



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 – ANDREW McKNIGHT

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May13 Showcase – Jan Gillies



Known for her unusual, and sometimes quirky songs, **Jan Gillies** has been writing and performing Travis-style folk music since the mid-sixties, when she became enthralled with the music of Janis Ian, Gordon Lightfoot, Joni Mitchell, Phil Ochs, Leonard Cohen, and so many of the folk icons of the era. Since beginning to write her own material in the '70s she has accumulated close to 100 original songs and recorded 7 CDs, including her current release ***Poultry in Motion*** – a compilation of songs about our domestic feathered companions. She has won several songwriting awards, including a recent one from SAW's MASC contest in the children's song category. *Poultry* was recorded at

Stillwaters Studio in Marshall, VA, with **Mary Shapiro** and her sound engineer husband **Jeff Wolf**. A CD release concert will be held there on May 10, before the showcase but after this article is out:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Stillwaters-Supper-and-Songs/162964453785404> and

<https://www.facebook.com/JanGilliesMusic>.

She'll also be at the Bowman-Shannon Cultural Arts Center in Mount Jackson on June 6 from 7-10 pm: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Bowman-Shannon-Cultural-Arts-Center-Home-of-The-Art-Group-Gallery/122762971082804>.

Jan has had an unusual life for someone who grew up in the swamplands of a northern Indiana steel town. Since first picking up a guitar at the age of 14 during the upheavals of the Vietnam War, she has used music to laugh, cry, scream, and whisper about all the wonderful and horrible things life has thrown at her. She's been a scientist, sailor, research SCUBA diver, biologist, geologist, environmentalist, newspaper editor, science teacher, EMT, and Hospice director. She has been lost at sea without a boat (twice!), fallen asleep underwater (once), worked with American crocodiles, swum with sharks, gone through earthquakes, hurricanes, and floods, and travelled around the US and as far away as Australia. She currently lives on a small hobby farm in rural West Virginia with her husband **Neil**, 2 donkeys, 3 cats, 2 lizards, and 7 chickens. Many of her experiences have shown up in tunes. The chickens haven't always hogged the spotlight - lizards got one, and she also has songs about squid encounters, swamps, war, environmental issues, and the agonies of human relationships – often with odd & unexpected humorous twists.

For the showcase, Jan will be joined by **Neil** on hammered dulcimer and probably **Jesse Gant** on standup bass. **Mary** may add vocals on a song, too. See you there!



PRESERVING FOLK TRADITIONS SINCE 1985
proudly presents

ANDREW MCKNIGHT & BEYOND BORDERS



AMPHORA'S DINER DELUXE-HERNDON - 1151 Elden St - Herndon, VA 20170

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Aptly described as "beyond Appalachian, beyond blues, beyond folk", **ANDREW MCKNIGHT & BEYOND**

BORDERS' sweet vocal blend and tight delivery inspires enthusiastic responses at festivals and concerts. The environmental-engineer-turned nationally touring artist's masterfully crafted songs and stories are heartfelt and intelligent, touching on themes from history, environmental issues, and rural Virginia and American life. Featuring founding Nitty Gritty Dirt Band member **Les Thompson**, his wife and fellow songwriter **Stephanie Thompson**, and WAMMIE-award winning singer/songwriter **Lisa Taylor**, the band blends Andrew's charming tenor voice and acoustic and electric guitars with upright bass, drums, banjo, and percussion to create "a vast expanse of song and sound".

A band that begins their existence performing at the prestigious Kennedy Center in Washington DC is likely to be headed for some interesting places artistically as well as in their career. And Beyond Borders describes this collective creative force in many ways - stylistically, artistically and in their arrangements of songs drawing from Andrew's five CDs. The intricate harmonies of two male and two female voices in different combinations adds a rare sparkle.

Since 2010, the Virginia Commission for the Arts has recognized the band as one of the Commonwealth's best performing arts groups by their inclusion in the Touring Artists Directory, alongside top talents like Robin & Linda Williams, the Richmond and Virginia Symphonies, world music group Solazo, and luthier and master guitarist Wayne Henderson. They also were part of the main stage lineup at the inaugural Mountain Aid concert near Chapel Hill, NC along with Kathy Mattea and Donna the Buffalo.

These four seasoned musicians and consummate professionals bring an exciting, unique and dynamic presentation to the stage. Their individual talents, coupled with genuine warmth for each other and their audiences, make them a true delight on and off stage.

