



# The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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## THIS MONTH: NO CONCERT ☹

Coming in August - Side by Side – Aloha Concert  
Doris Justis & Sean McGhee, Parting Ways after 31 Years

## July 14 Showcase – Kathleen Huber

by Kathleen



Oh my, what a year it's been.

Last year at this time I was mentally preparing for my first Swannanoa Gathering (a.k.a., sleep-away camp for music lovers of all ages near Asheville, NC). I'd heard stories, good ones, about late-night jam sessions, excellent concerts, and the beautiful campus at Warren Wilson College. Even so, I was reluctant to register—too many people, not enough 'downtime,' my limited abilities, and those scary stories about Livingston Taylor demanding perfection from his students. Sometimes, a dear friend told me, you need to get out of your comfort zone. This is not an advertisement for

the Swannanoa Gathering, but my attendance last year not only got me out of my comfort zone (by a LONG shot) but it fundamentally changed the way I think about music (and maybe about life).

Here's a sampler from the week: - First day, Livingston Taylor: *Don't answer me with a question, Kathleen Huber. I don't know you from a tree stump. Are you from Vienna, Virginia or not?* - Day two, Ray Chesna: *You look confused. Do you need me to go over it again?* - Day three, Liv Taylor: *Get the time out of your instrument and don't you dare lose it. If you don't have the time inside you then your audience will get nervous—they'll wonder who has the time, they'll wonder where it went, they'll wonder if it will ever come back. Don't you dare do that to your audience.* - Day four, Cliff Eberhardt, handing me a guitar pick he pulled from his pocket: *Use it. Every day. And a metronome every time you practice.*

The humbling take-home summary from my first Gathering: know who you are and own your story so you can perform with honesty and confidence, understand the basics of music theory, never let go of time (the foundation of all music), and practice with the right tools. These things might seem obvious to many of you but they weren't to me. Swannanoa Gathering was like graduate school at a music festival: intense but way more fun.

Most of my practice and performance this last year has been with **Tom Bodine**. His disciplined approach to music practice inspires me to be a better musician and a more confident performer. We've enjoyed building a repertoire of songs, we've had a few gigs since our first in April, and we're working on perfecting our 'blend' as we both try to improve our harmony skills. In this showcase I'll be joined by Tom, **Marcy Cochran**, and **Kim Melton**.

Swannanoa Gathering 2015 is just a few weeks away. I wonder...what will this next 'trip around the sun' bring into being?

# Summer is Music Festivals Time

(courtesy of [www.musicfestivaljunkies.com](http://www.musicfestivaljunkies.com))



## Red Wing Roots 2015

July 10-July 12, 2015, Mt. Solon, VA, CAMPING: Yes,

WEBSITE: [www.redwingroots.com](http://www.redwingroots.com)

LINEUP includes The Punch Brothers, Robert Earl Keen, Sara–Sarah–Aoife, The Wood Brothers, Elephant Revival, The Travelin' McCourys, The Steel Wheels

## Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival

July 16-July 19, 2015, Oak Hill, NY, CAMPING: Yes,

WEBSITE: [greyfoxbluegrass.com/festival](http://greyfoxbluegrass.com/festival)

LINEUP includes Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn, Del McCoury Band, Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen, Peter Rowan Bluegrass Band, The Stray Birds

## Floydfest

July 22-July 26, Floyd, VA, CAMPING: Yes, WEBSITE: [floydfest.com](http://floydfest.com)

LINEUP includes Brandi Carlile, Drive-By Truckers, Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell, Greensky Bluegrass, Jerry Douglas Presents The Earls of Leicester, The Oh Hellos, Keller & The Keels, Peter Rowan's Twang An' Groove

## Newport Folk Festival

July 24-July 26, 2015, Newport, RI, CAMPING: Yes,

WEBSITE: [www.newportfolk.org](http://www.newportfolk.org)

LINEUP includes Bela Fleck & Abigail Washburn, Brandi Carlile, Iron & Wine and Ben Bridwell, J Mascis, Jason Isbell, Sufjan Stevens, The Decemberists

## Oak Grove Folk Music Festival

August 7 - August 9, Staunton , VA, CAMPING: No, WEBSITE:

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

LINEUP includes The Claire Lynch Band, Eric Brace & Peter Cooper, Jonathan Byrd & The Pickup Cowboys, Hook & Bullet, Hanna Rae, The Honey Dewdrops

## **MUSICAL NOTES**



### **Jim Thorne and the Moondiggers Concert**

Jim Thorne has been playing jazz flute and guitar, singing and writing songs since college (where he learned to be a rocket scientist - really!). Jim volunteers to perform in schools, and kids of all ages love his songs such as *The Stars Go By*, *Hogs in Indiana*, and *Oaken Door*. Check him out at [www.reverbnation.com/jimthorne](http://www.reverbnation.com/jimthorne). Come to Stillwaters for good food, good folks, and good music by open mic-ers and the featured performer, Jim Thorne. Sat Jul 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 10 PM at Stillwaters, 4279 Janes Ln, Marshall, VA 20115.

### **"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:**

7/3/1893 – “Mississippi” John Hurt  
7/4/1826 – Stephen Foster  
7/10/1907 – Fulton Allen (a.k.a. “Blind Boy” Fuller)  
7/10/1947 – Arlo Guthrie  
7/14/1912 – Woody Guthrie  
7/18/1954 – Ricky Skaggs  
7/21/1947 – Steven Demetri Georgiou (aka Cat Stevens)  
7/23/1971 – Alison Krauss  
7/30/1936 – George “Buddy” Guy

### **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](http://dorisjustis.com) - Folk, original, and contemporary music

- World Folk Music Association Showcase at El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20901, on Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 7 PM. This showcase will feature the final monthly showcase appearance of Side by Side (Doris Justis, member of the Folk Club of Reston-Herndon, and Sean McGhee), WFMA's houseband since 1984. Joining the duo will be Chuck Mitchell (singer/songwriter, actor and once married to Joni Mitchell) and local singer/songwriter and audio/video engineer, Collin Warren. More information at <http://wfma.net/eg1507.htm>. Reservations: 301-608-2121.

- A special Side by Side “Aloha” concert will be Tue Aug 25 2015 at The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon as Doris retires from her day job and moves to Hawaii! Doris and Sean McGhee have been performing in the DC area for 31 years, and Doris has been a member, performer, friend, and supporter of The Folk Club since the early days.

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

**Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)**  
[schoolshows.com/somoselmar](http://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](mailto:MisterGoad@aol.com)  
- Mondays 7:15 pm, 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> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 7:30-? (open mic at 10 pm), SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA  
[Epicurecafe.org](http://Epicurecafe.org)

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

**Mary Shapiro** [maryshapiromusic.com](http://maryshapiromusic.com)

**The Aloha Boys** (Glen Hirabayashi and Isaac Ho'opi'i)  
[alohaboys.com](http://alohaboys.com)

**Jan Gillies**  
- 3rd Friday, 8 to 10 pm, Jan & Neil host an open mic at Lost River Grill/TK Lounge in Lost City, WV.

**George Dacre**  
[www.acousticayre.com](http://www.acousticayre.com)  
- Paradise Springs Winery, Clifton, VA  
Friday Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, 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  
**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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**Newsletter:** Ben Hamblin, Dan Grove, Jim Clark, Dave Hurd  
**Website:** Cheryl Hennessy  
**Facebook:** Cheryl Hennessy  
**Lifetime Members:** Rose Haskell, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky, Dave Hurd

#### **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 Ben Hamblin at [newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.com](mailto: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](http://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