

The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

FolkClubOfRestonHerndon.org



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Unfortunately, the scheduled March concert is canceled – hopefully they will come in June
But things are looking good for the Piedmont Bluz acoustic duo next month - www.piedmontbluz.com

Return to the Amphora and to Live Music - March 1st!

We have decided that it is safe for us to gather at the Amphora every Tuesday night and follow the CDC's guidance - "Everyone in Fairfax County, Virginia should wear a mask in public, indoor settings." We will follow the same policy that was in place in December, posting signs and announcing that: 1) We expect only fully vaccinated people to attend, 2) We request that everyone wear a face mask when not eating, drinking, or performing, and 3) We request that those who have any coronavirus symptoms please not attend. As before, we will not set up the sound system and will be unplugged (unless it's a showcase or concert night); but if attendance gets back to normal levels we will go back to setting up the sound system every night.

We realize that some people are not yet ready to return to a live music situation. That is as it should be - everyone has to decide how best to protect themselves and those in their orbit. To provide a music-sharing opportunity for those who are unable or not yet willing to come to the Amphora Al Hobson will resume hosting an open mic on Zoom every other week, starting March 7th (also March 21st and April 4th). Send an email to Al if you are interested (AlHobson@verizon.net) in performing or listening.

When we decided to stop getting together at the Amphora in late December the CDC's Community Transmission Risk for Fairfax County was High and the Omicron variant was raging. But now, with the number of cases and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 declining quickly, the Community Transmission is Substantial (that's where it was earlier in December).

January 11 March 15 Showcase – Dan Telfer & Friends

by Dan Telfer

My first showcase was January 11, 2011, ~~exactly~~ eleven years before this one. A blizzard hit that afternoon, but Sol Creech and I played our hearts out to a 3/4 full room of hearty souls at the Tortilla Factory. [Ed: Hopefully no blizzard this time!]

The Folk Club has changed my life for the better. A lyric of mine from "Christmas 2047" (and coincidentally on my license plate) says that "health and laughter and love and song are my God's greatest gift to me." The Folk Club has contributed and amplified the laughter, the love, and the song in my life.

How? The FC got me up and playing in front of people. It got me writing my own songs and performing them. It got me playing autoharp (thanks Todd Crowley) and harmonica. It taught me *not* to play the banjo. The FC allowed me to play with numerous other artists with their varied instruments. It gave me the opportunity to bring some of my grandkids to the FC and have them get up to sing and perform.

I'm a member since about 2005. So, 16 years with approximate attendance 30 times per year, or about 500 times at the FC. The round trip of 50 miles to and from home in Springfield translates to 25,000 miles on the Parkway. Yikes!

Pictured are 7 of 14 of Evie and my grandkids who also contribute to the laughter, the love, and the song of my life - some of whom have performed at the Folk Club of Reston-Herndon. Happy Holidays, and Please sing along!



New Website – FolkClubOfRestonHerndon.org

Our old website has been hijacked by bad actors several times in the last year or so. We thought about moving to a new website but didn't jump on it. However, recently Cheryl Hennessey, who has been updating and maintaining our website for about seven years has decided to move on as she prepares to retire, and asked for someone else to take over the website. Thanks to Cheryl for all of the work she did for us, it is much appreciated!

Anyway, Al set up our new website (the link above) and he and Ben have been working to set it up. It will take time for them to get it functioning with all of the content it needs, especially since they are doing it while trying to learn how the software works. If anyone has experience with WordPress and would be willing to help, please let us know.

Upcoming Concerts

Fri. March 11 - 7:00 pm - Sunny@Midnight (Jeff Smith and Sherry Stewart) at Three Whistles, 2719 Wilson Blvd., Arlington - www.three-whistles.com.
Sat. March 12 - 7:00 pm - Kipyn Martin and Gina Forsyth at Barns of Rose Hill, 95 Chalmers Ct., Berryville - www.barnsofrosehill.com
Sat. March 12 - 7:30 pm - Nicole Belanus, Tom Prasada-Rao, Annette Wasilik, Kevin Dudley at Creative Cauldron, 410 S. Maple Ave., Falls Church - www.creativecauldron.org



of Reston & Herndon

Meets Tuesday nights, at 7:15 p.m. at Amphora Diner Deluxe,
1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ben Hamblin

Treasurer: Al Hobson

Board of Directors: Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Ron Goad, Sue Schier, Bill Farrar, Cheryl Hennessy, Connee Chandler, Bob Hampton, Jim Clark, Nancy Truax, Steve Potter

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Newsletter: Ben Hamblin, Dan Grove, Steve Potter

Website: Al Hobson, Ben Hamblin

Facebook: Ben Hamblin

Lifetime Members: Rose Haskell, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky, Beth Drumheller

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

Once a month we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 15-minute (online) 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) send a request to the showcase MC before the next showcase; 3) Win the drawing on the night of the current month's showcase; and 4) be prepared to be featured in the next newsletter and to perform for everyone to enjoy!

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION (not much room now)

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified ads, articles, reviews, and other music-related items for the newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space. Send your input to newsletter editor Ben Hamblin at FolkClubOfRestonHerndon@gmail.com.

RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS

Donations can be made in advance for Guest Artist concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Al Hobson, 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA 20170, alhobson@verizon.net.

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FOLK CLUB MEMBERSHIP

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The process is the same if your membership has expired. Make out a check to "The Folk Club" in the amount of \$15 for one year or \$55 for 5 years. Please DO NOT make the check to Al Hobson. Send the check to: Reston/Herndon Folk Club; c/o Al Hobson; 810 Elden St; Herndon, VA 20170. Please provide your name, email address, phone # and type, and residential address. By the way, we are looking into a way to accept online payments in the future.

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are several ways you can keep in touch, or find out more about The Club: **Website:** FolkClubOfRestonHerndon.org

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.

MUSIC GEAR

- For Sale: Limited Edition Martin 000X Hippy w/case \$972.43; Taylor GS Mini (Rosewood) w/bag \$438.62; Cordoba Mini II EB-CE \$237.21. All are in very good shape. Contact TM at pressroom@birdphluph.com

LESSONS

- Private guitar lessons available on-line, FaceTime or Zoom. Flexible learning techniques including reading, ear and applied music theory. Contact Eric Forthman: email: eric.forthman@gmail.com; phone: 571-329-9875.