



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 Concert: Dec 8 – MARCY MARXER & ROLLY BROWN

Two-time Grammy award winner, Marcy Marxer, joins forces with Rolly Brown's exceptional guitar virtuosity. See page 2

December 15 Showcase – Song Garden

Evolution of Song Garden

By Tom Bodine and Kathleen Huber

Song Garden [noun]: a fertile or delightful area of ground or space where songs are cultivated.

Tom: We need a name.

Kathleen: Why?

T: So we can gig.

K: We've already gigged.

T: How about "The Dingle Berries"?

K: No.

T: "The Flying Sheep"?

K: No.

T: Something funny.

K: "Gassy McPherson and the Bean Burritos"?

T: Not funny!



At this past summer's Swannanoa Gathering on the lovely campus of Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC, we were practicing on a bench in the garden. It was a beautiful cool evening in the foothills of the southern Appalachian Mountains with music wafting in the air and contra dancing in the old gym behind us. Ramblin' Ben Hamblin (President, Folk Club of Reston/Herndon) joined us and as we were playing a few numbers from his electronic songbook (a.k.a., iPad) a beautiful young woman approached us and asked if we knew "Hallelujah" from Shrek. Ben did. We figured out a key that worked with her voice, and then followed along as Ben called out chords the first time through. A group of her friends gathered closer to hear her sing. Another young musician appeared to join in and soon we had a nice groove going on in the garden at Swannanoa. Hallelujah chorus in the garden.

Song Garden. It's about sharing music, the beauty of song, and nurturing one another as we raise our voices and make music together in this beautiful and broken world. We wept (and were also uplifted) as we read an email from Linford Taylor (half of our favorite musical duo "Over the Rhine") reporting that friends, attending a concert in the US on the recent tragic evening in Paris, "felt somehow that was exactly where they needed to be, sitting with a group of people, receiving something on a heart and soul level, holding the pain, just being together." Or as Karin Berquist (the other half of "Over the Rhine") so aptly said to them, "I'm so glad you were both cradled in the living, loving arms of music."

We've enjoyed playing at the Folk Club with Kim Melton, Marcy Cochran, Don Brown, Ben Hamblin, Steve Potter, Nicole Belanus, Ron Goad, and Julia Smyers. We're looking forward to more. How does this garden grow? On fertile ground - with music - cultivated among friends.



Proudly presents

MARCY MARXER AND ROLLY BROWN



Marcy Marxer is a multi-instrumentalist, studio musician, performer, songwriter and producer with 30 years of experience and a shelf of impressive awards. She has played acoustic music on Emmy Award-winning National Geographic specials, platinum-selling Eva Cassidy CD's and on over 50 recordings and instructional materials created with her partner, Cathy Fink. Marcy has taught at a number of music camps including Swannanoa Gathering regularly attended by several members of the Folk Club.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$10 (\$9 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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Rolly Brown is a lifelong student of the guitar. He is a past National Fingerpicking Champion and a Philadelphia Music Award nominee in addition to his frequent appearances as a solo performer, sideman and teacher. He's been playing folk, blues, ragtime, bluegrass, country and jazz for the past 46 years. Acoustic Guitar Magazine calls Rolly's guitar sound "an exceptionally melodic, articulate playing style that takes full advantage of the acoustic guitar's beautiful tone." Bennett Hammond likewise stated, "He's the real deal, the gen-you-wine article, the guitar picker's guitar picker."

Rolly is also a highly acclaimed instructor who has taught and performed both fingerstyle and flatpicking guitar at Swannanoa Gathering as well as numerous other music camps.

Check out Marcy Marxer's music at www.cathymarcy.com and Rolly Brown at www.rollybrown.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Small Potatoes 1/19/2016: **Lulu's Fate** 2/16/2016

MUSICAL NOTES



Volunteer Needed to Handle Folk Club Publicity

The Folk Club is looking for someone to take the lead on publicizing our monthly concerts to drive attendance. Normal responsibilities include spending about 1 hour per month to draft and send a brief email - by the 10th of each month - to the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) for its newsletter, and to send another email to a list of local news contacts - about 3-4 weeks prior to each concert.

