



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: May 15 – The Matchsellers

Down-home bluegrass and wild, gritty country-folk duo, filled out by top dobroist and sought-after bassist.
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May 8 Showcase – Silver Strings, MD

by Paul Loether

Silver Strings MD is a popular Chesapeake Bay-area string band that formed about five 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, Washington National Cathedral, and Positano Ristorante, as well as several times at the Folk Club of Reston/Herndon and a range of house concerts, schools, open mics, and private parties across the Bay area.

The band's 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 (accessed via www.silverstringsmd.com) features videos of the band performing a number of original tunes and favorite "covers," including *He's the Donald*, *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).

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Silver Strings MD is also strongly committed to giving back to the 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/>).



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The Matchsellers



TUESDAY, MAY 15TH, 2018

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)

Requested Donation

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1151 Elden St - Herndon, VA 20170

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

“What a wild and wonderful sound.”
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The Matchsellers are Warsaw, Indiana native Andrew Morris and Julie Bates of Kansas City, Missouri. Their exciting, gritty, and often hilarious stage show has been developed over half a decade of constant touring across the US and Europe. The two met while living in Germany and began exploring traditional American music from abroad. In their subsequent travels through the States, they collected influences from various regional styles of American folk music. While a focus on humor and absurdity permeates their show, they are dedicated interpreters of tradition whose excellent musicianship, songwriting and taste are never overshadowed. They have been featured on various NPR and

international radio stations as well as blogs including The Bluegrass Situation, Dying For Bad Music and more.

They will be joined by Chad Graves and Betsey Beymer. Graves is one of the country's top dobro players and has been featured in publications such as Rolling Stone, The Bluegrass Situation and others. Beymer is a sought after bassist from Lakin, KS. Together the 4-piece combines absurdity, authenticity and excellent musicianship to create a performance that is representative of the present age: They are pleasantly stuck between the years gone-by and those to come. This will be their first appearance at the Folk Club.

<https://thematchsellers.com/>

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Martin & Susanne 6/19/2018

The Andrew Collins Trio 9/18/2018

Holly H. Towne (April 22, 1948 – April 19, 2018)

Our good friend and Folk Club member, who sang with pure emotion and played the autoharp beautifully, passed away on April 19th. With her husband Niels Jonker she was a member of various autoharp and old-time music groups, both formal and informal, and traveled widely. She was a member of the Creque Dam Band (with Barb Keeler and Niels), part of the Cayamo Cruise family and Sore Fingers Summer School, as well as many other musical gatherings. She and Niels regularly participated in many area music jams and events. We will miss her lovely smile, wit, kindness, love of life, her pure beautiful voice and fine musicianship. We are lucky to have known her and will always remember the good times we had with her.

- Friends of Holly are invited to join her family Saturday, May 5th at 3 PM at the Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1511 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170, for a celebration of Holly's life. Select friends and family will share their happy memories of Holly, and we will all enjoy some of her favorite songs. The official program will run a little more than an hour, after which you can mingle and have a good time. Holly wanted this to be a happy celebration that's fun for all. Please come as you are, leave your funeral attire or formal wear at home. Bring your smile, cheer, love, and happiness. If you know of close friends that may not have gotten this notice, please pass it along. Please RSVP to Niels Jonker (njonker@gmail.com) no later than Wednesday, May 2nd, and let him know how many will be in your party.

- In addition, the Folk Club is supporting Niels by giving him the greater part of the evening (the Silver Strings showcase will be presented) for a Celebration of Music for Holly on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:15 PM, also at the Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1511 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170. Musicians are asked to contribute a performance of a song they know Holly liked, a song they played or sang with her, or another song appropriate to celebrating her life. We will have a signup list and ask for one song or tune a person. If there's time after we go around once, there may be an opportunity for more (our round robin party format). There will be no \$1 donation this evening.

- Holly asked that you not send flowers; she'd prefer you to make a donation to an organization local to you that supports music education or local musicians.

MUSICAL NOTES

Dead Men's Hollow – Final Performance!



After 17 years of sharing quality Americana/Bluegrass music, Dead Men's Hollow, which includes Folk Club member Marcy Cochran, is disbanding. Their final performance is Saturday, May 5th at the Epicure Café in Fairfax, with Song Garden opening at 7 pm, and Dead Men's Hollow appearing at 8 pm.

Folk Club 33rd Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, May 22nd at the Amphora Diner Deluxe in Herndon. Round-robin open mic entertainment (one song per

musical act), free dessert, door prizes, and totally free! (no dollar donations). Bring wrapped-up CD's that you think other folkies might enjoy. The Folk Club will add CD's by our recent monthly concert artists.

Memorial Day Weekend Campout and Sing-Along

Friday-Monday, May 25-28 - this is the Fifth Annual hosting of this event by Barb and Craig Keeler. *If you are going, please contact them before Wednesday, May 24th* with your arrival date and time and how many are attending, so they can plan accordingly (804-435-1927, 703-203-8743, or bkeeler30@gmail.com). Also contact them if you need more information – they have a flyer with detailed information.

MUSICAL QUOTE

“As I get older, I realize that writing is less about the short-term outcome of the particular verse and chorus that I'm working on, and more about processing life through this medium and learning about the world.” - Sara Watkins

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. SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA - Epicurecafe.org.
- Monthly, 2nd Monday at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD.

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

- Performing Sat, May 5th 3:50-5:00 PM, at the Walker Nature Center Spring Festival, 11450 Glade Dr, Reston, VA

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

- 2nd Saturday, 7:30 PM. Host of Acoustic Night at Jirani Coffeehouse, Manassas, VA - free admission.

Song Garden (Tom Bodine & Kathleen Huber)

www.songgardenmusic.org



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

FREE

- Gator G-Tour 19x21 Mixer Flight Case w Wheels, free to Folk Club

member. Contact Ben Hamblin at benhamblin@gmail.com.

FOR SALE

- 2010 Taylor 615ce Jumbo Cutaway Acoustic-Electric Guitar - Excellent Condition - \$1800. Big leaf maple back and sides, sitka spruce top, abalone soundhole rosette, hard-rock maple neck, ebony fretboard with pearl leaf-pattern inlay. Email Marion Sheaffer at mjsheaffer@hotmail.com or call 703 975 1196.

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.