

## The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

Herndon, Virginia

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Honey Dewdrops – December 11

Folk duo blends old styles with new, creating powerful and heartfelt music that reveals the heart of the song. See page 2

### December 4 Showcase – Jan & Neil Gillies





Just recently returned from the Moab Folk Festival in Utah (with a new guitar!), Jan is delighted to have another Folk Club Showcase! She had an amazing time in Utah, including playing music with the students at the Paradox Valley School, just over the border into Colorado. While there, she managed to infect the entire school with poultry songs (by request), including 'Ghost Chickens in the Sky,' and of course, 'Mike, the Headless Chicken.' The 'Mike' saga actually happened very close to them, in Fruita, Colorado, and she's been informed that the kids are now singing it on the bus, in the playground, and all through the school (sorry, guys ;-)! Editor's note: the photo is of

Jan with a statue of Mike the headless chicken. She's holding her 'Poultry in Motion' CD.

Jan is currently working on her 9<sup>th</sup> CD, which will be featuring not only Neil but Michael Ronstadt on cello, Bill Foster on mandolin, Jeremy Rodgers on bass, Lani Urreta on harmonies, Don Crigler on banjo, Eric Lambert on lead guitar, and Malia Furtado on violin. "Recording with these wonderful musicians is such a thrill – it's the best part of studio work, along with working with our great sound engineer, Will Shenk!" she says.

Jan and Neil will be performing some of the songs from the new CD (hoping to have it out in January), as well as introducing her new little "Seagull" guitar, which even survived United Airlines! Her sweet Gibson will not be totally retired, and is still loved, never fear. We're really looking forward to being back at the Folk Club!



# The Honey Dewdrops



"Gorgeous harmonies, thrilling arrangements, and some remarkably insightful, honest writing." - SING OUT!

Laura Wortman and Kagey Parrish are celebrating their 9th year of touring full time as *The Honey Dewdrops*, having played stages and festivals far and wide in North America and Europe. With tight harmonies and a musical ensemble that includes claw hammer banjo, mandolin and guitars, the effect is to leave listeners with only what matters: the heart of the song and clarity over ornamentation.

After leaving their home base of Virginia and living on the road for 2 years, Laura and Kagey now call Baltimore, Maryland home and it's where they wrote and recorded their fourth fullTUESDAY, DEC 11, 2018

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

**\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)** *Requested Donation* 

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

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length album, *Tangled Country*, released May 2015. *Acoustic Guitar Magazine* describes the set of songs as "a handcrafted sound centered on swarming harmonies and acoustic guitars that churn like a paddlewheel and shimmer like heat waves on the highway." And like their stage performance, these songs rock and reel, and then they console you when you come back down.

The Honey Dewdrops have a busy year ahead of them with festival appearances across the country, a new record on the way, and an upcoming UK tour in 2019.

http://www.thehoneydewdrops.com/

### MUSICAL NOTES



#### Folk Club Holiday Party – December 18th

It's time for our annual holiday party. Round robin format - one song per performer or group. Free dessert and no \$1 donation. Gift wrap your gently used CDs (for the raffle), don your Xmas attire, and drive your sleigh over to the Amphora in Herndon for holiday merriment. MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

#### Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Workshops, Etc.

Saturday, December 1, 2018 - 90 minute workshop for beginning Ki Ho'alu (slack key) players at 1 pm, taught by Aja Gample from Hawai'i. Aja will also offer for intermediate players her tips, tricks, and licks workshop beginning at 3 p.m. Also Holiday Boutique at 5 pm, Potluck pupus at 6 pm, and house concert at 7 pm. Aja will also be featured at Ono Brewing Company in Chantilly, on Friday evening. Contact Glen Hirabayashi for details - homeconcert@outlook.com or 571-224-3067.

#### **Institute of Musical Traditions**

Celtic Holiday Concert - Robin Bullock, Ken Kolodner (hammered dulcimer) & Elke Baker (fiddle), Mon, Dec 10 at 7:30 pm. Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD 20852.

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

#### **Focus Music**

Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)

Go to fsgw.org/ for more information.

#### World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

Go to www.wfma.net/index.htm 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**

"Where words fail, music speaks." - Hans Christian Andersen

#### T.M Hanna tmhanna.net

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

Chris Anderson - chris-anderson.info

- Check online calendar for upcoming performances. Also producing shows for the Harried Americans Band.

- Harried Americans 5th Friday Roadshow with featured act Larry Rice & The Big Cheese, poet Rod Deacey, comedian Matt Dundas. Fri Nov 30 at 7 pm, Café Montmartre, Reston, VA. harriedamericans.com

#### Ron Goad MisterGoad@aol.com

- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 7:00 to ? PM, SAW Variety Showcases at Café Montmartre, Reston, VA cafemontmartre.com

- 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

Stevie Wade Potter, acoustic musician www.steviewademusic.com

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

**Richard Weil** 

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



of Reston & Herndon Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. at Amphora Diner Deluxe 1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA President: Ben Hamblin Treasurer: Dave Hurd Board of Directors: Sue Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Sue Schier, Ron Goad, Bob Hampton, Bill Farrar, Jim Clark Publicity: David Litwack, Sue Schier Bookings: Steve Potter Newsletter: Ben Hamblin, Dan Grove, Steve Potter Website: Cheryl Hennessy Facebook: Cheryl Hennessy, Ron Goad Lifetime Members: Rose Haskell, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky, Dave Hurd

#### FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a signup 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

<u>newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.com</u>. 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 <u>dahurdsr@cs.com</u>.

#### 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**

#### 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: ecfmn@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.