



The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways

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“Canadian Songwriters” Night – August 15th

A nod to the musical creativity of our northern neighbors.

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August 8 Showcase – The Harley String Band

by Granny

The Harley String Band will be playing the Folk Club showcase on August 8. As you may be aware, the band consists of Jim Johnson, Jim Clark, and Steve Coffee. As the publicist for the Harley String Band, the “boys” have asked me to put in a few good words for them – and I certainly do have my work cut out for me!

The Harley String Band started twelve years ago as a joke (although there are some who maintain the joke has continued to the present day). During August 2005, Jim Johnson rode his Harley Davidson Heritage Softtail motorcycle over to Jim Clark’s house for a music party. While the Softtail is nice, I much prefer a fully raked-out chopper as you can see from my calling card below, but I digress. During a lull in the music, someone snapped a picture of Johnson and Clark playing banjo and Irish bouzouki on Johnson’s Harley. (Happily there were no young children present to be corrupted by the banjo playing.) Unbeknownst to Johnson, someone created a musician’s MySpace website and posted the incriminating photograph under the heading, “The Harley String Band” with the subtitle, “Singing Songs of ~~Love~~, Divorce and Life on the Road” (and yes, the word “Love” was actually crossed out). Steve Coffee joined the band a month later, and the rest is history as they say. Just goes to show how careful you have to be with incriminating photographs.



The members of the band are all award-winning singer/songwriters who joined up to back each other on their original compositions. They all play guitar but each of the boys also plays one or more other unusual instruments including Irish bouzouki, mandolin, banjo, African thumb piano, and nose flute (don’t ask). Over the years they’ve generated some air play locally and as far afield as Memphis and Chicago (Disc Jockey, Rich Warren, of the Midnight Special out of Chicago seems to like their music). Frankly, as their publicist, I must say it’s about time, but then again you can’t make a silk purse out of a sow’s ear.

The boys have a lot of fun with the music – and it’s not just local gigs anymore. During October 2015, they toured Peru for a couple of weeks, and in February they set sail again to the Caribbean for their 11th Cayamo Music Cruise. They’ve also produced three fine CDs – a children’s CD and two CDs of original contemporary folk music for those of you who like to think you’re grown up. You can check out the boys’ music and foreign trip videos on their “official” website at www.harleystringband.com. As their publicist, I’ve also called up YouTube on several occasions and told them to get their video crew out pronto for some live footage of the boys. It must have worked because their videos are all over the YouTube website.

See y’all on August 8. And as Granny always says, “It’s Never Too Late!”

Granny, Publicist for the Harley String Band



THE FOLK CLUB

of Reston & Herndon

“Canadian Songwriters” Night

August 15, 2017

by Don Brown and the Newsletter Editor



In keeping with our new Folk Club tradition of summer month “theme nights,” the theme for this month is Canadian Singer-Songwriters. When one thinks of hotbeds of singer-songwriters, the rural South comes to mind for blues and country music, and the Greenwich Village scene in the 60s for folk music. But we need to acknowledge our neighbors to the North as another fertile ground for brilliant songwriting and unique singing talent. In addition to the “big guns” e.g. Neil Young, Joni Mitchell, and Gordon Lightfoot, there are folk favorites like Ian & Sylvia Tyson, David Francey, and Buffy Sainte-Marie. And unique voices like Leonard Cohen.

Others worthy of note (without keeping strictly to the folk category) are Bryan Adams, Paul Anka, Bruce Cockburn, Holly Cole, Stompin’ Tom Connors, Nelly Furtado, Dan Hill, k.d. lang, Avril Lavigne, Richard Manuel, Kate and Anna McGarrigle, Loreena McKennitt, Sarah McLachlan, Alanis Morissette, Stan Rogers, Ron Sexsmith, Jane Siberry, Shania Twain, Robbie Robertson, Martha Wainwright, Rufus Wainwright, and Randy Bachman and Burton Cummings (Guess Who). And let’s not forget the Canadians who have played our Folk Club concerts, including Dave Gunning, Garnet Rogers, Nathan Rogers, James Keelaghan, Oscar Brand, and Tim Harrison.

So come out on August 15 and prepare to salute some of the fine singer-songwriters from up in the frozen tundra, eh?



While the Folk Club encourages performers to present songs that fit the theme, it’s not required. But those who are able to perform songs that fit the theme will be appreciated. Also, if there are more than ten performers on this night, we may extend the evening a bit or change the length of each slot, to allow every musician to play.

Newsletter Available By Email Link

The Folk Club will send an email with a link to the online newsletter for any member who would prefer that instead of the paper copy. If you would like to switch, please send an email request to newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.com.

MUSICAL NOTES



Monthly Showcase Concert in Strasburg

Shenandoah Valley Acoustic Music Showcase Concerts @ Cristina's Café in Strasburg, VA. Open at 6 PM for drinks, snacks, desserts (sorry, no dinners). Music starts at 7 PM, and there is a \$5 cover to compensate the musicians. Contact Kevin Whalen for more information (jameskevinwhalen@gmail.com).

August 12: Mark "T" at 7 PM, Bill Vaughn & Amanda Wilkins at 8 PM

September 9: Jan & Neil Gillies at 7 PM, Bill Foster & Rick Burnette at 8 PM

Orpheus Jazz at Stillwaters

Orpheus Jazz is Jim Houck on upright bass and featuring Roger Rossi on flugelhorn. Their style of "full speed ahead" jazz is a very unique sound. The group gives us a fresh, new brand of jazz that is being widely accepted by its audiences. Sometimes you'll hear reminisces of the styles of Getz, Jobim, Kenton and others of that ilk. Get a taste of them at <https://www.reverbnation.com/orpheusjazz>

Saturday, August 26 from 6 to 10 pm at Stillwaters, 4279 Janes Lane, Marshall, VA 20115. Contact mary@stillwaters-studios.com for complete info.

MUSICAL QUOTE

"When I was a little boy, I told my dad, 'When I grow up, I want to be a musician.' My dad said: 'You can't do both, son.'"

— *Chet Atkins*

"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH

8/1/1931 – "Ramblin" Jack Elliot

8/1/1942 – Jerry Garcia

8/4/1901 – Louis Armstrong

8/8/1944 – John Renbourn

8/12/1929 – Alvis Edgar "Buck" Owens, Jr.

8/14/1941 – David Crosby

8/22/1917 – John Lee Hooker

8/27/1925 – Carter Stanley

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 (with Glen Hirabayashi)

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.

Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn)

- Saturday, September 16 - Bluegrass On The Farm, at the Montgomery County Agricultural History Farm Park, 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855. The event starts at noon [specific times TBD].

Stevie Wade Potter, acoustic musician

www.steviewademusic.com

The Stewart Sisters (with Valeria Stewart, Sherry Stewart, Jim Nagle)

www.thestewartsisters.com

Richard Weil and Paul Loether

Will play at Ron Goad's SAW Music Variety Showcase at the Epicure Café, 11104 Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030, on Wed, Aug 23. Their band, Silver Strings MD, will play from 10-11 am on Sat, Aug 26 for the Kensington Historical Society's Summer Concert Series, held across from the Farmer's Market and Railroad Station at 3701 Howard Ave, Kensington, MD 20895. On Sun, Sep 10, Silver Strings MD will play at the Takoma Park Folk Festival, held at the Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910 -- exact time and stage still TBD. www.facebook.com/Silver-Strings-MD-1603491063211121



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

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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 signup 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 “The 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.

LESSONS

- Private guitar lessons in Alexandria. Flexible learning techniques including reading, ear and applied music theory. Contact Eric Forthman: ecfnn@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.