



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: January 17 – Joan & Joni

A tribute to the music of Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell by Allison Shapira and Kipyn Martin
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January 10 Showcase – Nancy Truax

By Nancy

I live in Reston, Virginia with my husband Wayne and our Beagle/Jack Russell mix Joey. Joey likes to listen to me practice, and occasionally sings along.

I grew up in East Tennessee, living at various times in Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Maryville. Outside of our house there was a lot of mountain-flavored music; inside there was a lot of opera and Jethro Tull. I got my first guitar when I was 11 (a much-abused Stella that had a crack down the front), but I didn't know how to play it and my family didn't have money for lessons. So, I had to teach myself. I managed to find a Mel Bay chord book and learned to play a few basic chords, and sat around with friends teaching each other things we had learned. I didn't (and still don't) know much about music theory, but I sure liked to sing.

I think I got my love of singing from my Dad. He had a beautiful tenor voice and loved to sing opera and Irish laments. And he encouraged me to sing. He taught me that singing a song well is about so much more than just hitting the notes. He told me that it's almost like acting – you have to become the person that the song is about. It's not always easy, but I think I'm at my best when I can leave myself behind and be the person in the song.

Much as I loved to sing, though, it wasn't anything I had ever done in front of an audience. I only ever sang at home by myself, or in the car, or sitting around the campfire with friends. 10 years ago or so, I got together with my neighbor (and long-time Folk Club regular) Greg Vickers for some impromptu playing and singing. "This was fun," we said, "we should do it again some time." A few years went by before we ever did. Then in 2009 Greg invited me to come to the Folk Club to do a few songs with him for his showcase. That was the first time I had ever performed in public. Greg and I continued to play together, and we were soon joined by Matt Larson and formed the West Market Trio, playing in various places around the Northern Virginia/DC area.

Regrettably (for me, anyway), Matt took a job down in Panama and Greg moved to DC. I had not been singing as much as I used to, but I really missed it. I started coming back to the Folk Club, and I've been playing at a few new places (new for me, anyway), including Cristina's Café in Strasburg and Jirani Coffee House in Manassas.

My plan for 2017 is to learn new songs and perhaps start writing some of my own.

Editors' note: Last Tuesday Nancy announced that Greg Vickers will be joining her for the showcase.





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Joan & Joni



They display a rich stage presence and a level of talent not to be taken lightly.

Joan & Joni is a tribute to Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell performed by singer-songwriters Allison Shapira and Kipyn Martin. Kipyn Martin is an award-winning Americana singer-songwriter whose roots sink deep into the banks of the Shenandoah River. Allison Shapira is a recovering opera singer who recently found her authentic voice as a folksinger and songwriter.

In *Joan & Joni*, Allison and Kipyn bring to the stage many of Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell's well-known songs, as well as a few of their lesser-known gems, and demonstrate the effect Joan and Joni have had on their own development as modern musicians. Allison and Kipyn met at the Northeast Regional Folk Alliance (NERFA) conference in November 2013. Both classically trained singers and up-and-coming musicians on the DC-area folk scene, they soon realized their musical influences were similarly shaped by the folk revival music of the 60's.

Allison Shapira spent years studying classical voice at Boston University, Tanglewood, and in Italy but at home she listened to the folk revival music of Joan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)

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Baez, Bob Dylan, and Judy Collins. In 2011, alongside a career in diplomacy, communications, and international relations, Allison picked up a guitar for the first time and started writing her own music. Her debut CD, *Coming Home* was recorded in 2012 and released at the very same Club Passim (then Club 47) where Joan Baez got her start in 1958.

Kipyn Martin is a West Virginia native who now resides in the Washington DC area. Recent accolades include being named New Artist of the Year by the Washington Area Music Association in 2015 and winning Gold and Silver Awards in the 2014 Mid-Atlantic Song Contest. Her song "Nightbird" from her debut album, *Undercover Muse* won a Gold Award, as well as the Director's Choice Award, in the 2013 Mid-Atlantic Song Contest and she received international distinction in the 2013 UK Song Contest when "I Believe in You" from *Undercover Muse* earned a semi-finalist rating.

Allison and Kipyn's first on-stage appearance as *Joan & Joni* was at the FCRH Open Mic in December 2014.

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

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Seamus Kennedy 2/21/2017

Mark Elliott & Runaway Home 3/21/2017

MUSICAL NOTES



Kipyn Martin EP Release - January 28th @ Barns of Rose Hill

Kipyn Martin releases her new EP "Dance Across the Sky" on Saturday January 28th at The Barns of Rose Hill in Berryville, Virginia. For additional details go to www.barnsofrosehills.org or contact The Barns of Rose Hill at 540-955-2004.

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 mruetic@yahoo.com, or browse the shipscompany.org website.

"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH

1/2/1952 – Christine Lavin
1/6/1924 – Earl Scruggs
1/9/1941 – Joan Baez
1/10/1956 – Shawn Colvin
1/10/1943 – Jim Croce
1/17/1955 – Steve Earle
1/19/1885 – Leadbelly (Huddie Ledbetter)
1/19/1946 – Dolly Parton
1/21/1941 – Richie Havens
1/28/1968 – Sarah McLachlan

"FOLKIES" WE LOST IN 2016

January 10 – David Bowie
January 15 – Pete Huttlinger
January 17 – Glenn Frey
January 28 – Paul Kantner
March 8 – George Martin
April 6 – Merle Haggard
April 21 – Prince Rogers Nelson
May 17 – Guy Clark
June 3 – Dave Swarbrick
June 23 – Ralph Stanley
June 28 – Scotty Moore
August 11 – Glenn Yarbrough
November 10 – Leonard Cohen
November 13 – Leon Russell
December 25 – George Michael

MUSICAL QUOTE

"Life has got a habit of not standing hitched. You got to ride it like you find it. You got to change with it. If a day goes by that don't change some of your old notions for new ones, that is just about like trying to milk a dead cow." - *Woody Guthrie*.

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.harleystringband.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

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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.