



# The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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## Female Songwriters Night – July 17

A Folk Club celebration of the many fine songs written by women. Who needs men?

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## July 10 Showcase – Jim Nagle

by Jim



Okay, showcase time again. Not sure how much has really changed since my last one. I guess the one big thing is that I am now retired following 27 mostly very good years of federal service with the NIH. So, one of the things I thought would happen was I that I would spend a lot more time playing music. Nearly 5 months later, I'd have to confess that that has only been partly true. Getting distracted seems easier every day.

Writing this blurb was another thing I got distracted from doing and now I'm up against a deadline. I've probably talked about this before but this process for me has to start with a set of decisions about songs to play combined with recruiting collaborators. I've generally used Showcases as opportunities to play songs that members have not heard me play before. It's more work and riskier but I feel is ultimately worth it. Who wants to simply re-hear songs we have previously performed? I'm pleased and grateful for the willingness of 'my band' to allow me to put this pressure on them. There will be a couple of songs which I've been trying to add for a while but it was cool when I pulled something else out which I thought was a bit more off the beaten path and got a very positive response from the band. No spoilers. You have to show up. Only clue I'll give is that my interest in and love of slide playing was solidified when I discovered and began to explore the music of Duane Allman back in HS. It was only after starting down that road that I learned there was this whole other thing called lap style playing. Still took me decades longer to take the plunge and try it for myself.

I've still a few loose ends to tie together but I'm hoping to deliver a showcase that folks will enjoy and if we truly succeed, remember fondly. Big thanks to the Stewart Sisters for their love and support now

going back 5 years or more. Playing with you has been a huge growth opportunity for me. Thank you.

One final non-music or group related note, I've been running like crazy the last few months in preparation for yet another attempt on the 100-mile footrace in VT that I have previously finished four times (and failed to finish 3 other times). It's been the one thing that I have been able to focus on well. Eleven days after the showcase, July 21<sup>st</sup>, I'll be running from before sun up to after sun down. In the notable words of Tim O'Brien and Darrell Scott, "put one foot in front of the other, steppin' into the here and now, I'm not sure just where I'm goin', but I will get there anyhow."



## Female Songwriters Night

July 17, 2018

by Don Brown & The Editor

This July and August the Folk Club will continue its summer “theme night” open mic tradition. For July, the theme will be Female Songwriters.

Though some may assume that folk/rock/pop songwriting is a male-dominated field, there are a plethora of gifted female singer-songwriters. Songs have been performed at the Folk Club by Joni Mitchell, Kate Wolf, Suzanne Vega, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Janis Ian, Carole King, Antje Duvokot, Natalie Merchant, Dulcie Taylor, Mary McCaslin, Tracy Chapman, and Delores O’Riordan, among others.

And there are also our own Folk Club singer-songwriters: Chris Anderson, Lauren Fulbright, Jan Gillies, Kathy Gonzalez, Kathleen Huber, Anna Keller, Crys Matthews, Kim Melton, Sherry Stewart, and Valeria Stewart [apologies if any are missing - Ed.]!

Performers, pick out three songs from your favorite female songwriters (they can be songs co-written with men as well), and join us on July 17! Listeners, come and enjoy the songs they’ve picked to share. It’s a safe bet that some will be familiar favorites and others will be enjoyable discoveries.



*The Folk Club does not have concerts in July and August, so some members came up with the idea of substituting theme nights. Previous theme nights in 2016 and 2017 have been well-received, so we’re continuing the idea. It’s an opportunity to try something a little different and have fun with it. So we’re encouraging performers to present only songs that fit the theme. Of course, that doesn’t mean it’s required, but if musicians are able to do that it will be appreciated.*

*Note: If there are more than ten performers on this night, we may extend the evening a bit or change the length of each slot, in an attempt to allow every musician to play.*

## **MUSICAL NOTES**



### **Fifth Tuesday – Unplugged Night**

Please note that Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of July, and when that happens The Folk Club goes unplugged. There will be no sound system so performers should plan to play all-acoustic, without any electronic amplification.

