



# The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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## **THIS MONTH'S CONCERT – GRACE PETTIS**

Multiple award-winning Folk Artist! – see page 2 for details

## **April 8 Showcase – Mary Shapiro**

(Note – this will be at a late start time for a showcase, about 9PM)

by Mary



Singer/songwriter **Mary Shapiro** creates music for people of all ages that “transforms any gathering into something sacred.” Inspired by gospel, folk, rock, and soul, Mary’s music has been described as “healing political pop” and “folk with new life.” She has recorded with the a cappella gospel choir Sweet Honey in the Rock, headlined in Japan, traded musical talents with orphans in Berlin, and sung for peace in Israel, Palestine, and across the United States.

Mary has two CDs: Little Friends for Peace Celebrate!, a live recording of a benefit concert with (and for) children, and The Time is Now. “I had been thinking and talking about this project for years,” says Mary. “When I finally took action, it literally changed my life: within 2 years I moved from living in the bustle of DC to a beautiful home with deer, hawk, fox, frogs, and herons. I got a dog, and I got married! Things I dreamed of doing “someday” came true....The Time IS Now!”

Mary’s husband is Stillwaters Studios’ sound engineer, **Jeff Wolf**, who often accompanies her on percussion and bass. Mary was introduced to the Folk Club through her good friend Jan Gillies. “What a great place and even better community!” says Mary. “Often when folks have been gathering for so many years, you feel like an “outsider,” but everyone here is so supportive and welcoming. Thank you for all you do!”

Mary and Jeff love to host house concerts. Their [Stillwaters Supper and Songs](#) happen every month on a Saturday, with a 6pm potluck, a 7pm open mic, and an 8pm concert with a featured performer. Please come! They also lead music

for a meditation service on Tuesday nights (at Unity of Fairfax), so **the showcase will start toward the end of the evening, about 9:00**. Mary is especially grateful for the Folk Club’s flexibility!

When not performing, Mary uses her natural gifts and graduate work in education (University of Minnesota) at a therapeutic arts center in Middleburg called [A Place to Be](#). Mary also loves coaching songwriters and teaching guitar lessons to music lovers of all ages. Visit her online at [www.MaryShapiroMusic.com](http://www.MaryShapiroMusic.com).





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proudly presents

# GRACE PETTIS

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2014**

Show starts at **7:15 p.m.**

**\$10 (\$9 MEMBERS)** Requested Donation

## **AMPHORA'S DINER DELUXE-HERNDON**

1151 Elden St - Herndon, VA 20170

Info @ 703-435-2402

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With stories in her soul, a dash of courage, and a smile that melts walls, **GRACE PETTIS** is busy doing what she was born to do. The life of an independent touring artist is tough, but somehow she makes it look easy.

In her short career, she has built a reputation as a respected songwriter among artists, industry, and fans. While still in college, Grace released her self-titled debut album recorded at the renowned Blue Rock Studio in Wimberley, TX. After releasing her album, she splashed onto the music scene winning NPR's Mountain Stage NewSong Contest, where her "Nine to Five Girl" was selected for Best Song honors. Grace carried this momentum performing as an Official Showcase Artist at the 2010 International Folk Alliance conference where she captured the attention of presenters and radio programmers as a young

standout. Later that spring Grace won the Wildflower! Performing Songwriter Contest Grand Prize, and the People's Choice award. Grace went on to join the Storyville Coffee "Freedom Tour" across the US with Willie Porter, David Wilcox, and her legendary songwriting father Pierce Pettis and continued touring in various formats from solo shows, to performances with Pierce Pettis, to trio performances with her producer Billy Crockett and cellist Dirje Smith. In 2011 Grace won the Kerrville New Folk Contest, and was an Official Showcase Artist at the 2012 New Music Seminar.

Grace's highly anticipated second album "TWO BIRDS" has received excellent reviews, and resulted from her hugely successful fundraising campaign. Maverick Magazine featured a FIVE STAR review of her new album in their October edition. This sophomore album is a culmination of years of writing, touring and surviving as an independent artist.

Visit the musician's web site on-line at: [www.gracepettis.com](http://www.gracepettis.com)

**Seating:** Contact **Dave Hurd** Tuesdays at The Folk Club or e-mail - [DAHurdSr@cs.com](mailto:DAHurdSr@cs.com)

**UPCOMING CONCERTS include:**

[Andrew McKnight & Beyond Borders](#) - 5/20   [Dana & Susan Robinson](#) - 6/3   [Malcolm Holcombe](#) - 6/17

## MUSICAL NOTES

### Stillwaters Supper and Songs Concert Series

Were you aware that new(-ish) Folk Club member (and April Showcase performer) **Mary Shapiro** and her husband **Jeff Wolf** offer monthly get-togethers at their home in Marshall, Virginia? The Supper and Songs concert series is part of an effort by **Stillwaters Foundation** volunteers Mary, Jeff and friends to "build community and create Peace through Music". One Saturday a month begins with a potluck supper at 6pm, followed by an informal open mic (a chance to share your stories and songs). Then, from 8-10pm, professional performers take the stage! Tickets are tax deductible and support the performers. All ages are welcome (and leashed pets when we're outdoors, April to Oct). Ticket info and directions are available on their Eventbrite web page, and you can always speak to Mary at The Club.

<http://www.eventbrite.com/o/stillwaters-supper-and-songs-6053901733>

### New Seldom Scene Collection Due Out April 22 (from cybergrass.com)



Smithsonian Folkways will be releasing a collection by bluegrass music favorites, the Seldom Scene this April. The album, **Long Time...Seldom Scene** contains some of the band's most popular arrangements. For more than four decades, profoundly influential bluegrass band The Seldom Scene has shared its undeniable

talent, progressive repertoire, and creative spirit both in the studio and on stage. The Seldom Scene dedicates this album to the memory of founding members John Duffey (1934-1996) and Mike Auldridge (1938-2012).

