



The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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2 CONCERTS THIS MONTH - Dana & Susan Robinson, and Malcolm Holcombe (and a special concert in August!)

– see inside for details

June 10 Showcase – Dan Rilko



Dan Rilko was born in Saginaw, Michigan, in 1957, the youngest of five. He credits his older brother Larry, a guitar playing singer-songwriter, for planting the love of music in his heart and soul. “Larry was sixteen when I was born, and I know he had me rockin’ to the music of the ‘50s when I was still in my mother’s womb!” It was seven years later, when his sister Nancy played her *Introducing...The Beatles* LP, that he got hooked on Lennon and McCartney, and soon after he was standing in line with sister Suzie to see *A Hard Day’s Night* and *Help!* Then all he wanted was a Beatle wig, Beatle boots, and to sing those Beatles songs.

In 1973, after the Rolling Stones came out with *Angie*, Dan traded in his Fender Telecaster electric guitar for a Gibson Hummingbird and began concentrating on acoustic music by the Beatles, Stones, Jethro Tull, CSN&Y, Jim Croce, America, the Eagles, Steve Goodman, and others. His guitar teacher recommended going to Elderly Music in Lansing to pick up albums by Norman Blake and Tony Rice, and he was soon into Bill Monroe and Flatt and Scruggs, too. The Bluegrass bug would later “sink its teeth in and bite him good” when he heard second generation musicians like the Bluegrass Album Band, Tony Rice Unit, Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder, Seldom Scene, the Country Gentlemen, and others. Dan also loves Appalachian music and fiddle tunes, and for the showcase he’ll be playing songs by the artists above plus some original material.

Dan is a Building Automation Systems Commissioning Specialist at Jacobs Engineering, and has also worked at Johnson Controls and Siemens Building Technology. He and his wife Suzie have lived in South Riding since 2003, and have two sons back in Michigan. Jeremy, the youngest, recently completed four years (and four tours in Afghanistan) with the USAF, and is now at the College of Aviation at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Their oldest son Joshua and his wife Lindsay are graduates of MSU, and they have an Americana acoustic band titled **Lindsay Lou & The Flatbellys** (<http://www.lindsayloumusic.com>). The band tours all around the US, and opened up the Frying Pan Park Bluegrass Barn Concert Series earlier this year. They will be back in our area in July, and are scheduled for a twenty day tour of Germany this fall.

Dan was a member of the Mason Branch Bluegrass Band, performing mainly in the Fredericksburg area, and he now plays house parties with Mark Maggiolo of Hume, VA. He met Mark at the weekly jam sessions held at banjo man Ronnie Poe’s Garage years ago. Dan also attends many live music venues in the region, including the Graves Mountain and Watermelon Park music festivals. He is currently in the process of setting up his own guitar building and repair workshop, and says it will soon be crossed off the bucket list. Another bucket list item is to record a CD of his originals with his sons and daughter in-law Lindsay, and maybe even the wife on tambourine!

For the showcase, Dan will be joined by his good friend **Bill Moore** on percussion, and his older brother **Dave** may join him on harmonica as well. See you there!



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proudly presents

MALCOLM HOLCOMBE



Born and raised in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina, **MALCOLM HOLCOMBE** is being recognized by the contemporary U.S and European folk/americana community as a performer of national stature, and an uncommonly unique guitarist/vocalist about whom **ROLLING STONE** magazine says: "*Haunted country, acoustic blues and rugged folk all meet [here]...*"

The acts of writing songs and playing music have always been hopeful ones, however bleak the subject matter of the songs might be. With *Down the River*, his ninth compilation, Holcombe has once again given us a handful of songs that are testimony to the human spirit. It is born from that bed of contradictions we all lie in. In these songs, the old truths still hold, songs such as "Twisted Arms" and "Whitewash Job" that sizzle with anger at a society that seems intent on losing its way and running over its poor and disenfranchised. The album is coupled with songs from a softer, more generous perspective such as "The Crossing" and "In Your Mercy," written in the voice of an old woman who sees "All I worked for/...sold and surely gone," but who trusts that "many years will tell the truth."

There is truth embedded in these songs the way quartz is embedded in the steep driveways and black dirt of Malcolm Holcombe's western North Carolina. Love, the inner life, music, these are eternal verities and will outlast the trickery and chicanery of those who would turn us against each other. In the end, our lives are simply gatherings of contradictions. We are capable of being cruel, funny, angry and unfathomably kind, sometimes all in the space of a few minutes. The same mouth that launched angry words at a driver who cut us off in traffic will kiss and sing a child to sleep. The wise ones among us know this, and the best artists embrace this paradox and use it to fuel their making. In these strange and troubled times, we need Holcombe's witness as much as we ever have, and it is our good fortune to receive it.

