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

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THIS MONTH'S CONCERT – Brother Sun

A Nationally Acclaimed Act

Pat Wictor, Joe Jencks and Greg Greenway, Singing in Powerful Harmony - See page 2

June 9 Showcase – Stevie Wade Potter

By Dan Grove

Steve “Stevie Wade” Potter was born in DC and has lived in Northern Virginia since. He went to Hayfield High School in Alexandria, and now lives in Haymarket. He has a wife and two children - a daughter, 25, and a son, 20. Steve worked for over 30 years for Verizon, first implementing internal computer and internet systems and then as a supervisory engineer for the FIOS fiber optic system.

Steve picked up a guitar in high school, and at age 20 began lessons for a couple of years with a classical fingerstyle player who was arranging Beatles songs on the guitar – “Blackbird” is one of the first songs he learned. He stopped playing until his early 30s, when he was impressed by Mississippi John Hurt, and found that his earlier classical fingerstyle technique worked with Piedmont and Delta Blues. Hurt, Reverend Gary Davis, Robert Johnson, and others influenced him tremendously.

After a while Steve got into electric guitar - Mark Knopler of Dire Straits is his favorite overall player, with Muddy Waters tops for blues. When Steve heard James Cotton perform on harmonica he picked that up, too, and played both in an electric blues band called The Icemen for 20 years.

The next incarnation for Steve was when he discovered Doc Watson, Tony Rice, and Norman Blake about seven years ago – this called for flatpicking, which he learned to do. He’s also tinkering with mandolin and lap steel guitar these days, always expanding.

Steve plays a lot of gigs, many wineries among them. Until last month he also hosted a showcase event at Deja Brew in Haymarket, but the restaurant has unfortunately closed. You can see his performing schedule and more at his website, <http://www.StevieWadeMusic.com>.

For his showcase, Steve plans to do songs you’ll recognize from multiple genres and decades, accompanied by Tom Bodine, Kathleen Huber, and Nicole Belanus. See you on the 9th!



THE FOLK CLUB
of Reston & Herndon

Proudly presents

BROTHER SUN



Pat Wictor, Joe Jencks and Greg Greenway

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$14 (\$13 MEMBERS)

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National Touring Artists **Pat Wictor**, **Joe Jencks** and **Greg Greenway** have made their mark as veteran touring singer-songwriters, but Brother Sun is no songwriters' round. The trio's harmonies, as much as their lyrics, tell what they are about -- warm as a campfire, stirring as a gospel church, rousing as a call to arms. Fusing folk, Americana, blues and pop, as well as cappella singing, Brother Sun is an explosion of musical diversity and harmony in the finest of male singing traditions.

From three major points on the map, Boston, New York and Chicago - Pat, Joe and Greg have blended themselves into Brother Sun -- a unique celebration of the amazing power of

singing together. Their combined musical skills make for an unforgettable experience - three rich voices blending on a well-crafted foundation of guitar, slide guitar, piano, ukulele and bouzouki.

Brother Sun's self-titled first release (2011), debuted at #2 on the Folk DJ Chart, and was named the #8 album of 2011 on FOLK-DJ. In addition, Brother Sun made the "Best of 2011" and "Best of 2012" lists for over a dozen radio stations in the US.

More information about Brother Sun can be found at: **www.brothersun.com**.

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Side by Side 8/25/2015; Sally Barris & Rebecca Folsom 9/15/2015

MUSICAL NOTES



The Hummingbird Collective: Concert and Workshops

Two "birds" are flying in from Colorado. International touring artist Lisa Bell has teamed up with Janis Kelly to tour as "The Hummingbird Collective". Their mission: to infuse the world with positive music and messages.

Lisa Bell has a B.A. in vocal performance and has opened for Stanley Jordan, Oleta Adams, and at the JVC Winter Park Jazz Festival. Lisa has shared the same bill as Christopher Cross and Boney James. She sings "Jazz On The Tracks" performances aboard scenic trains in the Rocky Mountains and across Italy.

Janis Kelly is a life-long musician, performer, and musical "instigator." She has shared the stage and studio with such legends as Carole King, Earth Wind and Fire, The Neville Brothers, Tower of Power, and Rufus and Chaka Khan. Janis has seen first-hand how music helps build bridges of peace, harmony and understanding.

Not only is "The Hummingbird Collective" performing a Supper and Songs Concert but they're also giving two workshops. "Cosmic Singing" (Sat 3-6) and "Living Your Vibrant Life" (Sun 3-5).

Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7, 2015 at Stillwaters, 4279 Janes Lane, Marshall, VA 20115.

For more information, see Mary Shapiro or go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-hummingbird-collective-concert-and-workshops-start-at-3-pm-tickets-15806080412>.

Publicity Chair Update

Amy Lowenstein (our publicity chair) has asked for a member to step up and learn the responsibilities of the publicity job, in the eventuality she may be called elsewhere this summer and beyond.

We are happy to report that Steve Potter (this month's showcase performer) has volunteered to fill this role if Amy is indeed called away. Be sure to thank Steve for volunteering.

"FOLKIES" 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

Musical Quote for the Month

"Music is everybody's possession. It's only publishers who think that people own it."

- John Lennon

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

Doris Justis dorisjustis.com - Folk, original, and contemporary music

- 2nd Sunday each month, WFMA "Showcase at El Golfo", 8739 Flower Ave., Silver Spring, MD

elgolforestaurant.com

- A special Side by Side "Aloha" concert will be Tue Aug 25 2015 at The Folk Club. Doris and Sean McGhee have been performing in the DC area for 31 years, and Doris is moving to Hawaii.

T.M Hanna tmhanna.net

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)

schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Chris Anderson Performance schedule and downloads at <http://chris-anderson.info>

- Monthly, 2nd Saturday, Harried Americans Happy Hour, 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Epicure Cafe, Fairfax, VA.

<http://harriedamericans.com>

Ron Goad MisterGoad@aol.com

- Mondays 7:15 pm, F.A.M.E. Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. FrederickAcoustic.org

- 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7:30-? (open mic at 10 pm), SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA

Epicurecafe.org

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

Mary Shapiro maryshapiromusic.com

The Aloha Boys (Glen Hirabayashi and Isaac Ho'opi'i) alohaboys.com

Crys Matthews www.crysmatthews.com

George Dacre

www.acousticayre.com

- Paradise Springs Winery, Clifton, VA

Sunday May 24th, 2-6pm

Friday Aug 14th, 5-9pm

Saturday Oct 31st, 2-6



of Reston & Herndon

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

President: Ben Hamblin **Treasurer:** Dave Hurd
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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 Ben Hamblin at newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.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"

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 Kevin Deame, 28 Ladd, Ellington, CT 06029