



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 12 – Abbie Gardner & Craig Akin

Catch this award-winning songwriter, dobro-player, and jazz-inspired singer between her Red Molly gigs.
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December 5 Showcase - TM Hanna

(by TM)

I grew up in a small, rural village in Pennsylvania about 8 miles west of Slippery Rock. My early musical influences came mostly via AM radio or TV shows, and from my grandmother, who directed the children's choir at our church, and my mother, who is a fine piano player.

I began teaching myself guitar the summer after I graduated from high school. When I arrived at college, I discovered that all of the many guitar players on my dorm floor had a five or six-year head start. Some were disdainful of my inabilities, others felt sorry for me and tried to help me learn to play better, with varying degrees of success. At any rate, after a few months I switched to banjo, and a year or so later took up the mandolin, followed by the dulcimer and the harmonica. My short attention span then briefly focused on bass and pennywhistle. Since then I have added mandola, native American flute, ukulele, and lap steel guitar.

In the last 30 years I have performed in churches, coffeehouses, bars, and festivals with a number of different people including The Wings of Truth, Liza Cobb, The Space Time Gourmets, Pete Brown and the Mad Cows, Somos El Mar, The Porch Monkeys, Doris Justis, The Wild Hamsters, The Bob Fox Band, and others. I do not take personal responsibility for the fact that you may never have heard - or heard - of any of those configurations. I currently perform on occasion as half of the duo Celtic Union (sometimes booked as Reckless Kin).

For this showcase I will be joined by Niels Jonker (bass player extraordinaire) and my regular backup singers Lavanya and Felicia. There may be others joining us as well, they just don't know it yet.





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Proudly Presents

Abbie Gardner & Craig Akin



TUESDAY, DEC. 12TH, 2017

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$12 (\$11 MEMBERS)

Requested Donation

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

"She channels Lucinda and Bonnie, but remains pure Abbie." Acoustic Live

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Abbie Gardner, the fiery Dobro player with an infectious smile toured with Americana darlings Red Molly for eleven years. After gracing stages from Denver to Denmark, from Australia to Austin, the band took an indefinite hiatus in 2015, so Abbie is having a blast doing gigs with different bands, backing up her friends and stepping out into the spotlight for her own gigs!

Her background is as varied as the songs she writes. Abbie has listened to the sweet sound of high lonesome harmonies since her first bluegrass festival at the age of three. Her father, Herb Gardner, is a swing jazz and stride pianist and dixieland trombonist. Watching him laugh as he went off to "work" every day was her first

introduction to the joy of being a musician. Abbie's first full-length recording, *My Craziest Dream* (2004) is an album of jazz standards featuring her father on piano. It earned her an entry in the 2009 Hal Leonard book "The Jazz Singers: The Ultimate Guide."

No stranger to solo performing, she has three CDs to draw from, each with award-winning songs. Tales of love and loss, both gritty and sweet, ride the back of her by-now familiar, formidable slide guitar licks. Joining Abbie for this performance will be long time collaborator and husband Craig Akin on bass. This will be Abbie's first appearance at The Folk Club.

www.abbiegardner.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Cricket Tell the Weather 1/16/2018

Jim Hurst 2/20/18

MUSICAL NOTES



Folk Club Holiday Party – December 19th

It's time for our annual holiday party. Wrap up your gently used CDs (for the raffle), don your Xmas attire, and drive your sleigh over to the Amphora in Herndon for holiday merriment. See you there!

Institute of Musical Traditions

- Celtic Holiday Concert: Robin Bullock, Ken Kolodner, Elke Baker, Monday, December 11, 2017, 7:30 pm

- A Scandinavian Christmas: Andrea Hoag, Loretta Kelley & Melissa Running, Charlie Pilzer w Chris Ousley, Monday, December 18, 2017, 7:30 pm

- Both concerts are at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD 20852. For more information and tickets, browse on over to www.imtfolk.org.

Focus Music

- Celtic Christmas with IONA: Sunday, December 17 @ 7 pm, George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22301. Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

"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

“The man that hath no music in himself, Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds, Is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils; The motions of his spirit are dull as night, And his affections dark as Erebus. Let no such man be trusted. Mark the music.” — *William Shakespeare*

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

T.M Hanna tmhanna.net

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)
schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Chris Anderson <http://chris-anderson.info>

- On Sunday, December 3 at 8:30 pm, the Harried Americans Band will be at JV's Restaurant, 6666 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church, VA 22042.

- 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) www.hickoryg.com

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

www.facebook.com/Silver-Strings-MD-1603491063211121

J. Michael Henry MIKELHENRY@live.com

- 2nd Saturday of each month, hosting Acoustic Night at Jirani Coffeehouse, Manassas, VA. 7:30 to 10:00 PM.

- Saturday, December 23, 7-9 PM, Trinity House Cafe, 101 Market St., Leesburg, VA. Shake off the holiday craziness with some fun music and a healthy dose of Christmas tunes.

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Folk Club Newsletter Via Email

Folk Club members can receive an email with a link to our online newsletter instead of the paper copy by sending a request to newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.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 “The Folk Club of Reston Herndon”

General Info: Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

- Behringer TU300 Chromatic Tuner for guitar or bass, a floor stomp box for tuning, excellent condition. Retail for \$25, yours for \$15. Dan Grove, 703-439-8016 or DanGroveVA at gmail.com.

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.