



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: March 22 – SAW 31st Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Winners

Letitia VanSant – a songwriter with a distinct voice and a warm, honest stage presence.

Woody Lissauer - a remarkable composer and an emotional performer. See page 2.

March 8 Showcase – Bev & Jack Osburn

by Jack



Bev & Jack Osburn were founding members and regular performers in the Folk Club's formative years. "The Folk Club took us from singing our children to sleep at night to playing music in public." In 1989 they organized the Folk/Bluegrass band **Hickory Grove**. In the fall of 1993 they released Hickory Grove's album "At the Mill." The album received excellent reviews in the Times Community Paper, January 1994; Northern Virginia Rhythm, April 1994; Bluegrass Unlimited, July 1995; Sing Out, May/June/July 1995; and Dirty Linen, August 1995.

Through the 1990s Hickory Grove played an array of regional venues ranging from Downs Park, MD to Waterford, VA including town festivals, county parks, 4th of July and First Night celebrations, the Kennedy Center 25th Anniversary Celebration, and three Millennium Stage performances. After the turn of the Millennium, Hickory Grove slowed their public performance pace as Bev and Jack both went back to school and continued playing music in other settings. In 2013 they reactivated Hickory Grove (www.hickoryg.com) with new energy and performances at the Swift Run Lodge Celtic House, Jammin' Java, and other venues. Once again Bev and Jack are regular Folk Club performers and looking forward to their first Folk Club "Showcase" in a long time. Joining them on bass will be **Dave Sargent**, a collaborator over the past twenty years.



Proudly presents



LETITIA VANSANT



WOODY LISSAUER

LETITIA VANSANT AND WOODY LISSAUER

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

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 email – DAHurdSr@cs.com

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon is a non-profit organization.

Together with the Songwriters' Association of Washington, The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon proudly presents in concert two of the winners of the 31st Mid-Atlantic Song Contest (MASC): **Letitia VanSant** (Gold Winner in the Folk category) and **Woody Lissauer** (Silver Winner in the Instrumental category). **Letitia** is a singer, songwriter and storyteller from Baltimore known for her distinct voice and warm honest stage presence. Whether she is accompanying herself on the banjo, ukulele or guitar, VanSant's sound draws from many of the nooks and crannies of Americana - from traditional old time music to indie folk. Her lyrics are informed by a long-standing interest in social justice and explore spiritual questions about human nature and society. **Woody**, also from Baltimore, is a remarkable performer and composer. The Editor in Chief of *Round Magazine* wrote of Woody, "I have always held [a] special liking for musicians and artists who work outside the box. Woody Lissauer is one of those individuals that holds a special place . . . his art is touching and highly emotional. It moves me and makes me smile. The man behind the creation of the Astro Folk style, Woody boasts a broad vocal range and guitar mastery that few other musicians are capable of achieving." www.letitiavansant.com; www.woodylissauer.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS INCLUDE:

[Harpeth Rising](#) – 4/12/2016; [Dave Nachmanoff](#) – 5/17/2016

MUSICAL NOTES



Joan & Joni

Kipyn Martin (concert artist at The Folk Club, April 2014 and April 2015) and Allison Shapira bring their Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell tribute, *Joan & Joni*, to the Barns of Rose Hill in Berryville, VA, Saturday April 9th at 8:00 p.m. Additional details at www.joanandjoni.com. Tickets (\$15/advance, \$20/door) available at “www.barnsofrosehill.org” or by calling the Barns of Rose Hill Box Office, 540-955-2004.

Environmental Songwriting Contest

The Connecticut Songwriter’s Association will be hosting an environmental songwriting contest. Songs of any genre (folk, blues, bluegrass, rock, rap, jazz, a cappella, etc.) are welcome. Check out and stay tuned to this website for contest rules to be posted at a later date:

<http://www.ctsongs.com/EnviroSongContest-main.htm>

Please pass this information on to other people who might be interested in entering the contest or donating towards the prize money.

“FOLKIES” BORN THIS MONTH:

3/1/1927 - Harry Belafonte
3/2/1923 – Artel “Doc” Watson
3/6/1905 – Bob Wills
3/7/1944 – Townes VanZandt
3/8/1954 – Bob Brozman
3/10/1938 – Norman Blake
3/15/1912 – Sam “Lightnin” Hopkins
3/16/1954 – Tim O’Brien
3/20/1937 – Jerry Reed
3/21/1893 – Armenter Chatmon (aka Bo Carter)
3/21/1902 – Eddie James “Son” House
3/23/1945 – David Grisman
3/27/1905 – Leroy Carr
3/30/1913 – Frankie Laine
3/30/1914 – John Lee “Sonny Boy” Williamson

MONTHLY MUSICAL QUOTE

“I was born with music inside me. Music was one of my parts. Like my ribs, my kidneys, my liver, my heart. Like my blood. It was a force already within me when I arrived on the scene. It was a necessity for me - like food or water.”

- *Ray Charles*

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

Reeds, Strings & Cords (Ben Hamblin and Ron Goad, etc.)

- Friday, March 25, 7:30 p.m., at Café Montmartre, 1625 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne, Reston VA 20190



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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Newsletter: Ben Hamblin, Dan Grove, Jim Clark, Dave Hurd

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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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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.