FOR MORE INFO – www.malcolmholcombe.com

TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2014

Show starts at **7:15 p.m.** - **\$13** (\$12-FOLK CLUB MEMBERS)

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

Info @ 703-435-2402 Tickets – Dave Hurd – dahurdsr@cs.com www.restonherndonfolkclub.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS include: **WEDNESDAY 8/27/2014** - John McEuen www.johnmceuen.com

MUSICAL NOTES

Celebrate Fairfax! June 6th – 8th

This year marks the 31st year of an annual festival that is a favorite with everyone. Held at the Fairfax County Government Center, it provides world-class entertainment on seven stages. Concerts on the main stage this year will feature **Cheap Trick**, the **All-American Rejects**, and **The Hunts**. Six additional stages will feature a variety of music throughout the weekend. Advance tickets for adults through May 31st are \$9 online, \$12 from May 1st - June 5th at Wegmans, or \$15 at the gate. Children age 3-12 are \$4 in advance, or \$5 at the gate (children under 3 are free). For more details, visit the website at:

celebratefairfax.com

Fairfax County Summer Entertainment Series

Enjoy the 20th season of this series of free concerts and other entertainments held at parks throughout the county. Bring your own picnic, blankets and/or lawn chairs, and get ready for a good time.

This year's featured performances include: **Seldom Scene** at Nottoway Park in Vienna; **Cathy Fink & Marcy Marker**, and **Sierra Hull** at the Lee District Park Amphitheater; **John McCutcheon** at Frying Pan Farm Park; **The Crowdaddies** and **Black Masala** at Royal Lake Park; **Bob Margolin** and the **Seldom Scene** at Grist Mill Park, and many, many more wonderful performances.

Check the website for all the entertainment you need to fill a summer.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/>

Common Ground on the Hill – DCBU Camp

Common Ground on the Hill will be hosting its 20th annual music & arts camps from June 29th thru July 11th at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD. Both weeks 1 and 2 will have classes from Beginner to Master level in a variety of subjects from Musical Instruments to Drama to Broadcasting and much more. The **D.C. Bluegrass Union** will be holding their Bluegrass camp June 29th thru July 4th, and featuring **Tony trishka** for the banjo camp.

Don't forget the 17th annual festival on the weekend of July 12th -13th at the Carroll County Farm Museum with 4 stages of roots music, this year featuring a Zydeco weekend. With **Hot Tuna**, the **New Riders of the Purple Sage**, **Professor Louie & the Crowmatix**, and many others.

For more info check the following websites: dcbu.org and commongroundonthehill.org

FloydFest 13 – July 23rd – 27th

FloydFest 13 ('Revolutionary') once again dishes up a bevy of artists to please every musical appetite. **Blue Ridge Outdoor Magazine** calls it "our favorite outdoor festival". Performers this year include **Laurryn Hill**, **Ben Harper**, **Ziggy Marley**, **Buddy Guy**, **Robert Randolph & the Family Band**, **the Duhks**, **Donna the Buffalo**, and too many more to name. FloydFest is produced by Across-the-Way Productions (based in Floyd, VA). Check out all the details of the festival on the website at: <http://www.floydfest.com/events-news/>

NERFA, SERFA One-Day Conference in Virginia

(from nerfa.org)

SERFA (Southeast Regional Folk Alliance) and NERFA will be co-sponsoring a joint One-Day Mini-Conference on Saturday September 6th in Charlottesville, VA. Showcase applications and Conference registration forms are available now on the NERFA website under the REGIONAL ONE-DAY CONFERENCES menu section.

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:

6/3/1897 – Lizzie Douglas (a.k.a. "Memphis Minnie")

6/9/1902 – Nehemiah "Skip" James

6/10/1910 – Chester Arthur Burnett (aka "Howlin' Wolf")

6/14/1909 – Burl Ives

6/18/1942 – Sir Paul McCartney

6/19/1914 – Lester Flatt

6/22/1936 – Kris Kristofferson

6/23/1929 – June Carter Cash

6/26/1893 – "Big" Bill Broonzy

Quote for the Month

"Music expresses feeling and thought, without language; it was before speech, and is beyond all words."

- Robert G. Ingersoll



of Reston & Herndon

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

President: Ben Hamblin

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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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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