



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: June 19 – Martin & Susanne

Come and join us for a rollicking good time, as they present an evening of blues, old-time, jug band and more.
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June 12 Showcase – The Harley String Band

By Granny (Publicist and True Driving Force behind the HSB)

The Harley String Band will be playing the Folk Club showcase on June 12. 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 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 (for you young ones out there, that's Facebook before there was a Facebook) 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 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. In particular, earlier this year Steve was recognized by the Great American Song Contest for one of his songs from Rain Follows the Plow. 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 (thanks to Mary Cliff) 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. They've played their music in Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, and more recently in Peru. Just this past February they set sail 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 June 12. And as Granny always says, “It's Never Too Late!”

- *Granny*, Publicist for the Harley String Band





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Martin & Susanne



TUESDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2018

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)

Requested Donation

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The Folk Club or e-mail – DAHurdSr@cs.com

"If they come your way, don't miss them."
Andy Wallace fmr Prog Dir, National Folk Festival

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Start with two compelling voices, an uncanny sense of harmony and a deep grounding in traditional American music. Add stunning guitar work and a warm, intimate performance style, and you have Martin Grosswendt and Susanne Salem-Schatz.

Martin is internationally known as an interpreter of pre-war blues and other roots music, playing early in his career with folk legends such as Utah Phillips, Rosalie Sorrels, and Jim Ringer & Mary McCaslin. A veteran of Boston's roots music scene, Susanne slips seamlessly into any genre; soulful blues singer one minute, sassy honky-tonk gal the next. Martin and Susanne's performances strike

a deep emotional chord. They share their deep love and respect for the roots of classic blues, old time, and early country as they make the music their own, presenting it with style, grace and wit.

Together, they explore the highways and byways of American traditional and vernacular music, from pre-war blues, old time and jug band to jazz standards, honky-tonk and contemporary gems. While the pair describes their range of material as "a marketing nightmare," their fans revel in the powerful mix of genres the duo embraces in their performances, crossing time and space with grace and a touch of wry humor.

<http://martingrosswendt.com/martin-and-susanne/>

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

The Andrew Collins Trio 9/18/2018 TBD 10/9/2018

MUSICAL NOTES



Third Annual Solstice Soul Shine Festival

Celebrate the coming of the summer season with music, sound healing, yoga, workshops, drumming, and ceremony. Fri, Jun 15th at 6 PM to Sun, Jun 17th at 10 AM at Stillwaters, 4279 Janes Lane, Marshall, VA. Music by Woven Green and a variety of teachers and healers. Camping available Friday and Saturday nights. The main event is on Sat Jun 16. For details and tickets: www.eventbrite.com/e/solstice-soul-shine-festival-tickets-43134240675

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)

Go to fsgw.org/ for more information.

Institute of Musical Traditions

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

Focus Music

Bill Staines, plus Michelle Murray, Sun, Jun 24th at 7 PM, George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr, Alexandria, VA 22301, info: (703) 380-3151.

Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

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

"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:

6/3/1897 – Lizzie Douglas (a.k.a. “Memphis Minnie”)

6/9/1902 – Nehemiah “Skip” James

6/10/1910 – Chester Arthur Burnett (aka “Howlin’ Wolf”)

6/14/1909 – Burl Ives

6/18/1942 – Paul McCartney

6/19/1914 – Lester Flatt

6/22/1936 – Kris Kristofferson

6/23/1929 – June Carter Cash

6/26/1893 – “Big” Bill Broonzy

MUSICAL QUOTE

“Music sounds different to the one who plays it. It is the musician’s curse.” — Patrick Rothfuss

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

- Thu Jul 5, 7:30-9:30 pm, at Cherry Hill Park, 312 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA. Barn near hickory trees and shaded lawn.

- Sat Jul 21, 7:00-8:30 pm, at The Swift Run Celtic House Concert Series, Fairfax Station, VA.

Amphitheater deck at private residence, reservations required. Email: ionavoice@pobox.com or call (703) 426-1450.

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, 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

President: Ben Hamblin **Treasurer:** Dave Hurd
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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.