



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 16 – Cricket Tell the Weather

Cricket will be bringing to our stage heart, enthusiasm, humor, and a deep appreciation of tradition.
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January 9 Showcase – Silver Strings, MD

by Richard Weil

Silver Strings MD is a popular Chesapeake Bay-area string band that formed about four years ago. Since then, the band has performed at popular area venues such as the Washington Folk Festival, the Takoma Park Folk Festival, the Takoma Park VFW, the Music Café, Teavolve Café, Epicure Café, the Board and Brew, the New Deal Café, and Washington National Cathedral, as well as the Folk Club of Reston/Herndon and a range of house concerts, schools, open mics, and private parties across the Bay area.



The *Strings*' repertoire embraces a wide range of original and traditional/contemporary folk music, as well as bluegrass, blues, gospel, gypsy-jazz, and Texas-swing "covers," each of which the band makes its own. Bandmates Paul Loether (guitar/bass/vocals) and Richard Weil (guitar/percussion/vocals) first met and played together in high school over 48 years ago. In late 2012, they joined up with Tom Carroll (guitar/vocals), Blount Stewart (harmonica/vocals), and Pepper Watkins (guitar/bass/just about any other instrument with strings he can lay his hands on/vocals). And the rest, as they say... is history!

Silver Strings MD's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Silver-Strings-MD-1603491063211121/>) features videos of the band performing a number of its favorite tunes, including *Sometimes Together is Never*, *Knockin' on Heaven's Door*, *Way Down in the Hole*, *At Last*, *Mexican Home*, *Dark Hollow*, *Midlife What Wife*, *The Ballad of Doug Hughes*, and *Sea of Heartbreak* (the last of which has garnered over 12,300 internet views to date). The band plans to produce its first, full-length, "live" CD in the Spring/Summer of 2018.

The members of *Silver Strings MD* are also strongly committed to serving their community. The band donates all of its net profits from performances, tips, or other donations to *Shepherd's Table* in Silver Spring, MD, to help feed the hungry among us (see: <https://shepherdstable.org/>).



Cricket Tell the Weather



TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 2018

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

"...there's enough talent to make this a young group well worth watching." Bluegrass Unlimited

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Cricket Tell the Weather is the creative project of Andrea Asprelli, award-winning songwriter and fiddler. She is backed by a collective of some of the finest players in New York's roots music scene. Winners of the 2013 FreshGrass Award in North Adams, MA, Cricket features award-winning songs delivered with honest vocals and thoughtful arrangements with a modern edge.

Growing up a classical musician in Colorado, Asprelli began playing bluegrass after she moved to the east coast, and was shaped by New England's small but fiery local bluegrass communities. Moving from Northampton, MA to Syracuse, NY to New Haven, CT, she met many bluegrass, folk,

and old-time musicians who inspired her along the way before forming Cricket Tell the Weather and setting up shop in Brooklyn, NY.

The band's song "Remington", a co-write with Asprelli and musical collaborator Jason Borisoff, placed first in the Podunk Bluegrass Songwriting Competition. The band has twice been awarded the Neighborhood Arts & Heritage Grant from the City of Bridgeport, and is actively involved in providing bluegrass workshops to students of all ages under their "American Roots Revival" workshop series.

This will be the debut performance of Cricket Tell the Weather at The Folk Club.

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

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Jim Hurd 2/20/2018 Sparky & Rhonda 3/20/2018

MUSICAL NOTES



Institute of Musical Traditions

- Lulu's Fate - "House" Concert - Saturday, January 6, 2018, 7:30 pm - School of Musical Traditions, 1097 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, 20852.

- Lloyd Martin & Vox (Heather Aubrey Lloyd, Kipyn Martin, Victoria Vox), Friday, February 2, 2018, 7:30 pm. Seekers Church, Washington, DC, 20012.

For more information, go to www.imtfolk.org.

Focus Music

- Vance Gilbert, with Frances Luke Accord - Saturday, January 13 @ 8 pm - co-sponsored with Stone Room Concerts - The Falls Church Episcopal, 115 East Fairfax Street, Falls Church, VA 22046.

- House of Hamill, Sunday, January 21 @ 7 pm, George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22301.

Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

- Emily Mitchell, Silver Strings, and Lynn Hollyfield - Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Monthly Showcase at Positano Ristorante Italiano, 4948 Fairmont Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Go to www.wfma.net/index.htm for more information.

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)

- Windborne – Vermont vocal quartet CD Release Concert – Friday, January 19, 4:00 – 5:30 PM at Allyworld, 7014 westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912 or streaming at takomaradio.org.

Go to fsgw.org/ for more information.

"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

MUSICAL QUOTE

“In the United States, many people said ‘You can't have folk music, because you don't have any peasant class.’ But the funny thing was, there were literally thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands of people who loved old time fiddling, ballads, banjo tunes, blues played on the guitar, spirituals and gospel hymns. These songs and music didn't fit into any neat category of art music nor popular music nor

jazz. So gradually they said, ‘Well, let's call it folk music.’”

– Pete Seeger

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) www.hickoryg.com

Stevie Wade Potter, acoustic musician

www.steviewademusic.com

The Stewart Sisters (with Valeria Stewart, Sherry Stewart, Jim Nagle) www.thestewart SISTERS.com

Richard Weil and Paul Loether

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

J. Michael Henry MIKELHENRY@live.com

- Saturday, January 13: Hosting Acoustic Night, Jirani Coffeehouse, Manassas, VA, 7:30 to 10:00 PM.

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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.