



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: February 16 – LULU'S FATE

Appalachian folk/country/blues trio anchored by Tom Espinola's guitar and mandolin virtuosity. See page 2

February 9 Showcase - Song Garden (Kathleen Huber and Tom Bodine)

By Kathleen



What's this, another Song Garden showcase? How can it be? (It's verified and sanctioned...we asked people who know such things. Thanks, Dave, for the ruling on the field and Ben, for verification from the replay booth).

Blame it on T.M. Hanna who shared his "luck of the draw" by pulling my name after Tom drew T.M.'s for January. If there's anything else you want to blame on T.M. Hanna, go ahead. We'll just thank him for sharing his magic touch in Folk Club showcase drawings.

Dan Grove does an excellent job of hounding showcase performers to get their newsletter articles submitted on time and the time has now come for me to produce. Dan is in full pester mode: I'm afraid to check my email. So as I watch snow pile on the fence rail, hoping the epic snowstorm predictions will materialize to reality, it occurs to me that the excitement of being "snowed in" is a joyous feeling because it reduces options. Somehow the 'to do' obligations of daily living seem doable when they're reduced to: eat, sleep, play music. All of it is fun and games unless the power goes out. That's when the true measure of a person emerges. No matter, if our luck holds we'll be fully powered and making snow angels before this is over.

When we last reported here, those long eight weeks ago, the evolution of a name was the topic. Song Garden. Now Tom is pushing for a website ("Why?", say I. "Because we need one", says he.) Need, indeed. Here's another item on the 'to do' list that with proper attention given to avoidance might be dodged altogether. But maybe not. Maybe it is, in fact, time for a website. *Here we go loopy loo.* Maybe by our next showcase we'll have 'updating website' as a weekly 'to do' item. Maybe we'll be wishing for another epic storm to focus our attentions.

We're looking forward to changing things up a bit for the showcase. We're not yet decided on the final set list, but are seriously considering songs that we both know. Marcy Cochran will join us (nothing in C#) and hopefully Kim Melton singing harmony on a few. Then there's the strong possibility of Niels Jonker on bass for one or two. Turns out singing is way more fun when you're not playing bass, so Niels has agreed to join us if we can work up something for him to practice before he and Holly leave for their week on Cayamo 2016. Ah, the life!

We look forward to seeing you on February 9.



Proudly presents

LULU'S FATE



Tom Espinola, Kristin Jones and Kara Falck

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

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

\$10 (\$9 MEMBERS)

Requested Donation

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The Folk Club or e-mail – DAHurdSr@cs.com

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Lulu's Fate performs a mix of music from the Appalachian, southern string band and country blues traditions, as well as original tunes and covers ranging from Hank Williams to Tom Waits. Comprised of Tom Espinola on mandolin & guitar, Kristen Jones on cello and singer Kara Falck, the trio blends intricate instrumentals with lush three-part vocal harmonies to create new interpretations of traditional tunes. Lulu's Fate is based in the Washington DC metro area and has performed at the Takoma Park Folk Festival, Washington Folk Festival, Kingman Island Bluegrass & Folk Festival, Institute of Musical Traditions and numerous coffeehouses & house concerts throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

"...Seasoned musical professionals who have created a wonderful niche as a trio...you probably won't hear anything else like it. The gorgeous lead vocals are supported by the smartly-performed harmonies and a mix of cello and guitar." - Melissa Hersh, D.C. Music Download

2014 [Wammie](#) Award Winner: Best Debut Recording (*The Blackest Crow*).

More information about Lulu's Fate can be found at: www.lulusfate.blogspot.com.

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

SAW Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Winners 3/22/2016; Harpeth Rising 4/12/2016

Folk Club Publicity Volunteer

We are happy to report that Folk Club member David Litwack has volunteered to take over our publicity duties from Amy Lowenstein. We are thankful that David answered the call, and are also appreciative of Amy's help in promoting our monthly concert performances. If you get a chance, be sure to thank them for being Folk Club volunteers.

MUSICAL NOTES



Mary Cliff Returns to the Airwaves

"Traditions" with host Mary Cliff returns to the airwaves every Saturday, 9:00 p.m. to midnight, on the new Community Radio Station WERA-LP in Arlington. Listeners can tune in on 96.7 FM, which covers Arlington and a large portion of metropolitan Washington. Later this spring "Traditions" will also be heard on Takoma Radio WOWD-LP, adding broadcast coverage to Takoma Park and sections of Silver Spring, College Park, and Oxon Hill. Worldwide, you can hear the broadcast of "Traditions" and other WERA programming streamed live online at www.wera.fm.

"Traditions" will continue to be full-spectrum folk: ballads, blues, bluegrass, old-time, ethnic, topical, and things "in the traditions" (things you can see from there), with emphasis on performances in this area. Mary will broadcast news of many regional folk events and maintains a comprehensive list of events on her website, www.marycliff.net. If you have a recording that would fit the "Traditions" format, send it to: Mary Cliff, P.O. Box 703, Falls Church, VA 22046.

"Rain Follows the Plow" - Rescheduled

Due to the humongous snowstorm, the January 25th performance was cancelled. It is rescheduled to Monday, February 8th at 7:30pm at NextStop Theater, Herndon. Original tickets will be honored or ticket holders can get a refund. This is the first theatrical performance of Steve Coffee's original folk opera about the Dust Bowl. It will feature the entire original cast and more, including many Folk Club members, and it's directed by Bill Davis. Tickets (\$15) and more information at RainFollowsThePlow.com.

"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:

2/2/1942 – Graham Nash
2/3/1916 – Rabon Delmore
2/7/1920 – Oscar Brand
2/8/1941 – Tom Rush
2/10/1937 – Don Everly
2/13/1919 – "Tennessee" Ernie Ford
2/14/1943 – Eric Andersen
2/21/1958 – Mary Chapin Carpenter
2/24/1927 – Ralph Stanley
2/25/1924 – John Jackson
2/25/1943 – George Harrison
2/26/1932 – Johnny Cash

MONTHLY MUSICAL QUOTE

"I understand the inventor of the bagpipes was inspired when he saw a man carrying an indignant, asthmatic pig under his arm. Unfortunately, the manmade sound never equaled the purity of the sound achieved by the pig."
- *Alfred Hitchcock*

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

T.M Hanna tmhanna.net

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

Chris Anderson <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
- Note: The Monday night songwriter's showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD are off until further notice, due to restaurant renovations.
- 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



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

Publicity: David Litwack, Sue Schier

Bookings: Steve Potter (concert flyers by Jim Clark)

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 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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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: ecfmn@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.

- Folk guitar musician wanted, to apply music to a written poem to propose marriage to girlfriend - write the music, modify the lyrics as agreed, and then perform the song at a restaurant in the Northern Virginia area in the spring. He is offering \$300 for the completed song and \$200 for the performance, and is also looking for someone to video-record the event as your assistant for additional fee. Sometime in March is the target. Please email your resume and some recordings of your past work to cclaxton@verizon.net.