



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 Special Concert, Aug 25 – SIDE BY SIDE

Doris Justis & Sean McGhee, Parting Ways after 31 Years

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This month the Folk Club will take a rare departure from protocol, moving the showcase to the third Tuesday and expanding it to the entire second half of the evening, in order to accommodate Steve Coffee and his growing band of contributors in the world premiere performance of his complete Dust Bowl epic.

August 18 Showcase **Steve Coffee & Friends: “Rain Follows the Plow”**

I want to humbly thank the Folk Club for bending established procedures to allow me the chance to present my folk opera, *Rain Follows the Plow* in its entirety for the first time.

There is no more appropriate place for this debut. It's been almost ten years since I first played at the Folk Club as a member of the Harley String Band. Since then, I've tried out a number of new songs and ideas here, taking advantage of this abundance of hospitality.

The warm reaction of Folk Club audiences to my Dust Bowl songs has been one of the most important factors that have emboldened me to believe in this project. The other major factor has been the way people I really respect have stepped up to donate their time and talents. You have probably heard me bragging about my collaborators. I am delighted to be able to present them to you on August 18th. Expected participants include The Glimpses, Kevin Dudley, Elizabeth Stone, Chuck Haskins, Jeff Smith, Marcy Cochran, Ron Goad, and, last but not least, Jim Johnson and Jim Clark.



The photo above is from February, when approximately half the songs were premiered at the Iota club.

Together, we will take you on a journey through America's worst ecological disaster (so far). How could this happen? What were the people thinking? What did it feel like when you couldn't breathe the air or trust the sky? We'll take you through the hubris, the optimism, the denial, the desperation, the remorse, and the redemption. The songs are diverse in style, befitting a decade that had one foot in the Old West and one in World War II. They honor the tenacity and dignity of those who suffered through those years, while also serving as cautionary tales about what can happen when we bend nature too far.

Who knows where this project is going, but you were there at the beginning! - Steve



Proudly presents

SIDE BY SIDE – ALOHA CONCERT



Side by Side: Doris Justis and Sean McGhee

Side by Side, who celebrated their 30th Anniversary in May 2014, have graced our concert stage multiple times over the years. Noted for their close vocal harmonies and guitars backing original songs as well as original interpretations of the best folk/acoustic songwriters, they have shared the stage with a "who's who" of folk such as Tom Paxton, Nanci Griffith, the Chad Mitchell Trio, Noel Paul Stookey and Peter Yarrow, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Jon Carroll, Schooner Fare, Christine Lavin, the Limelickers - and the list goes on. Side by Side has often performed with Bill Danoff, a long-time performer and a co-writer of John Denver's hit, "Take Me Home, Country Roads." This folk duo will charm you with warm and intimate songs that range from original contemporary sounds to classics from the 1960's.

TUESDAY, AUG 25, 2015

Show starts at **7:15 PM**
(room open for dining at 6 PM)

\$12 (\$11 MEMBERS)

Requested Donation

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

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Besides having quick wit and an irreverent sense of humor, Sean McGhee is a master of the 12-string guitar and has an engaging tenor voice. He has been featured at the Birchmere as one of the "Three Folk Tenors" and performs with Ja Keating.

Doris Justis has been a member of The Folk Club almost from the beginning and has been a longtime fan and supporter, going back to her days as Dick Cerri's aide with WFMA and the "Music Americana" radio show in the 80s. She has been a mainstay of the folk and acoustic music scene in the Washington area for years, and has also appeared in Nashville and at the Bitter End in Greenwich Village, among other venues. Since Doris is moving to Hawaii, this is your chance to wish her and Side by Side "aloha."

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Sally Barris & Rebecca Folsom, Sep 15 2015, and Beppe Gambetta, Oct 13 2015

MUSICAL NOTES



Labor Day Weekend Campout

Come out to the country for an hour, a day, or a weekend of camping, fun, friends and music. Beth Drumheller and Dave Hurd invite all Folk Club members, friends, musicians, and music lovers to their Double Trouble Estate in Stephenson, Virginia this Labor Day weekend – Saturday September 5th to Monday September 7th. Contact Dave (DAHurdSr@cs.com) or Beth (msdrum@yahoo.com) and they will send a flyer with more information. Or call them at 540-722-0146.

"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:

8/1/1931 – “Ramblin” Jack Elliot
8/1/1942 – Jerry Garcia
8/4/1901 – Louis Armstrong
8/8/1944 – John Renbourn
8/12/1929 – Alvis Edgar “Buck” Owens, Jr.
8/14/1941 – David Crosby
8/22/1917 – John Lee Hooker
8/27/1925 – Carter Stanley

Monthly Musical Quote

“I'd rather be a musician than a rock star.”
- *George Harrison*

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

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

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> The Harried Americans will present a themed variety show, Dog Days of Summer, at the Epicure Cafe, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030 on Saturday, August 8, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Harried Americans shows are themed loosey-goosey fun. The August 8 show will feature special musical guest The Fabulous Mary Ann Redmond (winner of 24(!) Wammie awards), guest comedian Wes Martens, and poet Rod Deacey. Members of The Harried Americans performing in this show include singer/songwriter Chris Anderson, emcee/percussionist Ron Goad, keyboard/guitar player Mark Johnson, and violinist Bruce Lebovitz. They will be joined on stage by bassist Graham Drew, with a cameo appearance by musician Ben Hamblin. This show is geared toward adults - and is free - with a suggested donation of \$10.

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

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
- Paradise Springs Winery, Clifton, VA
Friday Aug 14th, 5-9pm
Saturday Oct 31st, 2-6



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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Website: Cheryl Hennessy
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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 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: Dave Law (Reston Station) is looking to create a lasting folk/folk-rock trio for fun and profit. If interested, please email David.Law@DullesMetro.com or call 703-200-1733.

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