



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 21 – Seamus Kennedy

Originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland, he has a ready wit and a vast store of songs.
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February 14 (Valentine's Day) Showcase – Song Garden

By Dan Grove

It was at the Bluemont Fair. **Tom Bodine** and **Kathleen Huber**, who had a nodding acquaintance at the Folk Club, finally spoke (with the “no talking” rule at the Club there are a lot of people who have never more than nodded to each other, even after years in the same room). They couldn't stop nodding at Bluemont, either, since it was already such a habit, which made each seem quite agreeable to the other.

Smiling now as well as nodding, they discovered they both went to St. Lawrence University in upstate New York, although at different times. Yes, they each misspent their youth in the very same buildings, teenage wasteland rampant in the dorms, and the rush of familiarity allowed secrets from those times to spill out that neither would normally admit to.

Blushing now as well as smiling and nodding, they stood transfixed in the middle of the fairgrounds, staring into each other's eyes as their breathing began to synchronize. The noise and activity around them faded away, leaving them alone at the center of the universe. They instinctively began to hum, harmonizing on a plaintive tune that spoke to the eternal yearning of life, which slowly modulated to a joyous celebration of it! Amidst humming, blushing, smiling, and nodding, the seed from which Song Garden has grown was planted in both of their hearts.

To understand how this chance meeting at Bluemont could have such a profound effect, a little background is in order. Tom does computer work, where he is surrounded by keyboards and monitors but has no human contact. In his world if you issue a command with the right parameters, the system does exactly what you expect. Not so Kathleen, who says and does unexpected things no matter what the parameters are. This woman of mystery fascinated Tom, and he's still trying new commands to see what happens.

Kathleen has led a similarly sequestered life, editing paleontological magazines – think trilobites and ammonites, long dead primitive creatures. When looking into Tom's eyes, she was suddenly interacting with something alive - a mammal, and one with a day job, too, the pinnacle of his species! Needless to say, Tom found trilobites an easy act to follow. Tom is left-handed, and plays guitar upside down and backwards. Kathleen says he does a lot of other things upside down and backwards, too, which has added spice to their relationship (she was smiling and blushing while saying this, but shaking her head in disbelief instead of nodding).

For their showcase, Song Garden will perform songs new to the duo with the help of **Marcy Cochran**. It's fitting that the most recent couple to have formed at the Folk Club is performing on Valentine's Day, and will include, of course, some love songs. Wagering on which one will blush first has already begun!





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Seamus Kennedy



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)

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

"A gleeful mixed bag of styles and traditions... enjoyable and eclectic" - Richard Middleton, Sing Out!

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In his thirty years of professional performing, Seamus has taken his music from Alaska to Florida, Maryland to California and a host of stops in between, playing everything from the pubs to the concert halls. As a result, he is a master showman of exceptional musical skills and unmatched repartee.

Seamus' trademark is his ongoing interaction with his audiences. From the moment he steps on stage, he starts talking to them — and encourages them to talk back! He is quick with a quip and likes nothing better than to discover someone in the audience who is similarly inclined. Fast-paced humor is very much a part of what Seamus does, whether he's telling a series of rapid-fire jokes or launching into a lyrical parody.

Seamus has released eleven CDs of both contemporary and traditional material, including Christmas songs and a children's album. The Washington Area Music Association has awarded him a WAMMIE for "Best Irish/Celtic Male Vocalist" every year since 1993. His versatility makes him a headliner at Celtic festivals such as Hunter Mountain (NY); Celtic Classic (PA); Longs Peak Scottish Irish Festival, (CO) and at Sacramento (CA) Highland Games. Seamus is often invited to perform for various organizations, including the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Fraternal Order of Police, Firemen, military groups and the Bar Association. There is always something for everybody.

In fact, Seamus seems to be having such a grand time and he makes it all look so effortless that it is easy not to notice what a superb musician he truly is. He will segue seamlessly from an Irish ballad about a dying town to a rollicking reel and then move into American music, equally at home with folk, pop, country or traditional. Accompanying himself on guitar or bodhran, his musicianship is much in evidence as he moves through such a vast range of styles.

<http://seamuskenedy.com/>

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Mark Elliott & Runaway Home 3/21/2017

Jack Williams 4/18/2017

MUSICAL NOTES



Concert at Stillwaters: Claudia Nygaard

With scrappy & sensual songs & stories from Nashville, Claudia straddles the fence between folk and country. Her voice is like amber honey, impressive for both its power and intimacy. Her last CD "Let The Storm Roll In" rose to #1 on the Cashbox Roots/Country chart and #8 on the Folk DJ chart. Sunday, February 26 from 4 to 8 PM (concert at 4, potluck supper at 6) at Stillwaters, 4279 Janes Lane, Marshall, VA 20115. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/claudia-nygaard-scrappy-sensual-songs-stories-from-nashville-tickets-31388460731>

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

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

MUSICAL QUOTE

"There is in souls a sympathy with sounds:
And as the mind is pitch'd the ear is pleased
With melting airs, or martial, brisk or grave;
Some chord in unison with what we hear
Is touch'd within us, and the heart replies."
~William Cowper

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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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.