



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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

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September 19 Showcase – Nancy Truax

NOTE ALTERNATE DATE – Monday, September 19

By Nancy

Nancy Truax grew up in East Tennessee, living at various times in Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Maryville. She joined the Coast Guard at the age of 21, and enjoyed a long and varied career, stationed in places like Hawaii, Alaska, California, and DC. She started out as a Morse Code operator and ended her Coast Guard career as a criminal defense attorney, representing Coast Guard members whose court-martial convictions were up on appeal. After retiring from the Coast Guard, Nancy started her own military law practice, representing military members from all branches of service in various criminal and administrative proceedings.

Nancy considers herself more of a singer than a guitar player. She got her first guitar when she was 11 and she's still trying to figure out how to play it (she identifies strongly with the character Phoebe from "Friends" who describes chords by their hand shapes — i.e., "bear claw"). Her favorite artists are Joni Mitchell, Paul Simon, James Taylor, and Jethro Tull.

About five or six years ago Nancy and Greg Vickers did some impromptu playing and singing, and agreed that they should do it again sometime. Two or three years went by before they ever did. Then Greg invited Nancy to come to the Folk Club to do a few songs with him. That was the first time she ever performed in public. Greg and Nancy continued to play together, and soon they were joined by Matt Larson and formed the West Market Trio playing in various places around the Northern Virginia/DC area including the Columbia Heights Community Market, the Lake Anne Farmers' Market, Bangkok Blues, the Bluemont Fair, and, of course, the Folk Club of Reston-Herndon.

Nancy lives in Reston, Virginia with her husband Wayne and their Beagle/Jack Russell mix Joey. Joey likes to listen to the West Market Trio practice, and occasionally sings along (his favorite song is John Phillips' Topanga Canyon).



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Craig Werth has been performing at coffeehouses, folk festivals, concert halls, and schools (from kindergarten to Elderhostel) for a wicked long time. He brings to his writing and performing a life-load of experience as a counselor, teacher, outreach case-worker, builder of musical instruments, and family man.

Craig's compositions explore topics ranging from natural wonders like whales, dinosaurs, and zucchinis; to relationships, parenting, his Newfoundland heritage, and his Long Island and Catskill Mountain roots. He performs primarily with voice, guitars, bouzouki, ukulele, banjo, mountain dulcimer and shruti box (an audience favorite).

Since October 2006, Craig Werth has served as the accompanist/co-arranger for three-time Juno-winner David Francey. Craig co-produced Francey's "Right of Passage" which won a best album Juno in 2008. He is

CRAIG WERTH

Tuesday, September 13th, 2011

Requested Donation

\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)

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

**The Back Room of
The Tortilla Factory**

*648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA*

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often on tour with David but also performs solo shows and works on other creative projects. With the release of his highly-acclaimed album of original songs -- "The Spokes Man" -- Craig has returned to the road much more as a solo artist.

Craig has been featured on a variety of musical collections including "Seacoast Songwriters " a sampler CD of New England artists produced by guitar legend Harvey Reid. He has won 1st place in songwriting contests judged by acoustic-folk DJs and music professionals from New England and across the nation, and is also featured on Christine Lavin's annual radio show on New York's WFUV.

*"If you like Dave Mallet and John Gorka, you'll like Craig Werth."
- Annie Provenzano, WMWV Radio*

*"Craig is not an "average" or an "above average" musician. He is an exceptional one."
- Craig Huegel, Our Kind of Folk Coffee-house Series & Folk DJ*

More information and discography on-line at: <http://craigwerth.com>

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

UPCOMING CONCERTS include [Sam & Joe Herrmann](#) - 10/11/11 AND [Verlon Thompson](#) - 11/15/11

MUSICAL NOTES

Great Grapes! – September 10th & 11th

A unique wine-tasting experience is waiting at the Reston Town Center this year, with wine, food, art, and great music. Your ticket price includes a souvenir wine-tasting glass, and sampling choices from hundreds of Virginia wines. Great music will be heard on both days of the festival with performances from the **Junkyard Saints, Deena Bogart, A Good-Natured Riot, the Jack Diamond – Jim Steed Band, and The Sauce Boss** (who cooks gumbo for you on stage while performing slide guitar!). There will be cooking seminars where you can learn cooking secrets and recipes from gourmet and celebrity chefs. A kid's Activity Area is on hand and children 12 and under can come for free.