### **The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)**

Go to [fsgw.org/](http://fsgw.org/) for more information.

### **Institute of Musical Traditions**

For more information, go to [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org).

### **Focus Music**

Go to [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org) for more information.

### **World Folk Music Association (WFMA)**

Go to [www.wfma.net/index.htm](http://www.wfma.net/index.htm) for more information.

### **"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:**

- 7/3/1893 – Mississippi John Hurt
- 7/4/1826 – Stephen Foster
- 7/10/1907 – Fulton Allen (a.k.a. Blind Boy Fuller)
- 7/10/1947 – Arlo Guthrie
- 7/14/1912 – Woody Guthrie
- 7/18/1954 – Ricky Skaggs
- 7/21/1947 – Cat Stevens
- 7/23/1971 – Alison Krauss
- 7/30/1936 – George "Buddy" Guy

### **MUSICAL QUOTE**

"[The aim of the composer should be] to express the conceptions of the mind and to impress them with the greatest possible effectiveness on the minds of the listeners." - Vincenzo Galileo

### **MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO**

**T.M Hanna** [tmhanna.net](http://tmhanna.net)

**Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)**  
[schoolshows.com/somoselmar](http://schoolshows.com/somoselmar)

**Chris Anderson** - [chris-anderson.info](http://chris-anderson.info)

- Check online calendar for upcoming performances. Also producing shows for the Harried Americans Band - [harriedamericans.com](http://harriedamericans.com)  
- Monthly, 4th Friday - Harried Americans RoadShow, with featured artists, comedy, poetry, and the Harried Americans Band. Cafe Montmartre, Lake Anne Plaza, 1625 Washington Plaza N - Reston, VA. Tickets online or at the door - \$10. Go to the [Harried](http://Harried)

[Americans website](#) for tickets and info about additional performances.

**Ron Goad** [MisterGoad@aol.com](mailto:MisterGoad@aol.com)

- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 7:30 to ? p.m. SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA - [Epicurecafe.org](http://Epicurecafe.org).

- Monthly, 2nd Monday at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD.

**Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee)** [www.harleystringband.com](http://www.harleystringband.com)

**The Aloha Boys (with Glen Hirabayashi)**  
[www.alohaboys.com](http://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](http://www.hickoryg.com)

- Thu Jul 5, 7:00-8:30 pm, at Cherry Hill Park, 312 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA. Barn near hickory trees and shaded lawn.

- Sat Jul 21, 7:30-9:30 pm, at The Swift Run Celtic House Concert Series, Fairfax Station, VA. Amphitheater deck at private residence, reservations required. Email: [ionavoice@pobox.com](mailto:ionavoice@pobox.com) or call 703-426-1450.

**Stevie Wade Potter**, acoustic musician

[www.steviewademusic.com](http://www.steviewademusic.com)

**The Stewart Sisters (with Valeria Stewart, Sherry Stewart, Jim Nagle)** [www.thestewartsisters.com](http://www.thestewartsisters.com)

**Richard Weil**

[www.facebook.com/Silver-Strings-MD-1603491063211121](https://www.facebook.com/Silver-Strings-MD-1603491063211121)

**J. Michael Henry** [MIKELHENRY@live.com](mailto:MIKELHENRY@live.com)

- 2nd Saturday, 7:30 PM. Host of Acoustic Night at Jirani Coffeehouse, Manassas, VA - free admission.  
- July 7: Manassas Farmers Market. 9 AM to 1 PM  
- July 14: Hosting/Playing Acoustic Night at Jirani Coffeehouse, Manassas. 7:30-10 PM  
- July 28: Trinity House Cafe, Leesburg. 7-9 PM.

**Song Garden (Tom Bodine & Kathleen Huber)**  
[www.songgardenmusic.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:benhamblin@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: [ecfmm@verizon.net](mailto:ecfmm@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](mailto:info@musicbyanthem.com).