

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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May 13 Showcase Dave Law & Gerry Brown, the Axes of Evol

(Their music is still evolving) by Dave & Gerry, with Dan Grove

Dave and Gerry went to different military colleges together way back in the hippie days, before many of us were born. They both played in rock bands at their respective military schools, where they weren't very military.

After college Gerry flew in the Air Force for 10 years active duty and 18 years in the Air Guard. He flew for the airlines for 5 years, worked for an FAA contractor for 6, worked for NASA for 16, and is now on his 5th career as a Civil Servant (yes, he's from the Government – and he's here to help). He moved back here from Hampton VA in 2006, heard about the Folk Club from **Marjorie** in a music class last year, and has hardly missed a Tuesday since. If he's not here, he's not in town. He has been playing "with" the guitar since he was thirteen. Then in 2003, after 40 years of frustration, he decided to take guitar lessons ... he discovered he should have started much sooner. Until last month with Dave, he hadn't played in public since May, 1968.

While Gerry was pursuing his various careers, Dave was extending his post-military, new found "hippie life," rejecting authority and building a log cabin on 15 acres near the Continental Divide in western Montana. During those 6 wonderful years he continued playing folk music, cowboy songs, and even some old fiddle tunes with the locals in the nearby saloons. Those magnificent Montana Rockies inspired many of his original tunes (some of which are still a work in progress). Dave reluctantly moved back to Virginia in the 80's, and for the past 3 years he and his wife Kate, their son Matt and dog Sam have been living out in the Shenandoah Valley. To find work they eventually returned to Reston, where **Tom Passin** introduced them to the Folk Club of Reston-Herndon and Gerry Brown last August. "Thanks, Tom! Hello, Gerry," and the rest is history. "We all really like it here now."

For their showcase, Dave & Gerry will do a bit of bluegrass, with **TM Hanna** sitting in on mandolin, plus some Neil Young, Grateful Dead, Gerry & the Pacemakers, Beatles, and Cat Stevens, with an original instrumental of Dave's tossed in to spice it up. Wear your bell bottoms and tie-dyes, we're rolling back the clock from hip-hop to hippie and celebrating with the Axes of Evol!

HOT SOUP Tickets \$12 (\$11 Members)



The Folk Club Proudly Presents ... 7:15 PM – May 20, 2008 at the Tortilla Factory 648 Elden Street Herndon, VA

The trio Hot Soup simmers with intelligent lyrics, zany humor, spirited musicality and scrumptious three-part harmony The recipe for this delectable concoction is the blended solo talents of Sue Trainor, Christina Muir and Jennie Avila. Their recordings continue to place this nationally touring trio among the mostplayed artists on international acoustic radio. Washingtonian magazine said "Insiders expect the... trio Hot Soup to go far!" Hot Soup's live shows "sparkle," said Sing Out! magazine. The trio brings a rare blend of spontaneity and intimacy to their performances, often developing hilarious exchanges among themselves and with The trio's musical diversity the audience.

extends to their instrumentation, including a variety of guitar stylings, harp, conga, ubang (a variety of udu), and small percussion such as kokkirico and window shutter. The focus, however, is always the sweet voices, trading lead vocals and capturing harmonies that raise goose bumps. No surprise, really. All three are talented solo performers with recordings of their own in addition to Hot Soup, Soup Happens, and their latest release The Way You Like It. Sue Trainor is best known for satirical humor in her adult shows and imaginative musical play in her children's performances; her children's music CD Under Tables, Out Back Doors won the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum award. Christina Muir, the daughter of Ann Mayo Muir (of Bok, Trickett and Muir), builds on her musical heritage with her elegant vocals and lyrical instrumentation, insightful contemporary songwriting, and engaging repartee. Jennie Avila adds her magnetic stage presence, agile soprano, flavorful original songs, exotic birdcalls and groove-full percussion to create an irresistible blend. "Like no one else in the business.... truly unique," said the Boston Folk Festival. "Brimming with energy, intelligence and sweet harmonies, Hot Soup serves up a piping hot stew of original and traditional... tunes like no one else in the business. As they focus on a lively give and take of lead vocals and group harmonizing, the trio keeps its music fresh and displays its talents with varied instrumentation... The end result is a dazzling, intimate live performance that has earned praise from audiences across New England." "Mix the tight, intricate harmonies of the Hills, Herdman, Mangsen trio with the stylistic variety of the Four Bitchin' Babes, then add the zaniness and energy of the Chenille Sisters. You've just made HOT SOUP!" Joyce Sica, Baldwins Station and Cellar Stage, Baltimore, MD

👬 Upcoming Performers

<u>http://www.musi-cal.com/search?key=venue&value=Folk+Club+of+Reston-Herndon</u> **Jim Henry –** June 24, \$12/\$11 – A true guitar wizard with fabulous songwriting on 5 albums **Magpie 35th Anniversary** – September 9, \$14/\$13 – Celebrating 35 years of wonderful folk music

MUSICAL NOTES

Folk Club Birthday Party – May 13th !!

Yep, that's right – the Folk Club's 23rd birthday bash will be held on the same night as our showcase this month. Come on out for a real double treat as our lucky showcase winners (**Dave Law & Gerry Brown – the Axes of Evol**) headline this year's party. Bring your instruments and party hats, and get ready to celebrate!

New Coffee House Starting

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston (UUCR) is starting a new Coffee House. The first gathering will be Friday, May 9th from 8pm to around 10pm. The performance space is somewhat small, and they currently have just two microphones (no direct inputs), so they are looking for acoustic-only performers. As this is their first attempt they are not able to offer pay, but hope to bring in enough money to cover expenses and be able to offer a cut to the performers in the future. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mary Ann East (queen_mozart@yahoo.com), who is the UUCR music director.

