



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: December 13 – Debi Smith

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December 6 Showcase – Mary Shapiro

by Mary, edited by Dan Grove

"Peace through Music" is how I sign my emails, cards, and letters. It's my mission. Whether I'm writing songs or hosting house concerts; supporting folks with mental, physical, and emotional challenges, and singing with their families; performing before 400 middle schoolers, a dozen people at a church service, or thousands at an Earth Day Festival; for all, I believe in the Power of Music, and do my darndest to use it to bring Peace.

I'm inspired by lyric-driven songwriters: Joni Mitchell, Carole King, Paul Simon, Leonard Cohen, and my personal favorite, someone I've had the honor to take workshops with, Carrie Newcomer. Carrie is performing at Jammin Java this Friday, December 9.

I love co-writing, as well as teaching guitar and 'ukulele to beginners of all ages. I have 3 CDs of my own music (one recorded live with kids ages 4-10, called "Little Friends for Peace Celebrate!"). I also participated on "Endings and Beginnings" with the gospel choir Sweet Honey in the Rock, and sang back-up on a few songs recorded by our own Jan Gillies. As you know, music makes a great gift, so please visit me afterward, or online at www.MaryShapiroMusic.com.

I love the community you have created here at the Tuesday night Folk Club. I always feel welcome, and I'm not afraid to invite my friends. My husband Jeff Wolf and I are trying to build a similar sense of community at our place near Marshall, VA. *Stillwaters Supper and Songs* concerts happen once a month - the "supper" part is a potluck at 6pm, and there's always an open mic after the featured performer. Please visit <http://www.StillwatersSupperandSongs.eventbrite.com> for dates and details, and please come!





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Debi Smith



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)

Requested Donation

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

*"Smith's talents are anything but limited... heavenly"
--Billboard Magazine*

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"Soaring,' 'ethereal,' 'radiant,' 'lilting,' 'majestic'- just a few of the adjectives critics use to describe the voice of Debi Smith. Drawing upon her own life experiences, observations and emotions to create her pop/folk sound and heartfelt lyrics that range from the sad to the funny, introspective to up-tempo, Smith's performances at festivals and concert halls across North America uniformly garner plaudits from audiences and reviewers alike" --The Kennedy Center.

Tracks." Her latest albums and accompanying touring theatrical shows with the Babes are called, "Hormonal Imbalance... a Mood Swinging Musical Revue," "Diva Nation," "Jingle Babes" (a holiday show), and the most recently added musical review, "Midlife Vices."

"As for Smith's genre of music...she is equally at home with country...pop...folk...opera...jazz or Irish music. She is a first-rate guitarist, accompanying a crystal-clear singing voice that has a range of at least three octaves. And she is a master of the bodhran (Irish hand drum)"--Chapel Hill News. And, from folk music legend Tom Paxton, "Debi represents great songs sung with a God-given voice like few others. She is pure music."

"A multi-instrumentalist with a three-octave vocal range, Debi Smith writes songs with the craftsmanship of an artisan and the insight of a poet" (All Music Guide). A member of the fabulous female folkestra The Four Bitchin' Babes since 1994, and half of the singing sister duo The Smith Sisters, Debi has recorded over twenty albums and compilations. Her solo recordings and songs have garnered numerous Washington Area Music Awards (Wammies), ASCAP composer awards, American Library Awards, and a Grammy® nomination. Debi recently released her sixth solo CD, Hits and Holidays, with tracks featuring such musical greats as Doc Watson, Tom Paxton, Mike Aldridge, Marcy Marxer, and Al Petteway; and her seventh CD, a holiday recording with orchestra called If I Were an Angel. The Smith Sisters' four recordings feature musical legends Doc and Merle Watson (who produced their CD's), Mark O'Connor and Sam Bush.

Aside from her solo appearances, Debi also performs as a member of The Four Bitchin' Babes, and as half of the sibling duo, The Smith Sisters. She has recorded seven albums with the Babes and five with The Smiths, and has also been included on numerous albums and compilations, including Christine Lavin's "One Meat Ball" and "Laugh

<http://www.debismith.com/>

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Joan & Joni 1/17/2017

Seamus Kennedy 2/21/2017

MUSICAL NOTES



Folk Club Holiday Party – December 20th

It's time for our annual holiday party! Wrap up your gently used CDs (for the raffle), grab your silver bells, put on your Xmas attire, and drive your sleigh over to the Amphora in Herndon for holiday merriment! Hope to see you there!

New Singing Event in Northern Virginia

The existing sea chantey sings are all in MD/DC, but now there's finally one in Northern Virginia. The Northern Virginia Sea Chantey & Traditional Song Open Pub Sing is hosted by Ship's Company Chanteymen on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 8 to 10 pm at Paddy Barry's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 8150 Leesburg Pike, Tyson's Corner, VA 22182. Free parking in garage after 6 pm or 0.5-mile walk from Metro Greensboro or Tyson's Corner stations (Silver Line). Contact Myron Peterson at mructic@yahoo.com, or browse the shipscompany.org website.

"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:

12/3/1944 – Ralph McTell
12/7/1942 – Harry Chapin
12/7/1949 – Tom Waits
12/8/1922 – Jean Ritchie
12/9/1943 – Rick Danko
12/19/1940 – Phil Ochs
12/19/1945 – John McEuen
12/20/1957 – Billy Bragg
12/23/1941 – Tim Hardin
12/25/1946 – Jimmy Buffett
12/30/1937 – John Hartford
12/30/1937 – Paul Stookey
12/30/1938 – Mike Auldridge
12/31/1943 – John Denver

MUSICAL QUOTE

"If I were to begin life again, I would devote it to music. It is the only cheap and unpunished rapture upon earth."
- *Sydney Smith*

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

- 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7:30 to ? p.m. (open mic after scheduled sets), SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA - Epicurecafe.org.

- Monthly, 2nd Monday at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. Contact Ron Goad for more information.

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

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

<http://www.acousticayre.com>



Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. at Amphora Diner Deluxe
1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ben Hamblin **Treasurer:** Dave Hurd
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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

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

FOR SALE

- 2014 Taylor 814CE Grand Auditorium with ES2, purchased new two years ago from Guitar Center. In excellent condition - an absolutely gorgeous guitar. Lists for \$3499 new. Asking \$2600.00. Contact Al Hobson at alhobson@verizon.net or 703-371-6524.

- PV spkrs, Taylor GS Mini, Guilele, Breedlove Guitar, Cordoba Steel String, Cordoba Uke, Guild gr, custom-made Martin guitar. If interested contact TM at tm@birdphluph.com !!!

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.

- Fiddle/violin/viola lessons - adults only, in Reston. Perhaps you play another instrument and want to add fiddling to your skill set, or you want to have more fun with the instrument you know and love. Contact Chelle Fulk at 301-366-5579 or info@musicbyanthem.com.