It is not much work, but it's crucial that we get the word out to the various media outlets. If you are interested, please come forward to Amy, Ben, or Dave.

Folk Club Holiday Party – December 22nd

Get ready for our annual holiday party! Wrap up your gently used CDs (for the raffle), grab your sleigh bells, put on some red and green, and drive your reindeer over to the Amphora in Herndon for more fun than you can stand! Hope to see you there!

World Folk Music Association Showcase: Sean McGhee, Marci Geller, and Marshall Artz

Sunday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. Sean McGhee, singer, master the of the 12-string guitar. Marci Geller, songwriter, combines jazz, classical, Americana and folk. Duo Marshall Artz, master instrumentalists, performs folk, folk-rock and bluegrass. El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901 WFMA Members \$10; others \$15. 301-608-2121, elgolforestaurant.com, or wfma.net.

Rain Follows the Plow - Save the Date!

Folk Club member Steve Coffee announces the theatrical premiere of Rain Follows the Plow, Monday, January 25th at the Next Stop Theater in Herndon (AKA the Industrial Strength Theater). The adaptation is directed by Bill Davis and features the entire original cast. Details to follow.

"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:

12/3/1944 – Ralph McTell
12/7/1942 – Harry Chapin (died 1981)
12/7/1949 – Tom Waits
12/8/1922 – Jean Ritchie (d. 2015)
12/9/1943 – Rick Danko (d. 1999)
12/19/1940 – Phil Ochs (d. 1976)
12/19/1945 – John McEuen
12/20/1957 – Billy Bragg
12/23/1941 – Tim Hardin (d. 1980)
12/25/1946 – Jimmy Buffett
12/30/1937 – John Hartford (d. 2001)
12/30/1937 – Paul Stookey
12/30/1938 – Mike Auldridge (d. 2012)

12/31/1943 – John Denver (d. 1997)

MONTHLY MUSICAL QUOTE

“A good composer does not imitate; he steals.”
- Igor Stravinsky

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

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 p.m., Epicure Cafe, Fairfax, VA. <http://harriedamericans.com>. The show includes comedy, poetry, and music, geared to adults - and is free, with a suggested donation of \$10.

Ron Goad MisterGoad@aol.com
- Mondays 7:15 p.m., F.A.M.E. Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. FrederickAcoustic.org
- 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7:30 to ? p.m. (open mic at 10 p.m.), SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA Epicurecafe.org

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

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

Jan Gillies

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

George Dacre

www.acousticayre.com

John DuRant

- On Sunday, December 6th, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM, John will be doing an all-acoustic, unplugged, vocal performance of Civil War period songs and stories at the Franklin Park Arts Center (Purcellville, VA) Gallery Coffee House series. John will be dressed in 19th Century clothing with an 1860s guitar. www.franklinparkartscenter.org/full-season-performances/

Ben Hamblin

- With Jack Fretwell, harmonica and vocals, is presenting a concert of holiday and seasonal songs, etc., accompanied by Niels Jonker, bass. Friday, December 18 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at Café Montmartre, a French & Viet Bistro Restaurant, 1625 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne, Reston VA 20190.



of Reston & Herndon

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. 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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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 sign-up board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which includes setup time.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

On the 2nd Tuesday of the month (usually), we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 25-minute performance. 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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c/o Dave Hurd

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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, or dahurdsr@cs.com.

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

LESSONS

- Private guitar lessons in Alexandria. Flexible learning techniques including reading, ear and applied music theory. Contact Eric Forthman: ecfmm@verizon.net ;703-400-7264.

WANTED

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

- 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 Second Strings, P.O. Box 234, Nederland, CO 80466.

LAST CHANCE FOR FOLK CLUB MUGS

- Did you get your 30th anniversary gift? All who were paid-up members of the Folk Club in May 2015 are entitled to the free gift mug. If you believe you have been missed, contact Dave Hurd (dahurdsr@cs.com) to arrange getting your mug. Also, there are a small number of mugs which can be purchased for the Folk Club cost amount of \$5 each, again, contact Dave. Thanks!