Northern VA Fine Arts Festival – May 17th & 18th

The 17th annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival will be held at the Reston Town Center on the weekend of May 17/18. This year's musical talent includes **Al Petteway & Amy White, Laura Baron**, and many others. Look for **Ron Goad** with **Special Ed & the ANGAJB** playing for 3 hours on Saturday! For more information, including a complete list of entertainers and exhibitors, check out the web site at:

http://restonarts.org/Festival/FestivalWelcome.htm

Folk Club Campout – May 24th-26th

Come out and celebrate with Dave and Beth (and everyone else!) at the annual Memorial Day Folk Club Campout. Meals are provided (for a small contribution), so pack up your tents, drinks, and instruments and come on out to the Double Trouble Estate in Stephenson, VA. See Dave or Beth at The Club or visit the RHFC website for more info, and make your reservations by May 22nd.

Herndon Festival

The 28th annual Herndon Festival will be held May 29th through June 1st this year. Along with the carnival, arts & crafts, and food vendors, there will be 3 stages of entertainment of all varieties. Performers include **Fastball**, **Magpie**, **Laura Baron**, and other local and national acts. For further info call (703) 787-7300, or visit the website at: <u>http://www.herndonfestival.net/</u>

Peach Bottom Fiddle & Strings Camp – June 5th-8th Registration is now open (to the first 20 applicants) for this year's camp at **Peach Bottom Farm**, located along the "Crooked Road" of old-time music in Independence, VA. This year's instructors include **Daniel & Amy Carwile (**regional and national champions and multiinstrumentalists), **Shane Cook** (winner of both Canadian and U.S. national championships), and several others.

For info contact Patti Rickman at (303) 796-9049, or email her at <u>peachbottomfarm@yahoo.com</u>, or visit the web site at <u>http://www.peachbottomfarm.com</u>.

DCBU Bluegrass Camp, July 13th-18th

DCBU, in cooperation with *Common Ground on the Hill*, is holding their Bluegrass camp at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD. Beginners to advanced players are welcome. For more info check the website at <u>www.dcbu.org</u>, or check the link on the RHFC website.

Avalon Fest '08

There is now a complete online schedule of performers for the Aug 08-Aug 10, 2008 festival at the Avalon Resort near Paw Paw, WV. Included are Small Potatoes, Taxi Chain, Jack Williams, The Hula Monsters, David LaFleur, and many others. For a complete schedule, along with other info go to their website at:

http://www.avalon-resort.info/site/Avalon%20Fest.aspx

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

That's right – they don't just play at The Folk Club!

T.M Hanna, <u>www.birdphluph.com</u>

Somos El Mar, <u>www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar</u>

Demetrios Liadis

www.myspace.com/demetriosjam or call 571-247-8969

Tomy Wright

Contact Tomy at tomy@tomywright.com, 301-637-5707 www.tomywright.com

Ron Goad - hosting the following SAW events:

- Every Monday 8pm, showcase at The Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. <u>http://www.Brewers-Alley.com</u>

- 3rd Thursday and 4th Tuesday each month 7:30-11pm, variety showcase at Bangkok Blues, Falls Church, VA. http://www.bangkokblues.com

- Last Saturday each month 12:30-4:30pm, theme shows at Red Rocks Café, Centreville, VA. http://www.restaurant.com/redrocks

Contact Ron at MisterGoad@aol.com

Beth Benedetto

Online at <u>www.cookstudios.com</u>. Click on Celtic Juice, YouTube, selection #1: "Sean-nós singing with Beth Benedetto".

Chelle Fulk (with Keltish)

Contact Chelle at 703-471-1968, or check out the website at: <u>http://www.keltish.com</u>

Doris Justis

http://www.dorisjustis.com - Folk, original, and contemporary music

Quote for the Month

"Are we not formed, as notes of music are, For one another, though dissimilar?" ~ Percy Bysshe Shelley

THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON-HERNDON

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:30pm at The Tortilla Factory 648 Eldon Street, Herndon, VA **President**: Ray Kaminsky **Treasurer**: Dave Hurd

Board of Directors: Sue Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Ellen Kaminsky, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Sue Schier, Ron Goad, Bob Hampton Publicity: Sue Schier Bookings: Ray Kaminsky Newsletter: Bob Hampton, Dan Grove, Ray Kaminsky, Dave Hurd Newsgroup: Dianne Lafleur

Website: Bob Hampton

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. On the 2^{nd} Tuesday of the month, we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 25-minute performance.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

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 Bob Hampton at <u>bhampton@ossva.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.

GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Advance ticket purchases for Guest Artist concert performances can be made on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Dave Hurd, 110 Devil's Backbone Overlook, Stephenson, VA 22656, (540) 722-0146

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 ticket price of guest artist concerts (up to 2 tickets per show). Buy 2 tickets to every show and you've saved a bundle! Join up on Folk Club Tuesdays, or call a board member for info.

NEWSGROUP

The Folk Club newsgroup is a great way of keeping in touch with what's happening around town and beyond. Just go to: http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/FolkClubofRestonHe rndon/

WEBSITE

The Folk Club has its own website at: www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com

INFO LINE

For general folk club information contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402





Folk Club Members: Advertise Here!

FOR SALE: Fender Acoustasonic 30 Acoustic Amplifier barely used \$225.00 Contact Demetrios 571-247-8969 or meetro@msn.com

SEEKING MUSICIANS: Cornet and harmonica player, experienced, seeks working performer, group, or band based in NoVA (Vienna). Jazz, rock, blues, folk, pop, country. <u>david@savageheart.com</u>

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 Kevin Deame, 28 Ladd, Ellington, CT 06029.



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