[http://www.folkways.si.edu/radio/LongTime\\_SeldomScene\\_preview/index.html](http://www.folkways.si.edu/radio/LongTime_SeldomScene_preview/index.html)

### Folk Music Jokes

**Q:** What do you do with a folksinger on your porch?

**A:** Pay him for the pizza!

**Q:** Why are bagpipers always marching?

**A:** They're trying to get away from the noise!

Did you hear about the new Chet Atkins Diet? You just pick at your food.

**Q:** What did the banjo player get on his IQ test?

**A:** Drool

Did you hear about the bus load of banjo players that was hijacked by terrorists? The terrorists threatened to release one every hour until all their demands were met.

**Son:** Dad, I want to be a folksinger when I grow up.

**Father:** I'm sorry son, but you can't have it both ways.

## MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

### Doris Justis

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays each month, WFMA "Showcase at El Golfo", 8739 Flower Ave., Silver Spring, MD  
[elgolforestaurant.com](http://elgolforestaurant.com)  
[dorisjustis.com](http://dorisjustis.com) - Folk, original, and contemporary music

**T.M Hanna,** [tmhanna.net](http://tmhanna.net)

### Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)

[schoolshows.com/somoselmar](http://schoolshows.com/somoselmar)

**Chris Anderson** <http://chris-anderson.info/>

**Crys Matthews** [crysmatthews.com](http://crysmatthews.com)

### Ron Goad – [MisterGoad@aol.com](mailto:MisterGoad@aol.com)

- Mondays 7:30pm, F.A.M.E. Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. [FrederickAcoustic.org](http://FrederickAcoustic.org)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 8-10:30pm, SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA [Epicurecafe.org](http://Epicurecafe.org)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month 7:00pm, SAW-BMI concerts at The Athenaeum, Old Town Alexandria. [NVFAA.org](http://NVFAA.org)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 7-10pm, SAW Concerts at Surge Community Church, 1988 Kirby Rd., McLean, VA. Tickets \$10. [Saw.org](http://Saw.org)

**Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee)** [www.harleystringband.com](http://www.harleystringband.com)

**Chatham Street (Christal and Peter Prout)**

[chathamstreetmusic.com](http://chathamstreetmusic.com)

**Difficult Run String Band (Jim Nagle)**

[drstringband.wix.com/drstringband](http://drstringband.wix.com/drstringband)

**Richard White** [diviningsage.com](http://diviningsage.com)

**Mary Shapiro** <http://www.maryshapiromusic.com/>

## MONTHLY MILESTONES

### Born This Month:

4/1/1908 – Bob Nolan (Sons of the Pioneers)  
4/4/1915 – Muddy Waters (McKinley Morganfield )  
4/7/1915 – Billie Holiday  
4/9/1928 – Tom Lehrer  
4/15/1933 – Roy Clark  
4/15/1894 – Bessie Smith  
4/18/1924 – Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown  
4/22/1936 – Glen Campbell  
4/25/1928 – Vassar Clements  
4/26/1886 – Gertrude "Ma" Rainey  
4/29/1931 – Lonnie Donnegan  
4/30/1896 – Reverend Gary Davis  
4/30/1933 – Willie Nelson

### Quote for the Month

"If you cannot teach me to fly, teach me to sing."  
- Peter Pan (J.M. Barrie)



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

**President:** Ben Hamblin

**Treasurer:** Dave Hurd

**Board of Directors:** Sue Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Sue Schier, Ron Goad, Bob Hampton, Laura Kelmelis, Bill Farrar, Jim Clark

**Publicity:** Cheryl Hennessy, Sue Schier

**Bookings:** Jim Clark

**Newsletter:** Bob Hampton, Dan Grove, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Dave Hurd

**Newsgroup:** Dianne Lafleur

**Website:** Bob Hampton

**Lifetime Members:** Rose Haskell, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky

#### FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a signup board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which includes setup time. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 25-minute performance.

#### SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

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, artwork and other music-related items to newsletter editor Bob Hampton at [bhampton@ossva.com](mailto:bhampton@ossva.com). Information should be received 1 week prior to the end of the month for the next month's newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space.

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c/o Dave Hurd  
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#### RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS IN ADVANCE

Donations can be made in advance for Guest Artist concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Dave Hurd, 110 Devil's Backbone Overlook, Stephenson, VA 22656, (540) 722-0146

#### 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](http://www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com)

**FaceBook:** Search for "Folk Club of Reston Herndon"

**Yahoo Newsgroup:**

<http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/FolkClubofRestonHerndon/>

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

## Classifieds

**FOR SALE or STORAGE:** Folk Club speakers (2) LARGE Peavey SP-3, Speaker cables, 12X8 Snake cable @ least 50 ft. Mackie CFX-16 Mixer. Other sound gear. For purchase or storage for Folk Club. Contact Harny at: 703-430-0456 OR [harnynfang@yahoo.com](mailto:harnynfang@yahoo.com)

**FOR SALE:** Large Dura loudspeaker/stage monitor \$100. Electric 6 string Guitar dual pickup with pods and input jack \$20. 540-349-2938

**FOR SALE:** Archtop Guitar Kalamazoo by Gibson 1930 model FK-360 low action \$1000. Crate G40XL Guitar Amp \$40. 540-349-2938

**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 Kevin Deame, 28 Ladd, Ellington, CT 06029