

The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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No Theme Night This Month – Too Much Happening – How Much Fun Can You Stand?

Live Open Mike Reunion, Folk Club 36th Anniversary, Larry Mediate Showcase, Fifth Tuesday Unplugged Night
See below

Larry's Cafe M leanback

June 22 Showcase – Larry Mediate



Well, here we are. It's sad that many of us aren't here. We've lost so many friends and family since the beginning of the pandemic. Not all due to the disease, there were many reasons. The saddest part was not being able to say goodbye in the traditional manner. In the last year we've had a run of catastrophes, tragedies, and bad luck. I'm approaching this showcase with quite a different mindset from those that I've done in the past. My appreciation of life and people in my life has been greatly improved. So, being the first showcase in the Amphora since the lockdown is bittersweet. OK, enough looking back. Let's look forward!

I was pondering the creation of a set list and, to my surprise and delight, I received requests! So, in accordance with Beverly Mediate's policy of honoring requests if you can, that policy is in effect. Of course, I'll have others to help, so you'll have to wait until the event to see whose requests made the cut! I'm looking forward to seeing you all!

(Editor's note: Larry joined the Folk Club back about 1986, when it met at Jonathan's Keep in Reston. He'd heard about it from Mark Elliott and Marty Ottobre, two even earlier club members. Larry's was probably the first club marriage - he met his wife Beverly at one of those early sessions. He was club President for six years in the early 90s, and has been on the Board of Directors for the Songwriters' Association of Washington.)

June 8th – Folk Club Family Reunion!

Finally, we'll have our first meeting in our home since March 10, 2020, 15 months ago. The banquet room at The Amphora Restaurant and Diner Deluxe in Herndon, VA opens at 6, and the open mike starts at 7:15 PM EDT and ends around 9:45 PM. It feels like this will be a soft opening for us, it's been so long since we were there. And there will not be any Zoom or YouTube; ya gotta be there. It will be marvelous to see our fully-vaccinated friends in the flesh, and to hear music conjured right in front of us.

To allow more people to play we're going to try changing the length of the performance slots to 8 minutes, with 7 slots before the break and 7 after. And we ask that performers don't share slots with others - if all slots are filled musicians can add their names to the wish list and we'll try to fit them in.

June 15th – 36th Anniversary Celebration

Postponed from May, we'll have round-robin open mike entertainment (one song per musical act), free dessert, door prizes, and totally free (no dollar donation). Bring wrapped-up CD's that you think other folkies might enjoy. The Folk Club adds CD's by our recent monthly concert artists.

June 29th – Fifth Tuesday Unplugged Night

When a calendar month has a fifth Tuesday our open mike is all-acoustic with no sound system. This provides a more intimate environment and gives our sound and setup crew a night off. Gather in close to hear every vocal and instrumental nuance.

Membership Policy and the Pandemic

Since the pandemic began more than a year ago we decided we would not invalidate any expired memberships until things got back to normal. We thought that would only be for a few months, and then we would be back together again and people would have a chance to renew in person. But that policy is coming to an end since we are back to live meetings every week (hooray!). So if your membership has expired (see your email or address label) please reinstate your membership by paying Al Hobson \$15 for one year or \$55 for five. In September we'll inactivate anyone who is not a paid up member.



of Reston & Herndon

Meets Tuesday nights, at 7:15 PM ET at Amphora Diner Deluxe,
1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

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

Board of Directors: Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Sue Beffel, Ron Goad, Sue Schier, Bill Farrar, Cheryl Hennessy, Connee Chandler, Bob Hampton, Jim Clark, Nancy Truax, Steve Potter

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FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer has 8 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 24-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 (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.

RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS

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 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

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.

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 for more info.

- For Sale: Kala U Bass-2 FS w/bag \$243.14; Martin LX Jimmy Buffett guitar w/bag \$474.85; Flatiron F5 mandolin w/ case \$2238.86. Some fret wear but still playable. Contact TM at pressroom@birdphluph.com

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.