Because of the need to social distance, this event will be held outside. Please understand that as much as we’d love to, no hugging this time around. It’s August, please dress comfortably; shorts are just fine. Don’t forget your mask, and please bring your own chair, your own glass, and whatever you’d like to drink. There will be light food provided.

Please share this with friends that may wish to be there. Many of you may not be able to attend because of distance and/or COVID-19, but you will be here in spirit!

In lieu of flowers, consider making a donation in Dave’s name to either Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork St #405, Winchester VA 22601 or the Reston/Herndon Folk Club, c/o Allen Hobson, 810 Elden St, Herndon VA 20170.

Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)

The last time we had a face-to-face meeting was in March of 2009, when yours truly became president of this fine institution. Since then all board decisions and voting have been via email. But we had a face-to-Zoom meeting this time, and Allen Hobson was unanimously elected to serve as our new treasurer, to replace Dave Hurd. Those are big shoes to fill, but everyone agreed Al is the best candidate and believe he will fulfill his responsibilities diligently. Thanks, Al.

Also, Amy Lowenstein has come forward and volunteered to do our printing tasks. That includes the monthly newsletter, the membership form that lists the monthly concert dates, and the monthly concert tickets. Thank you, Amy.

She has been researching local printing options in the Reston area and found that the newsletter cost will be at least twice what we were paying in Winchester. The board discussed various options and decided to change the default delivery method of the Folk Club newsletter to email, but to allow club members to request a mailed paper copy in case email doesn’t work for them. The September issue will be the first one where all members will get an email with a link to the newsletter, except for those who request the paper version.

I hope that all members will try the email link. However, if you want to continue getting the paper copy, please send your request to me at FolkClubOfRestonHerndon@gmail.com by August 28th. And I would appreciate it if you would let me know why.



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A Folk Club Theme Night Country Songs

Tuesday, August 11, 2020, Online

We're continuing our summer theme nights (when we don't schedule concerts) this month. The suggested musical theme gives performers incentive to research a genre of music and to come up with songs which follow the theme and interpret them in their own style. We decided it would be fun to do it again this year for the virtual open mic. We picked a theme for August and the challenge is on:

All songs should be "Country" songs

Country Music, or Country and Western, is a genre that takes its roots from genres such as blues and old-time music, and various types of American folk music including Appalachian, Cajun, and the cowboy Western music styles of Red Dirt, New Mexico, Texas country, and Tejano. Its popularized roots originate in the Southern United States of the early 1920s.

Country music often consists of ballads and dance tunes with generally simple forms, folk lyrics, and vocal harmonies, mostly accompanied by string instruments such as banjos, acoustic guitars, steel guitars (such as pedal steels and dobros), and fiddles, as well as harmonicas.

Some of the more famous country music performers are Hank Williams, Jimmie Rodgers, Roy Acuff, Eddy Arnold, Jim Reeves, Bob Wills, Gene Autry, Bill Monroe, The Carter Family, Patsy Cline, Chet Atkins, Minnie Pearl, Kitty Wells, Merle Travis, Johnny Cash, Flatt & Scruggs, Roy Rogers, Loretta Lynn, Tennessee Ernie Ford, George Jones, Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Roger Miller, Buck Owens, Brenda Lee, Tammy Wynette, Dolly Parton, Charley Pride, Waylon Jennings, Bill Anderson, Kris Kristofferson, Glen Campbell, Alabama, George Strait, Vince Gill, The Statler Brothers, Emmylou Harris, Tom T Hall, Roy Clark, Reba McEntire, Garth Brooks, Kenny Rogers, Randy Travis, Charlie Daniels, Jerry Reed, Ricky Skaggs, etc., etc.



Whew, that's a lot to choose from, and there are many more. Or maybe you've written a country song.

We're encouraging performers to present songs that fit the country theme, but it's not required. But we'll appreciate those who are able to get into a country state of mind. If more people sign up than we can fit in by 10 PM we will extend the evening to allow everyone to play one song (round robin format). If everyone has played and there is more time we will go back to the beginning of the list and those who want to play another song can do so.

FOLK CLUB INFORMATION

Servers Donations

Many thanks to all of the Folk Club members and friends who made contributions to help Evelyn and Mustapha, our regular servers at the Amphora. They are most appreciative of our assistance in this difficult time.

We continue to accept server donations and send them to Evelyn and Mustapha every month. If you would like to make a contribution, please send your check made out to The Folk Club (also add a note that it is a servers donation) to The Reston/Herndon Folk Club, c/o Al Hobson, 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA 20170.

House Concert

Jeff Smith and The Human Wilderness Band, with guest artist Jean Bayou. This is a socially-distanced outdoors lawn concert with limited seating, and masks are required. Bring your own chair or blanket. Suggested donations \$20. Fri Aug 28 (rain date Sat Aug 29) at 7 PM on Al Hobson's back lawn at 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA 20170. Contact Al if interested at alhobson@verizon.net.

Membership

Persons wishing to join or renew their membership in the Folk Club during this time when we are not meeting in person every week should:

Make out a check (sorry we cannot take credit cards) to "The Folk Club" in the amount of \$15 for one year or \$55 for 5 years. Please DO NOT make the check to Al Hobson.

Send the check to: Reston/Herndon Folk Club; c/o Al Hobson; 810 Elden St; Herndon, VA 20170.

If you have been expired for a long time or have moved, changed your phone number, or email address, please provide updated information.

If you are a brand new member please (in addition to the check) include your Name, Address, Phone # and type, and email address.

Al thanks you.

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 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

"I think country music is popular - has been popular and will always be popular - because I think it's a lot of real people singing about a lot of real stuff about real people. And it's simple enough for people to understand it. And we kind of roll with the punches. - *Dolly Parton*

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

T.M Hanna tmhanna.net

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

- Hosting concerts at Café Montmartre, Reston, VA
cafemontmartre.com

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

Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn)
www.hickoryg.com

Stevie Wade Potter, acoustic musician
www.steviewademusic.com

The Stewart Sisters (with Sherry Stewart, Valeria Stewart, Jim Nagle, Niels Jonker)
www.thestewartsisters.com

Steven Cutts
ThePrimeCutts.com - streaming and downloads

Jeff Smith humanwilderness.com

John DuRant
troubadourjohn.com/upcoming-performances/

Field Shaman, info and show listings at FieldShaman.com

Jillian Matundan Jillianmatundan.com

Audrey Adair audreyjadair.com



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Meets Tuesday nights, at 7:30 PM (online, Zoom and YouTube)
7:15 p.m. at Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon,
VA

President: Ben Hamblin **Treasurer:** Al Hobson
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Drumheller

FOLK CLUB FORMAT (not applicable now)

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 hold)

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, 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 FolkClubOfRestonHerndon@gmail.com.

RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS (not applicable now)

Donations can be made in advance for Guest Artist concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Al Hobson, 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA 20170, alhobson@verizon.net.

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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

- 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.

- 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; phone: 571-329-9875.