

# The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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## Early Rock 'n' Roll Night – July 20<sup>th</sup>

A celebration of the early years of rock 'n' roll, doo wop, rockabilly, etc.  
See below.

## July 13 Showcase – Anna Keller

by Anna



Anna Keller is THRILLED to be the Showcase performer for July at The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon. The Club has meant a lot to her for the past 10 years, it is such a special place with so much good music and wonderfully nice folks!

She started playing piano as a child, and is self-taught. However, unlike most self-taught musicians, she did not teach herself "music" – she only learned how to play piano. Anna has been writing songs since she was a teenager, and started to write for the simple purpose of having something to play. She LOVES to play piano, but had never performed any of her songs for anyone until 10 years ago. The Folk Club has been a wonderful place, with supportive people, for her to get a little experience performing.

Anna likes to make people laugh by doing or wearing goofy things, and says that since she plays pretty mellow, melancholy music, she likes to spice it up with a few laughs to keep the audience awake. In the beginning, she did not like performing and would shake horribly from nerves, but now she really enjoys it and shakes much less.

Anna is delighted for the opportunity to perform, and thanks the Folk Club and all its members!!

## Theme Night - July 20 – Early Rock 'n' Roll Night

Join your friends for a musical celebration of the decade that saw the birth and growth of Rock 'n' Roll in America (1954-1963). We'll recognize and appreciate one of the genres that's influenced so many of us musically, and one that we enjoy revisiting from time to time. We encourage you to come and perform, listen to, and sing out music from the world of *American Bandstand*, performers like Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, The Everly Brothers, Fats Domino, Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Bill Haley & The Comets, and many more, DJs Alan Freed and Wolfman Jack, up until the start of the British Invasion (in February 1964 the Beatles had their first #1 hit in the USA). Get creative musically, costume-wise, or just come to sing, listen, and enjoy.

## 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. Finally we're approaching normalcy and we're back to our live open mic every week at the Amphora. If your membership has expired or is about to (see your monthly newsletter 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. Thanks to those members who have renewed recently; we hope everyone remembers to do this so we don't lose any of our friends.



*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

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](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

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.