



The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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September 15th - Online Theme Night – Funny Songs

Let's tickle our humerus bones with humor, and laugh a little (or LOL) – we sure need it!
See below on this here front page

Newsletter Changes This Month

At the July meeting of the Folk Club Board of Directors we decided to make email the default way of receiving the Folk Club newsletter. We gave members an opportunity to request continuing with the mailed version in last month's newsletter. But since I didn't receive any requests for that, everyone is receiving the email this month (except the few without an email address on our database). For many of you this is the first time getting the email.

We hope that you'll enjoy reading the newsletter online (or printed if you wish to do that at home). If the email doesn't really work for you after giving it a chance, though, send me a request for the mailed paper copy at FolkClubOfRestonherndon@gmail.com and we'll switch you back. Note that the email has your membership expiration date – if the date has passed you can renew by following the instructions on page 2.

Another change to the newsletter is that it's going on a diet - slimming down to two pages. Since we don't have showcases or concerts now we don't have as much to communicate. I know some of you will really miss the "Folkies" Born This Month and the Musical Quote, but I'm hoping you'll be OK after the initial shock.

Server Donations

Much thanks to all of the Folk Club members and friends who have made contributions for Evelyn and Mustapha, our regular servers at the Amphora. They are most appreciative of our help in this difficult time when they are not getting very many tips, even though they are still working. If you would like to help them, please send your check made out to The Folk Club (also add a note that it is a servers donation) to The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon, c/o Al Hobson, 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA 20170. Every month we'll send what you give to Evelyn and Mustapha, and we thank you.

Folk Club Theme Nights – Online Version

The virtual open mic theme nights for July (Songs from the American Folk Music Revival) and August (Country Songs) were very successful. They brought out more performers and more inspired songs and a spirit of fun and camaraderie. Since they were so successful we are going to continue doing them once a month for the time being. I've received many good ideas for future themes and I appreciate those who took the time to send them to me.

Funny Songs Theme Night – September 15

Let's be as playful and light-hearted as we can be. After all, some wise wag said that laughter is the best medicine.

There are many types and genres of comedy songs, and I'm sure we'll hear many examples on this special night. Everyone has their own idea of what constitutes a funny song, so I don't think I need to list any songs, or musicians who specialize in comedy, or explain any more about it. I bet it'll be a night of really enjoyable and amusing songs.

"I have always felt that laughter in the face of reality is probably the finest sound there is, and will last until the day when the game is called on account of darkness. In this world, a good time to laugh is any time you can." -

Linda Ellerbee

[For those with Quote withdrawal.]



of Reston & Herndon

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

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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! Make out a check 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. Please provide your name, email address, phone # and type, and residential address. By the way, we are looking into a way to accept online payments in the future.

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

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- 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.