



# The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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## February Theme Night – “Love” Songs

There are love songs that are heartfelt and flowery, and then there are some from the other side – love gone wrong songs. Either kind will work for this theme night on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## February 16 Showcase – Jan Gillies

by Jan



This month, (after nearly a year of quarantine!), Jan will be introducing a few newly-minted songs, along with several of her “oldies but goodies,” which still seem so relevant to our challenging times. Neil will be accompanying her on several, with his ‘magical’ hammered dulcimer.

Isolation can be a boost to creativity, as several have discovered, and Jan has been spending time painting miniature samurai cat figures and working in their home greenhouse, as well as songwriting. There may even be a new chicken song, and a sing-along about plants – with her usual slightly warped twist at the end. Hope to see you all on Zoom! ;)

*Note: If you want to do the next Showcase and are a member who has not done a showcase in the last 6 months, then send a request to Bill Davis ([gbildavis@gmail.com](mailto:gbildavis@gmail.com)) before the next showcase. He will put your name into the drawing on February 16<sup>th</sup>. If you win you’ll be able to do a 15-minute member showcase set in March.*

## February 9<sup>th</sup> - Theme Night - “Love” Songs

There’s good love songs and, since many things have an opposite, there are songs about bad love or failed love. It’s kind of a yin-yang duality, and sometimes you need to see both sides to understand the significance of how you feel. So we hope to hear songs from both points of view and we assuredly will. Musicians can bring either kind to our table and we’ll eat it up. And we will be most appreciative.

## Conversation Time – February 9<sup>th</sup> – Early in the Open Mic

Since Connee Chandler will be the MC on this night, we’ll have our social time during the open mic. It works like this: after a few songs Connee will open up the floor and lead the social time conversation for those who responded to the invitation. This should take about 15-20 minutes, and then we’ll go back to the open mic theme.

When I send my invitation for open mic performers for that week, I’ll also tell those who want to be included in the social time how to sign up. Then on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> I’ll send the Zoom link and instructions to those who signed up.

## RHFC Membership Endowments

If you know someone who would like to play the virtual open mic but cannot because they are not a member, the Folk Club has an endowment fund (thanks to some generous members) that can give them membership for a year. Then they can sign up and play for us on Tuesday night. If you know of someone who could use this assistance, please contact Al Hobson ([alhobson@verizon.net](mailto:alhobson@verizon.net)).



*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 sign-up board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which includes setup time.

#### **SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES**

Once a month we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 15-minute (online) 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) send a request to the showcase MC before the next showcase; 3) Win the drawing on the night of the current month's showcase; and 4) be prepared to be featured in the next newsletter and to perform for everyone to enjoy!

#### **NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION (not much room now)**

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](mailto: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](mailto:alhobson@verizon.net).

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#### **FOLK CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The process is the same if your membership has expired. 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](http://www.restonherndonfolkclub.com)

**Facebook:** Search for "The Folk Club of Reston Herndon"

**General Info:** Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

#### **MUSIC GEAR**

- FREE 1960 Knabe baby grand piano and bench; in good condition but needs tuning; you must pick up from 2nd floor condo and carry down stairs. Contact Connee Chandler at [connee22@verizon.net](mailto:connee22@verizon.net) for more info.

#### **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](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.