You can find out more information or order tickets online at www.uncorkthefun.com/reston-virginia/site-info

Mid-Atlantic Song Contest (MASC)

The Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW) is hosting the 28th annual MASC. Entries must be postmarked by September 15th. Visit SAW.org for more details.

Bluemont Fair – September 17th and 18th

Come join the fun at the 42nd annual celebration of this terrific country fair. The fair will host lots of great entertainment on four stages. Food, crafts, and fun for the whole family.

For a complete listing and further details, visit the website at: bluemontfair.com

NERFA Conference

The annual Northeast Regional Folk Alliance conference will be held November 10-13 at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa in Kerhonkson, NY. This conference is one of the foremost events for folk musicians to get together and network with other musicians, agents, DJs and performance organizers. Showcase opportunities abound, along with workshops, panel discussions, seminars, and good, old-fashioned jam sessions. More information can be found on their website at NERFA.org

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

That's right – they don't just play at The Folk Club!

Larry Mediate larry-mediate.com

Ric Sweeney (a.k.a. – 'Mr. Rain')
myspace.com/ricsweeneysilverlinings

T.M Hanna, birdphluph.com

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)
schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Jane Tatum (with Laurel Branch)
9/16, 7-9pm – Washington Plaza Baptist Church, Lake Anne Village, Reston, VA
9/17, 2-4pm – Bluemont Fair, wine-tasting area, Bluemont, VA

Doris Justis

dorisjustis.com - Folk, original, and contemporary music

Ron Goad – MisterGoad@aol.com

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

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

- 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:00-11pm, SAW-BMI Variety Showcase at Bangkok Blues, Falls Church, VA.
bangkokblues.com

Scott Malyszka

cdbaby.com/cd/scottmalyszka
feelthewag.com

Bo Carneal

myspace.com/bocarneal

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

9/?/1893 – "Blind" Lemon Jefferson
9/5/1930 – Shel Silverstein
9/5/1946 – Loudon Wainwright III
9/8/1897 – Jimmie Rodgers
9/10/1945 – Jose Feliciano
9/11/1945 – Leo Kottke
9/13/1911 – Bill Monroe
9/17/1923 – Hank Williams
9/19/1941 – Ellen Naomi Cohen ("Mama" Cass Elliot)
9/21/1934 – Leonard Cohen
9/27/1928 – "Uncle" Josh Graves

And In Passing:

9/1/2008 – Jerry Reed
9/9/1996 – Bill Monroe
9/12/2003 – Johnny Cash
9/20/1973 – Jim Croce
9/26/1937 – Bessie Smith

Noteworthy Events:

9/1/1953 – Buddy Holly and Bob Montgomery audition for what will become the Bob & Buddy Show on KDAV's Sunday Party radio program.
9/3/1966 – Donovan scores his only number 1 U.S. hit with "Sunshine Superman"
9/6/1961 – Bob Dylan makes his debut performance at the Gaslight Café in New York
9/15/1965 – Ford Motors becomes the first to offer 8-track tape players for their vehicles (home players are still a year away). Tapes are initially available only at auto parts stores
9/24/1988 – Bobby McFerrin's "Don't Worry, Be Happy" is the first *a cappella* song to score a number 1 U.S. hit

Quote for the Month

*"Music that gentler on the spirit lies,
Than tired eyelids upon tired eyes."
~ Alfred, Lord Tennyson*



of Reston & Herndon

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15pm at The Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ben Hamblin

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Newsgroup: Dianne Lafleur

Website: Bob Hampton

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.

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.

NEWSGROUP

The Folk Club newsgroup is a great way of keeping in touch with what's happening around town and beyond. Just go to: <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/FolkClubofRestonHerndon/>

WEBSITE

The Folk Club has its own website at:
www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com

INFO LINE

For general folk club information contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402



Classifieds



FOR SALE: Subwoofer, Definitive Technology model ProSub 600, w/Active Crossover and Power Amplifier. \$300. Call Lynn at 703-437-7766

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



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