Visit the musician's web site on-line at: www.andrewmcknight.net/theband

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

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

[Dana & Susan Robinson](#) – 6/3

[Malcolm Holcombe](#) – 6/17

[John McEuen](#) – WEDNESDAY 8/27*

***-ONE TIME ONLY – Folk Club switches from Tuesday to Wednesday meet to accommodate performer's tour schedule**

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon is a non-profit organization

Now About Your Mother...A Variety Show for Mothers and Others - May 10th

The Harried Americans, a group of DC metro area singer/songwriters, tackle motherhood with the show, *"Now About Your Mother...A Variety Show for Mothers & Others."* Performers for this show include: Chris Anderson, Suzanne Brindamour, Jeff Smith Songwriter, WITH SPECIAL GUESTS: pianist Roddy Barnes, storyteller Noa Baum, comedienne Missy Gryniewicz AND Harried Americans Hassle-Free Players Ron Goad and Doris MacDonald.

The show will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Epicure Café, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030. Admission is FREE (suggested donation \$10), and space is limited. Seats can be reserved at:

<http://harriedamericans.com/roadshow-events/>

Folk Club Campout – New Location! May 23-26

A new tradition for our 24th Memorial Day Campout! Starting this year, the campout will be held at Barb & Craig Keeler's new house in Kilmarnock, Virginia. Along with the musical entertainment, there are 8 level acres for tent or RV camping, several canoes and one kayak (with paddles and pfd's), fishing, swimming, bocce, grill(s), and a campfire ring.

For those who want to stay overnight, but aren't equipped to camp out, there are accommodations available at several motels and inns.

As always, food is provided (for a nominal fee), and folks are welcome to bring their own treats for the group.

Full details can be found in the flyer on our website (a link the News/Notes section).

Folk Club Birthday Party – May 27th

Don't forget the date for our annual birthday celebration. This year marks the 28th anniversary of the founding of the Folk Club, and our second party at our new home – The Amphora Diner Deluxe! Cake, balloons, CD raffles (don't forget our ticket fairy!), and lots of music and fun will be present as always. Mark your calendars, and put on your party hats!

There will be a special flyer posted on our website in tribute to all the great concert performers we've hosted over the past 28 years (thanks, Fang!)

Upcoming Festivals

- Purcellville Music & Arts Festival – May 17th
purcellvilleva.gov (see the calendar)

- Herndon Festival - May 29th – June 1st
herndonfestival.net

- FSGW Washington Folk Festival - May 31st - June 2nd
fswg.org (see the calendar)

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

Doris Justis

2nd Sundays each month, WFMA "Showcase at El Golfo", 8739 Flower Ave., Silver Spring, MD
elgolforestaurant.com
dorisjustis.com - Folk, original, and contemporary music

T.M Hanna, tmhanna.net

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)

schoolshows.com/somoselmar

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

Ron Goad – MisterGoad@aol.com

- Mondays 7:30pm, F.A.M.E. Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. FrederickAcoustic.org

- 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 8-10:30pm, SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA Epicurecafe.org

- 2nd Thursday each month 7:00pm, SAW-BMI concerts at The Athenaeum, Old Town Alexandria.
NVFAA.org

- 3rd Saturdays 7-10pm, SAW Concerts at Surge Community Church, 1988 Kirby Rd., McLean, VA. Tickets \$10. Saw.org

Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee) www.harleystringband.com

Difficult Run String Band (Jim Nagle)

drstringband.wix.com/drstringband

Richard White diviningsage.com

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

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

5/1/1939 – Judi Collins
5/2/1924 – Theodore Bikel
5/3/1919 – Pete Seeger
5/5/1901 – "Blind" Willie McTell
5/9/1914 – Clarence Eugene "Hank" Snow
5/10/1909 – "Mother" Maybelle Carter
5/10/1946 – Donovan Leitch
5/15/1935 – Bruce "Utah" Phillips
5/17/1942 – Henry St. Clair Fredericks (a.k.a. Taj Mahal)
5/24/1941 – Bob Dylan
5/25/1938 – Hoyt Axton
5/31/1938 – Peter Yarrow

Quote for the Month

"Do you know that our soul is composed of harmony?"
- Leonardo da Vinci



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

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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 2nd 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. 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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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

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

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